

FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 19

Ages 3-8

1. This week, read Luke 12: 32-48. **What is the Kingdom that Jesus talks about?** The Kingdom is Heaven! It is the most incredible place-in fact, so incredible, it's hard to even wrap our brains around how amazing it is. In Jesus's message, He talks a lot about the importance of being "vigilant" and prepared. He says: "you too must be ready because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him." **What do you think this means?** It is a reminder that our forever home isn't here on earth but up in Heaven with Him! **How can we prepare?** We must be strong in our faith- go to Mass, say our prayers, love our neighbor, and live by the rules of the 10 Commandments!

2. After saying the Penitential Rite and asking God for forgiveness for some of the things we have done wrong, we then say **the Gloria!** The Gloria goes like this:

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high. Together with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Do you know who is also singing the Gloria with you? The angels! The Gloria is also known as the "angelic hymn!" It was first sung by the angels when Jesus was born! It is a song of exaltation or joy said to God for giving us the gift of Jesus! We celebrate a little Christmas at every Mass!

3. **What is the Seventh Commandment?** The seventh commandment says "you shall not steal." **What does it mean to steal?** It means to take something that is not yours, and without asking! When you steal, you are a thief! **How would it make you feel if someone stole one of your favorite toys?** You would be pretty sad, right? God wants us to have our own things- he created us to enjoy those things! We can

also use our own things to make other people happy by sharing or letting friends borrow them.

4. **On August 9th we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Edith Stein, also known as Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.** Edith Stein was from *Germany* and lived from 1891 to 1941. She was a convert. **Do you know what it means to be a convert?** It means she used to be a different religion (Jewish), had a change of heart and decided to follow Jesus. Edith Stein grew up in a loving Jewish family, but she did not truly believe in God. Saint Teresa had an experience that changed her life, and after that, she decided to follow Jesus! She was baptized Catholic and then became a Carmelite nun, where she chose the name Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross! During World War II, the Nazis arrested and killed many Jewish and other innocent people. Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was also arrested. Instead of feeling sorry for herself and her situation, she died praying for the Jewish people who were suffering so much. *Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, pray for us!*

5. **The Feast day of Saint Clare of Assisi is celebrated on August 11th. Do you know of any other Saints who were also from Assisi, Italy?** That's right, St. Francis of Assisi! **Did you know that Saint Clare and Saint Francis were great friends?** Saint Clare was the first woman to follow Saint Francis. Saint Clare and her sister, Agnes, started the order known today as the Poor Clares (though they used to be known as the Poor Ladies.) They took vows of poverty- they walked barefoot, slept on the ground, and spent most of their time in complete silence- there was not much talking! They took care of the poor and sick. Saint Clare is the patron Saint of television because when she was sick and couldn't make it to Christmas Mass, she miraculously watched Mass in her room! *Saint Clare, pray for us!*

Review Question: What does it mean to trust in God's mercy? It means knowing that God forgives us when we do things wrong because He loves us SO much

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