

MASS TIMES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Monday 7th December evening Mass at 6.30pm, Tuesday 8th
December 9am & 11am and last Mass at 6.30 p.m.**

**There is no obligation to attend Mass during Covid-19
restrictions.**

November Altar List of the Deceased 2020

Please use this link to the Parish Contact Form to put the names of those deceased that you would like to have placed on the November Altar List of the Dead.

'If due to Covid restrictions you cannot visit the church you can post your November List to the Parish Office or send an email from the 'Contact Us' page of the website Please don't forget to include an offering.

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Feast of the Archangels

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Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

“Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”
John 1:51

Yes, angels are for real. And they are mighty, glorious, beautiful and magnificent in every way. Today we honor three of the multitude of angels in Heaven: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

These angels are “archangels.” An archangel is the second order of angels just above the guardian angels. In all, there are nine orders of celestial beings that we commonly refer to

as angels and all nine of these orders are traditionally organized into three spheres. The entire hierarchy is traditionally organized this way:

Highest Sphere: Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

Middle Sphere: Dominions, Virtues and Powers.

Lower Sphere: Principalities, Archangels and Angels (Guardian Angels).

The hierarchy of these celestial beings is ordered in accord with their function and purpose. The highest of the beings, the Seraphim, were created solely for the purpose of surrounding the Throne of God in perpetual worship and adoration. The lowest of the beings, the Guardian Angels, were created for the purpose of caring for humans and communicating God's messages. The Archangels, whom we honor today, were created for the purpose of bringing messages of great importance to us and to accomplish tasks of the highest importance in our lives.

Michael is well known as the archangel who was empowered by God to cast Lucifer out of Heaven. Lucifer is traditionally thought to be of the highest sphere of celestial beings and, thus, being cast out by a lowly archangel was quite a humiliation.

Gabriel is well known for being the archangel who brought the message of the Incarnation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

And Raphael, whose name means "God heals" is referred to in the Old Testament Book of Tobit and is said to have been sent to bring healing to Tobit's eyes.

Though not much is known of these archangels, it's important to believe in them, honor them and to pray to them. We pray to them because we believe God has entrusted them with a mission to help us bring healing, fight evil and proclaim the Word of God. Their power comes from God, but God has chosen to use the archangels, and all celestial beings, to accomplish His plan

and purpose.

Reflect, today, upon your knowledge of the angels. Do you believe in them? Do you honor them? Do you rely upon their powerful intercession and mediation in your life? God wants to use them, so you should truly seek their help in your life.