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July 5, 2026 ▪ Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Who composed the “Angel of God” Prayer?

Philip Kosloski - published on 10/02/17

Many have recited it since they were children, but who is the author? Over the past century countless children have been taught by their parents, in religious education classes, and in Catholic schools how to pray the “Angel of God” prayer. It is a simple prayer, easily memorized, that invokes the intercession of a person’s guardian angel. The prayer has become a staple of Catholic culture and continues to be passed on to each generation.

For many years it was believed that St. Anselm of Canterbury, a Benedictine monk who

lived during the 11th century, was the author of the prayer. However, recent scholars have discovered that the prayer was likely inspired by Reginald of Canterbury, another Benedictine monk who lived at the same time as St. Anselm. Scholars found a prayer in Reginald’s *Life of St. Malchus* that bears a strong resemblance to the current Angel of God prayer.

In Latin, Reginald’s prayer begins as follows.

*Angele, qui meus es custos pietate superna,
me tibi commissum serva, tueare, gubernas;
terge meam mentem vitiis et labe veterana
assiduusque comes mihi sis vitaeque lucerna.*

The Angel of God prayer starts in a similar way in Latin.

*Angele Dei, qui custos es mei, Me tibi commissum pietate superna;
(Hodie, Hac nocte) illumina, custodi, rege, et gubernas.*

It is uncertain if Reginald composed the Angel of God prayer, but it is clear that whoever did had access to Reginald’s *Life of St. Malchus*.

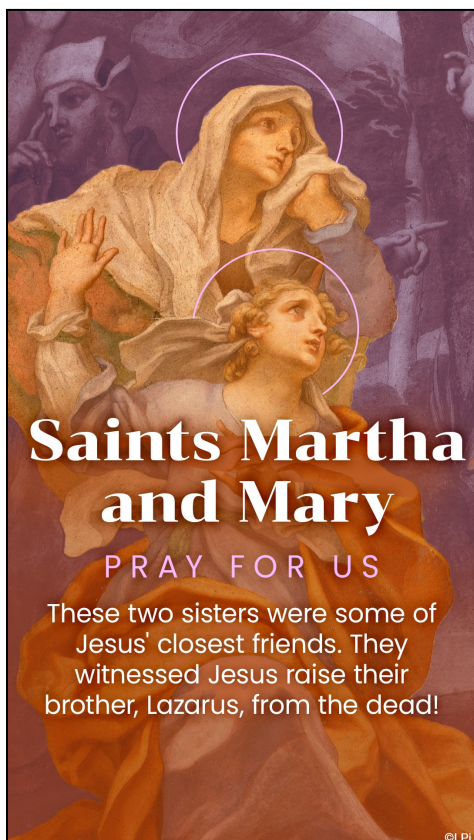
What this means is that this prayer has a rich history, dating back almost a thousand years. The Church has preserved it over all these years because of its simple yet profound truth. It recognizes the existence of our guardian angels, and invokes their aid in our time of need.

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Guardian angels are here to protect us, guide us, and lead us to eternal life. This is not just a “child’s prayer,” but a prayer everyone should say on a daily basis. The prayer recognizes that angels can have an impact on our lives, and are here because of God’s love for us. We simply need to invoke their aid and trust in Jesus’ promise that our “angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 18:10).

ANGEL OF GOD,
*My guardian dear,
 To whom God’s love
 commits me here;
 Ever this (day, night)
 be at my side,
 To light and guard, to rule
 and guide.
 Amen.*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 4, Vigil for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. All religious (liv & dec)

Sunday, July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sarah Tabor Hosford (dec) and

Joan M. Ayers (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Viola Romani (dec)

Monday, July 6, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Louis and Steve Forteau (liv)

Tuesday, July 7, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Aidan Bandy (liv)

Wednesday, July 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, July 9, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Friday, July 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Glen Davis (dec)

Saturday, July 11, Vigil for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. The Comeau and LaRosa Families (dec)

Sunday, July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Raefel Tito (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec)

“
HIS DOMINION
SHALL BE FROM
SEA TO SEA ... TO
THE ENDS OF THE
EARTH.” (Zec 9:10)

July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10 | Rom 8:9, 11-13 | Mt 11:25-30

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's first reading, Israel's king comes riding "on a colt, the foal of an ass." This is a far cry from the horses and chariots the kings of other nations rode into battle as they sought to assert their authority and subdue their enemies. But Israel's king is not like other kings; he banishes horses and the warrior's bow, proclaiming peace to all the nations. Despite his meekness, "his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth." What we're given here is an image of peace achieved not by asserting military might, but through justice and humility. Of course, this image of a king riding a colt into Jerusalem will remind us of Jesus, who entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and destroyed his enemies (death and sin) not by political revolution but by laying down his life. If being a Christian is about claiming Christ as our king, then we must reject the temptation to seize power by asserting dominance, but instead act in ways that promote justice and peace.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

An essential part of the Church's mission is what we call the "preferential option for the poor." In his Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te*, Pope Leo XIV says that "this 'preference' never indicates exclusivity or discrimination toward other groups, which would be impossible for God. It is meant to emphasize God's actions, which are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity. Wanting to inaugurate a kingdom of justice, fraternity, and solidarity, God has a special place in his heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest." (16) What this means is that we are called to put the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized, and the suffering at the center of our concern. In our prayer, ministry, and outreach, we are called to prioritize their needs. When we live this out, we are extending the love of Jesus, whose own heart provides a place of welcome for those who are heavily burdened and in need of rest.

SERVE

Today's readings give us a glimpse of the heart of God: meek, humble, compassionate. This week, find one concrete way you can emulate his heart by serving those in need in your community. Through these actions, you bear witness to "his Spirit that dwells in you."



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.



The second collection is for Grounds and Maintenance



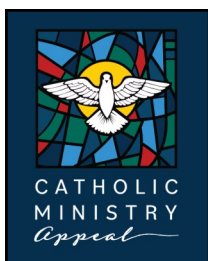
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Weekly Giving 06/28/26

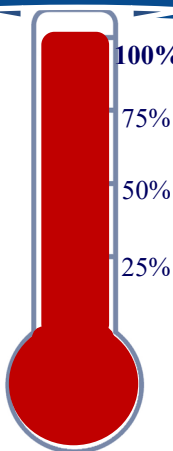
Offertory	\$ 11,074
Other Donations	\$ 15
Restoring the Sacred	\$ 75
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,033
Catholic Ministry Appeal	\$ 35
National Collections	\$ 920

Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Ministry Appeal



2026 GOAL



100% - \$79,863

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25%

Collected to date: \$62,447
which is 78%

Amounts pledged or expected:
100.4%

Thank you for your generosity!
Keep up the good work!

The Social Group will be hosting a:

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Bring your favorite batch to share! Take home some new favorites!

Sunday, July 12
12:30-2:00 pm
Courtyard Hall

Bring your recipe and pre-bagged cookies!

Everyday Stewardship

Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Upcoming Events

***Church closed due to renovations,
Masses will be held in Parish Hall.**

Saturday, July 4

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, July 5

Coffee and Donuts **after the 8:00 am Mass only** CYH

Monday, July 6

6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting CYH

Tuesday, July 7

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting FF

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting FF

Wednesday, July 8

5:30 pm Adoration PH

Thursday, July 9

4:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting FF

Saturday, July 11

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, July 12

Coffee and Donuts **after the 8:00 am Mass only** CYH

12:30 pm Cookie Exchange CYH

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall,
MC=Ministries Center, CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1,
CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room, PL= Parking Lot

St. Michael Prayer, Explained!



The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome.

Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church.

The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass. ©LPi



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Fr. Victor Bartolotta

Fr. Eric Peters

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, btsp.org

Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

Parish Office

Monday—Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm

Closed for Lunch Noon to 1:00 pm

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Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic Church

Notice from Deacon Rick Wells:

In the wake of last Wednesday's earthquakes in Venezuela, we have received several inquiries regarding a special collection for those impacted by this unfortunate disaster.

Please note that the Diocese of Saint Petersburg will not be requesting a special collection for the earthquake victims from our parishes. However, Bishop Parkes has already approved a donation from our diocesan Disaster Relief Fund to the Diocese of La Guaira, where the epicenter of the earthquake was located and where the greatest damage took place. As needed, additional monies from the fund may be sent, as the damage continues to be assessed.

If your parishioners wish to make donations toward relief efforts for the people of Venezuela, they are welcome to donate through one of the following methods:

Diocese of Saint Petersburg Disaster Relief

Fund: <https://www.dosp.org/disaster-relief-fund/> (The link includes instructions for both mail-in and online donations)

Catholic Relief Services: <https://www.crs.org/> (Funds are securely transmitted from Catholic Relief Services to Caritas Venezuela, the international version of Catholic Relief Services)

Let us unite our prayers for our sisters and brothers in Venezuela.

Arnold, Barbara
Baker Family
Barhorst, Brady
Barhorst, Rosemary
Becker, Mary
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Calamita, John
Christ, Kathryn
Connor, Kathryn
Cisek, Marilyn
Clark, Christine and
Henry
Clark, Brittany Noel
Clark, Matthew Pierce
Comeau, Teresa
Cortez, Patrick
Coughlin, Bernadette
Curcio, Louis
Daniels, Joshua
D'Azzo, Lina
DeLong, Judy
DeLong, Todd
Distefano, Michael
Ellis, John

Feltes, Lauren
Fitzgerald, Dan
Gawlik, Frank and Sofia
Genereux, Carol
Grimberg, Carol
Gutske, Karl
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Helbig, Len
Hoffman, Bette
Hoskins, Kevin
Hurley, Scott
Joyal, Christina
Kartsaklis, Michael
Kehoe, Jonna and Michael
Klima, Sue
Kraynak, Gary
Lague, Norbert
Lashley, Diana
LeVan, George
Lewis, Cynthia
Mays, Hank
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Narinelly, Sarah

Newcomb, Jeff
O'Connor, Mary
Parillo, Ceil
Parillo, Dave
Parmigiani, Valerie
Preeper, Helen
Riordan, Donald
Romani, Angelo
Sacks, Laura
Schulz, Ingrid
Shelby, Montez
Smith, Elizabeth
Stankiewicz, Cy
Tilbury, Betty
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Walsh, Thomas
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Weselowski, Chris
Youngman, Ruth

Anointing of the Sick

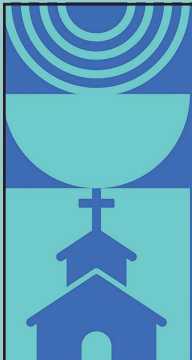


To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office. Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed. For more information call 867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.



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