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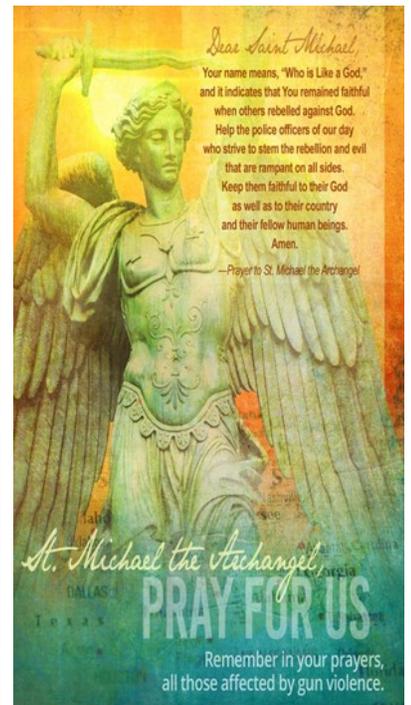
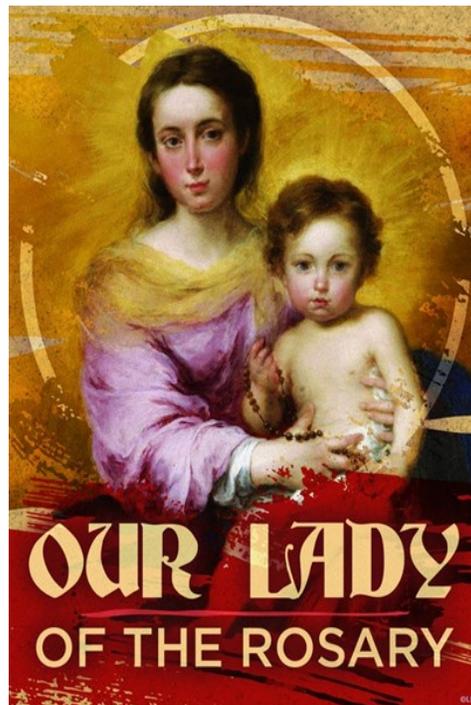
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Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)

Holy Days: 8:30AM, 12:15 PM, 7:30PM

Weekdays & Sat.: 8:30AM, 12:15 PM

Morning Prayer: Daily 8:30AM

Spanish Mass: Sunday, 12:00 Noon

Holy Days—Evenings Before—7:00PM

Wednesday—7:00PM (Español)

Monday 7:00PM (every first Monday of the month in Español) Primer lunes de mes

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: <u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
8:00	12:00 (Español)
10:00 (Family)	5:00
	6:30 (Français)

Confessions: Saturday — 4 to 5:30

Sick Or Emergency Calls:

Call the Rectory at 718-892-3232

Devotions:

- Circulo De Oracion: lunes, 7 a 9.00PM
- Miraculous Medal Novena Monday after 12:15 PM Mass
- Exposición del Santísimo y Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia: miércoles, 7PM
- Eucharistic Adoration Thursday between the 8:30 & 12:15 Masses
- First Friday: 1 to 6:30PM
- Sacred Heart Novena: Thursday, Noon
- English Bible Study: Tuesday, 1PM & 7:30PM and Sunday 11:15AM
- Rosary: Wednesday, 1:00PM

Baptisms: Arrangements must be made at the Rectory for Baptismal Class. Bring a copy of the child's Birth Certificate and Godparent documents.

Marriages: Arrangements for weddings should be made as soon as possible at the Rectory.

Parish Registration: All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should fill out a registration card at the Rectory.



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ANGELS

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition." Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or divine messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their very existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are but one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible based on St. Paul's writings. In ascending order, the nine choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Sept. 27

St. Vincent de Paul (1581 - 1660) was born in Gascony, France, and died in Paris. He studied theology at Toulouse and was then ordained a priest in 1600. As a young priest, he fell into the hands of Mohammedan pirates who carried him off to Africa. After his return to France, he became successively parish priest, grand almoner of the galley slaves, and spiritual director of the Visitation nuns. He founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Mission or Lazarists to preach especially to country people. With the help of Louise de Marillac, he established the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity to care for young girls, for the needy, sick, and foundlings. He died at St. Lazarus's which was the center of his Congregation. Leo XIII proclaimed him a special patron saint of charitable institutions. His incorrupt heart is in the sister's convent.

SAINTS OF SEPTEMBER 28

St. Wenceslaus was born in 907. He was Duke of Bohemia, yet he often carried wood to the houses of the poor and needy and attended their funerals. After many trials in governing and evangelizing his people, he suffered martyrdom at the hands of his brother in the year 929. He is the first Slav to be canonized as a saint. He was posthumously declared to be King of the Czechs.

In the 17th century **St. Lawrence Ruiz** (1633-1637) and his 15 companions shed their blood for Christ in Nagasaki, Japan. These martyrs were members of the Order of St. Dominic. They were nine priests, two religious, two sisters, and three laymen. Among the latter was Lawrence Ruiz, a family man from the Philippines. They abundantly sowed the missionary seed of Christianity with the example of their life and death. He is the first Filipino to be canonized as a saint. They died hanging upside down over a pit.

St. Simon de Rojas was a Spanish priest of the Trinitarian Order, who died in 1624. He was known as the "Apostle of the Ave Maria," for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A person of many abilities, Simon was a theologian and a spiritual writer, as well as a friend and benefactor of the poor. He was canonized by Pope Saint John Paul II on July 3, 1988.

St. John of Dukla was born in Dukla, Poland in 1414. He joined the Friars Minor Conventual, a religious order who strictly adhered to their rule of poverty and obedience. Though he went blind later in age he was able to hear confessions and prepare sermons with the help of an aide. His preaching was credited in bringing people back to the Church in his province. Soon after his death, there was an immediate miracle at his tomb and several more miracles were attributed to him. On June 10, 1997, he was canonized by Pope Saint John Paul II in a Mass which was held at Krosno, Poland before approximately one million people.

FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS - Sept. 29

The name of the archangel **Michael** means, in Hebrew, "who is like unto God", and he is also known as "the prince of the heavenly host." He is usually pictured as a strong warrior, dressed in armor and wearing sandals. His own name appears in Scripture four times, twice in the Book of Daniel, and once each in the Epistle of St. Jude and in St. John's Book of Revelation. From Revelation, we learn of the battle in heaven, with Saint Michael and his angels combatting Lucifer and the other fallen angels (or devils). We invoke St. Michael to help us in



our fight against Satan; to rescue souls from Satan, especially at the hour of death; to be the champion of the Jews in the Old Testament and now Christians; and to bring souls to judgment. He is the patron saint of soldiers, police and doctors.

St. Gabriel's name means "God is my strength". Biblically he appears three times as a messenger. He had been sent to Daniel to explain a vision concerning the Messiah. He appeared to Zechariah when he was offering incense in the Temple, to foretell the birth of his son, St. John the Baptist. St. Gabriel is most known as the angel chosen by God to be the messenger to Mary of the Annunciation, to announce to mankind the sacred mystery of the Incarnation. The angel's salutation to our Lady, so simple and yet so full of meaning, Hail Mary, full of grace, has become the most constant and familiar prayer of all Catholics.

Our knowledge of the Archangel **Raphael** comes to us from the book of Tobit. His mission as a wonderful healer and a fellow traveler with the youthful Tobias has caused him to be invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda. His name means "God has healed".

There are only two Archangels named in the bible used by most Protestants, as well as in the Quran: Michael and Gabriel. But, originally there were seven discussed in the apocryphal Qumran text called "The Book of Enoch." The other four have various names but are most often called Uriel, Raguel, Zerachiel, and Remiel. These four Archangels are not mentioned in most modern versions of the Bible, because the book of Enoch was judged noncanonical in the 4th century AD. Accordingly, the Council of Rome of 382 removed these Archangels from the list of heavenly beings to be venerated.

Uriel: Uriel's name translates to "Fire of God," and he is the Archangel of Repentance and of the Damned. He was the specific Watcher assigned to watch over Hades, and he is the patron of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Raguel: (also known as Sealtiel). Raguel translates to "Friend of God" and he is the Archangel of Justice and Fairness, and patron of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Zerachiel: (also known as Saraqael, Baruchel, Selaphiel, or Sariel). Called "God's command," Zerachiel is the Archangel of God's Judgment and the patron of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Remiel: (Jerahmeel, Jehudial, or Jeremiel) Remiel's name means "Thunder of God," "Mercy of God," or "Compassion of God." He is the Archangel of Hope and Faith, or the Archangel of Dreams, as well as the patron saint of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

ST. JEROME - Sept. 30

One of the greatest Biblical scholars of Christendom, Saint Jerome was born of Christian parents at Stridon in Dalmatia around the year 345. Educated at the local school, he then studied rhetoric in Rome for eight years, before returning to Aquileia to set up a community of ascetics. When that community broke up after three years Jerome went to the east. He met an old hermit named Malchus, who inspired the saint to live in a bare cell, dressed in sackcloth, studying the Scriptures. He learned Hebrew from a rabbi. Then he returned to Antioch and was reluctantly ordained as a priest. With his bishop, he visited Constantinople and became friendly with Saints Gregory Nazianzen and Gregory of Nyssa. And then in 382, he went again to Rome, to become the personal secretary of Pope Damasus. Here he met his dearest friends, a wealthy woman called Paula, her daughter Eustochium, and another wealthy woman named Marcella. Here too he began his finest work. Commissioned by the pope, he began to revise the Latin version of the psalms and the New Testament, with such immense care and scholarship. Jerome eventually translated the whole of the Bible into the Latin version which is known as the Vulgate. But when Damasus died, his enemies forced the saint to leave Rome very quickly.

Accompanied by Paula and Eustochium, Jerome went to Bethlehem. There he lived for thirty-four years till his death in 420, building a monastery over which he presided and a convent headed first by Paula and after her death by Eustochium. The saint set up a hospice for the countless pilgrims to that place. His scholarship, his polemics, his treatises and letters often provoked anger and always stimulated those who read them. 'Plato located the soul of man in the head,' he wrote, 'Christ located it in the heart.' He is the patron of archaeologists and librarians.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. THERESE - Oct. 1

Marie Therese Martin was born at Alencon, France on January 2, 1873, the youngest of five daughters. Her father, Louis, was a watchmaker, and her mother, Zelie, who died of breast cancer when Therese was four, was a lacemaker. She was brought up in a model Christian home. While still a child she felt the attraction of the cloister, and at fifteen obtained permission to enter the Carmel of Lisieux. For the next nine years, she lived a very pious, ordinary religious life. There are no miracles, exploits or austerities that are recorded of her. She attained a very high degree of holiness by carrying out her ordinary daily duties with perfect fidelity, having a childlike confidence in God's providence and merciful love, and being ready to be at the service of others at all times. She also had a great love of the Church and zeal for the conversion of souls. She prayed especially for priests. She died of consumption on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24, and was canonized in 1925. She has never ceased to fulfill her promise: "I will pass my heaven in doing good on earth." Her interior life is known through her autobiography called *Story of a Soul*. Pope Saint John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church in 1997.

GUARDIAN ANGELS - Oct. 2

Each person on earth has a guardian angel who watches over him and helps him to attain his salvation. The idea that each soul has assigned to it a personal guardian angel has been long accepted by the Church and is a truth of our faith. Their existence was dogmatically declared by the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215. From the Gospel of today's liturgy, we read: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10) The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states that "the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith (328)." From our birth until our death, man is surrounded by the protection and intercession of special angels, particularly our guardian angel: "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life (336)." The Church thanks God for our helpers, the angels, particularly on this feast day. It is a common theological opinion that since the soul is infused at the moment of conception, angelic guardianship also begins at that moment. This holy protection continues throughout our whole life and ceases only when our probation on earth ends, namely, at the moment of death. Our guardian angel accompanies our soul to purgatory or heaven and becomes our coheir in the heavenly kingdom.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE-Please join in praying and fasting for the protection of the unborn and for the conversion of those who perpetrate sins against human life. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Archdiocese from **September 22** through **October 31**. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 19,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more about 40 Days for Life, visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

For more information about participating please contact Cecile (347) 697-7589; 40Days.Bronx@gmail.com

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, which is a center for spiritual learning, where young men partake in the training necessary for the priesthood. The cornerstone for St. Joseph's was laid in 1891 by Archbishop Michael Augustine Corrigan, with the first scholastic full year beginning 125 years ago for ninety-eight students on September 21, 1896. Until 1906, it was under the direction of priests of the Society of Saint Sulpice, and afterward, the Seminary has been directed by the Archdiocese and its diocesan priests. St. Helena's founding pastor Msgr. Arthur Scanlan joined the faculty of Dunwoodie in 1909 where (with the exception of a year of graduate studies in Rome from 1911 to 1912) he would remain

for the next three decades, first as professor of philosophy for twenty years, then from 1931 to 1940 as Rector of the Seminary. Please give generously to this collection.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE-(say this novena 9 times a day for 9 days) May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, and glorified, now and forevermore. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. St. Jude, saint of the impossible, pray for us and grant our request. St. Jude, pray for me.

DAILY SPANISH MASSES are celebrated here at St. Helena at **7PM, Monday-Friday**. In addition, the front doors of the church will now be locked at **4:30PM**. However, the side church door will remain open for people to enter and leave.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA is prayed every week in Spanish on **Wednesdays** at **7PM** in the church and every **Saturday** at **1PM** in English in the Green Building.

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY SESSION-All students who will be receiving First Holy Communion in **May 2022** and their families are to attend a session with Fr. Richard on **Sun., Oct. 3** at **11AM** in the school cafeteria. Enter in the back school door opposite the Green Building.

SPANISH FAMILY SESSION-All students and their families enrolled in our Religious Education Program whose primary language is Spanish should attend this session on **Sun., Oct. 10** at **1PM** in the school cafeteria. Enter in the school door opposite the Green Building. You can still register for religious ed.

SESIÓN DE FAMILIA EN ESPAÑOL: Todos los estudiantes y sus familias inscritos en nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa cuyo idioma principal es el español deben asistir a esta sesión el domingo 10 de octubre a la 1PM en la cafetería de la escuela. Entrar en la puerta de la escuela frente al Edificio Verde.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND RCIA CLASSES Registration continues this weekend. You must register your child again with Father Richard, even if they were in our Religious Education program last year. You may register at the table in the back of the church or on weekdays you may register in the rectory. We are also accepting applications from any non-Catholic adult who may be interested in learning more about our faith or any adult who is missing sacraments. This is called the RCIA program.

Our regular religious education classes are now on either **Sunday morning** or **Wednesday at 3:45PM**. If your child is not now attending Catholic School, they should be enrolled in our parish religious education program, especially if they are preparing for the two Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, which are both two-year programs. Please see Fr. Richard to enroll them as soon as possible; classes have already begun.

Nuestras clases regulares de educación religiosa a las **3:45PM**. Si su hijo no asiste a la escuela católica, debe ser inscrito en nuestro programa de educación religiosa de la parroquia, especialmente si se están preparando para los sacramentos de la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación, ambos programas son de dos años. Por favor vea al Padre Richard para inscribirlos.

THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS is the title of our new 11-session Parish Bible Study, which is held every **Tuesday**, at either **1PM** or **7:30PM** in the Green Building. A session also takes place on **Sundays** at **11:30AM**. Everyone is welcome to come.

ENGLISH PRAYER GROUP every **Sat.** at **1PM** in Green Building both in person and virtual. We also pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the beginning. We bid farewell to Annette Wharff and thank her.

LEGION OF MARY meets every **Sat** at **1PM** in the Rectory.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BELONGINGS IN THE PEWS-We have recently had some parishioners who have lost items that were left in the pews. We have a lost-and-found in both the sacristy and the rectory which have some of these found objects, but it is best to make sure you have your valuables with you at all times.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BRONX CONCERT SINGERS welcome new singers. The next rehearsal is **Tuesday, September 28** at **7:30PM** in the church.

STREET FAIR PLANNING MEETING on **Wed., Sept. 29** at **8PM** in the rectory basement meeting room. We are going to have an old-fashioned cakewalk as part of the event, and we are asking parishioners to bake any kind of cake that will be used as the prizes. We are also accepting Religious Items to sell.

CALASANZ MOVEMENT YOUTH GROUP-The Calasanz Movement Youth Group invites all young people ages 13-30 to our meetings scheduled every Friday at **7PM**. Please encourage your children be a part of the Calasanz Movement Youth Group where they get to learn about our Lord, in a positive, supportive, and fun- filled atmosphere and in making lifelong friendships.

ST. HELENA BOY SCOUT TROOP AND CUB SCOUT PACK are now accepting new members. We are accepting both boys and girls into the programs. The Cub Scouts will meet on **Saturdays** from **9:30-11AM**, and the Scouts from **11AM-12:30PM** that same day in the parish parking lot.

FOOD PANTRY Our Food Pantry distributes cooked food every **Tuesday** from **12-2PM**, depending on what time the food is delivered. We are planning a special Halloween event.

FIRE IN THE BRONX-After many months, outdoor concerts are now coming back to New York City, and here in the Bronx, there will be a free Spanish Charismatic Event at St. Helena's on **Sunday, September 26**, from **2-6PM** in St. Helena Church.

The guest speaker will be Juan de la Rosa, the Director of the Charismatic Renewal for the Archdiocese of New York. There will be lots of exciting music, food, and prayer and praise.

FUEGO EN EL BRONX: Después de muchos meses, los conciertos al aire libre están volviendo a la ciudad de Nueva York, y aquí en el Bronx, habrá un Concierto Español gratuito al aire libre en la Iglesia de Santa Elena el **domingo 26 de Septiembre, de 2 a 6 PM**. El orador invitado será Juan de la Rosa, el Director de la Renovación Carismática de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York. Habrá mucha música emocionante, comida, y oración y alabanza.

CAKES NEEDED FOR STREET FAIR-Our final Street Fair of the year will be on **Saturday, October 2** on Castle Hill Ave. from **10AM - 6PM**. We are looking for homemade or bakery cakes as the prizes for an old-fashioned "cakewalk." We will also accept any religious goods you may have. Please bring them either to the rectory or to the event.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS will take place on **Sun., October 3** from **1:30-3:30PM** and on **Mon., October 4**, the Feast of Saint Francis, from **1-3PM**. The Blessing will take place in our parish parking lot. We will also have pet medals available.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLYLAND: St. Helena's is planning a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the fall of 2022. The company organizing the tour is Unitours Inc. One highlight of the trip, which is expected to cost about \$3,800 per person, is that couples will have a chance to renew their wedding vows at Cana in Galilee. We will have an important informational session about the trip on **Sunday, October 24** at **11AM** in the Peralta Room, which is the meeting room in the rectory basement. This is the first of several meetings, and it is an important one as it will answer most of your questions. You must RSVP to the rectory at **718-892-3232** so the tour company will know how many people to expect. Be prepared to ask your questions.



Traveling to Jerusalem

VIEW ON FORMED-Everyone at St. Helena's has a free parish subscription at www.formed.org. Just click join as a parishioner. Wednesday is the Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels, and Saturday is the Memorial of the Guardian Angels. Watch: *Defeating the Devil, Power and Dominions, or Angels*.

Listen to: *Defeating Satan's Deadly Weapon Against Men, Angels Explained, or Former Satanist Becomes Catholic*. Thursday Watch: *The Example of St. Jerome*, a Memorial for this Priest and Doctor of the Church. Friday on her Memorial, Watch: *Therese, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Miracle of Saint Therese, or The Secret of Saint Therese*.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE DAY on **Tuesday, October 5** from **12-5PM** on Benedict Avenue from Pugsley to Olmstead. Featuring Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, celebrity entertainment, healthy cooking, physical activity demonstrations, and much more.

MAN-UP NY will take place on **Sat., Oct. 23** from **8AM-5PM** at St. Joseph's Seminary. This event focuses on supporting and encouraging men to be better sons, fathers, and husbands by living out their faith and leading their families by example. For more info, visit www.manupny.com

PARKCHESTER FARMER'S MARKET, which is located at the intersection of White Plains Rd. and Westchester Ave, is open every **Friday** from **8AM-4PM**.

SEE IF YOUR CHILD qualifies for food and health services on the WIC program, regardless of your immigration status. Call Andrea at **646-453-7064** or **Caridad** at **646-948-1315**.

VEA SI SU HIJO califica para recibir alimentos y servicios de salud en el programa WIC, sin importar su estatus migratorio. Llame a Andrea al **646-453-7064** or **Caridad** at **646-948-1315**.

PILGRIM ROSA MYSTICA STATUE is now available to be brought to your home for nine days for prayer. The statue is now in the Rivera household. If you would like the statue to visit your home for nine days, please call Meera Job at **718-924-6657**.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PETITION-We are asking the city to address the hazardous intersection of White Plains Rd. and Westchester Ave. We must obtain 200 signatures in order to petition the city to address this issue. There are four-signature petition sheets at the back of the church. If you are over 18, please take a minute to have four adults sign this important petition, and return it to the rectory or the back of the church as soon as possible. There is increasing traffic on those streets.

PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL is holding a TACHS Workshop for 8th grade girls and boys **September 18-October 30** from **9AM-12PM**. Program cost is \$350. To register visit: <http://tachsinfo.com>. For Admissions contact Cristina Fragale at **718-863-9134 ext, 132** or cfragale@prestonhs.org.

OPEN HOUSE DATES FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Fordham Prep	10/14 Thurs	6:00PM
	10/30 Sat	11:00AM

Visit: fordhamprep.org/admissions for details on open house

Notre Dame Sch. of Manhattan	10/24 Sun	2:30-5PM
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RSVP Registration required		
St. Raymond's (Boys)	10/17 Sun	12-3:30PM
Ursuline School	10/23 Sat	11AM or 2PM
	10/27 Wed	6:30PM
	Virtually 11/3 Wed	6:30PM

SMALLER CATHOLIC COLLEGES THRIVE as national enrollments take a hit. At a time when college enrollment nationwide declined 3.5% from the previous year, the University of Dallas, Ave Maria University, Christendom College, and Thomas Aquinas College are among the Catholic institutes of higher learning to report incoming classes as being substantially higher than any previous class.

AA BIG BOOK meetings at **7PM** both virtually and in-person. every **Sat.** in the Green Building. The Zoom Meeting Code is 84360210329 and the password is dasolution.

VIRTUAL AL-ANON MEETINGS-meet every **Saturday** at **9AM**. Call in at **712-770-5372**, and the access code is: 178602.

LATIN HOME CARE offers Home Care Services and training 24/7. Call **718-918-1749**. You can get paid to care for a loved one.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT encourages everyone to report storm damage using the Damage Assessment Tool, located here: <https://on.nyc.gov/report-damage>.

El tribunal supremo de México rechaza la cláusula de protección de la conciencia en la ley de salud. El Tribunal Supremo de México ha anulado una disposición de la cláusula de conciencia que permitía a los trabajadores de la salud negarse a participar en tratamientos que consideraran moralmente objetables. El tribunal dictaminó que una ley promulgada en 2018 no "establece los lineamientos y límites necesarios para la objeción de conciencia", diciendo que se requeriría una norma adecuada para proteger la salud de los pacientes.

LOS ÁNGELES DE LA GUARDA

Entre las miríadas de ángeles se encuentran los ángeles de la guarda, seres especiales que guían y custodian cada vida humana. Según el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, desde el momento de la concepción hasta el último aliento de una persona, un ángel de la guarda rodea a cada ser humano con "su cuidado e intercesión". La Iglesia honra a estos guardianes con una fiesta el 2 de octubre. A menudo agrupados con hadas y otras criaturas imaginarias, los ángeles se afirman como verdad a través de las Escrituras y la tradición católica. Su existencia fue declarada dogmáticamente por el Cuarto Concilio de Letrán en 1215. Creados por Dios como seres espirituales y no corpóreos que poseen inteligencia y voluntad, los ángeles "han estado presentes desde la creación y a lo largo de la historia de la salvación", según el catecismo.

La palabra "ángel" viene del griego "angelos", que significa "mensajero", y estos seres son enviados que ayudan en el plan salvador de Dios. Cuando uno piensa en los ángeles, tal vez lo primero que le viene a la mente son los arcángeles: Miguel, Rafael y Gabriel. No es de extrañar, ya que son los únicos ángeles que se nombran en la Biblia, y cada uno tiene un papel único en la historia de la salvación. Pero los ángeles de la guarda, aquellos a los que quizá rezabas junto a la cama de tu infancia, también tienen un lugar en la historia de la salvación. Estos guardianes, según la Enciclopedia de la Doctrina Católica, "están encargados sobre todo de ayudar a la humanidad a conocer y amar a Dios en esta vida, para disfrutar de la felicidad eterna en el cielo". La Iglesia anima a los fieles a rezar a sus ángeles de la guarda y a darles las gracias a diario.

Muchos santos confiaron firmemente en sus ángeles de la guarda, como Santo Tomás de Aquino, San Francisco de Asís, el Padre Pío y San Juan Pablo. El Padre Pío, un franciscano capuchino que murió en 1968, tuvo la visión no sólo de su propio ángel de la guarda, sino también de los de los demás. "Qué consolador es saber que siempre estamos bajo la protección de un espíritu celestial, que nunca nos abandona, ni siquiera (¡hecho admirable!) en el mismo acto por el que desagradamos a Dios", escribió el Padre Pío en una carta a una de sus hijas espirituales.

Los ángeles de la guarda actúan de forma diferente según la persona esté o no bautizada. Para los no bautizados, su función principal es proteger a las personas de daños graves y del mal; para los bautizados, su función, junto con la de protección, "es más directamente sobrenatural: sirven de guía en el camino hacia el cielo".

A algunos católicos les gusta nombrar a sus ángeles de la guarda como un acto de devoción privada, que no forma parte de la tradición de la Iglesia, pero no está prohibido. Como no tienen cuerpo, los ángeles no tienen género y sólo adoptan apariencia humana para ser percibidos por los humanos. Las Escrituras hablan de que los ángeles tienen alas, lo que indica su capacidad de trasladarse de un lugar a otro en un instante. Los ángeles de la guarda, escribió el Padre Pío, nos protegen "como un amigo, como un hermano, y esto debe ser un consuelo constante para nosotros". Así que considera la posibilidad de incluir en tu día

una oración a tu ángel de la guarda. Hay un amigo de toda la vida a tu lado, dispuesto a aligerar tus cargas y a acercarte a Dios.

Lucifer, chased by St. Michael the Archangel, hid himself in the New York Philharmonic Orchestra:

-He was eventually found in the horns section.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: September 19 — \$4,544.26
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Mass Intentions

September 26 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 +Luis Rexach-Gonzalez

10:00 S +Amalia Franco de Torres; +*Jennie Quintana*

12:00 (Sp) +Jacqueline French; +Juan Vallejo; +Joseph and Lidia Bastone, Marino Mota, Librado Geraldo and Gustavo Rosales; +Teresa Barragan; Jaime Olaya-70 Cumleañes

2:00 Spanish Charismatic Event

5:00 +Maria Diaz; *Annette Wharff In Thanksgiving*

6:30 (Fr) +Margaret Bongyii and Raphael Mbinkar

September 27 – Monday — St. Vincent de Paul

6:30* Vincent McDonnell-Intentions

8:30 S Mary Cullen-Blessings in Thanksgiving

12:15 +Fanny Serrano

September 28 – Tuesday – St. Wenceslaus and Companions

6:30* Alessandra Mia Savino's Utmost Facility to Achieve Salvation and for a Close and Loving Relationship with her Paternal Grandmother

8:30 S +Jackson Thorburn

12:15 +Epiphana Carrillo; +*Julio Mireles*

September 29 – Wednesday— Feast of the Archangels

6:30* In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to J. Savino

8:30 S +Luzvina Vega

12:15 +Ralph A. Cerbone, Jr. and Sr.

7:00 (Sp) +Adelina Yuta; Santo nombre de niño Jesus en nombre de Enrique Loja Mayancela

September 30 – Thursday – St. Jerome

6:30* +Alberto Brinz; +*Fr. Albert Bartlett*

8:30 S +Antonio Chica

12:15 +Mercedes Ortiz

October 1 – Friday — St. Therese

First Friday

6:30* David and Sondra Savino's Utmost Ability to be Welcome by God at the End of Their Lives

8:30 S Deceased Members of Torrens & Gramlich Families

10:00 Funeral Mass- +Jarliz Sanchez

12:15 +Ralph A. Cerbone, Jr.

Oct 2 – Sat — Feast of the Guardian Angels First Saturday

6:30 In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to the Savino's

8:30S Deceased Members of the Retutas & Corciega Families

12:15 +Ralph A. Cerbone, Jr.

5:30 S +Anthony Fernandes

October 3 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 In Honor of St. Jude

10:00 S +David Sheehan; +*Frantz Guignard*; +*Nieves Resurreccion*

12:00 (Sp) +Asia Morales; +Jacqueline French; +Isidro Gonzalez Martinez; Para la Virgen Maria en nombre de Enrique Loja Mayancela; +Antonia Rivera Figueroa

5:00 +Elizabeth Seeram

6:30 (Fr) +Margaret Bongyii and Raphael Mbinkar

Names only said in Prayer of the Faithful are in Italics

**not a public Mass; +=deceased; S=Mass is live-streamed*

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sun: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48; **Mon:** Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50; **Tues:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56; **Wed:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51; **Thurs:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12; **Fri:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16; **Sat:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10; **Next Sun:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12