

FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 26

Ages 3-8

1. This Sunday's Gospel reading is Luke 16: 19-31. It is the parable of the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. **What happened to the rich man and Lazarus after they died?** The rich man went to a place of suffering and the poor man was in a place of comfort. The rich man was in such a terrible place, he asks for Lazarus to warn his brothers on earth so that they don't end up there as well. **What is Jesus trying to teach us in this week's Gospel reading?** Jesus wants us to repent, be humble and live our lives for Him. Instead, the rich man did the opposite- he lived a life with too much stuff and he did not take care of his neighbors (Lazarus). Lazarus, however, lived a humble life and though he suffered a bit while on earth, he was rewarded in Heaven.
2. **Where do you think the place of suffering was where the rich man went after he died?** That place is called Hell. It is the opposite of Heaven and God. Nothing good happens in Hell. Those who know God's love and constantly say "no" to him, likely will not be able to go to Heaven.
Who goes to Hell? Nobody can say "this or that person is going to hell." God is merciful and loves us very very much. But Jesus still wants us to know about it and warn us of this place- there are many stories in the Bible where we are warned about Hell.
3. **Now that we are in the second half of Mass- the Liturgy of the Eucharist- what happens next?** Next, the bread and wine are brought to the altar. We call them the *gifts*. We stand up because Holy Mass is about to approach its peak. As we stand, we then sing/say the *Eucharistic Prayer* "holy, holy, holy" We are singing/saying the beautiful Eucharistic prayer with all the angels and saints, and everyone in Heaven! (At some Churches, this prayer is said in Latin!)
4. On September 29th, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel. It is also known as St. Michaelmas Day (or just Michaelmas.) **Do you know the story of St. Michael?** St Michael is one of God's 7 archangels. Shortly after God created the angels, one of God's angels, Lucifer, thought he was stronger than God, and therefore, a war broke out. **Can anyone be stronger than God?** Absolutely not! God

called upon his archangel, Michael, to defeat Lucifer (also known as Satan) and he did! Satan was not allowed to stay in Heaven any longer and was cast down to hell forever with all the other bad angels. Saint Michael is the Patron Saint of soldiers, police, and doctors. *St. Michael, pray for us!*

The Saint Michael Prayer:

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

5. **On September 29th, we not only celebrate the feast day of St. Michael, but we celebrate the archangels, Gabriel and Raphael, as well! Who are Saints Gabriel and Raphael?** They are two of the other archangels who we read about in the Bible! Archangels are leader angels- they are in charge of other angels! They are also messenger angels. Throughout history, they have appeared to people with special messages sent from God. Saint Gabriel appeared to Mary with the greeting, "Hail Mary full of Grace." He was given special instruction from God to tell Mary that she would become the Mother of Jesus! St. Gabriel is the Patron Saint of messengers and postal workers. Saint Raphael appeared to Tobit, touched his eyes and healed him from blindness. He is the Patron Saint of travelers, the blind, happy meetings, nurses, and doctors.
- St. Gabriel and St. Raphael, pray for us!*

REVIEW QUESTION: Who are the two Saints whose feast days we celebrated last week? Padre Pio and St. Matthew!

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