

March 27, 2022

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday  
9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

*Miraculous Medal Novena*  
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday  
8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm

Monday– Friday  
8:00am

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday  
4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an  
appointment*



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**FIRST READING: JOSHUA 5:9a, 10-12**

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

**SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21**

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32**

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

<b>Monday</b>	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
<b>First Friday</b>	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>First Saturday</b>	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

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## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with your parish. Registration forms are available on our website: [www.annunciationdc.org](http://www.annunciationdc.org), in the foyer or by request from the parish office. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket or the 24-hour drop box outside the parish office.

New parishioners are invited to attend our coffee reception after Mass to meet members of the parish. Please let us know if you are relocating so we can update our records.

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** The sacrament joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic community. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 9:45am or by appointment, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process.

**CONFIRMATION:** "Through the sacrament of confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." Confirmation is offered to adults through the RCIA process, and annually for our eighth-grade students. As with the other sacraments of initiation, preparation is involved.

**MATRIMONY:** Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible or at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for preparation.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:** For those who are interested in finding out more information about the Catholic faith and/or interested in becoming Catholic. Please call the parish office.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Our parish continues Christ's ministry of making whole the members of our community who suffer physical or emotional ills with Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

## FLOCKNOTES



Want to receive timely information from Father Mike? Sign up for email messages at <https://AnnunciationCatholicChu1.flocknote.com/everyone> or on our website – [www.annunciationdc.org](http://www.annunciationdc.org). Please be sure to add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your address book or safe sender list to ensure delivery.

## BAZAAR DONATIONS

Christmas is officially over and we're collecting donations again. To keep us all safe and healthy, **please make an appointment to drop items off.** Contact Tina Lindberg via email at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org) or call 202-362-3323 x15.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Rejoice! So near is our celebration of Jesus' saving Passion, Death, Resurrection, and our Salvation. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is *Laetare* Sunday, a day of rejoicing. Jesus instructs us with one of the most beloved parables in all of Scripture, the account of the Prodigal Son or sometimes known as the Prodigal Father. The son is wasteful of his inheritance and rejects his father and brother. On his part, the Father is extravagant in his love and forgiveness of his sons. One of the many lessons we draw from this parable is the need to turn to God and seek reconciliation and forgiveness. The Lord is ever ready to do His part in bringing us peace and wholeness in our lives. The sacrament of Reconciliation is our opportunity to seek peace and forgiveness. Let us not deny ourselves this great grace.



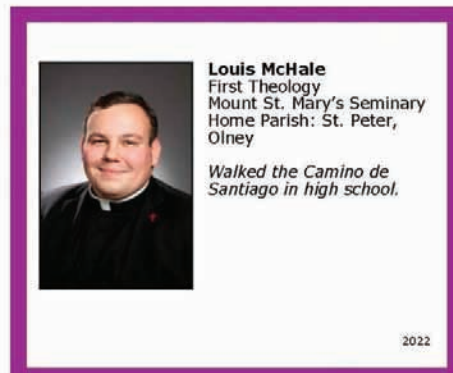
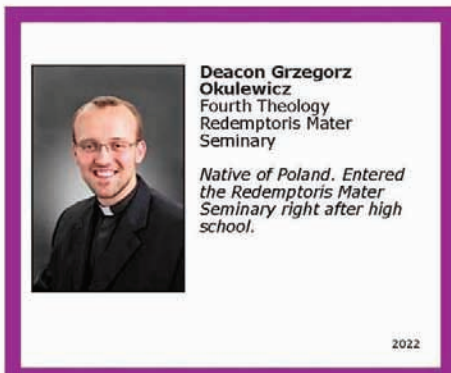
Confessions are available Saturdays: 4:15 – 5:15 PM, Wednesdays 6 – 7 PM, and by appointment.

We know we are sinners and our God is the forgiver as we turn to Him.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Please stop by the "Vocations Tree" in the church foyer, where you'll see cards for each of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent by praying for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese. Please keep in mind Deacon Grzegorz and Louis who have served this parish!

*Heavenly Father, we beseech you to pour out your grace upon your servants and sons **Grzegorz** and **Louis**. Bless them in their formation and guide them in their discernment. If it be your will, strengthen them to be good and holy priests in service of your Church. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, priest, prophet, and king, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*



Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

### POOR BOX

Donations for the month of March will benefit Martha's Table which operates nationally accredited education programs beginning at birth; fights for food justice and increases access to healthy meals and fresh produce for over 15,000 residents; and promotes family success through their no-cost community store and engagement programs.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT FRANCIS OF  
PAOLO

1416-1507

**Feast day – April 2**

Francis's parents were childless for many years, but following prayers for the intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi, they had three children; Francis was the oldest. Following a pilgrimage in his teens to Rome and Assisi in Italy, he became a hermit in a cave near Paola. Before he was 20 years old he began to attract followers. By the 1450's the followers had become so numerous that he established a Rule for them and sought Church approval. This was the founding of the *Hermits of Saint Francis of Assisi*, who were approved by the Holy See in 1474. In 1492 they were renamed the *Franciscan Order of Minim Friars*, which means they count themselves the least of the family of God.

In 1464 Francis wanted to cross the Straits of Messina to reach Sicily, but a boatman refused to take him. Francis laid his cloak on the water, tied one end to his staff to make a sail, and sailed across with his companions. Franz Liszt wrote a piece of music inspired by the incident.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, March 27**—*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Dr. John Moretti	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	James Cabangon	In Memory

**Monday, March 28**—*Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Lupe Chavez	In Memory
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**Tuesday, March 29**—*Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Ingeborg Pairan Zakarija	In Memory
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**Wednesday, March 30**—*Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Eddie & Nino & Gobel	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	All Souls	In Memory

**Thursday, March 31**—*Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Michael Uhlmann	In Memory
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**Friday, April 1**—*Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Michael Sheehan	Intentions
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**Saturday, April 2**—*Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	In Thanksgiving	Intentions
5:30 p.m.	SOSJ	Dr. John Moretti	In Memory

**Sunday, April 3**—*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Oberle	William & Jeanne Cassidy	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Ben Lacarte	In Memory

## AN 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



## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH (8<sup>TH</sup>) GRADE STUDENTS

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund, Inc. (LLJSF) announced The 2022 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. The LLJSF Competition is open to all eighth-grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who are attending a Catholic high school in the fall in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C.

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition is now officially opened.

Interested students can apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Visit the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>, to find the application packet which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay.

Students must complete an application form, write a 1500-2500 word essay, provide one teacher recommendation and have the principal submit a school report. Details on the essay submission can be found at the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Submissions are accepted **ONLY** online. **All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than 11:59 pm March 31, 2022.**

For more information, visit <http://www.lljsf.org/> or contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to [lljsf@aol.com](mailto:lljsf@aol.com).

## TAKE A PERSONAL "RETREAT" DAY

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you.

Various dates are offered: Mar 29 / Apr 7 / May 13

Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required, and registrations will be limited to facilitate appropriate social distancing. Visit our website to register and to find more dates [ourladyofbethesda.org](http://ourladyofbethesda.org). Or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

## HOMEBOUND HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We depend on families, friends, and neighbors to notify the parish office if parishioners are hospitalized and/or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion.

If you know of anyone in need of the sacraments, please contact us. Also, if you would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 or [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org).

## THIS WEEK ...

**Sunday, March 27**

CLOW 10:00am (PC)

**Tuesday, March 29**

Bible Study 1:00pm (Zoom)

**Wednesday, March 30**

Mass 5:30pm (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm (Church)

Religious Education

7:00pm (School)

Bible Study 7:30pm (Zoom)

**Thursday, March 31**

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

**Friday, April 1**

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm (Church)

**Saturday, April 2**

Mass 9:00am (Church)

First Communion Retreat

9:00am (Church)

Confession

4:15pm – 5:15pm (Chapel)

Mass 5:30pm (Church)



### Virtual Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 4 thru April 8  
(3:00pm) Zoom

Contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org to sign up

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 4— April 8 (7pm)

### The Light is on For You

Wednesdays, March 9— April 13  
Eucharistic Adoration

(6:00pm – 7:00pm)

Confessions (6:00pm – 7:00pm)

### Holy Thursday, April 14

(No 8am Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

### Good Friday, April 15

(No 8am Mass)

Confessions (12:00pm – 2:00pm)

Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm

Passion of the Lord at 7:00pm

### Holy Saturday, April 16

(No 9am or 5:30pm Mass)

Confessions (3:00pm – 5:00pm)

Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

### Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am &  
12:00pm

### Easter Egg Hunt, April 17

Following the 10:00am Mass

## VOLUNTEER WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities ADW is seeking volunteers for many different projects! Here are some ways you can get involved, both individually and with a group:

### Individual Opportunities:

St. Maria's Meals is back! Every Tuesday in Temple Hills and Wednesday in downtown DC, Catholic Charities volunteers and staff members provide individuals and families with hot meals. Sign up on our event calendar: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteercalendar/>

Food Distributions: Throughout the summer, we will help deliver food items at St. Bernard in Riverdale, MD every other Tuesday. Learn more and sign up on our event calendar!

Prepare and deliver a meal for 20 people at Dorothy Day Place in Rockville, any night of the week! Signing up to cook a meal helps staff focus on other priorities such as clinical work and employment services. <http://btr.im/80hmc>

Sign up for a year of service with Catholic Charities through AmeriCorps or Capuchin Franciscan Corps!

Financial Stability AmeriCorps

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Volunteer Office VISTA

Volunteer Medical Clinic VISTA

Capuchin Corps Volunteer in Volunteer Office, Spanish Catholic Center, or Medical Clinic

You can learn more on our Volunteer Homepage: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/>

### Group Opportunities

Coordinate bimonthly virtual mock interviews for adults with intellectual disabilities participating in Catholic Charities Maryland Employment Program. This is a great opportunity for your office to commit to volunteering! Contact Claire.Sanfilippo@cc-dc.org to learn more!

### Ward 7 Volunteer Opportunity

Bring your gardening interests, skills and supplies to join COMPASS in serving our Ward 7 client with a yard makeover! Contact Lett.Protor@cc-dc.org for more information.

## A MILLION ROSARIES

Join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the coronavirus pandemic. Sign up for the one million Rosary campaign at <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org>.







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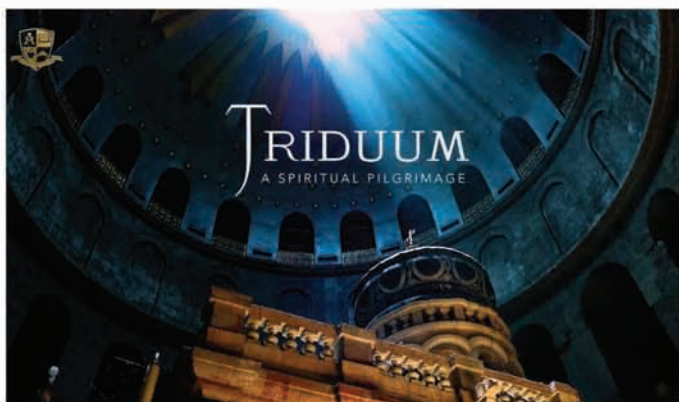
## PICK OF THE WEEK

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### WATCH

#### TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.



#### FORMED NOW! HOLY SATURDAY— JESUS' DESCENT INTO HELL

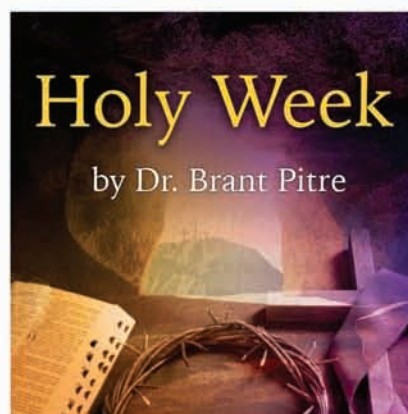
What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into Hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.

### LEARN

### LISTEN

#### HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.



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# Romans

*The Gospel of Salvation*

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. Indeed, many Catholics fear that Romans is too "Protestant." But understood correctly, as St. Paul intended, Romans is authentically Catholic.

Romans reveals that salvation is not merely the removal of a guilty verdict; it is about entering into Christ's life, death, and resurrection and sharing in his divine life. In Jesus Christ all the hopes and expectations of Israel are fulfilled, leading to the universal family of God. *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation* is a new eight-week Bible study we are offering that will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. It will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle.

Participants will meet online every week to view an engaging video presentation by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. We will run our *Romans* Bible study on **Tuesdays at 1 PM** and **Wednesdays at 7.30 PM**. For more information or to register contact **Andreja** at **202.362.3323 x 13** or **mezek@annunciationdc.org**. We hope you can join us!

Starting dates: **Tuesday, March 15 / Wednesday, March 16**

#### ZOOM LINK INFORMATION:

<https://zoom.us/j/6087113368?pwd=Z2p1RDViamFudTdlTklnN0EydkhXdz09>

**Meeting ID: 608 711 3368**

**Passcode: 3125**

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## ROSARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Join your fellow parishioners at 12pm on Thursdays to pray the rosary for peace in Ukraine in front of the Russian Embassy, 2650 Wisconsin Avenue NW, throughout Lent. If you're unable to join us in person, pray along with us from wherever you are.



### ROSARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

**The Apostles Creed:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

**Our Father**, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**Hail Mary** full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death Amen.

**Glory be** to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

**Fatima Prayer:** O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

### Luminous Mysteries

**Jesus' Baptism:** You wash away our sins and show us the road to salvation; may Putin and all oppressors see your truth and desire peace.

*Let us pray that the Peace of Christ may overcome all war and violence, especially in Ukraine.*

**Wedding at Cana:** You desire for us overflowing joy; may Ukraine once again be filled with your joy.

*Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen and protect the people of Ukraine in the face of war.*

**Proclamation of the Kingdom:** You taught us how to love; may your love be spread throughout the earth.

*Lord, send forth your Holy Spirit to protect the rights and dignity of all people.*

**Transfiguration:** You showed us that you are truly God; may your glory shine on all hearts and minds transforming them to your will.

*Let us pray that Vladimir Putin will have a full conversion of heart, end this war, and seek peace.*

**Institution of the Eucharist:** You sacrificed yourself for us; may full union with you be desired by all so as to bring peace throughout the world.

*Lord, we ask You to grant wisdom to the leaders of all nations and protect all those affected by war and oppression.*

**Hail, holy Queen**, Mother of Mercy! Our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Final Prayer:** Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Memorare:** Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee O virgin of virgins and mother. To thee do I come. Before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O mother of the word incarnate, despise not my petitions but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

**St. Michael the Archangel**, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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