

FAITH IN 5

Lent Week 1

- 1. Read Matthew 4:1-11 together. Where is Jesus?** Jesus is in the desert, he was led there by the Spirit. **What was He doing there?** Jesus was being tempted by the devil. He was also fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. **How did Jesus avoid being tempted?** Jesus used the Word of God, the words of the Old Testament to answer every temptation the devil tried. **What do we learn about Jesus from this gospel reading?** Jesus endured the same trials we have today. We all are tempted to sin. We are tempted to be sloppy with our school work or to get out of our chores or to get revenge on somebody who has hurt us. We also must listen to the words from the bible to help us do what is right when tempted. Fasting also strengthens our will to do what is right! This Lent is a season of remaining with Jesus as you fast from something, knowing your faith will be strengthened. And just as an angel came and ministered to Jesus after his temptation, so you can invoke your guardian angel to help you stay strong against temptation.
- 2. What color was the church decorated with on Sunday?** The church is now using the color purple. Purple symbolizes repentance. **Do you know what words and songs are omitted during Lent?** We will not sing or say Alleluia until Easter. Also, the Gloria is omitted during mass during Lent. **What are the three pillars of the Lenten season?** We are increasing our Prayers, Fasting and Almsgiving. **What days do we abstain from meat?** On Fridays in Lent we will not eat meat.
- 3. What are the Stations of the Cross?** The Stations of the Cross is a prayer devotion where you pray through each part of Jesus' passion. It is a spiritual pilgrimage, walking the way of the cross with Jesus. **When and how do you pray the Stations of the Cross?** You can pray the Stations anytime but it is most common during Lent. Stations of the Cross plaques or statues are normally along the walls of your parish, or outside of parish grounds. One way to pray is to physically move from station to station, while meditating on the picture and event. You can also stay in one spot and read and pray through the stations. Here is a [beautiful youtube version](#). You can print images and make your own stations of the cross in your home.
- 4. Who is St. Katharine Drexel?** St. Katharine Drexel is the second American-born saint and the founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (formerly Blessed Sacrament Sisters for the Indians and colored people). **Where was St. Katherine born? What was her childhood like?**

St. Katherine was born in 1858 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her parents were extremely wealthy. Her father was a banker and a philanthropist, meaning he gave large portions of money to good causes, to help others. The family's money went to helping to found schools for African Americans and Native Americans. St. Katherine Drexel went to the South West to visit some of these establishments. She was deeply moved and saw the need for more help for these children. She was able to have an audience with Pope Leo XIII in 1887, where she begged him for nuns to support these children and schools. The Pope instead challenged St. Katharine, suggesting she give more than just her family's money to these missions, but to give her life as well. She joined the Sisters of Mercy before founding the Sisters of the Blessed Sacraments. Over time St. Katherine would establish 145 missions, 50 schools for African Americans and 12 schools for Native Americans. She founded the historically black Catholic college, Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. **Was everybody supportive of St. Katharine?** No, she faced many trials from people who did not agree with her vision of racial equality. One of her schools was even burned down! She died on March 3, 1955. She used more than 12 million dollars of her family inheritance on the less fortunate. Her order had grown to 500 members in 51 convents! St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

5. **What is the Sacrament of Holy Orders?** Holy Orders is the sacrament through which men became bishops, priests and other ministers of the church. (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 34) Jesus sent His Apostles to help His sheep in need. This is still done today by way of making men bishops and priests. We should pray for vocations to the Priesthood so that boys and men who are called will accept the invitation and receive Holy Orders!

REVIEW QUESTION: **What is the Consecration?** When the actual words and actions of Christ are repeated by the Priest, in the person of Christ, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

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