

FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 18

Ages 3-8

1. This week, read Luke 12: 13-21. In this gospel reading Jesus tells us another great parable, the Parable of the Rich Fool. In the story, there is a man who lived on a lot of land and produced a great harvest of crops. He had so much food and grain that he couldn't keep them in his house so he had to build another huge barn! The man says to himself that he will no longer work- he will take several years to rest where he will eat, drink, and enjoy himself. **What does God say to the man?** He says "You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?" Then Jesus says "This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight." **What do you think is the lesson we are meant to learn?** Food and drink are certainly important but they should not be more important than our relationship with God. Our focus needs to be on God first and getting to heaven! **Do you think the man was being charitable and loving his neighbors by saving up all the food for himself?** Probably not, no.
2. At the beginning of each Holy Mass, after the opening song and procession, the priest greets us and then leads us in the penitential rite. **What is the penitential rite?** It is when we pray quietly and think about our sins, and place our trust in God's mercy. We then either sing or say, "lord have mercy" or "kyrie eleison (the greek phrase)." **What does it mean to trust in God's mercy?** It means that we know God loves us so much and forgives us when we do wrong! He does not want to punish us.
3. **What is the Sixth Commandment?** The sixth commandment says: "you shall not commit adultery." This commandment tells us how important it is to keep our promises. **When we are loyal and keep our promises with others, what does that show them?** It shows them we can be trusted! We must always be loyal and obedient to our parents and loyal and obedient to God. **What are some ways we can be more obedient towards our parents?** Chores, acknowledgement of responsibilities etc.. **How about to God?** Follow His commandments, go to Mass, pray, read our Bible, and love Him!

4. The Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus is celebrated on August 6th. **Do you know what happened at the Transfiguration?** Jesus took Peter, John and James, three of His closest disciples, with him up the hill to pray. While they were praying, Jesus's face began to change and his clothes became pure and dazzling white! Suddenly two other men appeared- they were Moses and Elijah! Then God's voice said "This is my son, whom I have chosen, listen to Him." It was at that moment that the disciples know exactly who Jesus is- the son of God! **How would you feel if you were one of the disciples and you saw Jesus's appearance change?**
5. The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary! **Have you ever seen this image of Mother Mary?** This image of the Blessed Mother should



remind us of love! Mary loves us so much and wants us to love her back! Throughout history, in written Scripture and in Mary's appearances to us, she revealed that her devotion to her Immaculate Heart is a sign of love to God. Through our understanding of Mary's Immaculate Heart and the many ways people devote their lives in love (charity), we can love others like Jesus loves us. We are called to be a light in this world!

Review Question: What is the name of the special clothes that priests wear in Mass?
They are called vestments!

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