



Liturgical Living Resources

November 10 – November 16

November 10: Memorial of St. Leo the Great; St. Andrew Avellino

Leo I was Pope at the time when Attila, King of the Huns, invaded Italy. Attila was on the point of crossing the Po River when he was met by Pope Leo. Speaking eloquently, the Pope persuaded him to turn back, and when Attila was asked by his servants why, contrary to reason, he had so meekly yielded to the entreaties of the Roman bishop, he answered that he had been alarmed by a figure dressed like a priest with a drawn sword who stood at Leo's side; he seemed as if he would kill him if he advanced farther. (Paraphrased from *The Church's Year of Grace* by Pius Parsch via catholicculture.org)

- Read the above story to your kids, outfit them with foam swords and shields, and turn them loose to play act.
- You can certainly find a number of "lion" cakes and cupcakes online (*Leo* means lion), but here are two ideas that turn a regular supper ([rotini noodles](#) or [pizza](#)) into an easy rendition of a lion.
- On [Formed.org](#), there is a digital book called *Christians Courageous* listed for ages 12 and up that includes the story of St. Leo confronting Attila the Hun.

I included St Andrew Avellino here because of his commitment to the truth. From *The Church's Year of Grace* by Pius Parsch (via catholicculture.org): "As a young priest Andrew served at an ecclesiastical court. While making a defense, a small lie slipped by his lips; soon afterward he accidentally read the words, 'A lying mouth kills the soul' (Wisdom 1:11). Deeply moved, he resigned his position and dedicated himself solely to the service of God and the welfare of souls." He is the saint to invoke for children who struggle with telling the truth.

- Memorize Wisdom 1:11 with your children.
- Set up a bunch of kindling and paper to make a fire in your fireplace or fire pit. Talk about how one small flame of a match can set the entire thing aflame and compare that to our words. We must be as careful with our words as we are with matches.

November 11: Memorial of St Martin of Tours

"Against the wishes of his parents [St. Martin] associated with Christians and became a catechumen at the age of ten. At fifteen he entered the army and served under the Emperors Constantius and Julian. While in the service he met a poor, naked beggar at the gates of Amiens who asked alms in Christ's Name. Martin had nothing with him except his weapons and soldier's mantle; but he took his sword, cut the latter in two, and gave half to the poor man. During the following night Christ appeared to him clothed with half a mantle and said, 'Martin, the catechumen, has clothed Me with this mantle!'" -- Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace* by Pius Parsch via catholicculture.org

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- Go through your clothes, particularly your winter coats, to see if there is one you can give away.
- Download a [St. Martin of Tours coloring page](#).
- [A food idea to commemorate St. Martin of Tours](#) that involves little more than making a slice of toast? Yes, please.

November 12: Memorial of St. Josaphat

[Learn about this Bishop and martyr.](#)

November 13: Memorial of St Frances Xavier Cabrini

- Read the [biography of this saint](#), who was the first American citizen to be canonized.
- On [Formed.org](#), there is a 30-minute audio file tagged for children. Search for “Frances Cabrini.”
- While listening to the audio, your kids can [color this page](#).
- St Frances Cabrini made 25 transatlantic crossings by boat after beginning her missionary work at 39 years old. The kids can listen to the audio file on [Formed.org](#) while playing in the bath. If you have a boat toy, so much the better. Or try your hand at [folding paper boats](#)!
- Cook up an Italian meal in this saint’s honor: any type of Italian pasta, for example. Since St. Frances Xavier Cabrini started schools, alphabet soup also works!

These activities were compiled and created by CatholicMom contributor Amanda Woodiel. Learn more at her blog, [In a Place of Grace](#).