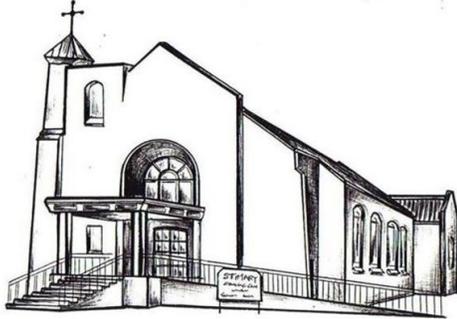


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		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, April 26		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, April 27		7 PM - Jim Grabber	No Mass
Wed, April 28	St. Peter Chanel	8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Thu, April 29	St. Catherine of Siena	8 AM - Jan Mulloy Wieck	7 PM -
Fri, April 30	St. Pius V	8 AM - Ormalene Artho	No Mass
Sat, May 1	St. Joseph the Worker	No Mass	No Mass
Sun, May 2	The 5th Sunday of Easter	9:00 AM - Parish Family	11:30 AM - Parish Family

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Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1st Sunday at 10:30 AM
Anointing of the Sick: By Request
CYO 4th Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall
CCD: Sundays at 10:15-11:30

Lector Sign-up Sheet: is located in the back of Church. Please sign up!

Holy Hour: will be this Tuesday, following mass at 7. Please join us!

Parish Council Members Needed: Please prayerfully consider serving your parish as two of our Council Members step down. Contact Fr. Grant if interested.

Fruhlingsfest Updates:
Tickets: Please turn in the ticket money by April 25th to Jerry or Kay Borman.

Hall Clean-up: We will clean and set up the hall for our fundraiser on April 25th at 1 PM. All help would be appreciated!

Live Mass Streaming: We will continue to live-stream mass for the time being. To access, follow our Facebook Page: StMarys Umbarger.

St Mary's Prayer Blanket Ministry: If you or a loved one suffers from a serious illness and would like a blanket, please contact Suzy Hicks or Fr Grant.

3 Saints tell us how to live Easter all year

By Philip Kosloski

Easter is only just getting started. Are you still celebrating?

Easter Sunday is the greatest feast on the Church's calendar. On that day we proclaim: Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen! The Lenten focus on penance is transformed into the joy of the resurrection, conquering sin and death and redeeming us.

We celebrate with family dinners of ham or lamb, baskets of candy, the blessing of tables filled with food, and much more. What a shame it's only one day. Except it's not!

Easter is not just a day, but an entire season of the liturgical year. Just as Lent lasts 40 days, the Easter season lasts 50 days, until the great feast of Pentecost, where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the "birth" of the Church.

There are many reasons that we ought not to limit our Easter joy to one day a year. But how do we remain mindful of this the whole year through? The saints show us how to do this.

Saintly advice

St. Paul, the great apostle and missionary, reminds us that Easter ought to live in our hearts always. He put it starkly to the church in Corinth: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:14)

To be a Christian is to believe that Christ has risen from the dead. We cannot simply believe Jesus was a good moral teacher but doubt his resurrection. This is a central part of Jesus' own message: that because Christ has been raised, we will be, too. He is "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." (1 Corinthians 15:20)

Because Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, we can receive forgiveness of sins, be born as new creatures in Christ through Baptism, and have communion with God, inchoately here on earth and perfectly in heaven. This truth should be at the center of our lives and animate everything that we do.

This mindset was summarized well by St. Augustine, the great 4th-century bishop and Doctor of the Church. He is credited with the famous phrase, echoed by Pope St. John Paul II: "We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song."

The great song of rejoicing of the Jewish people, hallelujah, "Praise to God!" is carried on by Christians who extol God's glory for His greatest work. As Christians, we should define ourselves as those who believe in the Easter mystery and our transformed by our participation in it through the sacraments—most especially, the Eucharist.

This was illustrated well by St. Justin Martyr, a philosopher turned Christian apologist. In the year 150, St. Justin wrote a defense of Christianity addressed to the Roman emperor, Antoninus Pius, and the whole Roman senate. At the end of his text, St. Justin informs his imperial audience that Christians gather for worship on "the first day of the Week, after Saturn's day"—that is, Sunday—because "Jesus Christ our Savior on the same day rose from the dead."

Every Sunday is "the Lord's day," a commemoration of the resurrection. Every Mass is a commemoration of Jesus' Passion, death, and resurrection. Every Sunday is a "mini-Easter."

Don't pack away the Easter joy

So, when the Easter baskets are put away, don't put your Easter joy away with them. Let it live the whole year through. Remember that your faith is in Jesus, who rose to die no more. Remember that you belong to the People of God, who profess that Easter faith and praise God for it. Remember that every Sunday recalls the Easter miracle, and that every Mass is a participation in it. Christ is risen, alleluia!

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Common questions about archangels and the angelic hierarchy

By Philip Kosloski

What is the difference between an angel and an archangel?

Angels are all around us, though we may never see them with our physical eyes. God created them in the beginning and appointed them to be his messengers to humanity.

The Bible has many stories of these angelic messengers, such as St. Gabriel announcing the birth of Jesus to the Virgin Mary.

However, archangels and the angelic hierarchy can be a bit confusing to some people. Here is a brief rundown of the most common questions about archangels and the ranks of angels in the heavenly court.

What is the difference between an angel and an archangel?

First of all, the English word “angel” comes from the Latin *angelus*, meaning “messenger of God.” The Latin stems from Greek *ἄγγελος* *ángelos*, which is a translation of the Hebrew *mal’ākh*, meaning “messenger,” or “delegate,” or “ambassador.”

When it comes to the term, “archangel,” the word includes the prefix “arch-,” used to denote something as “chief” or “principal.” An “arch-angel” then is a “chief messenger” of God.

These angels are higher in rank than guardian angels, but are still part of the second lowest rank. It is believed that these two lowest ranks of angels are the only ranks who interact with humans.

Archangels are also given the most important messages that must be delivered to humans. Such was the task of St. Gabriel, when he delivered the news to Mary that she was to bear the Messiah.

How many archangels are in the Bible?

The Bible only gives names to three spirits who belong to the “archangel” class of angels. These are Michael (Rev. 12:7), Gabriel (Luke 1:19), and Raphael (Tob. 12:15).

The Bible is our definitive list of archangels. As Catholics we only know for certain three names of God’s angels. Any other name is suspect because it is not part of divine revelation. We do not know if the name Uriel is inspired by God, a human invention, or the name of a malevolent spirit.

The 9 choirs of angels and the roles given them by God

It is believed that each of these choirs was given a specific task by God. Theologian and philosopher Dr.

Peter Kreeft gives a nice summary of these different choirs and their roles in his book *Angels and Demons*:

The first three levels see and adore God directly:

The seraphim, the highest choir, comprehend God with maximum clarity, and therefore their love flames the hottest. (“Seraphim” means “the burning ones.”) Lucifer (“Light-bearer”) was once one of them. That’s why he’s still very powerful and dangerous.

The cherubim contemplate God too, but less in himself than in his providence ... (“Cherubim” means “fullness of wisdom.”)

The thrones contemplate God’s power and judgments. (Thrones symbolize judicial, juridical power.)

The next three choirs fulfill God’s providential plans for the universe, like middle management personnel:

The dominations or “dominions” (“authority”), command the lesser angels below them.

The virtues receive their orders from the dominations and “run” the universe, so to speak, especially the heavenly bodies. (“Virtue” used to mean power, might, or energy.)

The powers serve the virtues by fighting against evil influences that oppose the virtues’ providential plan.

The last three choirs directly order human affairs:

The principalities care for earthly principalities, that is, cities and nations and kingdoms.

The archangels (such as Gabriel) carry God’s important messages to man.

Ordinary angels are the “guardian angels,” one for each individual.

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