FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 26

Ages 8+

1. **Who do we read about in Sunday's gospel?** We read another parable, about the rich man in purple linens, and the poor man Lazarus. **What happened to the rich man and the poor man after they died?** The poor man was comforted while the rich man suffered. **Do you remember what the rich man asks of Abraham?** He asks for Lazarus to go and warn his brothers so they won't end up suffering like him. Abraham replies "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them." But the rich man thinks they will only listen and repent if Lazarus goes. **What do you think Jesus is warning in this parable?** Luke 16:19-31 is a warning to repent. The rich man lived a life of pleasure and excess and ignored those in need. The poor man lying down symbolizes his humility. He knew his own littleness and God's greatness. Jesus wants the pharisees to turn from seeking a life of comfort and to stop ignoring the prophets. We should emulate the poor man's humility, knowing our reward is in Heaven!

2. **Who are Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael?** They are the archangels named in the Bible. An Archangel is a chief angel, or an angel of the highest rank. **Where do we read about St. Gabriel?** St. Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Mother with the greeting "Hail Mary full of grace!" He is a messenger, bearing the news of the Incarnation. **Do you know the story of St. Raphael?** His name means 'God heals' and we read about him in the book of Tobit. He journeys with a young man named Tobiah. He heals Tobiah's father and Tobiah's wife from evil spirits. **Do you know the meaning of St. Michael's mame?** His name means 'Who is like God.' He is the defender of the Church! We celebrate these archanges on September 29th. St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, pray for us!

3. **What is a sacramental?** A sacramental is an object or gesture that signifies or imitates a sacrament. They symbolize our faith and are a channel for God's grace. **What are some examples of sacramentals?** Holy water, crucifixes, making the sign of the cross, rosaries, candles and medals are some examples of sacramentals. These things and gestures are not sacraments but they remind us of them. They prepare us to better receive the fruits of the sacraments. They are an aid to our faith life.

4. **What is the 10th Commandment?** The 10th Commandment is thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods. **Do you remember what covet means?** It means to wish to get something unjustly. "The tenth commandment forbids all desire to take or to keep unjustly what belongs to others, and also forbids envy at their success." (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 20)

5. **Apologetics- Why do Catholics wear medals of saints and the scapular?** God can work through physical things. Catholics are not attached to the objects themselves, but the grace God works through them. **Is this biblical?** In Acts 19:11-12 we read 'So extraordinary were the mighty deeds God accomplished at the hands of Paul that when face cloths or aprons that touched his skin were applied to the sick, their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them."

REVIEW QUESTION: What is a relic? A relic is a piece of a saint's body (a first class relic), an item used or owned by a saint (a second class relic) or something that touched the tomb of a saint (a third class relic). The word relic comes from a Latin word for remains.