

## FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 11

Ages 3-8

1. Just like we have a calendar where we can find out what day it is, the liturgical calendar is what the Church uses to structure the worship of Catholics around the world. And similar to how we have seasons of the year- Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall- the Church also has seasons. **Do you know what season we are in?** We are no longer in the season of Lent, but are now in the season of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is outside of Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas. During Ordinary time, we learn more about the life of Jesus, but especially His miracles! **What color do priests wear during Ordinary time?** Priests wear green, which represents life!
2. **The Sunday after Pentecost Sunday is known as Trinity Sunday. Do you know what we celebrate on Trinity Sunday?** On this special Feast Day, we celebrate the Holy Trinity- the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! The Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God! It can be difficult to understand this special relationship. The Church calls it a mystery because our minds can't completely understand it and we won't be able to until we get to Heaven!
3. **What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?**  
In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way and gives us gifts to help us spread the love of Jesus to everyone. These gifts from the Holy Spirit also give us strength to practice our faith and be more like Jesus. We usually receive Confirmation in Middle School or High School, but some receive the Sacrament much later.
4. There are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive at Confirmation. They are *wisdom, knowledge, judgment, understanding, courage, piety and fear of the Lord.* **Do you know what any one of these mean? How do you think these gifts can help you lead others to Christ?** For example, courage can help you be brave in talking to others about Jesus! And knowledge can help you explain the truths of the Catholic Church.
5. On Monday, June 13th we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Anthony of Padua. St. Anthony was from Portugal and lived from 1195-1231. He loved Jesus very much and

became a priest at a young age! He lived in a similar way to St Francis of Assisi and belonged to the same order known as the Franciscans! St. Anthony was extremely smart and could remember everything he read. He was very humble though and did not tell anyone about how much he knew. One day, the other priests needed someone to teach, and St Anthony volunteered- surprising everyone by how smart he was! St. Anthony is the patron saint of learning and remembering things. He is also the patron saint of lost items! **Do you ever lose things and find yourself getting frustrated?** It's a great idea to stop and ask St. Anthony for his prayers! *"St. Anthony, St. Anthony, come around- something's lost that can't be found!"*

**Review Question: Who is the Holy Spirit?** The Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of the Trinity! The Holy Spirit is the Father and Son's shared love for us. The Holy Spirit helps us love God! The Holy Spirit is the helper that Jesus promised to send to his apostles.

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