

Witnesses to Faith
November 6, 2022
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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At Home with Faith

Faith requires sacrifice, and our hope in the resurrection strengthens us to be prepared to make those small everyday sacrifices that enable us to follow and witness to the love of Jesus.



Faith in the resurrection has inspired many people to become martyrs. Originally, the word martyr was Greek for a witness who gave testimony in a court of law. People who sacrifice their lives for their faith, like the seven brothers in our first reading, are witnessing to faith in the resurrection. Regrettably, in many countries around the world, Christians have to make this ultimate sacrifice with startling frequency.

But we can also witness to the faith with our day to day lives by making small sacrifices to do the right thing even when it is hard, because we trust in the promise of heaven. This means keeping the faith in a joyful and gentle way even when those around us ignore or dismiss it.

Read

Take time to read and reflect
on the Scriptures for
this day.

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings
or download an app such as *Laudate*
or *iBreviary* to access the
Mass readings.

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Seven brothers endure death looking for eternal life.

Psalms 17

I have followed God looking for his glory.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

God will protect us from the evil one.

Luke 20:27-38

Jesus reminds us of the promise of resurrection.

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Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Tell your family the story of someone who sacrificed for the faith and was glad they did:

One way to help our children prepare to make the small sacrifices that faith demands is to offer a story that lets them see the before and after of a sacrifice. Share about a time that you, or someone you know well, had to make a sacrifice because of faith. Maybe you had a teacher who didn't appreciate the faith and made arguments against it in class, and you spoke up for the faith even though you knew it would lower your grade. Maybe you were the one who spoke up for the unpopular kid in school when other kids were picking on him. Maybe you made an ethical choice at work and lost a promotion or commission.

Whatever the experience, share how you were ultimately glad you did the right thing and encourage your child to do the same.



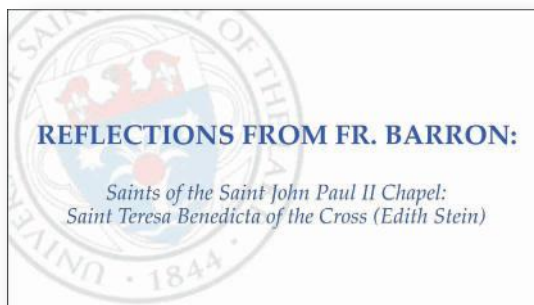
Take advantage of these great resources to discover more about those who sacrificed as martyrs:



Canonization of Oscar Romero

<https://youtu.be/EGROjsTwsaA>

This 3-minute video tells the story of Archbishop Oscar Romero and his willingness to sacrifice his life for justice and love.



Fr. Robert Barron: Saint Edith Stein (Saints of the St. John Paul II Chapel)

<https://youtu.be/TI2vsuiTAJE>

This 4-minute video tells the story of St. Edith Stein.

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>