

## FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 22

Ages 8+

1. **Do you remember the parable in Sunday's gospel?** In Luke 14:1, 7-14 Jesus tells a parable about a wedding banquet. Where does Jesus say we should sit at the table? Jesus says take the lowest place at the table instead of going directly to a seat of honor. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled." **What is humility?** Humility is the virtue that recognizes God's greatness. With that recognition, we avoid calling ourselves great and important and the first and the best! We avoid raising ourselves up above others. **How can we live out humility?** Acknowledge God's greatness and try to be secure in His love for you, do not seek compliments and wealth and recognition and status. Think outside of yourself by serving your parents, siblings and peers. "Rather when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
2. **Do you know what the sacred vessels are?** The sacred vessels are the utensils and receptacles used during mass for the consecration and the Blessed Sacrament.



Sacred Vessels Image Source: <https://masscomminfo.tumblr.com/>

**Do you recognize any of the objects?** Maybe you recognize the Cruets and Lavabo and Finger Towel when the altar servers bring them to the Priest. **What is the linen cloth for the vessels called?** The Corporal.

3. **How can we practice our faith while in school?** It is back to school time! Practicing our faith at church and at home may come naturally but what about when we are back in school? It is easy to lose focus while immersed in our studies and friends. **Can you brainstorm how to remain rooted in Jesus throughout your school day?** Say a morning offering with your family before parting ways and invoke St. Christopher, patron saint of travelers, as you ride on the school bus. Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and understanding before you begin class. Pray for good Christian friends and set a good example to your classmates. Say a "Bless us O Lord" meal prayer in the cafeteria before eating lunch. **What is our mission as Catholic Christians, no matter where we are?** To love one another. We do that by being respectful of our teachers, looking for the classmates that may need extra help, or a friend! And don't forget to invite your new friends to mass!
4. **Catechism- What is the Sixth Commandment?** Thou shalt not commit adultery. This commandment forbids all "impurity and immodesty in words, looks, and actions, whether or alone or with others." (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 19) **How do we live this commandment out?** We are respectful of our body by choosing modest clothing. We do not tell jokes or use phrases that are disrespectful or impure.
5. **Apologetics- There is no Queen of Heaven, certainly not Mary! How would you answer this challenge from a protestant Christian?** St. John had a vision of Mary in the book of revelation. "...and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Revelation 12:1) In the old testament, King Solomon honored his mother, the Queen Mother Bathsheba. (Jer. 12:18) Jesus is the King of Kings!! How fitting that he would honor his mother as Queen of Heaven in the book of Revelations.

**REVIEW QUESTION: Matthew 23:9 says "do not call anyone on earth 'father.'" So why do Catholics call priests 'father'?! That verse in the bible means that we are not to honor a man on earth instead of honoring our Father God in Heaven. It does NOT mean that you can't call your daddy or a priest "father." St. Paul writes "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (1 Corinthians 4:15) The Church considers priests, just like St. Paul, to be our spiritual fathers..but all under the authority of our Heavenly Father!**

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