
2 Friday

FRIDAY 26th Week in Ordinary Time

Guardian Angels

Exodus 23: 20 - 23

Ps 90: 1-6, 10,11

Matt. 18: 1 – 5, 10

In recent years there's been a renewed interest in angels. Not that they ever really "disappeared" from Christian consciousness. And of course angels are not exclusive to Christianity. Angels appear quite frequently throughout the bible, as messengers of God or even sometimes as standing for the presence of God himself. A few of them have names which indicate God himself at work, healing, defending, comforting, the names of the archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael.

There's also the enduring belief that each person has their own "guardian" angel, a belief that for Christians is strengthened by Our Lord's own comment that we have in today's gospel reading, in reference to innocent children, that "... their angels continually see the face of my Father".

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