

Angels love the Holy Latin Mass because, as they do, it puts adoration of God first and protects His Almighty dignity. Let us traditional Catholics be thankful for the angels and imitate them by loving, adoring and protecting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.



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## **Catholic Holy Angels**



# Traditional Catholic Holy Angels and Fallen Angels

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Angels constantly appear throughout the Bible. They are extremely important in God's relationship with us men. They act as intermediates and messengers between God and us men.

The good angels are of great help to us as we go through "this valley of tears". They are with us in our problems and temptations, always helping us and enlightening us. They are present at all times, to bring us joy, support and comfort. When ever we need them, all we have to do is call upon them.

Right now, at this instant, angels are all around us, especially our Guardian Angel. Not only are there good angels, but there are also bad angels. The good angels (who are more powerful because they have God on their side) are here to help us. The bad angels, or demons, are all around us as well and are very powerful too. But they are less powerful than the Holy Angels because they work against God (thus they do not have His power when it comes to their evil plans for our destruction and damnation).

The Holy angels are aware of everything through the secondary effect of seeing and knowing things through God. The evil angels can only observe naturally what is going on, and then through their keen intellect, figure out what is happening and how to tempt us.

We find angels in the Bible at the beginning of salvations history (Genesis) and all the way to the very end of the Bible. (The Book of Apocalypse actually contains both the beginning of the story and the end of the story, the beginning of creation and the end of creation). We see St. Michael the archangel and his angels battling with the devil. "At that, the great dragon was cast out, **that old serpent**, who is called the devil and Satan, who seduceth the whole world; and he was cast unto the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him." Apocalypse 12: 9.

God first created the pure spirits (angels), then creation (matter) and then Man who is both matter and spirit. The pure spirits were created good. But at their very beginning, they knew everything (because of their superior intellect) and had to chose instantly whether to obey God and do His will or not. At that instant they were either eternally with God or against Him and damned. The Fourth Lateran Council states that "the devil and the other demons were created by God **good** in their nature but they by themselves have made themselves evil."

So right off in the beginning of the Bible we see "**that old serpent**" tempt Eve who then influenced Adam. We see the good angels (Cherubims) and a flaming sword before the paradise of pleasure to keep everyone away from the tree of life.

There are so many parts of the Bible with angels. Not all can be mentioned. But right off we see an angel helping Agar (Genesis 16) in the wilderness. Then where the men of Sodom want to have homosexual sex with the beautiful angelic men that came to visit Lot.

Three angels appear to Abraham and Sara promising them a son in their old age. An angel goes before Isaac when he goes to find Rebecca. Jacob wrestles with an angel and sees angels ascending and descending the ladder between heaven and earth. Satan appears before God to get permission to torment Job.

Being pure spirits, the angels do not have bodies like we do. For this reason each one is distinct from another in who they are. They only have the nature of angelic spirit in common. For this reason when they appear, they take on only the appearance of a human person. Angels do not appear as women or little children. They take on the form of a man (They are not men) because they are very powerful and men are physically more powerful than women.

Angels are also called "the Army of Heavenly Host" who do battle for the God of Host.

In the wonderful time of Jesus' incarnation, angels have a huge role. The Angel Gabriel appears to Mary to proclaim to her that she, full of grace would be the Mother of God. An angel appears to Zacariah in the Holy of Holies. An angel appears to St. Joseph to tell him to take Mary as his wife. Angels appear to the shepherds to tell them the good news.

Jesus talks about angels many times. Angels comfort him after being tempted by the devil in the dessert and in the garden of Gethsemane. The Bible ends (the book of Apocalypse or Revelation) with angels of the different churches, myriads of angels adoring the slain Lamb in heaven and angels bring the plagues and slay the evil habitants of earth.

Finally, angels are bringing our prayers before the golden altar which is before the throne of God in heaven.

Five verses before the whole Bible ends, this is written: "I Jesus have sent **my angel**, to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the root and stock of David, the bright and morning star." Rev. 22: 16.

So Angels have worked powerfully for God throughout salvation's history. And they continue to work for God at this time in history. They continue to bring comfort to those who suffer for Jesus.