



Faith in Five- Children  
Ordinary Time Week 18

1. **Read Matthew 17:1-9 as a family. What is this Gospel story?** This is the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. **What happens to Jesus on the mountain?** "His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as light." Transfigured means to be changed into something more glorious. **Who was with Jesus on this day?** Jesus climbed the mountain with Peter, James and John. Moses and Elijah also appeared. **What do the disciples learn about Jesus at the transfiguration?** The voice of God tells them "This is my beloved Son." They knew Jesus as a man, but now Jesus' divinity, and His glory, are revealed to the disciples. God continues to reveal Jesus' divinity to us and we are all called to share in it through the sacraments. We also pray to be transformed into something more glorious as we grow in holiness and hope for Heaven. **How can we celebrate this feast day?** Begin your celebration by attending mass! Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary, meditating on the 4th mystery, the Transfiguration. Take a family hike! Have bright, white vanilla ice cream for dessert!
2. **What does the Catholic Church celebrate in the month of August?** The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **What is the Immaculate Heart of Mary?** The Immaculate Heart of Mary is a devotional name to honor Mary's pure heart, all her virtues and perfections, as well as her joys and sorrows. The Blessed Mother's heart is full of love for all of mankind, and she leads us all to Jesus and the ways of holiness. **How can we be devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary this month and always?** Attending [First Saturday masses](#), placing an image of the Immaculate Heart in a prominent place in your home, and consecrating yourself to Mary.



3. **Who is St. Clare?** Clare was born in 1194 in Assisi, Italy. She loved and followed Jesus from a very young age. She was especially drawn to the example of St. Francis of Assisi. He, like her, had been born to a very wealthy and noble family. She admired how he had given up everything to live a life of poverty and service for Jesus. Because her family had plans for her to marry, she snuck off in the middle of the night, cutting her hair and shedding rich robes for simple habits to become a nun. Her father, Count Scifi, was enraged. He stormed the chapel, even cursing, but Clare refused to leave. She co-founded the Order of the Poor Clares and insisted they own no property, just like the Franciscans. They were devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. One time, when their monastery was in danger, Clare held high the Blessed Sacrament, and the raiders retreated. **What is St. Clare the patron saint of?** St. Clare is the patron saint of eye disease, goldsmiths, laundry, television, and goodweather. Her feast day is August 11th. *St. Clare, pray for us.*
  
4. **Apologetics- Why do we call priests “father?” Especially when Mather 23:9 says “do not call anyone on earth father.”** That verse means not to honor a man the way that you honor God. Jesus did not say we couldn’t call our dads, or priests, “father.” The Church teaches us that priests are like St. Paul, spiritual fathers, under the authority of our Heavenly Father. 1 Corinthians 4:15 St. Paul says “I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” We call priests “father” because they are our spiritual leaders and we respect them.
  
5. **Catechism- What is meant by the “communion of the saints” in the Apostle’s Creed?** “By the communion of the saints is meant the union of the faithful on earth, the blessed in Heaven and the souls in purgatory, with Christ as their Head. The word saints means holy ones. Baptism gives us the beginning of holiness and heaven is for those who are perfectly holy.” (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 13)

**REVIEW QUESTION: Do you know who the Holy Father is?** Our Holy Father is Pope Francis. He is the leader of the Church and a successor to St. Peter. We know our Pope is infallible when teaching on faith and morals. **What does infallible mean?** Infallible means incapable of being wrong. The Holy Spirit will not allow the earthly leader of our Church to make a mistake on matters of faith. **How can we support our Pope?** Please pray for Pope Francis everyday! You can say and Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be everyday for the intentions of our Holy Father.

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