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Who are the angels?

According to *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* “the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith.” They are immortal and pure spirits and personal beings with intelligence and free will. They appear to humans as apparitions with a human form. Nine choirs or types of angels are identified in the Bible: i) the seraphim ii) the cherubim iii) the thrones iv) the dominions v) the virtues vi) the powers vii) the principalities viii) the archangels ix) angels. The last three choirs are directly involved in human affairs: The principalities care for earthly principalities, such as nations or cities. The archangels deliver God’s most important messages to mankind, while each angel serves as a guardian for each of us.

The main roles of angels are to praise and worship God, act as God’s messengers, do God’s will and protect human beings. “*He will give His angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways* (Psalm 91: 1). The most prominent archangels are Michael the protector, Gabriel the messenger of God and Raphael, the guide for humans. Although the doctrine and traditional belief in the guardian angel is not a dogma of faith it is based on the Bible. Matthew 16:10 clearly states that even children have their guardian angels: “*See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.*” Psalm 91: 1 also teaches about guardian angels: “*For He has given His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.*” Dependable angelic assistance is a salutary, encouraging thing to remember in our fears. The truth that an angel is always watching us is an incentive to do good and to avoid evil. Angelic protection and assistance form a great provision for which we must be always thankful to God.

THE SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF PRAYERFUL PLAY

Did the Holy Family take vacations? I can hear the answer now (spoken, no doubt, in a huffy tone of voice): “Certainly not. There wasn’t any Disneyland in Galilee back then. And even if there had been, these were simple, hard-working folk, with nothing left over for vacation trips.”

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Mass Schedule July 11 — 19

Saturday 07/11: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Sunday 07/12: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Saturday 07/18: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 07/19: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Barbara Caroli SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †David Wibberg

Bulletin & Mass Announcements

The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** and for Mass announcements is **Friday at 9:00 a.m.**
Thank you!!

Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectant Donations

We are accepting donations of hand sanitizer and disinfectant for both St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills. There will be a basket at the church entrances for donations. Thank you!!



Safe Environment—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Canterbury, Mary Hanson, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Maya Clark, Robin Holly, Mike Layne, Michael Bee

Our Lady of the Hills—Bert Zodorozny, Margaret Hancock, Violet Edwards, Marilyn Spencer, William Spencer, Katie Caroli, Jeanne Rollins, Steven Spencer, Doug Spencer, Harry Crede

Please call Father Tijo George at 304-342-2716, ext. 406 if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.

Stewardship Report for July 4 — 5, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 2,159.25
Building Fund	170.50
Other	130.55
Attendance	Saturday—14 Sunday—22

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 945.00
LERMA	585.00
Other	70.00
Attendance	Sunday—28

Thank you for your generosity! Please remember to continue to support your parish during this difficult time. May God bless you!

Healing Prayers Offered for Covid-19 Victims



If you have a family member/friend who has been infected by the Coronavirus, Fr. Tijo would like to pray for the infected person during the private daily

Masses and Sunday Masses. A votive candle will also be lit for his/her healing. Please call the parish office or Fr. Tijo to have their names included in his prayers and a votive candle lit.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Canticle of the Sun (instrumental) — #425
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #860
Offertory:	Seed, Scattered and Sown — #354
Communion:	Lord, You Have Come — #502
Recessional:	How Can I Keep from Singing (instrumental) — #442



Lorie's Music Notes

Matthew's Gospel is divided into five Great Sermons or discourses. We listened to the first discourse, the Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5-7) before Lent. Today and for the next two Sundays, we will hear the Parable Discourse (Chapter 13). Today's parable is about the sower and the seed. Our Offertory song is based on this passage. Next week: the mustard seed!

 Thomas D. White passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2020. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Anthony on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Please pray for Thomas and his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Catholic Communication Campaign: July 18 & 19—Next week our special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of funds collected remain here in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to fund local communication efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

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I expect that's true. But even though it is, the question's not as simple-minded as it may sound. Look at Luke's Gospel, Chapter 2.

"Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom" (Lk 2:41). And when they miss Jesus on the way home: "Thinking that he was in the caravan, [Joseph and Mary] journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances" (Lk 2:44).

There's a lot of information packed into that, and even more is implied, including the fact that the yearly pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Passover was the practical equivalent of a vacation for the poor, pious Jews of that time and place. Among them was the Holy Family, along with those "kinsfolk and acquaintances" who were with them on this occasion and others like it.

Mixing good times, faith

Historian Henri Daniel-Rops describes the Passover pilgrimage in his book "Daily Life in the Time of Jesus" (Servant Books, 1981):

"All the roads that led to the holy gates were filled with almost uninterrupted strings of caravans which would meet, greet one another and go on in company. There was a continual singing, the sound of innumerable voices chanting the famous psalms of pilgrimage to the tune of popular songs ... The Passover was a very cheerful feast."

This spontaneous knack for combining a good time with the living of their faith wasn't confined to the Jews of Jesus' day. You find it, for instance, in the Christian culture of the late Middle Ages, reflected in Chaucer's classic "Canterbury Tales," where pilgrims traveling to the shrine of St. Thomas à Becket at Canterbury entertain one another by telling some of the best stories ever.

Our crabbed, modern way of thinking makes it hard to imagine a deeply felt religious ritual that was also a lot of fun. That's our loss. I have no doubt that for Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the yearly pilgrimage to Jerusalem was, along with much else, a happy family outing — a vacation, in other words.

A human good

At first it may strike someone as odd to discuss recreation and vacations in what's supposed to be a discussion of "worldly" virtues — virtues suited to life in the world. But hold on. Recreation and the spiritual life are, in reality, closely linked.

To put the matter technically, it might be said that the central meaning of a vacation or other recreational activity, rightly understood, is participation in the fundamental human good (or purpose) of play. And participating in *(continued on page 4)*

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human goods is the heart of mortality and the key to human fulfillment. Recreation's special significance is suggested in the title of a well-known book by philosopher Josef Pieper — "Leisure: The Basis of Culture" (Ignatius, \$14.95).

Pieper writes that the "soul" of leisure — recreation, that is — is "celebration." And all celebration worthy of the name is essentially religious: "There is no feast that does not draw its vitality from worship and that has not become a feast by virtue of its origins in worship. ... A feast 'without gods,' and unrelated to worship, is quite simply unknown."

Yet for well over two centuries, since the time of the French Revolution, the ideological proponents of secularism have labored to replace religious feasts and festivals with civic celebrations drained of religious content. That effort has achieved considerable success in the case of something like the Fourth of July and Halloween, and lately even Christmas has been targeted for secularization.

But even when it succeeds, the secularization of our recreation tends to be a self-defeating enterprise. For as Pieper pointed out, "the vacancy left by absence of worship is filled by mere killing of time and by boredom."

A matter of vocation

And that helps explain the way many people today approach recreation in general and vacations in particular.

On the whole — and leaving aside amusements that are plainly immoral — I'd say there are two basic ways of recreating badly.

The first way is destructive busyness. One common version is taking work with you during what should be a time of rest. I've had the experience — probably you have, too — of overhearing people at some vacation spot talking business on their cell phones, in great detail and at inordinate length, with someone in an office back home. "Call me later," those conversations often end, "tell me if that flies, and then I'll take it from there." Some rest!

Another kind of busyness involves overscheduling a vacation, running yourself ragged, trying to take in all the sights, do everything — and all in the name of slowing down. I have no quarrel with people who enjoy long automobile trips. But it's disturbing to encounter some of these poor souls at a rest stop, frazzled and exhausted and checking their watches to see if it's time to hit the road.

The second kind of bad recreation is marked by deadly boredom. Pieper said idleness gives rise to "that deep-seated lack of calm which makes leisure impossible ... since it might be described as the utter absence of leisure." Here, too, it's a sorry sight to see people on vacation who are suffering from terminal boredom and have taken to boozing and/or quarreling just to pass the time.

Face it then — even though contemporary ideas conditioned by secularization find it hard to grasp, in order really to enjoy themselves people need to integrate recreation with the spiritual life. The residue of Manichean-Jansenism inside us all — that tendency to place what's enjoyable and what's good in separate boxes and keep them there — complicates that.

Yet, contrary to this deeply un-Christian way of thinking, the question of recreation — when and where and how — is at bottom a matter of vocation.

That shouldn't come as a surprise to someone who understands that all of life, without exception, lies within the scope of personal vocation, and everything one chooses to do, including even small everyday things, should be chosen in light of one's understanding of God's will for one's life, here and now.

"For in truth," said the great Blessed John Henry Newman, "we are not called once only, but many times; all through our life Christ is calling us. ... His call is a thing which takes place now." It goes without saying that our listening for God's call should also take place all day, every day.

"Even when the matter involved is as mundane as where to go on vacation?" you may ask. Yes, even then.

Scheduling God time

That calling is easy to see if you're a father or mother planning the family vacation. Here your vocation to your family — not just any family, but your own particular one, with these particular persons as its members — comes directly into play. The last family member whose preferences should be consulted is yourself (although, paradoxically, forgetting about your preferences is what will make you happiest in the end).

There's no one "right" answer to planning a vacation. The vacation that's right for your family will be the one that best suits its particular needs and interests. Negotiating skills may be required: If some of the kids want the mountains and some want the beach, maybe you can do the mountains this year and the beach next year. Proceeding like that is living your vocation.

Be sure, too, to include God in the schedule. My family has gone for years to a family-oriented beach town where, weekday after summer weekday, 8:30 a.m. Mass at the local Catholic church draws at least 200 people. It's a beautiful sight and a daily testimony that many people do indeed invite God to join them on their vacations.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph certainly did that during those cheerful Passover pilgrimages long ago.

Today the rest of us should also make our vacations and times of recreation happy interludes of prayerful play.

~Russell Shaw