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Notes from Fr. Nick



Angels

With the feast of Archangels on Tuesday and of Guardian Angels this Friday, it's a good time to reflect on angels in the scriptures and Church teaching. Angels appear in many religions, including Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Angels are frequently mentioned throughout the Old and New Testaments, so their existence is affirmed both in scripture and in the Church.



Bartolomé Murillo, Archangel Raphael with Bishop Domonte, Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts.

Perhaps the one thing we know for sure about the nature of angels is that they attend God and are his messengers. It is not established whether they are extensions of God's person or independent individuals. The *Catechism* states, "Christ is the center of the angelic world.... They belong to him because he has made them messengers of his saving plan." (331)

In the oldest writings from the Hebrew Scriptures, it is sometimes difficult to tell whether or not a being in question is human, an angel, or God himself. An example of this is when Jacob wrestles with God. Some accounts describe this encounter as a fight with a man or an angel. (Gen 32:23-32) The Hebrew language leaves the matter ambiguous.

The *Catechism* (334-35) further states that the "whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels. In the liturgy: the words of angels begin the Gloria; they are invoked in the Holy, and their assistance is asked in the Roman Canon. Near the end of the funeral ritual the hymn *In Paradisium* states, "May the angels lead you into Paradise."

Angels come in different categories. Archangels are considered to be the highest in rank. While there are numerous archangels from apocryphal sources, only three are mentioned in the scriptures: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. The New Testament uses the term "archangels" just twice, and only Michael is identified by name. (I Thes 4:16; Jude 1:9).

Guardian Angels are angels who surround us from infancy to death, caring and interceding for us according to the *Catechism*. "Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith the blessed company of angels and men united in God." (336)

St. Thomas Aquinas lists nine types of angels in hierarchies according to their closeness to God's throne: **seraphim, cherubim, thrones, dominations, virtues, powers, principalities, archangels, and angels.** (Summa Theologica I:108) While many of these names come from scripture, it was actually a 6th-century Neo-Platonic philosopher called Pseudo-Dionysius who interpreted all of these names as those of angels and organized the list.

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The Kids' Bulletin

In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.
 Which one did what his father asked?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!

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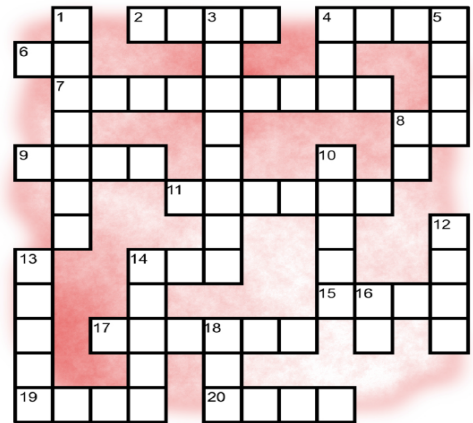
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Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle.
 a=across & d=down.

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Thus _____ (5d) the _____ : (20a) You _____, (14a) "The Lord's way is not _____!" (2a) Hear now, house of Israel: _____ (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways _____? (17a) When someone virtuous _____ (10d) away from _____ (11a) to commit _____, (3d) and dies, _____ (8d) is _____ (1d) of the iniquity he committed that _____ (6a) _____ (12d) die. But _____ (16d) he turns from the wickedness he has _____, (7a) and _____ (4a) what is right and _____, (9a) he shall preserve his life; _____ (14d) he has turned away from _____ (18d) the _____ (15a) that he committed, he _____ (13d) surely _____, (19a) he shall not _____. (4d)

September 27th, 2020 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection for the Week Ending September 20 th			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
09/20/2020	\$10,479.60	\$8,829.00	\$1,650.60
Year-to-Date	\$316,015.72	\$346,673.00	-\$30,657.28
Remember the "Widow's Mite."			

Our Confirmandi are now Confirmed!

Please pray for our youth who were fully initiated into the church last Sunday and yesterday (photo to appear next week):

Thomas Bell	Lila Higley	Kaitlin Stephens
A.J. Brencic	Michael Hurley	Dominic Storella
William Christie	Aidan Mark	Gabriel Tarantino
John Ernst	Alexander Pansino	Lucia Tarantino
Julia Frantz	Isabella Perez	Elijah Tipton
Jens Hallock	George Rice	Louisa Tipton
Noa Henthorn-Iwane	Benjamin Soto	Nicolas Ulloa

Covid-19 Reflection Group with Fr. Nick

All interested parishioners are invited to join Fr. Nick in a series of bi-weekly meetings to share our responses to the pandemic. We are meeting on Rengel Plaza (in front of Norton Hall) bi-weekly on Monday afternoons.

Our next 'socially-distanced' meeting will take place **tomorrow, September 28th**, at 5:30 p.m. Bring your mask!

Scripture Readings for the Week

27 th	26 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ezekiel 18:25-28 / Philippians 2:1-11 / Matthew 21:28-32
28 th	Weekday [St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz, Martyrs] Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 / Matthew 9:9-13
29 th	Feast Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Deuteronomy 7:9-14 / John 1:47-51
30 th	Memorial St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Job 9:1-12, 14-16 / Luke 9:57-62
1 st	Memorial St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Virgin and Doctor Job 19:21-27 / Luke 10:1-12
2 nd	Memorial The Holy Guardian Angels Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 (459) / Matthew 18:1-5, 10
3 rd	Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary] Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Luke 10:17-24

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Rose Imhof
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Maria Encino
	5:30	Intentions of Mary Day
Tuesday	8:30	Paulina Betschart RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Br. Michael Thomas Cain, OP
Wednesday	8:30	Pete Hurd & Jerry O'Brien RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Br. Chrysostom Mijinke, OP
	5:30	Intentions of Br. Martin Maria Nguyen, OP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Joe & Pauline Fassler
	5:30	Intentions of Stefan Grycz & Family

Peace & Justice Notes

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees:

"The presence of migrants and refugees ... is an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society. That is why *it is not just about migrants*. When we show concern for them, we also show concern for ourselves; in taking care of them, we all grow; in listening to them, we also give voice to a part of ourselves that we may keep hidden because it is not well-regarded nowadays." (Pope Francis, 2019)

In the United States: A federal appeals court panel ruled that the Administration can end humanitarian protections under the *Temporary Protected Status* program. The Court's decision affects about 300,000 immigrants from El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua and Sudan. Many of these legal immigrants have lived in the U.S. for decades, have children born in this country and have been considered essential workers during the pandemic. They are here because of natural disaster, armed conflict, or other "extraordinary and temporary conditions" in their home countries. This humanitarian assistance was Congress' intention when it created the TPS program in 1990. The DHS now has the go-ahead to deport these immigrants starting in January, despite prevailing conditions in their home countries.

Federal Executions 2020: William Emmett LeCroy, Jr. and Andre Vialva were scheduled to be executed September 22 & 24, respectively, by order of Attorney General William Barr and the Administration, which reinstated executions for federal crimes earlier this summer. On September 23, Barr was to be honored by the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast to receive its Christifideles Laici Award "*In Honor and Gratitude for Fidelity to the Church, Exemplary Selfless and Steadfast Service in the Lord's Vineyard.*"

Sunday, October 11th, 1:30-3:00 pm: *Voting Your Conscience*, A Faith-based Dialogue (via Zoom) on why we are called to vote and how we can vote well, sponsored by St. Joan of Arc Parish. Dialogue facilitators are Julie Rubio (Jesuit School of Theology) and Jason Brennan (Georgetown University School of Business). Zoom Link: tinyurl.com/VYC-Zoom

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