



St. Michael

September 29

Who is St. Michael?

The Feast Day of St. Michael is celebrated every year on September 29. St. Michael plays a unique role in the Catholic Church as he is tasked with protecting, healing and guiding us with his divine strength and powerful love.

St. Michael is an archangel and therefore is not a human being. Like the other angels, God created St. Michael as a pure spirit, with intellect and will, but with no physical body. St. Michael is often portrayed as a mighty warrior with a sword and shield. This is indicative of his reputation as the ultimate protector and defender against evil.

St. Michael led the angelic forces against Satan to expel him and his followers from heaven. He was rewarded for his loyalty to God and was made chief archangel. The Roman Catholic Church recognizes him as a saint due to his heroic actions and for serving as an excellent example to others. St. Michael helps us to have courage and to face challenges with bravery. He shields us from harm and drives away negativity, inspiring us to choose what is right and just.

In addition to being a Catholic saint, St. Michael is also recognized in Judaism and Islam. The name "Michael" in Hebrew means, "Who is like God". He is envisioned as "standing" to the right of the throne of God and oftentimes is considered as the right hand of God.

In the Qur'an, the Angel Mika'il (known as Michael in Christianity) is a friend to humanity who is a giver of rain, helping to provide people's food. He is said to guard places of worship. As the Angel of Mercy, he asks God to forgive people's sins and reward people's good works.

On the Feast Day of St. Michael, we celebrate his special role in our lives. We can turn to him in prayer, seeking his intercession and guidance. He reminds us that we are never alone and offers his loving presence to help us overcome challenges, find hope and experience God's healing touch.

St. Michael teaches us to be courageous, to listen to God's message and to care for ourselves and others. He reminds us that the power of God's love and protection is always available to us and he inspires us to live our lives with faith, hope and kindness.

St. Michael plays an extra special role in our Archdiocese as he is the namesake of our Cathedral, the centre of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Furthermore, many important buildings throughout the GTA are named after St. Michael, including schools, parishes and hospitals.

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Quotes

"Courage comes from trusting in God's power. With Him by our side, we can overcome any challenge."

- St. Michael

"Whenever a mighty deed is in question, Michael is assigned, so that by his actions and name, which means Who is like God. It may be known that no one can do what God can do"

- St. Gregory the Great

"Then war broke out in Heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in Heaven."

- Revelations 12: 7-9

Prayer

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

This is a reading from the Book of Mark 9:38-40

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us, is for us."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

Reflection:

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that when we act in the name of the Lord, we are HIS followers. We cannot be a follower and a detractor of Christ at the same time.

Calling upon HIS name places HIM in our midst. This is a comforting thought. Nevertheless, we must put aside those things that separate us from God and lead us astray.

Take time today to examine your life, discover what pulls you away from Christ, and ask to be freed and healed of it, so that you may live more fully with HIM.

Patron Saint

Doctors

Police &
Warriors

Soldiers

Bankers &
Grocers

Mariners & Paratroopers

Sickness





York Catholic District School Board



St. Michael the Archangel

FEAST DAY:
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St. Michael CA - Thornhill
St. Michael the Archangel -
Woodbridge

*St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against
the wickedness and
snares of the Devil. May
God rebuke him, we
humbly pray.
-Prayer to St. Michael*

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