

## FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 27

Ages 3-8

\*For the month of October our Faith in 5s will look a little different. All of our questions will be focused on the Saints in an attempt to prepare for All Saints Day on November 1st!

1. On October 1st, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux. Her nickname is "The Little Flower." **Have you ever heard of St. Therese?** St. Therese was a very young girl when she became a nun- only 15! Her motto for becoming a saint was known as the "little way." She did not do anything great or particularly special, but she did everything with love. This was her "little way" to becoming more like Jesus. She was kind and loving to others- even when she didn't want to be, and she prayed for them constantly. St. Therese reminds us that we don't need to "do" anything huge to become a Saint- it's doing small things with great love that matter!  
*St. Therese, pray for us!*
2. On October 2nd we celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angels. **Who are the guardian angels?** Guardian angels are special angels who God created to keep watch over us and protect us. Did you know that in the beginning of time God created an angel specifically for you? That angel has been waiting a long time to meet you! **What do angels look like?** Angels are spirits so they don't have bodies like us, but it's fun to imagine them in white and with halos and wings because that is how they've appeared to people over the ages. Did you know that St. Padre Pio was able to see his guardian angel? How cool is that!? On this special day, we are grateful for our guardian angels- for all they do to protect us- from physical danger and spiritual. **Do you know the prayer to the guardian angel?**  
*Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.*
3. We celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th. **Have you ever heard of St Francis of Assisi?**

He is the patron saint of animals! He had a special love for all living things though. St Francis was raised in a family with a lot of money- he wore fancy clothes and ate fancy foods. He went off to battle and had a dream where God asked him to get rid of all his riches and live a simple life for Jesus. St Francis gave everything up- he only wore the clothes on his back. He took care of the poor and sick, and preached the Gospel wherever he could. St. Francis's way of living was so inspiring that many people left their comfortable way of living to follow him and preach the Gospel message. Today there is an order of priests, known as Franciscans, whose mission is to live a simple life for Jesus, just like St Francis.

It's fun to have your animals blessed on this day. You could also eat animal crackers, go to the zoo or even just go on a nature walk!

4. We celebrate the feast day of St. Faustina Kowalska's Feast on October 5th. **Have you ever heard or seen the image of Divine Mercy Jesus?** Thanks for St. Faustina, we have that image today! Saint Faustina was a young nun when Jesus appeared and asked her to tell the world how much God loves us. He told her that He wants everyone to trust Him. St. Faustina wrote a book called "St. Faustina's Diary" and in it, she details all the encounters that she has with our Lord. She then had an artist recreate the image of Jesus from when he visited her. God asked St. Faustina to create the image and then at the bottom write, "Jesus, I trust in You." When we see the image of Divine Mercy Jesus, we are reminded by how much God loves us and wants to forgive us. He is merciful, kind and understanding.  
*St. Faustina, pray for us!*
5. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is on October 7th. It is such an important Feast Day that the entire month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary! **Have you ever prayed the Rosary?** On the Feast Day of our Lady of the Rosary, we are especially grateful for the power of the rosary and Mary's prayers through it. Mary will pray to her son for anyone who asks her. Did you know that Mary is the Queen of All Saints? **How can we celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary this month?** We can pray the Rosary- or even just a decade a day! We can do Rosary crafts too- edible Rosaries are fun to do as a family!