

Michaelmas 2019

Sunday, 29th September



Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

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St Michael's Catholic Church, Hurstville

Under the Care of the Michaelite Fathers

Our Daily Adoration Schedule

Monday 7.15 - 9.15 am

Tuesday 6.00 - 9.00 pm

Wednesday 7.15 - 9.15 am

Thursday 7.15 - 9.15 am

Friday 9.45 - 11.45 am

Friday 8.00 - 10.00 pm

Saturday 9.30 - 12.00 pm



Parish Priest

Rev Dr Janusz Bieniek CSMA

Parish Office

Mon-Fri: 9am-2pm

Margaret

Deena, Colleen, Dora, Valerie

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Safeguarding Officer

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Catechist Coordinator

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Sacramental/RCIA Coordinator

Valerie

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:

5.00pm

6.30pm Spanish

Sunday:

8.00am

10.00am Family Mass

12.00pm Cantonese (4th)

12.15pm Mandarin (1st & 3rd)

6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday-Wednesday: 6.45am

Thursday: 9.15am

Communion Service

Friday: 9.15am

Saturday: 9.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 9.30am, 4.15pm

Anointing of the Sick

Call the priest anytime

Marriage

Contact priest 6 months prior

Devotions

Tuesday:

6.00pm Marian Cenacle

7.10pm St Michael

Thursday:

10.30am Marian Cenacle Croatian

Friday:

10.00am Padre Pio (1st)

6.00pm Sacred Heart of Jesus (1st)

Adoration and Holy Mass

Saturday:

9.30am Perpetual Help Novena

3.00pm Divine Mercy (4th)

6.00pm Our Lady of Fatima (1st)

Sunday:

7.00pm Praise and Worship (3rd)

School of the Word

Mondays 7.30pm

RCIA

Tuesdays 8.00pm (except 2nd)

Legion of Mary

Wednesdays 7.30pm

Bible Sharing Cantonese

Wednesdays 7.30pm (3rd)

Meditation Group

Saturdays 8.00am

Prayer Meeting Cantonese

Saturdays 10.30am (2nd & 4th)

RCIA Cantonese

Sundays 10.30am

RCIA Mandarin

Sundays 11.00am (1st & 3rd)

Youth Fellowship

Sundays 7.00pm

The Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn

*Michael Prince of all the angels, while your legions fill the sky,
All victorious over Satan, lift your flaming sword on high.
Shout to all the seas and heavens, now the morning is begun;
Now is rescued from the dragon, she whose garment is the sun!*

*Mighty champion of the woman, mighty servant of her Lord,
Come with all your myriad warriors, come and save us with your sword;
Enemies of God surround us; share with us your burning love;
Let the incense of our worship rise before His throne above!*

*Gabriel, messenger to Mary, Raphael, healer, friend and guide,
All you hosts of guardian angels ever standing by our side,
Virtues, Thrones and Dominations, raise on high your joyful hymn,
Principalities and Powers, Cherubim and Seraphim!*

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Priest: Brothers and sisters let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (*all strike their breast*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Priest: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Priest: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Gloria

Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

We give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Priest: Let us pray. O God, who dispose in marvellous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

As I watched: 'Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 137:1-5. R. v.1

Reader: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.

All: *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.*

Reader: I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth,
in the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore you before your holy temple.

All: *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.*

Reader: I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

All: *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.*

Reader: All the earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:

'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

All: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.

Second Reading

Rev 12:7-12

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Now war broke out in heaven, when Michael with his angels attacked the dragon. The dragon fought back with his angels, but they were defeated and driven out of heaven. The great dragon, the primeval serpent, known as the devil of Satan, who had deceived all the world, was hurled down to the earth and his angels were hurled down with him. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ, now that the persecutor, who accused our brothers day and night before our God, has been brought down. They have triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the witness of their martyrdom, because even in the face of death they would not cling to life. Let the heavens rejoice and all who live there.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 102:21

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Bless the Lord, all you his angels, his ministers who do his will.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:47-51

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, he said of him, 'There is an Israelite who deserves the name, incapable of deceit.' 'How do you know me?' said Nathanael. 'Before Philip came to call you,' said Jesus, 'I saw you under the fig tree.' Nathanael answered 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel.' Jesus replied, 'You believe that just because I said: I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.' And then he added,

'I tell you most solemnly, you will see heaven laid open and, above the Son of Man, the angels of God ascending and descending.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith (Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: The angels and archangels stand before God's throne ready to do his will. Let us offer our petitions to our loving Father, asking him to send his angels to guide and protect his Church as we journey to our heavenly home.

Reader: For Pope Francis, Archbishop Anthony and all clergy. That they may follow the example of St Michael and proclaim unceasingly by word and deed: “Who is like unto God!” Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the Congregation of Saint Michael the Archangel and affiliated groups. That their members remain true to the teachings of the Catholic Church and, heeding the advice of Pope Francis, preserve the charism of the congregation “by obedience and by wisdom, working together”. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the parishes under the care of the Michaelite Fathers. That their parishioners continue to pray for their priests, sustaining them with love and encouragement and trusting in their leadership. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all of us gathered here. May we increasingly appreciate the reality of our angelic brothers who have been commanded by God to watch over us and guide us. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those in our family who are suffering in one way or another. May they fix their gaze on our Lord Jesus Christ and derive strength and consolation thereby. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the faithful departed. May Heaven be their just reward. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Lord our God, let the prayers of your Church mingle with the incense offered by your angel at the altar in heaven. Receive our petitions and grant us your help, until we join the holy archangels before your throne to sing your praises in the new Jerusalem. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Order of Blessing of Married Couples and Renewal of Matrimonial Commitment

Priest: On the occasion of the 110th Anniversary of St Michael's Church which we have declared a Jubilee Year, we remember that momentous celebration wherein you joined your lives in an unbreakable bond through the Sacrament of Matrimony. It is now your intention to renew before the Lord the promises you made to one another. Turn to the Lord in prayer, that these vows may be strengthened by divine grace.

Husband: Blessed are you, Lord, for by your goodness I took **N.** as my wife.

Wife: Blessed are you, Lord, for by your goodness I took **N.** as my husband.

Both: Blessed are you, Lord, for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our side. Help us, we pray, to remain faithful in our love for one another, so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with mankind.

Priest: May the Lord keep you safe all the days of your life. May he be your comfort in adversity and your support in prosperity. May he fill your home with his blessings.

All: Amen.

Priest: Increase and sanctify, Lord, the love of your servants, who once gave each other rings as a sign of faithfulness, that they may always grow in the grace of the Sacrament.

All: Amen.

Priest: Let us call upon the mercy of God the almighty Father, who in his most provident plan willed that the history of salvation be signified in marital love, fidelity and fruitfulness.

All: Renew the fidelity of your servants, Lord.

Priest: Holy Father, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit enjoy from eternity perfect oneness of life and communion of love, grant that these your servants may always remember and faithfully keep the covenant of love they made in the Sacrament.

All: Renew the fidelity of your servants, Lord.

Priest: Holy Father, who in your providence order all the experiences of human life so as to lead the faithful to share in the mystery of Christ, grant that these your servants, serenely accepting both good times and bad, may strive to cling to Christ and live for him alone.

All: Renew the fidelity of your servants, Lord.

Priest: Holy Father, who willed that the partnership of Marriage should be an example of Christian living, grant that all married couples may be witnesses in the world to the mystery of your Son's love.

All: Renew the fidelity of your servants, Lord.

Priest: O God, in whose plan family life has its firm foundation, hear with compassion the prayers of your servants and grant that, following the example of the Holy Family, they may praise you without end in the joy of your house. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

All: We praise you, O God, we bless you, Creator of all things, who in the beginning made man and woman that they might form a communion of life and love. We also give you thanks for graciously blessing the family life of your servants, so that it might present an image of Christ's union with the Church. Therefore look with kindness upon them today, and as you have sustained their communion amid joys and struggles, renew their Marriage covenant each day, increase their charity, and strengthen in them the bond of peace, so that together with the circle of their children that surrounds them, they may for ever enjoy your blessing. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings yet born of Mary as of old on earth He stood.
Lord of lords, in human vesture in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At his feet the six-winged seraphs, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!*

All stand

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: We offer you a sacrifice of praise, O Lord, humbly entreating, that, as these gifts are borne by the ministry of Angels into the presence of your majesty, so you may receive them favourably and make them profitable for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer III

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Preface

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, and to praise you without end in your Archangels and Angels. For the honour we pay the angelic creatures in whom you delight redounds to your own surpassing glory, and by their great dignity and splendour you show how infinitely great you are, to be exalted above all things, through Christ our Lord. Through him the multitude of Angels extols your majesty, and we are united with them in exultant adoration, as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

*Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

Priest: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit,

may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, with Saint Michael the Archangel, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and Anthony our Archbishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own. Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Priest: Through him, and with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

All stand

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

*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.*

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All: Peace be with you.

Breaking of the Bread

Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

All kneel

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave

life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion

Catholics who are in a state of Sanctifying Grace and having fasted for an hour prior may receive Holy Communion. Everyone else may receive a blessing by coming up with arms crossed over their breast.

If you are receiving Holy Communion please remember to show reverence to our Lord in the Blessed Eucharist by bowing before reception.

Those receiving by hand should consume the Sacred Host while still in front of the Minister or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

*O Bread of Heaven beneath the veil, thou dost my very God conceal.
My Jesus, dearest treasure hail; I love thee and adoring kneel.
Each loving soul by thee is fed with thy own self in form of bread.*

*O Food of Life, thou who dost give the pledge of immortality.
O live; no 'tis not I that live, God gives me life, God lives in me.
He feeds my soul, he guides my ways, and every grief with joy repays.*

*O Bond of Love, that dost unite the servant to his living Lord;
Could I dare live and not requite such love –then death were meet reward.
I cannot live unless to prove some love for such unmeasured love.*

*Beloved Lord in heaven above, there, Jesus, thou awaitest me;
To gaze on thee with changeless love; yes, thus, I hope, thus it shall be.
For how can he deny me heaven who here on earth himself hath given.*

Reflection Hymn

*Guardian angel, from heaven so bright,
watching beside me to lead me aright.
Fold thy wings round me, O guard me with love,
softly sing songs to me of heav'n above.
Beautiful angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.*

*Angel so holy, whom God sent to me,
sinful and lowly, my guardian to be.
Wilt thou not cherish the child of thy care?
Let me not perish, my trust is thy pray'r.
Beautiful angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.*

*O may I never forget thou art near;
But keep me ever in love and in fear.
Waking and sleeping, in labour and rest,
In thy sweet keeping my life shall be blest.
Beautiful angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.*

*Angel, dear angel, O close by me stay;
Safe from harm shield me, all ill keep away
Then thou wilt lead me when this life is o'er
To Jesus and Mary to praise evermore.
Beautiful angel, my guardian so mild, tenderly guide me, for I am thy child.*

All stand

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Let us pray. Having been nourished with heavenly Bread, we beseech you humbly, O Lord, that, drawing from it new strength, under the faithful protection of your Angels, we may advance boldly along the way of salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Fr Janusz: (a few words of thanks from the parish priest)

The Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May the God of all consolation order your days in his peace and grant you the gifts of his blessing.

All: Amen.

Priest: May he free you always from every distress and confirm your hearts in his love.

All: Amen.

Priest: So that in this life's journey you may be effective in good works, rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity, and may come happily to eternal life.

All: Amen.

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer to St Michael



St Michael the Archangel, defend us in the hour of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Devotion to St Michael and the Holy Angels

Leader: In the name of the Father, (+) and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: You, O Lord, will open our lips.

All: And our tongues shall announce Your praise.

Leader: Incline unto our aid, O God.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession to St Michael the Archangel

All: St Michael the Archangel, loyal champion of God and His people, we turn to you with confidence and seek your powerful intercession. For the love of God, who made you so glorious in grace and power, and for the love of the Mother of Jesus, the Queen of Angels, be pleased to hear our prayers. You know the value of our souls in the eyes of God, may no stain of evil ever disfigure their beauty. Help us conquer the evil spirits that tempt us constantly. We desire to imitate your loyalty to God and to Holy Mother Church, and your great love for God and for his people. And since you are God's messenger who cares for His people, we entrust to you this petition:

Leader: Under the patronage of St Michael, the Archangel, we pray especially for the intentions of Police officers and others involved in law enforcement and politics.

All: St Michael, you are the patron of police officers. We also place under your protection the nation's political and judicial leaders as well as others involved in upholding law and order. God grant them wisdom and courage as they perform their duties

without fear or favour. May they be true to their calling, defending Truth and Life. Guard them against all evil and keep them safe from harm. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: St Michael, since you are, by the will of the Creator, the powerful intercessor of Christians, we have great confidence in your prayers. We earnestly trust that, if it is God's Holy Will, our petitions and intentions will be granted. Pray for us St Michael and for all those we love. Protect us in all dangers of body and soul. Help us in our daily needs. Through your powerful intercession, may we live a holy life, die a happy death and reach heaven where we may praise and love God with you forever. Amen.

The Chaplet of St Michael the Archangel

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Seraphim.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(x3)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Seraphim may the Lord make us worthy to burn with the fire of perfect charity. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Cherubim.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(x3)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Cherubim may the Lord grant us the grace to leave the ways of sin and walk in the path of Christian perfection. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Thrones.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Thrones may the Lord infuse into our hearts a true and sincere spirit of humility. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Dominions.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Dominions may the Lord give us grace to govern our senses and overcome unruly passions. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Powers.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Powers may the Lord protect our souls against the snares and temptations of the devil. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Virtues.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Virtues may the Lord preserve us from evil and giving in to temptation. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Principalities.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Principalities may the Lord fill our souls with the spirit of obedience. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Archangels.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Archangels may the Lord give us perseverance in faith and in doing good works in order that we may attain the glory of Heaven. Amen.

Salutation: In honour of St Michael the Archangel and the celestial Choir of Angels.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....(3x)

All: By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Angels may the Lord grant us their protection in this mortal life and safe conduct by them to life everlasting. Amen.

Leader:

In honour of St Michael

In honour of St Gabriel

In honour of St Rafael

In honour of our Guardian Angel

All:

Our Father

Our Father

Our Father

Our Father

Concluding Prayers

All: O glorious prince St Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the Divine King and our admirable conductor, you who shine with excellence and superhuman virtue deliver us from evil, who turn to you with confidence and enable us by your gracious protection to serve God more and more faithfully every day.

Leader: Pray for us, O glorious St Michael, Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ.

All: That we may be made worthy of His promises.
Almighty and Ever-living God, who, by a prodigy of goodness and a merciful desire for the salvation of all men, has appointed the most glorious Archangel St Michael Prince of your Church, make us worthy, we ask you, to be delivered from all our enemies, that none of them may harass us at the hour of death,

but that we may be conducted by him into your Presence. This we ask through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canon in Honour of St Michael

O St Michael the Archangel you are praising our God.
Help us conquer evil spirits, always stand by Christ our Lord.
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Litany in Honour of St Michael

Lord have mercy on us	Lord have mercy on us
Christ have mercy on us	Christ have mercy on us
Lord have mercy on us	Lord have mercy on us
Christ hear us	Christ graciously hear us
God the Father of Heaven	Have mercy on us
God the Son, Redeemer of the World	Have mercy on us
God the Holy Spirit	Have mercy on us
Holy Trinity, One God	Have mercy on us
Holy Mary, Queen of the Angels	Pray for us
St Michael the Archangel	Pray for us
St Michael filled with the wisdom of God	Pray for us
St Michael perfect adorer of the Incarnate Word	Pray for us
St Michael crowned with honour and glory	Pray for us
St Michael most powerful Prince of the armies of the Lord	Pray for us
St Michael standard-bearer of the Most Holy Trinity	Pray for us
St Michael guardian of Paradise	Pray for us
St Michael guide and comforter of the people of Israel	Pray for us
St Michael splendour and fortress of the Church Militant	Pray for us
St Michael honour and joy of the Church Triumphant	Pray for us
St Michael light of Angels	Pray for us
St Michael bulwark of orthodox believers	Pray for us
St Michael strength of those who fight under the standard of the Cross	Pray for us

St Michael light and confidence of souls at the hour of death	Pray for us
St Michael our most sure aid	Pray for us
St Michael our help in all adversities	Pray for us
St Michael herald of the everlasting sentence	Pray for us
St Michael consoler of souls detained in the flames of Purgatory	Pray for us
St Michael whom the Lord has charged to receive souls after death	Pray for us
St Michael our prince	Pray for us
St Michael our advocate	Pray for us
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world	Spare us O Lord
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world	Graciously hear us O Lord
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world	Have mercy on us

Leader: Pray for us O glorious St Michael.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Sanctify us we beseech you, O Lord Jesus with Your holy blessing and grant us, by the intercession of St Michael, that wisdom which teaches us to lay up treasures in Heaven by exchanging the goods of this world for those of eternity, you who live and reign world without end. Amen.

Act of Consecration to St Michael the Archangel

All: St Michael the Archangel, invincible prince of the angelic hosts and glorious protector of the universal Church, I greet you and praise you for that splendour with which God has adorned you so richly. I thank God for the great graces He has bestowed upon you, especially that of remaining faithful when Lucifer and his followers rebelled, and to battle victoriously for the honour of God and the Divinity of the Son of Man. St Michael, I

consecrate to you my soul and body. I choose you as my patron and protector and entrust the salvation of my soul to your care. Be the guardian of my obligation as a child of God and of the Catholic Church as again I renounce Satan, his works and his empty promises. Assist me by your powerful intercession in the fulfilment of these sacred promises, so that imitating your courage and loyalty to God, and trusting in your kind help and protection, I may be victorious over the enemies of my soul and be united with God in heaven forever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

*Before all time all was darkness God gave His word and there was light.
His angels came forth shining like the Sun, displaying God's glory and
might.*

*For who is like unto God! For who is like unto God Most High!
His glory fills the heavens with light. For who is like unto God!*

*One filled with pride vainly thought his throne should equal God Most
High's.*

*Then angel Michael, as bright as Lucifer, came forth with his battle cry.
For who is like unto God! For who is like unto God Most High!
His glory fills the heavens with light. For who is like unto God!*

*A great battle in the heavens was fought; the rebel spirits fell from grace.
Victorious angels encircled God's throne to worship Him face to face.
For who is like unto God! For who is like unto God Most High!
His glory fills the heavens with light. For who is like unto God!*

*So let us join choirs of heavenly hosts, face down in humble adoration.
All praise and glory, honour and power to Yahweh our God, our salvation!
For who is like unto God! For who is like unto God Most High!
His glory fills the heavens with light. For who is like unto God!*

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