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Wellspring Community Outreach

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Brothers and Sisters,

Tomorrow, Tuesday, September 29th, we celebrate the feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael and on Friday, the feast of our Guardian Angel. Angels had a powerful presence in our history and in our heritage of faith. Each of them is God's messenger and in some way represents God's presence to us. Christians have always believed that every person has a guardian or protecting angel.

The three great messengers of God are remembered together and celebrated as one joyful feast. Although angels are mentioned many times in the Bible, only these three are mentioned by name. Michael is remembered as the great defender and protector of all God's people. The name "Michael" means, "Who is like God?" The Book of Revelation describes Michael casting out of heaven those angels who presumed they were like God. The Book of Daniel speaks of Michael as one who will lead the dead to God on the day of the resurrection. Michael reminds us of God's unchanging, enduring, everlasting presence with us, guiding us, protecting us, defending us and keeping us safe.

The name Gabriel means "hero of God". Gabriel brought the good news of the birth of John the Baptist to Elizabeth and the birth of Jesus to Mary. The book of Daniel says that Gabriel announced the end of exile in Babylon. According to certain traditions, Gabriel will sound the trumpet to awaken the dead on the day of judgment. Gabriel reminds of God's Good News. He is the bearer of hope and the realization of the Hope in the birth of Jesus.

The name Raphael means "God has healed". In the book of Tobit, we read about Raphael guarding a young man on his journey and restoring sight to the man's elderly father. He described himself as one of the seven angels standing in the presence of God. Raphael is said to have stirred the waters of the pool of Siloam where people found healing. Raphael reminds us of the healing and reconciling presence of God in his "steadfast love".

I encourage you to take a few minutes each day of this week to go to a quiet place, be still and thank God for giving us a guardian angel to protect us, Archangel Michael to defend us and

keep us safe, Archangel Gabriel to bring us hope and the Archangel Raphael to remind us of the healing and reconciling presence of God in our life. Pray for those who live in unsafe situations, for those whose hopes are shattered and for those who need healing and reconciliation. Pray that we may grow in the “steadfast” love of God and gratefully remember his abiding presence within us and among us.

**Be sure to take a few still moments during the week.
Bless yourself with stillness!**

Be Still Moment - Allow yourself to be still for a moment

Be still! Look for the best in and around you. Take a vacation from dwelling on your own failures and imperfections and those of others.

Salesian Moment – A moment with St. Francis de Sales

When our intentions are in the love of God as we plan some work or undertake some project, all acts that follow from it take their value and derive their dignity from the direction that gives them their origin.

Rudy's Angel....

I walked into the grocery store not particularly interested in buying groceries. I wasn't hungry. The pain of losing my husband of 37 years was still too raw. And this grocery store held so many sweet memories. Rudy often came with me and most of the time he'd pretend to go off and look for something special. I knew what he was up to. I'd always spot him walking down the aisle with the three yellow roses in his hands. Rudy knew I loved yellow roses.

With a heart filled with grief, I only wanted to buy my few items and leave, but even grocery shopping was different since Rudy had passed on. Shopping for one took time, a little more thought than it had for two. Standing by the meat, I searched for the perfect small steak and remembered how Rudy had loved his steak. Suddenly a woman came beside me. She was blond, slim, and lovely in a soft green pantsuit. I watched as she picked up a large pack of T-bones, dropped them in her basket, hesitated, and then put them back. She turned to go and once again reached for the pack of steaks. She saw me watching her and she smiled. "My husband loves T-bones, but honestly, at these prices, I don't know."

I swallowed the emotion down my throat and met her pale blue eyes. "My husband passed away eight days ago," I told her. Glancing at the package in her hands, I fought to control the tremble in my voice. "Buy him the steaks. And cherish every moment you have together." She

shook her head and I saw the emotion in her eyes as she placed the package in her basket and wheeled away. I turned and pushed my cart across the length of the store to the dairy products. There I stood, trying to decide which size milk I should buy. A quart, I finally decided and moved on to the ice cream section near the front of the store. If nothing else, I could always fix myself an ice cream cone.

I placed the ice cream in my cart and looked down the aisle toward the front. I saw first the green suit, then recognized the pretty lady coming towards me. In her arms she carried a package. On her face was the brightest smile I had ever seen. I would swear a soft halo encircled her blond hair as she kept walking toward me, her eyes holding mine. As she came closer, I saw what she held, and tears began misting in my eyes.

"These are for you," she said and placed three beautiful long-stemmed yellow roses in my arms. "When you go through the line, they will know these are paid for." She leaned over and placed a gentle kiss on my cheek, then smiled again. I wanted to tell her what she'd done, what the roses meant, but still unable to speak, I watched as she walked away as tears clouded my vision. I looked down at the beautiful roses nestled in the green tissue wrapping and found it almost unreal. How did she know? Suddenly the answer seemed so clear. I wasn't alone. "Oh, Rudy, you haven't forgotten me, have you?" I whispered, with tears in my eyes. He was still with me, and she was his angel.

The obedient wife....



There was a man who had worked all his life, saved all his money, but was very stingy. Just before he died, he said to his wife... "When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me." And so, he got his wife to promise. Well, he died. He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there – dressed in black, and her friend was sitting next to her.

When they finished the ceremony, and just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait just a moment." She had a small metal box with her; she came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down and they rolled it away. Her friend said, "Girl, I know you were not fool enough to put all that money in there with your husband." The loyal wife replied, "Listen, I'm a Christian; I cannot go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money into the casket with him." "You mean to tell me that you put all that money in the casket with him!?!?!?" "I sure did," said the wife. "I got it all together, put it into my account, and wrote him a check...."

Did you Know?

The Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the word consists of: Three readings from sacred Scriptures, one from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament and a Psalm, followed by the homily, Creed and Universal Prayer.

God speaks to his people through the Scriptures revealing the mystery of redemption and salvation and offering spiritual nourishment. It is God's Word and God is present in His word and so we listen in silence and open our hearts to His Word. The homily helps the people understand and appreciate God's Word. By their profession of faith, the people affirm their faith in God's word and by the universal prayer, they lift up the various needs of the whole church.

Brief periods of silence are expected between the readings and after the homily to allow the listeners to meditate, reflect and pray over the Scriptures they heard.

The reading of the Gospel constitutes the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. So great reverence is shown to this reading with special marks of honor by the blessing or prayer with which the priest or deacon prepares himself, by the Gospel procession and also by the acclamations before and after the Gospel is proclaimed.

The Homily should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture within the context of the parish community. The Homily should ordinarily be given by the Priest Celebrant himself or be entrusted by him to a concelebrating Priest, or from time to time and, if appropriate, to the Deacon, but never to a lay person.

Pope Leo XIV

"I encourage you to heed the Lord's call and to follow Him with determination. An encounter with Jesus Christ fills the heart with joy and gives us the strength to bear witness to His love and mercy." (Monday, September 21, 2026)

"Indeed, we are all truly brothers and sisters of Jesus when we do God's will, that is, when we live loving each other, as God has loved us." (Tuesday, September 22, 2026)

"Let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth." (Wednesday, September 23, 2026)

"Perhaps your hearts are also restless, searching for meaning and fulfillment, and for direction in your lives. The answer is found in a person. The Lord Jesus alone brings us true peace and joy, and fulfills every one of our deepest desires." (Thursday, September 24, 2026)

Pray for each other.....

Let us stay close to each other in spirit and prayer as we continue our journey through life with all its joyful moments as well as moments not so joyful. Be faithful to your calling! All you do may not be successful in your eyes or in the eyes of others. The real success lies in your fidelity to who you are and what you have come to know as your calling. Just be faithful and be joyful!

God bless you and your families,

Fr. Gus Tharappel, msfs

**Fight all errors,
but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love.
Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.
(St. John of Kanty)**

