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Angels and the Modern World

Messengers & Guardians

Ever wonder about that Guardian Angel we have been told about since we were little children? You know, that one who God gave as your guide and protector, who is expected to be at your side until you die?

For we people of the Bible, Jews & Christians alike, it is impossible to not believe in Angels because the Old Testament makes numerous references to them. More so, Christian doctrine teaches us that the angels are spiritual beings who were created by God to serve Him.

They can appear in human form and interact with us, but those bodies are only temporary illusions and pass away when their interaction with certain humans ends.



The purpose of all of the angels is to serve God, praise God, worship God, and pray to God. In the process of serving God, they also protect us, pray for us, inspire us, encourage us, and guide us during our journey on Earth. Some early Christian traditions indicate that even after our death, angels continue to guide us in our journey to our final place, whether it is to Heaven or to Hell.

Angels are in our lives to both guide us as Luminaries and protect us as Guardians. The Church honors them with a Feast Day in October each year since before the 11th century. In modern times, it falls on the calendar as October 2nd. There are only 3 named Angels. We will reference them in the Scripture below.



May God bless us with His Wisdom and His Work and the wherewithal to complete the mission. Amen

Tobit 12: 11-20 *Raphael: They Walk With Us.*

"I (Raphael) shall now tell you the whole truth and conceal nothing at all from you. I have already said to you, 'A king's secret should be kept secret, but one must declare the works of God with due honor.'

Now when you prayed, it was I who presented the record of your prayer before the Glory of the Lord; and likewise whenever you used to bury the dead. When you did not hesitate to get up and leave your dinner in order to go and bury that dead man, I was sent to put you to the test. At the same time, however, God sent me to heal you and your daughter-in-law Sarah.



I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand and serve before the Glory of the Lord."

Greatly shaken, the two of them fell prostrate in fear. But Raphael said to them: "Do not fear; peace be with you! Bless God now and forever. As for me, when I was with you, I was not acting out of any favor on my part, but by God's will. So bless God every day; give praise with song. Even though you saw me eat and drink, I did not eat or drink anything; what you were seeing was a vision. So now bless the Lord on earth and give thanks to God. Look, I am ascending to the one who sent me. Write down all that has happened to you." And he ascended.

Revelation 12:7-9 *Michael: Defense Against the Dragon*

Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.

Luke 1: 26-33 *Gabriel: Messengers of God*

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."



But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

The Word of the Lord

Catechism

#332 *Angels of God*

Angels have been present since creation and throughout the history of salvation, announcing this salvation from afar or near and serving the accomplishment of the divine plan: they closed the earthly paradise; protected Lot; saved Hagar and her child; stayed Abraham's hand; communicated the law by their ministry; led the People of God; announced births and callings; and assisted the prophets, just to cite a few examples. Finally, the angel Gabriel announced the birth of Jesus himself.

	ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL MEANS "WHO IS AS GOD?" He is one of the main angels. His name is a battle cry; both shield and weapon in the struggle against the enemy.
	ST. RAPHAEL ARCHANGEL MEANS "DIVINE HEALER" He is friend of the walkers and doctor of the sick both physically and spiritually.
	ST. GABRIEL ARCHANGEL MEANS "STRENGTH OF GOD" He had one of the most important missions: announcing Virgin Mary that she would be the Mother of the Messiah.

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From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.



Angels – Luminaries & Guardians

Bishop Sheen

Brilliant Analysis of Angels in the Modern World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBiuYd4IHH4>

Questions to Focus on: *discuss one or more*

1 Have you ever had an experience with Angels? Tell us about it.

2 Can you recall a time when you had a personal experience with your Guardian Angel? Does your Guardian Angel have a name? Do you talk or thank your Guardian Angel?

THANK GOD FOR TODAY BECAUSE TODAY I WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO:

- † **PRAISE GOD during Happy Moments**
- † **SEEK GOD during Difficult Moments**
- † **WORSHIP GOD during Quiet Moments**
- † **TRUST GOD during Painful Moments**
- † **THANK GOD during Every Moment!**

A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.
We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.



Men's Group Calendar

10/28/2017	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
11/11/2017	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
11/25/2017	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
12/9/2017	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
12/16/2017	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library



A Prayer to Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on Earth.

Saint Michael is our Protector

I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones,
And protect us from sin, danger and death.

Saint Gabriel is a Messenger of the Good News

I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and teach me the Truth.

Saint Raphael is the Healing Angel

I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver us back to the gift of recovery.

Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of Angels and their desire to serve us.
Holy Angels of God, Pray for us.
Amen



Saint Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

You are God's representative on Earth. When you Bless and encourage the people in your life, you are revealing God's love for them.

ACTION PLAN

This week I will do my best to be a Man of Integrity by:

Creating a daily prayer practice

Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence

Paying more attention to Blessing those in my life as God intends

Asking my Angel for help in becoming a better servant of Jesus

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. Amen

May God Bless You.

St. Hilary Men's Group.



Jesus wants us to make choices that reflect
His presence in our hearts.

Life constantly presents us with opportunities to choose to love and serve one
another.

It is not about us.

It is about reaching out in love.

Go to the Author of Life often.



Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son. Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to Bless my family, friends and those who I meet on this path. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, give them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior. Amen. And AMEN.

