

FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 33

Ages 3-8

1. This Sunday's Gospel reading comes from the book of Luke (Luke 21: 5-19) **Does anything jump out at you when you listen to the reading?** Jesus mentions some pretty troubling things- wars, earthquakes, famines, plagues. They are not meant to worry you though. In fact, Jesus tells us the opposite. He wants us to know that although many bad things might happen in this world, Jesus and the Kingdom of Heaven are forever. There is no need to worry about the future- God will always protect us. Jesus also warns us not to be deceived by people who say they know the future. **Who is the only one who knows the future?** God, that's right! Jesus does not want us to be frightened by things of this world. It is so important that we remember Heaven constantly and know that this life here on earth is not forever. Only our life with God is.
2. **Did you know that we have some Saints who were real-life princesses?** It's true! Saint Elizabeth of Hungary is one of them and we celebrate her feast day this week on November 17th! St. Elizabeth of Hungary was born in 1207 to the daughter of the King of Hungary. She got married at the age of 14 (which was common back then!) to Louis of Thuringia. She loved her husband very much and they had 3 children together. St. Elizabeth had an immense love for the poor and sick. She was often found bringing food and drink from the castle to the poor people of the town. Legend has it that she was once caught by her husband stuffing bread into her jacket for the hungry. Louis's family had been accusing her of stealing from the castle for some time so he asked Elizabeth at once to show him what was inside her jacket. She obediently opened her jacket, and to Louis's amazement, he saw red and white roses inside. He knew at once that Elizabeth was doing the will of God. When St. Elizabeth's husband died at a young age, she left her life of royalty and chose to live a simple, humble life and joined the Third Order of Franciscans. She used the money from Louis's family to open up a hospital and continue to serve the sick and poor. St. Elizabeth was incredibly generous, humble and loving- always trying to do the will of God. St. Elizabeth of Hungary is Patron Saint of bakers, beggars, brides, and charities. *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us!*

3. **What are sacramentals?** Sacramentals are things that remind us of God's love and bring us God's blessing. They help us grow in our relationship with God. **What are some examples of sacramentals?** Holy water, candles, crosses, icons, images and statues of saints, medals and rosaries. We should always have our sacramentals blessed. When they are blessed, we are dedicating the object to God. When they are not blessed, they do not hold any special graces. **Do you have any sacramentals in your house? What about in your bedroom? Who do you think about when you see those holy objects and how do they make you feel?**

4. **The Church-** Last week we briefly talked about two different areas of the Church-the Nave and the Narthex. **What exactly is the Narthex?** We know that it's the area we walk through to get to the Nave, but what else do you know about it? It is also known as the gathering space. This is where we say hello to one another before and after Mass. Baptisms, funerals, and weddings all gather in the Narthex before beginning. Some churches have a really big narthex where many people can gather and other churches have a very small narthex. **Is your Church's Narthex big or small?**

5. **The Order of Mass-** Last week we talked about the Consecration. **After the bread and wine are consecrated into the Body and Blood of Jesus, what happens next?** We then join in as a church and pray the Our Father together. **After we say the prayer, the priest responds with another prayer. What does he say?** *"Deliver us, Lord, from every evil." He asks for the peace of Christ and the protection from all sin and all anxiety "as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."* **Do you remember what we say as a congregation?** *"For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever." (Rev 1:6; 4:11; 5:13)* We pray the Our Father as children of God and trust in God's goodness as he offers us the gift of the Bread of Eternal life.