



Essential Evangelization

Angels and Demons

Have you ever thought about having your own personal guardian angel? Popular contemporary books and movies have unfortunately sensationalized the topic of angels and demons and have depicted an inaccurate picture of how the Church operates and what the Church truly believes and teaches. September 29th is the feast day of three of the most popular angels that we find in our Scripture. They are Michael, the great defender of Israel and leader of God's angel army, Gabriel, the great announcer of good news to Mary, and Raphael the great guider of events of the Old Testament.

The word angel comes from a Greek root, "*angelos*," meaning messenger. God created the angels pure spirit from the earliest of times and they have become His agents of ultimate benefit to mankind and bridge the gap for us between heaven and earth. They can do supernatural things, and the New Testament tells us that there are even different orders of them: Angels, Powers, Principalities, Dominions, Thrones, Archangels, Seraphim and Cherubim. The latter two are normally associated with the heavenly choir, constantly praising God for his goodness and holiness. At Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, that glorious night over 2000 years ago, they were there and present to lowly shepherds singing and praising, "Glory to God in the Highest!" Some of the more mature Catholics may even also remember the prayer to their Guardian Angel. Scripture also tells us that Satan was originally a fallen angel and his legions of evil demons have warred against the will of God throughout history. Tradition also has it that angels will be our heavenly "transporters" upon our death here on earth and our ultimate destination and face to face judgment with God.

Have you ever experienced a mysterious and unexplained intervention in your life? Perhaps as the saying goes, you have entertained angels unaware. Perhaps one day we will all get to meet these personal earthy guardians. And only when we reach our heavenly home we will likely and fully appreciate our very own Guardian Angel and see all the near misses and potential life catastrophes that they guided us through!

No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to His Angels God has given command about you that they guide you in all your ways. *Psalm 91:10-11*

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