FAITH IN 5

Easter: Week 1
Ages 8+

- 1. Happy, Happy Easter! What is the meaning of Easter? Easter is the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection from the grave and His triumph over death! The word Easter has the word "East" in it. Just like the sun rises in the East and brings hope, the risen Christ brings the hope of Heaven and Eternal Life to us all. What is the Octave of Easter? The first eight days after Easter! In fact, the Easter season lasts for 50 days!
- 2. Have you heard of the Regina Coeli Antiphon? An antiphon is a short chant or hymn that is sung as a refrain, often in night prayer. During Easter, the Regina Coeli is traditionally sung at dawn, noon and dusk. What does Regina Coeli mean? Regina Coeli means Queen of Heaven. Family Challenge! Sing or say the Regina Coeli this Easter together at lunchtime.
- 3. What is the virtue of Justice? The Catechism teaches that justice "is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor" (CCC, 1807). Justice guides how we behave with God and the world around us. We honor the rights of our neighbor and God through Justice. How do we give God what He is due? Our faith, worship and devotion! How am I treating those around me? Do I recognize the dignity of my family and neighbors? Do I give my parent's their due? (Obedience, respect.)
- 4. What are apologetics? Apologetics are reasons or justifications for what we believe. Why are apologetics important as Catholic Christians? Our faith is strengthened when we understand the reasoning behind the tenets of our faith. It also makes us more confident when sharing our faith with others. Finally, learning apologetics helps us recognize false teachings and remain rooted in our faith. We will start learning apologetics in our faith in five!
- 5. What are the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary? They are Jesus' Resurrection from the dead, Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, the descent of the Holy Spirit, Mary's Glorious Assumption to Heaven and Mary's Coronation (Crowning) as Queen of Heaven and Earth. We pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays and Sundays! Did you know we meditate on a virtue for each mystery? The virtues corresponding to the Glorious Mysteries are: Faith, Hope, Charity, Devotion to Our Lady and Eternal Happiness. Family Challenge! Pray a decade of the Glorious Mysteries together after dinner during the Easter Season!

<u>Review Question:</u> What is Palm Sunday? Palm Sunday is the first Day of Holy Week. It commemorates Jesus' glorious entrance into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover with His Disciples. In the gospel we will also read about Jesus' Passion

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