

Today, we begin a Thomistic study of The Hail Mary.

First, St. Thomas Aquinas notes three distinct parts:

- 1) the words of the angel, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women.” (Lk 1:28);
- 2) the words of Elizabeth, “Blessed is the fruit of thy womb.” (Lk 1:42);
- 3) and the word “Mary” fittingly inserted by the Church in, “Hail, Mary, full of grace...”.

*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed are thou among women.*

Often overlooked, this angelic greeting reveals the great reverence owed Mary. It is an awesome wonder that an angel should appear to man; it is still a greater wonder that an angel appears to & even reverences a man (in the person of Mary).

In times past, angels appeared to men (Abraham, Tobit’s family, etc.), but men revered them; it is an entirely new & singular event that an angel not only appears to but reverences man in the person of Mary as revealed in his greeting.

Why men reverence angels

They excel man in dignity. As the spiritual nature is higher than the material and corruptible nature, so it is unbecoming that a spiritual and incorruptible creature reverence a corruptible one.

They excel man in familiarity with God. As angels are members of God’s household, “Thousands of thousands minister to Him...” (Dan. 7:10) while mankind has been estranged on account of sin, “I have wondered afar off.” (Job 25:3), so it is unbecoming that angels reverence man.

They dwell in the fullness of divine grace. As angels reflect the divine light in full (and so always appear encircled with light) while men only in part, admixed with some measure of darkness, so it is unbecoming that angels reverence man.

Why angels reverence Mary (and so we should too, above angels)

BUT should a man excel an angel in the above ways, then the angel would owe that human being reverence... and this happens in the case of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As will be shown in the coming weeks, Mary excels angels in her dignity by “full of grace”, in her familiarity with God by “the Lord is with thee”, and in her fullness of grace by “Blessed are thou among women.”

Mary, Queen of the Angels, pray for us!



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Daily Mass Times	Church Hours
Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.	Mon.-Thurs.: 6 am - 7 pm
Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.	Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm
Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).	Sat.: 6:30 am -7 pm
Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.	Sun.: 7 am - 7 pm
Sunday Mass Times	Office Hours
7 am low Mass (at the church)	Mon. - Fri.: 8 am - 4 pm.
8 am low Mass (at the gym)	Closed on Holy Days
10:30 am high Mass (at the gym)	
1 pm low Mass (at the church)	
Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.	

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 11-02	21st Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	
Mon 11-03	Comm. of All the Faithful Departed	2/B	
Tues 11-04	Daily Mass of the Dead	3/B	
Wed 11-05	Daily Mass of the Dead	3/B	
Thu 11-06	Daily Mass of the Dead	3/B	
Fri 11-07	Sacred Heart of Jesus	3/W	
Sat 11-08	Daily Mass of the Dead	3/B	
Sun 11-09	Ded. of Arch. of the Most Holy Savior	2/W	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 11-02	(7 am) Deceased, FssP (frh) (8 am) Fr Austin intention (fra) (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frf) (1 pm) Carol Fitzsimmons+ (frh)	rb Anonymous
Mon 11-03	(5:30 am) Intentions of the Holy Father (frh) (6:00 am) Faithful Departed (frh) (6:30 am) Tom Stark & family (frh) (9 am) Rev. Msgr. James Hennessy+ (frf) (7:30 pm) Fr Favole intention (frf)	rb L Riney rb K Kolodzy
Tues 11-04	(6:30 am) Art & Melissa Cordova (12 noon) Thanksgiving to Our Lady	rb J Cvitkovic rb L Mosher
Wed 11-05	(6:30 am) Guillermo Torres Espinosa (9 am) Gwinn Nixon	rb I Lavelle rb A Nixon
Thu 11-06	(6:30 am) Tommy Kinsella (12 noon) St Gerard Ministry	rb T Kinsella rb SGM
Fri 11-07	(6:30 am) Victor Carter & family (7 pm) Fr. Austin	rb L Carter rb Anonymous
Sat 11-08	(7 am) J Hammond (9 am) Zack Sowell	rb J-A Kidd rb J Cvitkovic
Sun 11-09	(7 am) In Thanksgiving (frf) (8 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh) (10:30 am) Fr Austin intention (fra) (1 pm) Nora Rose+ (frf)	rb J Cvitkovic rb CCM

This week, Monday, staff meeting (1 pm), Wednesday, Inquiry Class (7:30 pm) (frf); Thursday, St Gerard Guild (1 pm) (frf), Adoration (5:30 pm), Confession (6-7 pm); Friday, Sacred Heart Mass & devotions (6:30 am & 8 pm); Saturday, Blessing of Sacramentals, (8:30 am), FNE (9 am-1:30 pm), Craft Fair (10 am -2 pm).

Going forward, on Sundays, an added 7 am Mass and the normal 1 pm Mass will be offered in the church while the normal 8 am Mass and 10:30 am Mass will remain at those times but offered in the gym. Again, some souls want to return the Sunday Mass to the church, a consecrated place, to worship; other souls desire to keep the normal Mass times. As the church may not comfortably seat the 8 & 10:30 am Mass crowds these Masses will remain in the gym.

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. From Nov. 1 through Nov. 8, inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed. On Nov. 2, the same may be gained in any church by reciting an Our Father & the Apostles' Creed. There is no stipulation that the cemetery be Catholic.

All indulgences whatsoever may be applied to the Poor Souls at any time by way of suffrage. The simple intention to offer them for the Poor Souls is sufficient.

You are invited to put names of deceased family, friends, enemies in the basket in the vestibule of the church. These will be placed on the altar for the duration of November that they might be recommended before the Lord during the Holy Sacrifice.

Last week's collection: cash \$4,824.00; online \$6,547.00 total: \$11,371.00

Attendance: 8 am-192; 10:30 am-282; 1 pm-168; total 642 souls.

Heads-up! This year, because all Souls' Day falls on a Sunday, it is being transferred to Monday, the 3rd of November. The Church allows a priest to offer three Masses on this feast. One must be offered for all the faithful departed & another for the intentions of the Holy Father. Fr Hathaway will offer three Masses this day. At 5:30 am, he will offer the first & second, as in your hand missal, but only distribute Holy communion after the second Mass. At 6:30 am, he will offer the third Mass, as found in your missal.

We are cleaning up our ParishSoft directory. Please, if you have new information regarding phone #s, email or home addresses, children, etc. edit your listing. This will help us greatly! Thank you.

KoC will participate in "Carry the Cross Challenge Walk" for Atlanta seminarians on Saturday, November 8. Team members will carry a 40-pound cross six miles at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park. To donate see: <http://go.dojiggy.io/379b09/t/14625/Team/Details>. To join contact Lance at lanceorchid@protonmail.com or Erk at erikfendertkd@gmail.com

Maxim of St Francis de Sales

God has preserved you so far; only keep yourself faithful to the law of His providence and He will assist you at all times, and where you cannot walk, He will carry you.