

FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 32

Ages 8+

- 1. What do you remember from Sunday's gospel, Luke 20:27-38?** Jesus is being questioned about the afterlife by some Sadducees. They want to know who we are married to at the Resurrection, especially a widower who remarried a set of brothers. **Do you know who the Sadducees were?** The Sadducees were a religious group who only accepted the writings of Moses. They denied the teachings of Jesus and other prophets. They didn't understand or believe in the Resurrection. **How does Jesus answer their question?** Jesus explains that on earth, we are concerned with marriage but at the Resurrection we don't need marriage anymore. We belong wholly to God! Marriage is very important to us here because it is a vocation, meaning it is a means for our salvation. In Heaven our only vocation is to worship God and share in His eternal happiness. **Why do you think Jesus brings up Moses?** Jesus brings up Moses because Moses was the ultimate authority to the Sadducees. "That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, The God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living." Jesus wants them to see that even Moses knew and understood the Resurrection as he cried out to the God of his forefathers in faith.
- 2. Do you remember what the month of November is dedicated to in the Catholic Church?** November we remember all our beloved dead and all the souls in purgatory. **Did you know the Church has a prayer for the dead?**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

When should you say this prayer? Anytime you drive or walk past a cemetery is a great time for this prayer! **Did you know there is an indulgence for praying in a cemetery?** There is a partial indulgence for praying in a cemetery all year round, but from November 1-8 there is a plenary indulgence for those who pray for the souls in a cemetery. (You can read more about indulgences [here!](#)) **Why would we pray for people we don't even know?** In the Catholic faith, we are all family. The communion of Faith means the saints in Heaven, the souls in purgatory and us, the faithful on earth. We rely on each other for help in gaining Heaven.
- 3. What is the Lateran Basilica?** In the year 313 the Roman Emperor Constantine granted religious freedom to Christians. He then gave them a palace, The Lateran palace, to be used as their first basilica, or very important church. Afterwards, many basilicas in Rome were Christianized-or turned into churches. Basilica comes

from a Greek word that means royal house. In ancient Greece and Rome basilicas were important halls for business. They had columns and were large and grand. Long ago when it was still a crime in Rome to be a Christian, masses were said underground or held secretly in houses. **Why is the basilica called the St. John Lateran Basilica?** The Property and palace originally belonged to the Laterani family before it was given to the Church. It is named John for St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. The Lateran Basilica was home to the Pope, the bishop of Rome, for around a thousand years! We celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica on November 9th. It is the oldest church in Europe and a powerful reminder of our universal faith.

- 4. We've learned about the Ten Commandments of God, but do you know the commandments of the Church?** The first commandment of the Church to assist/attend Mass all Sundays and holy days of obligation. **What sin do we commit when we skip mass on purpose on a Sunday or holy day of Obligation?** To purposefully miss Mass, we commit a mortal sin. The Baltimore Catechism teaches "The Mass is our great sharing in the love of Our Lord. It hurts Him deeply if we sin on purpose." **Do you know the Holy Days of Obligation in the United States?** They are Christmas Day-December 25th, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1, Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter and only in some dioceses) The Assumption on August 15th, All Saints Day on November 1st and The Immaculate Conception on December 8th. (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 21)
- 5. Who was St. Martin of Tours?** St. Martin was born to a pagan family in the year 316. He became a Christian when he was a child. He badly wanted to serve God as a monk but was forced to join the Roman army instead. But he didn't give up on the life he felt God was calling him to live! He was known for serving others. One particularly cold and frosty day, St. Martin saw a beggar shivering, nearly naked. St. Martin had his military cloak warmly wrapped around him. He immediately slashed it in half and tucked the other half around the beggar. That night St. Martin had a dream where he saw Jesus wearing half of his cloak! After his military duties were finished St. Martin founded a community for monks. He also was elected Bishop. **What is he the patron saint of?** He is patron saint of the poor and soldiers. His feast day is November 11th. St. Martin, pray for us!!

REVIEW QUESTION: What is a pilgrimage? A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place. It is more than just travel; however, as there is a spiritual element to the journey. The goal is to become closer to God, to honor God. In the past, pilgrimages were sometimes an act of penance because the pilgrim would have to travel on foot, have little to eat, and no comfortable place to sleep.

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