

The Ministry of Angels

First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. Mark 1:12–13

What an amazing event we reflect upon today. Jesus, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity humbled Himself in two ways in the passage quoted above. First, He allowed Himself to endure the temptations of Satan. Second, He permitted His very own creation, the good angels, to minister to Him in His human form.

First of all, recall that Satan is a fallen angel. He was created by God and was created good. But the Book of Revelation (12:4) indicates that one-third of the created angels were cast out of Heaven to roam the earth. These demons act under the direction of the highest fallen angel, Satan. Thus, according to the passage above, it was Satan himself who tempted Jesus in the desert. Additionally, Jesus permitted the good angels to minister to Him in His human nature. These acts reveal the perfection of the virtue of humility within the humanity of our Lord.

According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, angels were created for three primary reasons. The first is for the purpose of worship. Worship of God brings about communion with God and enables perfect love to flow back and forth from God to each angelic being. Second, angels enact the will of God in all things. This includes the implementation of the laws of nature and the imparting of the grace that Christ won on the Cross. Third, God uses angels as messengers. Scripture records various ways that the angels spoke to the prophets, to our Blessed Mother, to Saint Joseph and to others. Saint Thomas Aquinas also believed that each of us is given a particular guardian angel whose role is not only to protect us but also to communicate the will of God to us.

As God, Jesus was the Creator of all angelic beings with the Father and the Holy Spirit. As man, Jesus was the recipient of both the ministry of the good angels and the attacks of the fallen angels. By humbly subjecting Himself to the natural powers of these angelic creatures, Jesus was also teaching us that we must do the same.

One of the primary natural powers of both the good and bad angels is the power of influence and suggestive thought. Angelic beings have the ability to put before your imagination ideas meant to either influence you for the good (the good angels) or to deceive you and lead you into sin (the bad angels). These communications are real, and we should be aware of them. In his book, *The Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola devotes much time and energy to the ministry of angels. He teaches how to distinguish the lies and deceptions of the fallen angels from the consoling direction communicated by the good angels. In many ways, our Gospel passage today, by which Jesus submitted Himself to the temptations and ministry of the angels, lends much support to the importance of trying to understand how these angelic creatures influence us. For more on this, see the book *Probing the Depths: Ignatian Lessons and Meditations Arranged According to the Liturgical Year*.

Reflect, today, upon the amazing truth that both angels and demons are constantly active in your life, seeking to influence you. As you ponder their spiritual role in your life, consider the various ways you can learn more about them. Speak to your guardian angel. Ask for the intercession of the highest of angels. Try to join them in their divine worship. Pray for their protection. Ask them to communicate to you the highest of truths from God. Seek to be attentive to these holy angels so that as you learn to discern their voices, you will be ready to follow the direction they give to you from God.

My Lord and Creator of All, You created the angelic order for the glorious purpose of love and worship.

You also give them the mission of enacting Your holy will and communicating to us on earth.

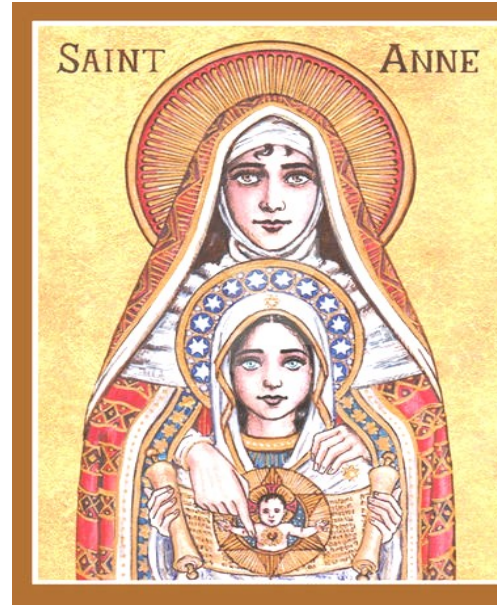
Please help me to be more aware of the deceptions of the fallen angels and the direction of the good angels.

Angels of God, pray for me, protect me and guide me into God's perfect will. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. Anne Catholic Parish

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent



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Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Daily Mass: Mondays & Fridays @ 6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 9:00 am
First Saturday's ONLY @ 9:00 am

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays and Fridays 5:00-6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony: The family should be registered and active at St. Anne Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Father Ishida.

Parish Office: Please email or leave a voice message.

Ministry Contacts

Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan - Theresa Reisenauer

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Fellowship—

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Step 2. Then enter your name and create a password.

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to our Parish

Around the Diocese

Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 pm
 Young Adult Pub Night
 @ Jack & Dan's – 1226 N. Hamilton
 with guest speaker Rev. David Kruse

Sunday, February 25, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 Cigar Night “Smoke & Sip Social”
 Young Adult Men
 @ Summit House -2941 W Summit Blvd

Come as you are: no need to be a cigar aficionado; this is an open invitation. Bring your buddies, light up if you want, or just chill with a drink in hand. It is the experience not the expertise. Smoking is optional, but good company is a must!

March 1, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm and March 2, 2024, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Eucharistic Revival: Treasures of the Faith - Spokane
 @ the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes
Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist through candlelight adoration with sacred music, confessions, intercessory prayer, and a talk with Eucharistic Miracles from Dr. Scott French.

Friday, March 1 @ 7:00 pm
 First Friday Charismatic Mass
 @ Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Spokane
Praise time at 7:00 pm, Mass at 7:30 pm, fellowship to follow. Bring a snack to share.

Saturday, March 2 @ 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
 @ Immaculate Heart Retreat Center
 Catholic Medical Assoc Spring Retreat
A day of reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Speaker Dr. Scott French explores the Passion of Christ and The Shroud of Turin from a medical perspective. Reserve your spot today.

Wednesday, March 6 @ 7:00 pm
 Young Adult First Wednesday Adoration
 St. Xavier, 545 E Providence, Spokane
Adoration & Confession, Fellowship following



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Catholic links:

The Vigil Project: *Helping Catholics learn to pray with music once again.* Restore devotional prayer in the Catholic Church deepening participation in the Sacraments and liturgical seasons. Music for the Catholic Journey.
www.thevigilproject.com

National Eucharistic Revival: *A movement to restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.*
www.eucharisticrevival.org

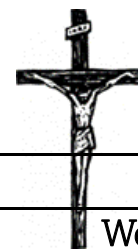
Hallow: Prayer app for Catholic prayer and meditation, including daily Rosary, and music. Sign up



MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

18	Sunday	Pro Populo
19	Monday	
20	Tuesday	
21	Wednesday	
22	Thursday	
23	Friday	
24	Saturday	
25	Sunday	Pro Populo

*St. Anne ... Pray for us!
 Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!*



Welcome to St. Anne Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day. Pax et Bonum (Peace & Happiness)

St. Anne Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays @ 5:00 pm—confession @ 4:30 pm
 Sundays @ 9:00 am - confession @ 8:30 am

Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.

Daily Mass Schedule

Mondays & Fridays– 6:00 pm Mass
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - 9:00 am Mass
ADORATION

Mondays & Fridays @ 5:00 pm;
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays—following Mass
CONFESION

Mondays & Fridays @ 5:30 pm;
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 8:30 am



Seven Sisters Apostolate
That our prayers may find the heart of every priest and bishop.

A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a “holy wasting” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

Please contact Linda Pearson if you are interested in joining her at 509-879-0753 or email at sookiesue@msn.com

St. Anne Events!

Consecration to St. Joseph
 33-Day Prayer Challenge

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
 Seven Sisters Apostolate. We will meet following 9:00 am Mass
 Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Friday, February 23, 2024
 Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm
Join us for fellowship & SOUP Dinner.

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
 Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Friday, March 1, 2024
 Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm
Join us for fellowship & SOUP Dinner.



Lectors Needed!

We are looking for additional parishioners willing to serve as a lector.

If you would like, you could read at a daily mass once or twice with a small group attending before committing and being included on the weekend schedule. For more information or to sign up, contact Cheryl at 299-4191.

Schola Cantorum—Choir

Please join our new schola (Choir) to assist with singing the Holy Mass, We would love to have you. Please contact Linda @ 509-879-0753 or email at sookiesue@msn.com

All voices are welcome!