



Faith in Five- Children
Ordinary Time Week 12

1. Read Matthew 10:26-33. **What is Jesus' message to his twelve apostles?** "Fear no one." **Why do you think Jesus may be encouraging them in this way?** Jesus knows his followers will be persecuted. They will be thrown in prisons, tortured and some of them even killed. **How does Jesus let the disciples know how much they are loved by God?** "Even all the hairs of your head are counted....you are worth more than many sparrows." With that love, the apostles will spread the faith even though they are treated horribly for proclaiming Jesus. Love is stronger than fear! *Jesus, please open our hearts to receive your love. With that love and confidence, give us the grace to proclaim your name and spread the gospel without fear.*
2. **What are Saints Peter and Paul?** St. Peter was one of the twelve apostles. We sometimes remember him because he denied Jesus during his passion, but we should remember him because Jesus chose him to be the first Pope! St. Paul was not one of the twelve apostles. In fact, he first persecuted Christians until he had a dramatic conversion. He met the resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus where Jesus asked him "Why do you persecute me?!" St. Paul then worked tirelessly as a missionary to the gentiles. **Why is their feast day a solemnity?** The church would not be what it is today without the seed these holy men planted. They were both leaders and earliest Church fathers. **How did they die?** They were both martyred in Rome around the year 64. *"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."* The solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is June 29th.
3. **What does it mean to "offer it up?"** Catholics have a tradition of telling each other to "offer it up" when they are going through something difficult. In our beautiful faith we know that Jesus sanctified, or made holy, suffering. So when we experience suffering, maybe our grandma passed away, maybe we have an illness, or maybe a friend has turned their back on us, we do not despair. In fact, we believe that when we unite our suffering to Jesus- it makes for a very, very powerful prayer! It is like a prayer with superpower. For example, if you have the no-good, rotten stomach bug and you can pray "Jesus, I offer this suffering up to you for the intention of my friend." This concept is called redemptive suffering. **What does redemptive mean?** Redemption means saving power. What a gift to be able to participate in Jesus' work! What hope we can have even when we endure suffering!

4. **Apologetics- Why do Catholics baptize babies?! Babies can't give their hearts to Jesus!** The bible actually refers to the baptisms of entire families (Acts 2:38-41, 16:33 and 18:8) so baptizing babies is an apostolic tradition. Baptism removes original sin, adopts you into God's family, and is an outpouring of grace and the Holy Spirit. Why would we deny a baby that? It is the parent or the caregiver who makes an act of faith on behalf of the baby. Yes, the baby will still need to be catechised as he or she grows but living a life for God will be easier with sanctifying grace in their souls!

5. **Catechism- What do we mean when we say God is all knowing?** "When we say God is all knowing we mean that he knows all things, past, present and future, even our most secret thoughts, words and actions." (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 2)

REVIEW QUESTION: What are the perfections of God? The perfections of God are certain qualities that He alone possesses with no limit. God is almighty, all-knowing, all-present and all-good. (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 2)

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