



... rejoice that your names are written in heaven. (Luke 10:20)

Every year on September 29, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, remembering Christ's victory over Satan, through His blood shed on the cross. The Scripture readings appointed for the day remind us that as ones in Christ, we share in His victory over the evil foe (Revelation 12:11), and thus our names are written in God's Book of Life (Daniel 12:1; Luke 10:20). This means that on the Last Day, God will raise us again from the dust of the earth to everlasting life (Daniel 12:2). Meanwhile, having been thrown out of heaven, and knowing that his time is short, the devil wages war on humanity, in particular on us Christians (Revelation 12:12), trying to torment us through his accusations, and to deceive us as he did Eve, by planting doubt in our minds about the truth of God's Word (c.f. Genesis 3:1). But God, who desires life both temporal and eternal for all from the moment of fertilization, calls and gathers us weekly to receive His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, in Word and Sacrament, assuring us that our names are written in heaven, no matter what the evil one throws at us. God thus equips us to resist Satan, persevere through times of trial, and remain alive in Him. Thankful for all that He has done for us, we share the Good News of Christ crucified and risen, with our unchurched neighbors, praying that God will use our words to bring them as well into His Church and to eternal life in Him.

Like every day in the Church Year, the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels boldly proclaims the sanctity of human life! We thank God for your Gospel-motivated voices for life and pray His richest blessings on you this feast day and always.