



Being Emptied

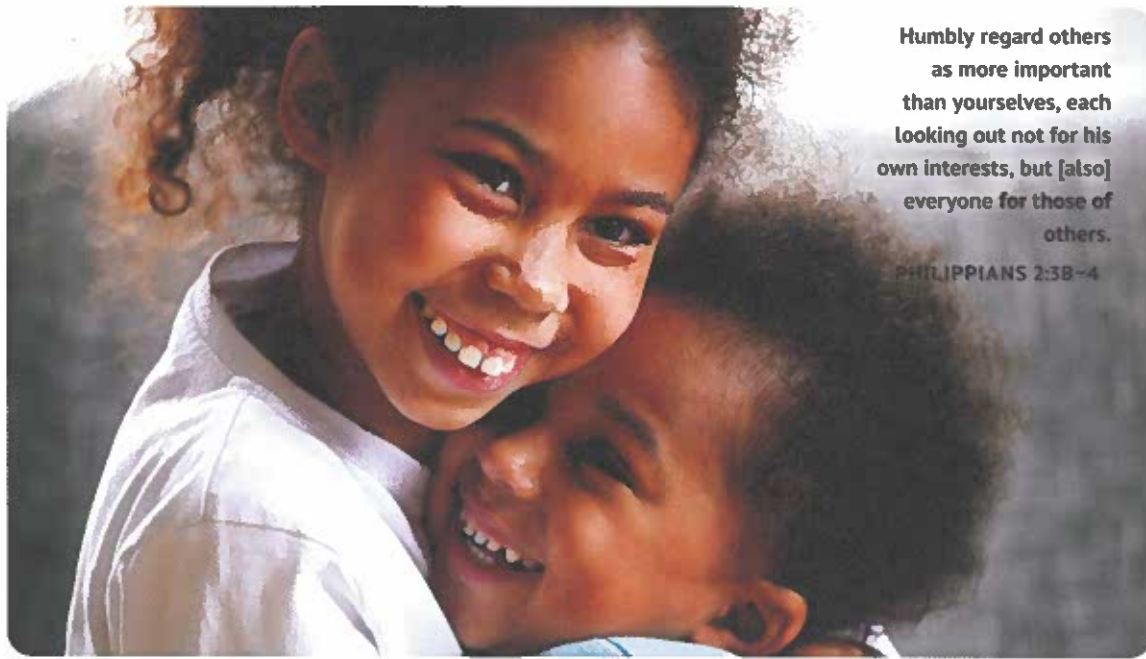
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In his book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, Robert Fulghum lists those basic qualities that enable us to negotiate the rest of life somewhat successfully. It's what you might expect the curriculum of kindergarten to be about: being kind, saying you're sorry, getting along with others, and sharing. In short, what we learned in kindergarten is about putting others' needs ahead of our own comfort. It's a kind of emptying of our selfishness that seems to take place.

Unfortunately, the process isn't finished by the time we reach adulthood. We still tend to hoard, slam one another with insults, cheat in business, and neglect to apologize. In spite of that extended learning curve

that seems to take place, we slowly do take on those attitudes noted by Fulghum. Marriage can smooth our rough edges. Children's needs call for self-sacrifice. Aging tends to mellow us. And somewhere along the line we learn that talking things out works better than hitting.

Saint Paul encouraged the Philippians to take on the attitude of the Lord Jesus, who emptied himself for our sake. Still, I think much of that emptying takes place in us unconsciously. Some would say it is simply the process of life. Maybe, but then again it may be the gentle hand of God. Saint Teresa of Calcutta is said to have commented that even God can't fill what is already full. So then maybe that emptying is God's way of making room for God. ●



**Humbly regard others
as more important
than yourselves, each
looking out not for his
own interests, but [also]
everyone for those of
others.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:3B-4

Reflect

Since kindergarten, have you become better at putting others first? What do you still need to work on?

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Masses:

Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM
Stoneham: Sun. - 12:00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses
or by appointment
Stoneham: Sun. - after Mass

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Sept. 30 Vigil
5:00 p.m. Graces for Fritz Ramirez
Sun Oct. 1 Mass/26th Sunday Ord. Time
10:00 a.m. Graces for Peter Deditz - EJ
12:00 p.m. Graces for Jenny Spiker

Thur Oct 5 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Paul Wilson - JW
Fri. Oct 6 Mass / First Friday
8:00 a.m. Special Intention (B)

Sat. Oct. 7 Vigil
5:00 p.m. Special Intention (T)
Sun Oct. 8 Mass/27th Sunday Ord. Time
10:00 a.m. †Mary Ellen Uhrig - GS
12:00 p.m. Health for Tom Koch

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Tom Flores, Rosa Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Christy Chapman, Ron Uhrig, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Wolever-Milleson, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Rodney Hergenreter, Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Norma Wolfe, Sandra Mantey, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil, Jessica Penner, Eloy Padilla, Lawrence Ely, Jennifer Romero, Nadine Odell, Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Madison Stieb, Carmona Family

For the Soul: Jim Hess, Jenny Mejia, Reyes Garcia, Pete Anderson, Rick Blatt

Religious Education Classes at St. Mary's
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
RE Coordinator: Cassie Potts 970-370-4948

October 3rd - Adult Catechism Study
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the RE building
All are welcome!



Blessing of Animals
October 4th - Feast of St. Francis
at 6:00 p.m. in parking lot

October 4th Youth Group (7th-12th grade)
Meeting at 6:30 p.m. for parents and youth.
Come for more information about the group.

Saturday, October 7th
women's retreat at **St. Helena** in Ft. Morgan
For more info or to register call:
Amy 970-768-1109, Carolyn 970-380-3730

Anniversary Mass with reception to follow
Sunday, Oct. 8th at 3:00 p.m.
For married couples celebrating 25th, 50th
and 50+ wedding anniversaries.
Immaculate Heart of Mary
11385 Grant Dr., Northglenn
To RSVP, visit archden.org/anniversary

You're invited to join in the **Rosary Rally,**
Saturday, October 14th at 12:00 noon
meeting at the **Ft. Morgan Library Park**
Gazebo. Sponsored by America Needs
Fatima, this will be one of thousands that
will take place across the U.S. on that day.

Pilgrimages
January 2024 - Archbishop Samuel Aquila
to Guadalupe in Mexico City.
Visit: archden.link/guadalupe for more.
May/June 2024 - Fr. Jason Thuerauf to the
Holy Land. See brochure in the vestibule.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Exposition / Adoration / Benediction

St. Mary's: First Sunday of each month
Saturday **4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.**
(September 30th)
Sunday **9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.**

St. John's: Second Sunday of each month
11:30 a.m. - 11:57 a.m.

2nd Sunday Adoration / October 7th/8th
Immediately after each Mass, Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, short
adoration with the Holy Face Chaplet,
procession by the Celebrant around the
pews, and Benediction.



St. Mary - Brush
ACA Goal: \$ 17,407
Pledged Amount to Date: **\$ 11,847**
% of goal: **68.1%** Paid to date: **\$ 10,347**

St. John - Stoneham
ACA Goal: \$ 4,149
Pledged Amount to Date: **\$ 1,880**
% of goal: **45.3%** Paid to date: **\$ 1,880**
Thank you for your support!



FEED THE HUNGRY

Food Drive - Help feed families
Consider canned goods & items
for the Brush Food pantry.
Monetary donations welcomed.

Drop off at St. Mary's
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• Email: pastor@stmarybrush.org • Office hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Thursday & Friday, Brush)

Dear Padre,

Where does Church teaching on angels come from? Where did we get their division into classes and the concept of the guardian angel?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the existence of angels is “a truth of faith” known in both Scripture and Tradition (CCC 328). Here is an ancient definition: An angel is a mighty, concentrated personality standing in God’s presence, ready to do his bidding instantly.

Jesus famously speaks of what we take to be the guardian angels of children. He says the angels of these children always look on the face of God (see Matthew 18:10). Angels took care of Jesus (see Matthew 4:11).

The Church understands angels to be spirits. Angel means “messenger,” and angels are servants of God. Different classes of angels are mentioned in the Bible (for example, Ephesians 1:21 and 3:10, and Colossians 1:16). We speak of Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel as archangels because the jobs God gave them to do were so important.

The Church holds that Satan is a fallen angel (CCC 391). Jesus tells us Satan “was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him” (John 8:44). ●



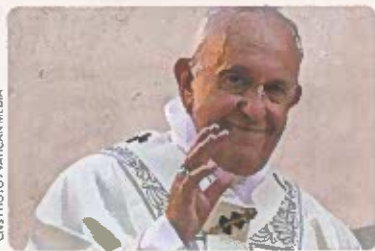
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8
<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Zec 8:1-8 Mt 18:1-5, 10	Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56	Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Lk 10:1-12	Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24	Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord. And let us ask him: “Lord, let me rediscover the joy of giving.”

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