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HOLY GUARDIAN

ANGELS

Feast Tuesday, October 2

One of the most consoling doctrines of Scripture is that of the guardianship of angels; the doctrine which teaches that man in this world is guided and protected by invisible beings called angels. Scripture openly teaches that among the angels there are those deputed by God to keep watch over men. This doctrine has also been confirmed by the Church in the institution of a feast in honor of the Guardian Angels. It is certain that each one of the faithful has his own angel guardian. The same is asserted for sinners and for those not of the faith; for Christ died for all, even for those not of the faith, and merited for all the means of salvation; and one of these means is the guardianship of angels: hence not only the faithful who are Just, but also sinners and those not of the faith, have each an angel guardian.

And not individual men alone, but communities also are under the guardianship of angels. There is a special angel guardian for the Church, namely St. Michael. There are special angel guardians over each kingdom and nation, nay over each community of moment, for example, particular churches, religious orders, dioceses. The reason is because those societies are as it were moral bodies which need special assistance. Hence God gave the people of Israel on their journey through the desert an angel as protector. With regard to the body, the angel guardian averts from us exterior evils, or if we have already fallen into them, he delivers us from them. With regard to the soul, the angel guardians hold the demons in check, lest they do us harm, or at least lest they tempt us too severely. They suggest good thoughts, exciting us to good, averting us also from evil, through their counsels and corrections.

God deutes His holy angels to keep watch over us. We owe then to our guardian angels:

(a) Respect for their presence: indeed the angel guardian is always with us, and because he is a spirit pure and holy, we ought to avoid whatever could grieve him.

(b) Thankfulness and love for his kindness: for the angel guardian is for us a benefactor, friend, and brother, and we ought to love him, think of him, and obey his inspirations.

(c) Trust in his safe-keeping: for our angel is powerful to succor us and at the same time most devoted to us; hence we ought to invoke him and fly to him in our doubts and difficulties.

"As often as the gloom of temptation threateneth thee, or the sharpness of tribulation hangeth over thee, call upon Him that keepeth thee, thy Shepherd, thy Refuge in times of trouble." - St. Bernard

from Fr. Joseph Ventura, C.P.

**Bishop Joe Vasquez'** interview with the *Catholic Spirit* concerning sexual abuse in the Church can be found on the Austin Diocese website [austindiocese.org/bishops-interview-working-together-to-end-sexual-abuse](http://austindiocese.org/bishops-interview-working-together-to-end-sexual-abuse)

**NFP** Natural Family Planning Class teaches the CCLI Sympto-Thermal method of NFP. 3 classes. Tuesdays Oct 2, Nov 6 and Dec 6 from 7-9:30pm in the OL Wisdom library. Contact Randy and Grace-Marie Kolb at (512) 891-5341 or [rkolb@austin.rr.com](mailto:rkolb@austin.rr.com) Register [register.ccli.org/](http://register.ccli.org/) Fulfills diocese NFP requirement for marriage prep.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Come share your faith over a meal with other men in our parish. Wednesdays 7am. Please bring your Bible and \$5 (for the meal). RSVP to Victor Felan [noel.texas@gmail.com](mailto:noel.texas@gmail.com) Tom Deming [tdeming@txstatecatholic.org](mailto:tdeming@txstatecatholic.org)

**SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Fr. Craig will be out for the annual Priest Convocation  
**Communion Services**  
Mon.– Thu. Oct. 1st– 4th  
No Mass/ No Confessions  
Friday October 5th  
12:30pm Mass and  
11:30am Confessions



**RIVER WALK FOR THE POOR**

Saturday October 6th. This is the only fundraiser for the San Marcos St. Vincent De Paul chapter. This supports the efforts to help the poor and needy. SVDP has been supporting the San Marcos area for about 40 years. Packets are NOW available from OLOW Organization Leaders. Contact Warner Davis 512-787-1454 or email [warnerdavis@yahoo.com](mailto:warnerdavis@yahoo.com)

**REFRESHMENTS** after the 10 a.m. Mass. Please sign up in the lobby for a date and help with this ministry.

**"Encountering Christ"**

We have a tremendous opportunity to come together as a Diocese and ensure our faith and important ministries remain vibrant for future generations of Catholics. The Diocese of Austin has launched "Encountering Christ", \$85M capital and endowment campaign. You will hear more about this campaign in the coming weeks. For now, here are three things you can do to begin.

- 1. Volunteer. We need as many parishioners involved as possible for an effort of this magnitude.
- 2. Listen to our volunteers and prayerfully consider their request for your support.
- 3. Consider making a sacrificial gift.

Bulletin Submissions [bulletin@txstatecatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@txstatecatholic.org)

**Send content, questions, suggestions, etc.**

Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm

**WE PRAY**

Please join us in prayer for the members of our parish in need of healing and spiritual support.

"Pray for one another...effective prayer can accomplish much." James 5:16