

FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 12

Ages 8+

- 1. Did you know you have a guardian angel?** Yes, you really do! It is not a myth or a nice idea or a phrase but true Catholic theology! **What does your guardian angel do for you?** The Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 4 states " Our guardian Angels pray for us, protect and guide us, and offer our prayers, good works and desires to God." God gave us guardian angels out of His great love for us. They are even called "special servants" and "faithful friends" in the Catechism. **Do you invoke your guardian Angel?** Take advantage of God's gift to us by asking your guardian Angel for daily help! Start your day with this prayer! *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.*
- 2. What glorious solemnity do we celebrate on Sunday?** Sunday, June 19th is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. **What does Corpus Christi mean?** Corpus Christi is a Latin phrase meaning Body of Christ. We are celebrating the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ! Last week in the apologetics section of our Faith in Five we learned about transubstantiation- the miracle and truth of bread and wine becoming Jesus' body and blood. **What was the Gospel reading about?** We read in Luke 9:11-17 about Jesus feeding the five thousand with two fish and five loaves. This miracle is a foreshadowing of the greatest miracle of Holy Thursday when Jesus provides the ultimate nourishment to us all. **How does the Church celebrate Corpus Christi?** Many parishes will have a Eucharistic Procession! These are a public way of professing our faith and glorifying Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There may also be a beautiful sequence read or sung at mass.
- 3. What are the Luminous Rosary Mysteries?** The Luminous Mysteries are the mysteries of light! These mysteries were recommended for meditation by St. Pope John Paul II. These meditations are from gospel readings during Jesus' earthly ministry. Each mystery shows Jesus' divinity, revealing Him to be the Son of God during His public ministry. The Luminous Mysteries are: Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, The Wedding Feast at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, The Transfiguration and The Institution of The Eucharist.
- 4. Apologetics- How would you answer the argument that we are saved by faith alone, not by works?** The Catholic Church teaches that salvation (also called "being saved," referring to Eternal Life in Heaven) comes through faith working in love. **Is it not enough just to have faith in Jesus Christ?** James 2:24-26 says "See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone...so also faith without works is

dead." **What does faith working in love look like?** Rooted in our belief that Jesus is our Savior, we must follow His commandments-especially to love one another.

5. **Catechism- To whom did Christ give the power to teach, to sanctify, and to rule the members of His Church?** Christ gave this power to his apostles. The Apostles were the first bishops of the Church. **Who are the successors of the apostles?** The bishops are the successors of the Apostles. (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 11) **What is a bishop?** A bishop is the chief priest governing a diocese, a geographical grouping of parishes. With the help of the priests in his diocese the bishop tends to the souls of his specific flock with the same power Jesus gave to his apostles.

REVIEW QUESTION: What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit? The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

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