



Being Emptied

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In his book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, Robert Fulghum lists those basic qualities that enable us to negotiate the rest of life somewhat successfully. It's what you might expect the curriculum of kindergarten to be about: being kind, saying you're sorry, getting along with others, and sharing. In short, what we learned in kindergarten is about putting others' needs ahead of our own comfort. It's a kind of emptying of our selfishness that seems to take place.

Unfortunately, the process isn't finished by the time we reach adulthood. We still tend to hoard, slam one another with insults, cheat in business, and neglect to apologize. In spite of that extended learning curve

that seems to take place, we slowly do take on those attitudes noted by Fulghum. Marriage can smooth our rough edges. Children's needs call for self-sacrifice. Aging tends to mellow us. And somewhere along the line we learn that talking things out works better than hitting.

Saint Paul encouraged the Philippians to take on the attitude of the Lord Jesus, who emptied himself for our sake. Still, I think much of that emptying takes place in us unconsciously. Some would say it is simply the process of life. Maybe, but then again it may be the gentle hand of God. Saint Teresa of Calcutta is said to have commented that even God can't fill what is already full. So then maybe that emptying is God's way of making room for God. ●



**Humbly regard others
as more important
than yourselves, each
looking out not for his
own interests, but [also]
everyone for those of
others.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:3B-4

Reflect

Since kindergarten, have you become better at putting others first? What do you still need to work on?

September 30 & October
1, 2023

Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

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First Friday Mass
October 6 - Noon



October Rosary Intentions:

Week: Oct 1 - 7

1. For the end of war and for peace throughout the world.
2. For Bishop Mark Brennan, the Priests, religious and laity of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
3. For greater vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life
4. For Father Sebastian, leadership, volunteers, and office staff of our parish.
5. For all families and individuals of our faith community.
6. For the protection of the unborn
7. For all non-practicing Catholics and for the greater conversions of non-believers to the Catholic faith

Upcoming Events:

Fri, Sep 29, 6:00 pm Silent Eucharistic Adoration

Sun, Oct 1, 1:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

Tue, Oct 3, 6:30 Parish Council & Youth - Amy's House of Hope

Fri, Oct 6, First Friday Mass at Noon

Sun, Oct 8, 6:00 pm, Walking with Purpose women's group begins

Oct 9-13 - Fr. Sebastian OOT, No MASS

Fri, Oct 13, 6:00 pm Silent Eucharistic Adoration

Sun, Oct 15, 5:00 pm The Harpa Dei Choir at St. John the Evangelist

Tue, Oct 17, 6:30p Finance Council Meeting

10-Day Rosary begins

Oct 18-19, PACE conference, office closed

Fri, Oct 20, 6:00 pm Silent Eucharistic Adoration

Tue, Oct 31, 4:30 pm All Saints Vigil Mass, HDO; 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat

Wed, Wed 1, 6:00 pm All Saints Day Mass

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Sep 30, 4pm - ✠ **Esther Piconi** by Susie Pace

Sunday, Oct 1, 11am - ✠ **Kenneth Hillyer** by Cathy & Jimmy Hillyer

Tuesday, Oct 3, 6pm - ✠ **Therese Laratta** by Bernadette Dragich

Thursday, Oct 5, Noon - **Adelaide Griffith** (birthday) by Laura & Rick Wyatt

Saturday, Oct 7, 4pm - **Available**

Sunday, Oct 8, 11am - ✠ **Helen & David Myers** by Cathy & Jimmy Hillyer

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The **Sisters of the Infant Jesus** will speak this weekend, **September 30– October 1st**, to plead for support to their organization. This Mission Appeal is an the Authorized Mission from the Diocese of Wheeling—Charleston for 2023.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your "Fur" Kids for a Special blessing on October 1 at 1:00 pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Princeton



SABIKA

BINGO

DOOR PRIZES 50/50 CONCESSIONS

Games, fun, and jewelry

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

PRINCETON SACRED HEART CHURCH
507 HARRISON STREET, PRINCETON WV

EVENT OPENS: 1:00PM
BINGO BEGINS: 2:00PM

Tickets can be purchased starting at 1:00pm for \$25
Includes 16 games cards - Additional cards: \$5
Seating is limited to the first 80
Cover all cards: \$5 each or 3 for \$10
Contact CCWVA at 304-425-4306



Catholic Charities West Virginia

All proceeds benefit programs and services provided by Catholic Charities West Virginia's Southern Region.



2023 WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, October 28th, 2023 10AM-2:45PM
Where: Abel Pregnancy Resource Center
201 Sylvia Lane, Bluefield, WV 24701

Register as a walker/runner and download all your paperwork to begin gathering sponsorships and reach your personal or team goal.
www.aprcfundraiser.org

Questions? Please contact us.
304-325-2000
info@abelcenter.org



Pray for Vocations

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, We ask you to bless our diocese with selfless hearts that are willing to serve You, by serving Your Church.

Lord Jesus raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, faithful people to Consecrated Life and holy men and women to the sacrament of Marriage.

Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness, by listening to the Father's voice and responding with a sacrificial love.

Holy Mary, Model of Vocations, teach us to hear and follow your Son. Holy Mary, Queen of Priests, sanctify our priests and obtain for us many more. Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for our families and intercede for our children.

Amen

The Traveling Vocations Crucifix

The Traveling Vocations Crucifix is a wonderful way to unite our parish community in perpetual prayer for more priestly and religious vocations.

We are encouraging families and individuals of our parish to sign-up to take home the Traveling Vocations Crucifix. Every weekend the crucifix will travel to a different home where it will be enthroned in a highly visible and safe place for all to pray daily for the increase of vocations.

During this week, we encourage families and individuals to talk about vocations and to treat the Crucifix respectfully, like all sacred objects.

Thank you for your commitment to pray for vocations for a week.

We ask that the Crucifix be returned the next weekend so that it is available for the next person who signed-up.
(Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex)

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Youth Ministry - Contact Lorin Albin

Faith Formation - Contact Laura Wyatt

RCIA - Contact Laura Wyatt

Women's Prayer Group - Contact Susie Pace

Men's Group - Contact Jime Cosgrove or Bill Picknally

Walking with Purpose - Contact Laura Wyatt or KD Coleman

The Search - Contact Laura Wyatt

Religious Ed Schedule of Events

- Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - **Faith Formation** K- 5 @ 9:30 am
- Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - **RCIA** @ 9:30 am
- Oct 3 - **YM** - Amy's House of Hope @ 5 pm
- Oct 5 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
Men's Group @ 10 am | Narthex
- Oct 8 - **YM** | meeting after Mass
- Oct 12 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
- Oct 15 - **YM** | Bonfire & Hay Ride
- Oct 19 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
Men's Group @ 10 am | Narthex
- Oct 26 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
- Oct 29 - **Faith Formation** | Halloween activities
- Oct 31 - **YM** - Trunk or Treat (service project) @ 5 pm
- Nov 5 - **Empowering God's children, Safe touch program** | All Saints Day Parade
YM | YM night
- Nov 12 - **Faith Formation** No CLASS
- Nov 19 - **Youth Sunday**

Religious Education

OCIA

Welcome to this incredible journey of faith and self-discovery!

Our first RCIA meeting was truly inspiring, and we're thrilled to share this amazing experience with you. As we continue with the inquiry period, remember that everyone is welcome to join us on this life-changing journey. If you or anyone you

know is interested, please don't hesitate to let us know. We would be honored to have them join us and share this inspiring journey of faith and personal growth together.

Contact Laura Wyatt at
304-425-3664 or
lw Wyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org

Schedule:

October 1 (Inquiry period)
October 8 (Inquiry period)

Location:

Meet in Narthex then head to the Classroom

Faith Formation Great First Day Back!

I'm so happy to see all the kids back and ready to learn about our Catholic Faith. A big shoutout to all the parents who brought their kids - you rock! Your unwavering support for our parish is truly appreciated.

Youth Ministry Help Us Feed the Hungry

Bake a tray or two of your favorite pasta for our Youth to serve at Amy's House of Hope. Text Lorin at 540-529-6495 or sign up in the Narthex. Meals can be delivered HOT to Amy's at 4:30 on **Oct 3** or contact Lorin can arrange to pick up.

The Woman's Prayer Group

Meets weekly on Thursday morning. It is a goal of this group to become more attentive to the "whispers" of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - to listen and follow. To reach this goal we use a variety of materials including ... books, video, music, prayer, discussion, reflection, and silence.

Religious Education Cont.

Walking with Purpose



Welcome to **Opening Your Heart**: The Starting Point. This Bible study will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God, help you form a personal relationship with Christ, and help you find answers to life's biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith.



The Search

Does prayer change me or change God's plans?

Prayer is easily misunderstood. Join us in exploring the meaning of prayer and life's beautiful mysteries by watching The Search. The Search program Coming Soon! your parish here

GET US TO 1 MILLION!



It's not how many Rosaries you will say by Oct. 7th. October 7th is your pledge entry deadline.

"Your deadline to fulfill is between you and God!"
- Sr. Martha Gomez, RGS

3 Ways to Use The Rosary

- ① Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ② Chaplet of the Adorable Sacrament
- ③ Chaplet of St. Gertrude



Young Catholics

Reflection Questions for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1. Can you recall a specific instance where your actions didn't align with your words? How did it impact others?
2. Are you willing to change your initial stance if it turns out to be wrong?
3. In your daily life, which holds more weight: what you

say or what you do? How do you feel about the idea that true change lies in action, not just words?

4. Do you agree that people can change their paths through actions, even after making initial mistakes?

<https://young-catholics.com/2935/26th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/>

October Is Devoted To The Holy Rosary | Mark Your Calendar!

by Genevieve Perkins | Feasts and Solemnities, October

Did you know that each month has a traditional Catholic devotion? This year, let's focus on each devotion month-by-month to grow in our faith and traditions! Make yourself notes, write it on your calendar, and pray a specific prayer each day of the month

to remember. You could use a prayer already associated with the devotion or pray a personal one. (cont. reading check out link below)

October's Catholic Feast Days

October 1: [St. Therese of the Child Jesus](#)
October 2: [Guardian Angels](#)
October 4: [St. Francis of Assisi](#)
October 5: [St. Faustina](#)
October 6: St. Bruno, Blessed Marie-Rose Duroher
<https://catholic-link.org/october-is-devoted-to-the-holy-rosary-mark-your-calendar/>

This Week on Formed

Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy | Divine Mercy | Episode 4 This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/faustina-and-the-spread-of-divine-mercy>





This is the Last Weekend to buy a raffle ticket or bid on the Silent Auction

Silent Auction & Raffle

Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets or bid on the silent auction! All proceeds support our Mommy Ministry!

Silent auction, write your bid on the paper to win a statue of Sr Paula or Fr Sebastian.

Highest bid wins!

There are lots of items in our Raffle.

Tickets are \$1/ ticket or \$20/ 25 tickets.

Place your tickets in the drawing for the items you wish to win. A massage, manicure, hair cuts, are just a few of the

Thank You

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sacred Heart Bluefield and Sacred Heart Princeton collected a combined **\$4,000** to help the United States' most impoverished parishes preach God's word through the mission of **Catholic Extension**. Thank you! **GENEROSITY IS LOVE IN ACTION**. Our parishes exemplify giving, love and generosity to those less fortunate, and Catholic Extension is a perfect vehicle for this purpose.

Note received from Sr. Theresa's family to the Trinidad's expressing their thanks:

"She would have been so pleased with the lovely memorial Mass in her name. Our expression of condolences to you and those who knew her. Your relationship was meaningful to her. Thank you all. "



On Thursday, October 5th at 6:00 pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bluefield will host a presentation by the renowned homilist, Father Chapin Engler. Do you suffer from the "disease of trying to please?" Do you wonder why you are here, what is your purpose? Do you question "Where did God go?" These and other existential issues will be addressed at the event in person and by streaming, followed by a question & answer period and refreshments in the lounge.

Don't miss this opportunity to come and bring a friend to meet the dynamic host of My Daily Living.

October 5, 2023

6:00 PM

**Sacred Heart
Bluefield
1003 Wyoming St.
Bluefield, WV**

Attendance is free. A contribution to Father Chapin's television ministry would be welcome.

<https://mydailyliving.com/support/>

About the program: My Daily Living

Airs on Sundays at 6:30 am on Channel 4
Sundays at 8:30 am on WVTV-FOX,
or anytime on Youtube.



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Moments of the Lord's Supper: A Sensory Experience

Sacramental
Symbols

Music

Join us as we explore the Lord's Supper using our senses!

You will be taken on an unique journey allowing you to see, hear, feel, touch, taste and smell how the Lord was not only present to the disciples in that Upper Room, but shares himself with the Church every time we gather at the Eucharistic table.

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Prayer

Rituals

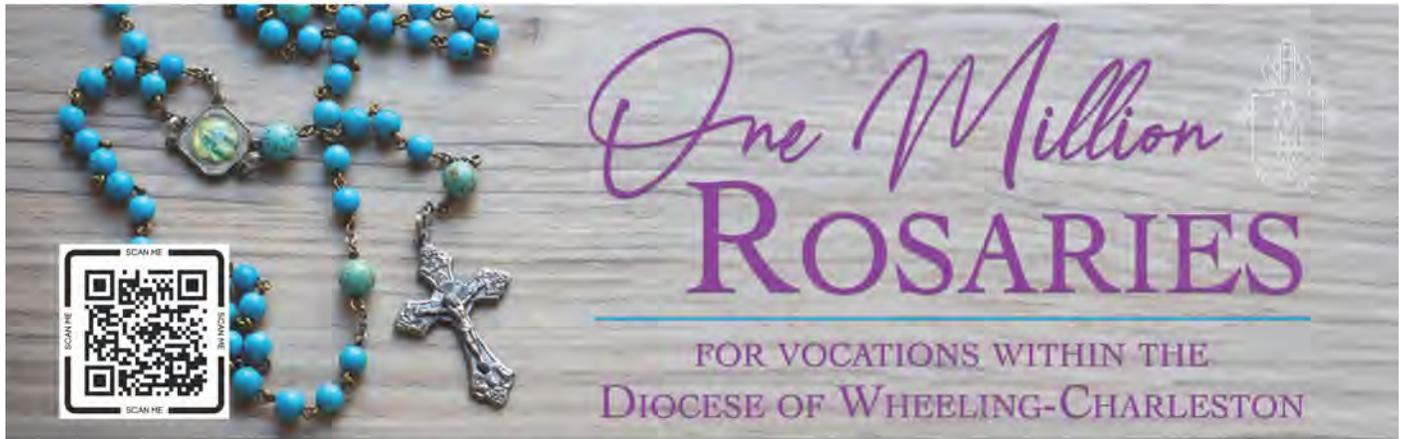


Begins at 6:30 PM (offered at two locations for your convenience)

**October 4—All Saint Parish, Bridgeport, WV
October 5—Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV**



**Sponsored by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.
Free and open to the public.**



CAN WE COUNT YOU IN?

Will you be a part of the movement in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to pray one million rosaries for vocations between the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7th?

While a campaign of such magnitude has never been done by the diocese before in West Virginia with your help we can make it happen.

Promoted by Bishop Mark Brennan and originated by Sister Martha Teresa Gomez, Delegate for Consecrated Life in the diocese, the One Million Rosaries for Vocations mission will have a lasting effect on all of us.

“We are the fruit of many prayers for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life,” said Sister Martha Gomez on behalf of the brothers, sisters, priest, deacons, and all in vocation formation in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Those called to these religious vocations are very appreciative of the love given to them through prayers, cards, letters, and recognition, she said and added that, “behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a faith community....

Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer: and only through prayer can we persevere and bear fruit.”

Gomez further noted the One Million Rosaries for Vocations are to include vocations to the Catholic married or Catholic single life, because we are all called to holiness - to join Christ through our Baptism, serving God as we serve others.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS - YOU ARE #1

In WV we have 66,925 Catholics. We have 24 Catholic schools with nearly 5,000 students and staff; 110 priests; 12 religious communities of priests; five religious brothers; three religious communities of brothers; 82 religious women; 21 religious communities of sisters; 50 permanent

deacons; 92 parishes; 20 missions; 18 chapels; 7,665 PSR/ CCD students; five assisted living/nursing homes; nine Campus Ministries; and a strong community of Catholic organizations like Knights of Columbus, Serra Club, Rosary Altar Societies, etc.

Together we can reach our goal of one million rosaries and increase vocations for our diocese through the intercession of Mary through the Rosary, because it starts with one - you!

DWC TO TALLY PROGRESS

Go to: <https://dwc.org/onemillionrosaries> to pledge the number of rosaries you will say or have said for vocations during the eight-week mission. For those among us who do not have access to a computer they will be able to call the Chancery (304-233-0880 ext. 357) in order to have their total prayer pledge added for them. Moreover, you are encouraged to reach out to this group who are part of our parishes and turn this mission into a moment to connect with them and offer to use your smart phone/device with them to log their commitment. Now that’s living like a saint!

RESOURCES TO MAKE IT EASY

Resources - free apps, prayer cards, guides, coloring pages, and more - are on DWC.org, our social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), & FaithInWV e-bulletins.

SHARE THE MISSION!

In addition to your commitment to the rosaries, faithful of WV are asked to share this endeavor with their family, friends, and organizations outside of WV. If we do that, we’ll have beautiful souls all over the world praying for increased vocations in our diocese, Gomez said.

PLEDGE HERE!

<https://dwc.org/onemillionrosaries>



Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Music for September 30 & October 24, 2023

Celtic Mass
 Mass Readings on pg. 331 Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G850
 "All Are Welcome"

Responsorial Psalm:
 Remember Your Mercies (Refrain 1)

Presentation of Gifts: G777
 "Here I Am, Lord"

Communion: G834
 "We Are Many Parts"

Closing Hymn: G835
 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Parish Council

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	Weekend Sept 23-24	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	1,441.00	124,010.93	126,000.00
Loose Offertory	297.00	7,717.10	3,800.00
Total Contributions	\$ 1,738.00	\$131,728.03	\$ 129,800.00
Mommy Ministry	135.00	1,585.00	0.00
Dioc: Catholic University	510.00	610.00	150.00
Attendance:	4pm: 50	11am: 136	



October Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
Sept 30 4 pm	M Gaspersich	T Marx M Marx D Richardson	C Prox	N/A	C Pace	S Pace
Oct 1 11 am	LaMothe	M Flanigan L Wyatt J Cosgrove	Hillyer's	Picknally	A Albin A Reiger	
Oct 7 4 pm	Bach	Bailey Manley Byron	F Bach	N/A	C Pace	J Cosgrove
8 11 am	Dumapit	H Cofer G Cosgrove K Hickman	Blankenship's	Picknally	J Holt BJ Carter	
14 4 pm	Schumacher	Manley C Pace Settle	M Gaspersich	N/A	T Byron	J Choate
15 11 am	Jo Flanigan E Coleman	Picknally Modena M Albin	S Pike Jay Flanigan	K Carter	A Coleman Ja Flanigan	
21 4 pm	Saffell	Byron Bailey Manley	Prox	N/A	C Pace	T Settle
22 11 am	Cox	Cox K Suehs Y Suehs	Wyatt	Picknally	B Fanning M Reiger	
28 4 pm	Tinio	M Marx C Pace T Marx	M Gaspersich	N/A	T Byron	S Pace
29 11 am	L Albin	G Richardson Barrett Romano	S Neri	Picknally	TBA	

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office
(304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office
(304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman
(304) 920-2440

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher
Ruth Boyd
Deloris Caccamo
Ron Ciccolini
Romulo DelaRosa
Dr. David Garcia
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger
Angie Grbac
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon
Cyndi Jones
Nancy Larkin
Valarie Laxton

Christina Laxton
Robert Laxton
Kaitlyn Laxton
Keith Laxton
Jim Lintz
Jim & Diane Luciano
Tanya Marx
Jaelynn Mendoza
Annette Morgan
Dr. Jun Neri
Patricia Nester
Alan Rieger

Vivian Romano
Deborah Saffell
Gareth Settle
Felomina Yongque
Carrie Yurkovich
Jane Walthall

Family & Friends:

B.J. Asbury
Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)
John Bowers
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)
Christopher Castle
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)
Linda Cunningham
Kimiko Fetro (friend of Bill Picknally)
Kyle Geiger
Mike Goff
Patricia Gupton (daughter of Jim

Cosgrove)
Myles Harris
Velma Hartwell
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's
granddaughter)
Brenda Ivelise
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)
Langan Family
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)
Richard Lockhart
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich
family)
Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores
Caccamo)

Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),
Rex Neely
Agnes Sedi
Sherry Sisk
Bryan Staten
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon
Buttaci)
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick
& Laura Wyatt)
Brent Younts
Gianna

Dear Padre,

Where does Church teaching on angels come from? Where did we get their division into classes and the concept of the guardian angel?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the existence of angels is “a truth of faith” known in both Scripture and Tradition (CCC 328). Here is an ancient definition: An angel is a mighty, concentrated personality standing in God’s presence, ready to do his bidding instantly.

Jesus famously speaks of what we take to be the guardian angels of children. He says the angels of these children always look on the face of God (see Matthew 18:10). Angels took care of Jesus (see Matthew 4:11).

The Church understands angels to be spirits. Angel means “messenger,” and angels are servants of God. Different classes of angels are mentioned in the Bible (for example, Ephesians 1:21 and 3:10, and Colossians 1:16). We speak of Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel as archangels because the jobs God gave them to do were so important.

The Church holds that Satan is a fallen angel (CCC 391). Jesus tells us Satan “was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him” (John 8:44). ●



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Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8
<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Zec 8:1-8 Mt 18:1-5, 10	Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56	Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Lk 10:1-12	Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24	Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord. And let us ask him: “Lord, let me rediscover the joy of giving.”

HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 6, 2018



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