

FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 20

Ages 3-8

1. The Gospel reading for Sunday, August 14th is taken from Luke 12: 49-53. In this passage, Jesus talks to us about division. He tells us how families will disagree among themselves and that people will argue in the name of Jesus. This can be really hard to understand. Sometimes people don't want to hear the truth and change their way of life. As a result, they can get very easily upset. **What does Jesus want us to understand?** He wants us to always seek Him first, even if it makes others uncomfortable or angry. Remember that this life is only temporary and that Jesus is the source of everlasting life!
2. The Assumption of Mary is celebrated on August 15th. **What do you think we celebrate on this special feast day?** On the feast of the assumption, we celebrate Mary being "assumed" into Heaven. In other words, Mary's entire body and soul were taken up into Heaven to be with her Son, Jesus. Mary was born without original sin- she was "full of grace." God became man in Mary's womb and Mary was the perfect person for Jesus to be born to, since she was pure and without sin! Just as Jesus was without sin and rose into Heaven- body and soul- so did Mary! **What are some ways we can celebrate the Feast of the Assumption?** It is a Holy Day of Obligation so depending on what day of the week it falls, we go to Mass! We can also pray the glorious mysteries of the Rosary. There are always great craft ideas- [Here is one of them!](#) And for dessert, we can make a fluffy dessert with whipped cream!
3. **After we say or sing the Gloria, what comes next during Mass?** Next come the readings! We will take a seat and listen to God's word. God's word is the Bible. **Did you know that the same readings are read every Sunday at Catholic Mass across the entire world?** It's true! You could be in Australia and hear the exact same bible readings that are read in New York City! In Sunday Mass, we hear an Old Testament reading followed by a Psalm (either said or sung) and then there is a New Testament Reading. God wants us to listen carefully to the readings- He is always trying to tell us something in them!

4. **What is the Eighth Commandment?** The eighth commandment says: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." **What do you think this means?** It means this: do not lie. Always tell the truth! When we lie, we ruin friendships with others and people will no longer trust or believe us. **Has anyone ever lied to you? How did it make you feel?**
5. We celebrate Saint Maximilian Kolbe's feast Day this week on August 14th. St. Maximilian Kolbe was born in 1894 in Poland. Maximilian Kolbe had a deep love and strong devotion to Mother Mary. He loved her very much. When he was 12 years old, he had a vision of the blessed Mother that made him want to grow in holiness. **Do you know what he did after that?** He became a priest! As a priest, he worked very hard to share his love of Mary throughout Poland. Just like Saint Benedicta of the Cross, Father Kolbe was in Germany at the time of World War II. As the Germans persecuted the Jewish people, Father Kolbe, kept a lot of people safe inside the monastery. He took care of those who were injured and hid 2,000 Jewish people from being imprisoned. Eventually Father Kolbe was caught and sent to a concentration camp. St. Maximilian Kolbe died saving another prisoner's life. The man had a wife and children and Father Kolbe told the soldiers, "stop! Take me instead!" St. Maximilian Kolbe is the patron saint of families. We can ask St. Maximilian Kolbe for prayers when we need help being brave. *St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!*