

FAITH IN 5

Easter: Week 3

Ages 8+

1. **Who do we celebrate throughout the month of May?** May is The Blessed Mother's month! **What is a May Crowning?** The May Crowning is a beautiful devotion to honor Mary. Mary is crowned with flowers in a ceremony accompanied with prayers and Marian hymns. This tradition reminds us that Mary is Queen of Heaven and Earth. We place our hearts and wills under Her Queenship, trusting that she will bring us close to Jesus. **You may do a May Crowning with your school or church but did you know you can also do it at home with your family?** Family Challenge! Place your family's favorite statue of the Blessed Mother in an important place in your home. Choose a family member to crown Mary with a floral crown! You can pray a decade of the rosary together or sing a hymn. [Here are some ideas for a May Crowning](#)
2. This Sunday we read from the gospel of John. **What were the disciples doing?** The disciples were fishing. That was their job before they knew Jesus. From this gospel reading it seems as though they have forgotten their call to preach about Jesus. They likely were sad and defeated after Jesus' crucifixion and struggling in their faith. **What happens when Jesus comes fishing with them?** They recognize their Savior Jesus when they catch more fish than they can lift in the net! Jesus shares a meal with the disciples showing he is truly risen. A ghost or a spirit can not fish or eat! **What does Jesus ask of Peter after their meal?** Jesus questions Peter of his love for Jesus three times. He commands Peter to feed His sheep. Jesus is again commissioning Peter to lead the church, spread the gospel. This gospel is a good reminder to us that Jesus' resurrection should inspire us to live differently!
3. May 3rd is the Feast of St. Philip and St. James (the lesser). **Who were they?** Philip and James were Jesus' apostles. **Why do we remember and celebrate them?** In the gospel of John, Philip asks Jesus to show him the Father, longing to understand and know Jesus more fully. (John 14:6-14) It is believed he went on to preach and spread the church in Greece and Syria. He and James were both martyred. James is thought to be the first bishop of Jerusalem. **How do we celebrate their day?** You can eat Greek food for dinner! As a family, read a portion of the book of James. Place their holy cards on the fridge for the week!
4. We learned a few weeks ago about apologetics, defending our Catholic faith. **How would you explain the tradition of the Catholic Faith? How would you respond to a fellow Christian who states that everything we need to know is in the bible ALONE?** No place in the bible says that is true. In fact, Thessalonians 2:15 says "stand firm and hold fast to the traditions you were taught, either by oral tradition

or by a letter of ours." Tradition refers to aspects of our faith that were passed down orally. This argument against the catholic is called Sola Scriptura. It is important to remember that even in the Bible, it never says scripture alone is a tenet of the christian faith.

5. **Did you know there are two types of sin?** In Lent we learned about original sin, the sin we inherited from Adam and Eve when we are born. **Do you know what Actual Sin is?** Actual sin is the sin that we ourselves commit through our words, thoughts, actions or omissions. We are freed from original sin through baptism. **How do we get rid of actual sin?** Through the sacrament from confession!

Review Question: What is an indulgence?

An indulgence means that the temporal punishment for sins that have been forgiven are taken away from us.

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