

FAITH IN 5  
Easter: Week 5  
Ages 8+

1. **Have you heard of First Saturday devotions?** First Saturday devotions are an act of reparation to Our Blessed Mother's Immaculate Heart. **What do the words reparation and immaculate mean?** Reparation is to make repairs or amends for wrongdoings. Immaculate means pure and perfect. Our Lady of Fatima requested this devotion as a way to make amends for all the sins that hurt her Immaculate Heart. This is a powerful devotion that brings much needed grace and mercy to our world! Our Blessed Mother also promises to be with us at the hour of our death with the graces necessary for our salvation. **How do you observe this devotion?** For five Saturdays in a row you must: Go to confession, receive the Blessed Sacrament, pray all the decades of the rosary, and spend 15 minutes of meditation with Our Lady. Family Challenge! Try to make a First Saturday devotion together! Most parishes offer mass on the First Saturday of the month so you can complete the requirements easily.
  
2. This Sunday begins the fifth week of Easter and the gospel reading is from John. **What is the new commandment given to the disciples?** The new commandment is to love one another. **Why should we love one another?** We love one another because Jesus loved us. **How do other people know we are disciples of Christ?** All will know we are Jesus' disciples if you have love for one another.
  
3. **What is the sacrament of First Holy Communion?** First Holy Communion is the beautiful sacrament when a Catholic receives The Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist, for the first time! Holy Communion is one of the Catholic Church's seven sacraments. **What is a sacrament?** A sacrament is a ritual or event which imparts Divine Grace to us. Grace is supernatural help from God! It helps us to do what is right and avoid wrong. **How do you receive your First Holy Communion?** You must be old enough to know right from wrong (the age of reason), have made your first Confession and taken the Catechism classes your parish requires. This month most parishes will have their First Holy Communion ceremonies! It is a glorious day, one of the sweetest and most memorable days in the life of a Catholic!
  
4. **Apologetics- How does Jesus speak to us today? Only through the Bible, right?!?** No! Jesus speaks to us today through the Bible AND the Holy Catholic Church which He founded. In Luke 10:16 Jesus says "He who hears you, hears me. And he who rejects you, rejects me, And he who rejects me, rejects Him who sent me." He was speaking to his disciples who were the first priests and helped to teach the faith. Early christians relied on their teaching, not the bible! The Bible as we know it today was not completed and even if it had been- many people would not

have been able to afford one. So the authority of the Catholic Church began with the disciples passing on Jesus' teachings! That passing on is called Tradition.

5. Catechism- We've learned all about sin and the different types of sin. **Did God abandon man after we fell into sin and lost the hope of Heaven?** No! He sent us His son Jesus as our savior to re-open Heaven and save us from our sins. **How did God do this?** God did this through the Incarnation. The Incarnation means God made man! Jesus was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **How many natures does Jesus Christ have?** Jesus has two natures. He has the nature of God and of man. A nature refers to WHAT somebody is. **What part of the Blessed Trinity is Jesus?** Jesus is the second person of the Blessed Trinity.

**REVIEW QUESTION: Who is Our Lady of Fatima?** Our Lady of Fatima is the Marian apparition that occurred in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

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