

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship;  
to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will,  
**THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE ITS DOOR IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS!**



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 27, 2020**

## **SERVED BY:**

**Very Rev. Father James F. Spera, V.F.,** Pastor

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**Karen Colucci,** Religious Education Coordinator

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## **EUCCHARIST:**

**Saturday Evenings:** 5:30 pm

**Sundays:** 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon

**Weekdays:** Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am

**Holy Days of Obligation:**

8:00 am and 7:30 pm

**Novenas:**

St. Jude after the Saturday 8:00 am Mass

St. Anthony, prayers with Benediction of the

Blessed Sacrament, Tuesday, 7:30 pm, September thru June

**Confession:**

Saturday afternoon from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Weekdays (Monday-Saturday) at 7:30 am before the

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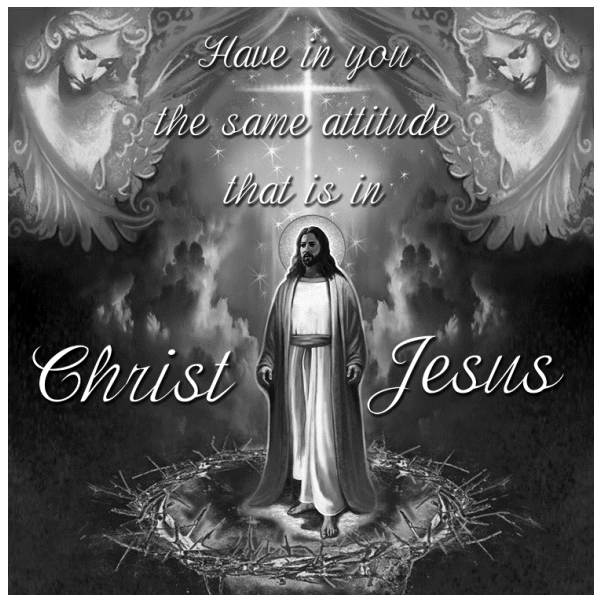
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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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**THE MINISTRIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**

**PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**Prayer List: (In alphabetical order) To have someone placed on or removed from the sick list please call the Rectory.** We invite you to clip out this section each Sunday. Perhaps you could put it near a prayer book, in your Bible, or in your pocket or purse. It is a good thing when we pray with and for one another. Thank you and God bless you!

**Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Nicholas Fusco, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Zchantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Jeanette Noto, Louis Noto, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Lily Rita Procopio, Roseann Santanna, Frank Sillito, Nancy Sillito, Ann Sisalli, Anthony Spadora, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Lynn Tumblety, Joanne Vallone, Tony Wargacki, Ella Zsampar**

## Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY, September 26: Sts. Cosmas & Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 AM **Mike Casa**  
(From: K of C #3240)

5:30 PM **Joseph S. Tortoriello**  
(From: Janet Landis)

**SUNDAY, September 27: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM **For Members of the  
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

10:30 AM **Concetta "Katie" Guercio**  
(From: Mary)

12:00 Noon **For the Parishioners**

**MONDAY, September 28: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus**

8:00 AM **Frank & Ida Wood**  
(From: Sons, Frank & Ronald Wood)

**TUESDAY, September 29: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**

8:00 AM **Carmella Tortorelli**  
(From: Nancy Tortorelli)

7:30 PM **St. Anthony & St. Kolbe Novena**

**WEDNESDAY, September 30: St. Jerome**

8:00 AM **Eva Reinfeld**  
(From: Loretta Raczynski)

**THURSDAY, October 1: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

8:00 AM **Harold & Alice Seekll**  
(From: Colletta & Ralph Liccardi)

**FRIDAY, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday**

8:00 AM **Gary Paugh**  
(From: Cindy Campbell)

**SATURDAY, October 3: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday**

8:00 AM **Francis "Jeff" Muroski**  
(From: Nephew Casimir)

5:30 PM **Corporate Mass**  
(See List)

**SUNDAY, October 4: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**

10:30 AM **All Members of the Rosary Society  
of Church of the Assumption**

12:00 Noon **Harry Corning**  
(From: Wife)



Many years ago, there was a holy nun that went to the great Saint Teresa of Avila and was telling her how she wished that she had been alive at the same time that Jesus was walking around on the earth. She kept thinking what a joy it would have been to see his face, to hear his voice and just to be near Him. "Imagine what it would have been like to even talk with Jesus!" she exclaimed. "Oh, I would be a saint if only I could have been with Jesus!"

Saint Teresa looked at her with love and said, "My dear sister, have you forgotten that Jesus is still on earth, and that He lives near you — yes, in the house with you (for there was a church in the convent where the nuns lived that had a tabernacle), and often in your very soul. Have you also forgotten that you can see Him and can speak to Him as often as you like? Is not Jesus with us in the Most Holy Sacrament? Why then do you wish to have lived long ago, since that same Jesus who lived with Mary and Joseph lives also with you?"

Next Saturday, our children of the First Communion Class 2020 will (finally!) come close to Jesus in a way like never before. Although they will not see Him like the boys and girls 2000 years ago, through faith and knowing what they have been taught about Jesus and Holy Communion, they will encounter Him in a real way. We are not missing out on anything living in this time. We remember what Jesus said to Saint Thomas after He rose from the dead: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen yet have come to believe." (John 20:29)

Long ago Martha and Mary received Jesus into their house as a guest. When we receive Holy Communion, Jesus comes into the house of our souls. To get ready, just before Holy Communion time we say "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." To receive so great a guest as Jesus, how do we prepare? St Paul reminds us that we need approach with a pure conscience. "Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 11: 27)

Notice that receiving Holy Communion takes place during the Mass. All that we do at Mass prepares us. It is important to pay attention to all that goes on at the altar, to fully participate, to listen, and during the silence, to pray with our hearts. Our hearts need to be full of love and desire for Jesus. Our behavior and actions at Mass show our love and desire. We show Jesus our love and desire in church by our reverence in how we act — when we genuflect with care, when we make the sign of cross thinking about what we are saying and doing, when we show respect for God's house by not talking so that we do not disturb the quiet needed for prayer for ourselves and others.

As we welcome our First Holy Communion children to share in this great gift of the Eucharist, may we be good examples of faith before them. May we teach them by our prayerfulness and pious posture, by our quiet and respect, by our devotion and love, that they too may come into deeper communion with Him who has so loved us that He gave His life for our salvation and the promise of Heaven.

Fr. Jim

### ANIMA CHRISTI

**Soul of Christ, sanctify me;  
Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;  
O good Jesus, hear me;  
within Your wounds, hide me;  
separated from You let me never be;  
from the evil one, protect me;  
at the hour of my death, call me;  
and close to You bid me;  
that with Your saints, I may be  
praising You forever and ever. Amen.**

**O Lord, my God,  
I am not worthy that You should come into my soul,  
but I am glad that You have come to me  
because in Your loving kindness  
You desire to dwell in me.  
You ask me to open the door of my soul,  
which You alone have created,  
so that You may enter into it  
with Your loving kindness  
and dispel the darkness of my mind.  
I believe that You will do this  
for You did not turn away Mary Magdalene  
when she approached You in tears.  
Neither did you withhold forgiveness from the tax collector  
who repented of his sins  
or from the good thief  
who asked to be received into Your kingdom.  
Indeed, You numbered as Your friends  
all who came to You with repentant hearts.  
O God, You alone are blessed always,  
now, and forever.  
—St. John of Chrysostom**



*From Death  
to New Life*

Please pray for the repose of the  
souls of the recently deceased:

**+Michael Genovese  
+Richard C. Haupt Sr.**

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord!

The Blessing of pets will take place on our Church property on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 1:00 P.M. in front of the Sacred Heart Shrine near the Rectory. "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

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Corporate Mass 5:30 October 3, 2020

DeceasedRequested by

Ann Marie Bonassisa	Tom & Allene DiMaio
Daniel Farrell	
Berta Hill	
Eugene Payne	
Richard Powers	June & Albert Nitche
Richard Powers	Dave & Linda Farrell
Eva Reinfeld	Loretta Raczynski
John Sauer	Jim & Barbara Goss
Louise M. Tavares	Victor Ferrarelli & Barbara

**SPECIAL DONATIONS**

To make a Special Donation for Hosts, Wine, Candles, Sanctuary Candles or Tabernacle Flowers, please use the Special Donation Envelopes found at the doors of the Church.

**In Loving Memory of Caterina & Pasquale Pontoriero** Mom & Papa - We Miss You  
Requested by Daughter Fontina Maria Pontoriero  
Donation of Wine & Hosts

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

**Psalm** — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

**Gospel** — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997,

**MARY'S GROTTO**

**We are happy to announce "We are Back!" Mary's Grotto will be opened after all Masses on Sundays.**

**Come in and see the many wonderful gifts you can bring home for boys and girls First Holy Communion.**

Ladies of the Rosary Society  
Church of the Assumption

**FAMILIAR INSIGHTS**

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Weekly Collection for September 19/20      \$5,677**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;  
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;  
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,  
13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,  
91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;  
Mt 21:33-43

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May God bless our parish children who met  
 Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the  
 first time this week.



Antonio Arminio  
 Sophia Bogner  
 Austin Branco  
 Eli Branco  
 Benjamin Carneiro  
 Aubree Dercole  
 Frank Palmarozzo

Abigail Paskewich  
 Alexander Pereira  
 Gavin Rodriguez  
 Lily Rosenthal  
 Isabella Santiago  
 Dante Verdun

**FOOD PANTRY**

Our Food Pantry has been very busy with the increased need in our community.

We are in need of donations for the following items:

**Soup, Canned Vegetables, Tuna, Fruit, Cereal, Mac and Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Potatoes, Rice and Pasta.**

If you can, please drop-off your items in the back of the church during the regular weekend Mass schedule, or you can bring them to the Annex on Thursdays, between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

**PLEASE!!! DO NOT** leave articles outside the clothing bins. If they are full, please return another time. I realize that this might inconvenience you, but articles left outside the bin are **ILLEGAL** and are a threat to have the bins **REMOVED**. We have received complaints regarding the articles left outside the bins. It is as much an act of charity and respect to return, as it is to offer a donation. Disregarding the directions regarding leaving articles outside is **SELFISH** and disrespectful. A number of parishioners left articles outside the bin after the 5:30PM Saturday Mass last week. We should know better.

**Knight's Corner (Council #3240)**

The Knights of Columbus (Council #3240) of the Church of the Assumption would like to invite any interested Parish men, that wish to learn more about the Knights of Columbus to fill out one of the cards located in the front of the Church and place it in the collection basket. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is currently conducting a membership drive. Please be sure to "like" our Facebook page: Knights of Columbus - Msgr. Loreti Council #3240

**SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (1873-1897)  
October 1**

"The cornerstone's dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later," explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, "The window for the Little Flower"—Thérèse's nickname—"gives it away." From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Thérèse proposed her "Little Way" to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus ordinary Catholics, many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite's spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!"

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**St Michael the Archangel (Feast Day - September 29)**

Faithful friend and steadfast guardian, your mantle is God's holy will. When word of the Incarnation reached you, the Word made Flesh had a Seraph Protector. Wearing the armor of humility and wielding the sword of truth, you rallied against the "Lightbearer", the prince of pride and deception, Lucifer!

"Who is like God" is your shield, defense against the cold fire of profane indignation. Your cry of sacred purpose was the battering ram of Divine will. Seven lowly angels, moved with love pure, rallied to the oncoming scourge.

Who is like God?

No one is like God but God himself!

The Grand Deceiver tempted you with lustful passions of power and greedy indulgence. Always humble, you remembered your mission of purpose. Prince of the Heavenly Host stood valiant and true, never wavering, never faltering!

Crying out God's Holy name, you led the charge to the army of the Serpentine Usurper. Blessed with courage you wrestled the False One into the Chains of Holy Ire and threw him from the Halcyon Kingdom. He and his unlawful minions fell to the nadir of selfishness and derision.

Who is like God?

No one is like God but God himself!



"Angels have been present since creation and throughout the history of salvation, announcing this salvation from afar or near and serving the accomplishment of the divine plan: they closed the earthly paradise; protected Lot; saved Hagar and her child; stayed Abraham's hand; communicated the law by their ministry; led the People of God; announced births and callings; and assisted the prophets, just to cite a few examples. Finally, the angel Gabriel announced the birth of the Precursor and that of Jesus himself" (CCC 332). "As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness" (CCC, 330; Dan 10:9-12).

The name *Michael* means "Who is like God." The Archangel Michael's will is focused, immovable, and entirely driven toward accomplishing goodness; he is the protector of souls, and wields his powerful sword of truth and love against the poisonous and vindictive aspirations of the Father of Lies.

*Gabriel* means "God is my strength." He was sent from God to Nazareth, "to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, . . . and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, 'Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you'" (Lk 1:27-28). Pope St. Gregory the Great wrote: "[Gabriel] came to announce the One who appeared as a humble man to quell the cosmic powers. Thus God's strength announced the coming of the Lord of the heavenly powers, mighty in battle"

*Raphael* means "God is my health." He is one of seven angels "who enter and serve before the Glory of the Lord" (Tob 12:15). The meaning of Raphael's name reflects the fact that he touched Tobit's eyes and brought sight from blindness.

### GUARDIANS FOR VALUABLE SOULS

So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be.

—St. Jerome



### Thérèse of Lisieux

At 15, Thérèse of Lisieux entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux to give her whole life to God. She took the religious name Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face.

Living a simple life of prayer, she was gifted with great intimacy with God. Through sickness and dark nights of doubt and fear, she remained faithful to God, rooted in His merciful love.

She is popularly known as "The Little Flower of Jesus", or simply "The Little Flower." Thérèse has been a highly influential model of sanctity for Catholics and for others because of the simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life.

After a long struggle with tuberculosis, she died on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24. Her last words were the story of her life: "My God, I love You!"

Thérèse was canonized in 1925 and in 1997 she was declared a Doctor of the Church, one of only three women to be so. She is the patron saint of missionaries, Aids sufferers, florists and the sick.

### IMPOSSIBLE

*Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible.*

—St. Francis of Assisi

### September Special Intentions of Pope Francis

Dear Lord,

**We pray that we would not plunder the resources of this planet which you have entrusted to us. Help us share in a just and respectful way all of the blessings and resources that you've given to us.**

**Do you Remember?**

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941 (Continued...)

**23i. What is Divine Tradition?**

Divine Tradition is the unwritten word of God – that is, truths revealed by God, though not written in the Bible, and given to the Church through word of mouth by Jesus Christ or by the apostles under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

**23j. Has Divine Tradition ever been committed to writing?**

Divine Tradition has been committed to writing, especially by saintly writers called Fathers, who lived in the early centuries but were not inspired, as were those who wrote the Bible.

**23k. Has Divine Tradition the same force as the Bible?**

Yes; Divine Tradition has the same force as the Bible, since it too contains God's revelation to men.

**23l. By what kind of act do we believe the doctrines contained in the Bible and in Divine Tradition?**

We believe the doctrines contained in the Bible and Divine Tradition by an act of divine faith, which means that we accept them on the authority of God, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

**The Unity and Trinity of God****Lesson 3****24. Is there only one God?**

Yes, there is only one God.

*I am the Lord, and there is none else: there is no God besides me. (Isaiah 45:5)*

**25. How many Persons are there in God?**

In God there are three Divine Persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

*Going, therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. (Matthew 28:19)*

**26. Is the Father God?**

The Father is God and the first Person of the Blessed Trinity. *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 1:3)*

**27. Is the Son God?**

The Son is God and the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)*

**28. Is the Holy Ghost God?**

The Holy Ghost is God and the third Person of the Blessed Trinity. *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (I Corinthians 3:16)*

**29. What do we mean by the Blessed Trinity?**

By the Blessed Trinity we mean, one and the same God in three Divine Persons.

*Going, therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. (Matthew 28:19)*

**30. Are the three Divine Persons really distinct from one another?**

The three Divine Persons are really distinct from one another. *And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape, as a dove, upon him. And a voice came from heaven: "Thou art my beloved Son. In thee I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22)*

**31. Are the three Divine Persons perfectly equal to one another?**

The three Divine Persons are perfectly equal to one another, because all are one and the same God. *I and the Father are one. (John 10:30)*

**32. How are the three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, one and the same God?**

The three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God because all have one and the same Divine nature.

**33. Can we fully understand how the three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God?**

We cannot fully understand how the three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God because this is a supernatural mystery.

**34. What is a supernatural mystery?**

A supernatural mystery is a truth which we cannot fully understand, but which we firmly believe because we have God's word for it.

**Creation and the Angels****Lesson 4****35. What do we mean when we say that God is the Creator of heaven and earth?**

When we say that God is the Creator of heaven and earth we mean that He made all things from nothing by His almighty power.

*I am the Lord God, that make all things, that alone stretch out the heavens, that establish the earth. (Isaiah 44:24)*

**36. Which are the chief creatures of God?**

The chief creatures of God are angels and men.

*Thou hast made him a little less than the angels; thou hast crowned him with glory and honor; and thou hast set him over the works of thy hands. (Psalm 8:6-7)*