



Faith in Five- Children  
Ordinary Time Week 33

- 1. Read Matthew 15:14-30 together as a family. What are the servants given?** The servants are given talents, a unit of money. **Are all the servants given the same amount of money?** No, they received different amounts “to each according to his ability.” **What happened when the master returned?** He was pleased with the servants who used talents to make more, saying to them “Well done, good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.” The servant who buried his talent was admonished for being wicked and lazy and was not invited to share the master’s joy. This is an inspiring gospel message. God gives talents to us, and they are to be used for the glory of God and the building up of the Kingdom. Some have more talents and some have less but we are all called to be faithful with them. We need not fear what God asks of us, and bury our talents. Pray that we can be faithful stewards for the kingdom of Heaven!
- 2. Who is St. Cecilia?** St. Cecilia is a Roman Martyr from the 3rd century. She was a Christian when the faith was still illegal in Rome. Cecilia’s wealthy family wanted her to marry a man named Valerian but Cecilia longed to be only the bride of Christ. On her wedding day she sang a song to God in her soul. She confided in her new husband, explaining she wanted to belong to Christ only and that her guardian angel was protecting that wish. Valerian also became a Christian and even saw Cecilia’s guardian angel! **What did Cecilia and Valerian do?** They spread the news of Christ, converting Valerian’s brother and working together to bury the recently martyred. Eventually, all three were caught by the Romans and killed. **What is Cecilia the patron saint of?** St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music. Her feast day is November 22nd. Celebrate her with music today!
- 3. What is the Divine Office?** The Divine office, also known as the Liturgy of the Hours, is the Church’s tradition of praying without ceasing. The Church developed a schedule and compilation of psalms, canticles from scripture, and prayers that are made to be prayed every few hours. The book that contains these prayers is called a breviary. **What are the names of these prayers?** They use Latin names: Matins and Lauds (in the middle of the night) Prime (at sunrise) Terce (at 9 am) sext (noon) none (3 pm) vespers (sunset) and compline (bedtime) **Who prays the Divine Office?** Priests and religious pray the Divine Office but the laity are encouraged too as well! The [Magnificat Subscription](#) is a great place to start! There are also Catholic apps that contain the Divine Office.

4. **Apologetics: Why do Catholics have liturgical seasons?** Liturgical seasons like Advent and Lent help us more deeply enter into Christ's life. Different seasons help us to carve out and dedicate time to meditating mysteries such as the Incarnation or the Passion of the Ascension. By invoking our senses with special colors, hymns, and traditions, we don't just pass by the year but embrace all the sorrows, feasts, and memorials day by day. We are even able to incorporate the liturgical season in our home. Begin brainstorming as a family how to mark the coming days of Advent in your home!
  
5. **Catechism- What are the perfections of God?** The perfections of God are who He is, as revealed to us through Scripture. God is the supreme being, above all creatures. He is eternal, all-knowing, almighty, all-present and all-good. (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 2)

**REVIEW QUESTION: What does it mean to have a mass "said" or "offered" for somebody?** To have a mass said for someone, or to offer a mass for their intentions is the most powerful way to intercede for them! It means the priest will offer up the sacrifice of the mass with this particular person or intention in mind. Since the mass is the highest form of worship, many graces flow from this intercession.

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