

who stand before the Throne," opposed his haughty pretensions and overthrew him in the contest. Saint Thomas supposes this blessed Spirit to be the breath of the Saviour, which will destroy antichrist. He is the patron of the Church—the protector of the dying—he, in fine, who on the last day will seize the trumpet, and with a *Surgite Mortui*, "Arise ye dead!" will arraign all men before the Judge of the Living and the Dead. He is then entitled to singular love and veneration.

Practice—Nine *Gloria Patris*, in honor of St. Michael, as chief of the Nine Choirs.

Asp.—O, holy Michael the archangel! defend us in the combat, lest we perish in the Day of Judgment.

OCTOBER TWENTY-SEVENTH.

St. Gabriel.

This blessed Spirit was the ambassador of the Most High when about to operate the greatest of all his mysteries, the Incarnation of his Son; and he it was that revealed it to Daniel many ages before. He is supposed to have been the tutelary of the holy Family—the angel who invited the shepherds to the manger—who warned St. Joseph to flee into Egypt—and, in fine, he who consoled Jesus in his agony. His name, Gabriel signifies "power of God." His peculiar grace is to imprint in hearts the knowledge and love of Jesus and Mary. Let us be devout to him, and he will render us this service so desirable.

Practice—Say in honour of this blessed Angel seven times in his own words to the Blessed Virgin—Hail Mary! &c.

Asp.—O, "angel of the Lord!" extend the empire of Jesus and Mary.

OCTOBER TWENTY-EIGHT.

St. Raphael.

The name of this blessed angel, the third who assists before the Throne, means "cure of God." From having conducted Tobias in his journey to Ragges, he is invoked by travellers and voyagers. Let us who are strangers and pilgrims on earth, beg his guidance and protection to-day, and he will not fail to bestow it.

Practice—Say the 90th Psalm.

Asp.—O, Angel of God, illumine, defend and preserve us this day, and forever.

OCTOBER TWENTY-NINTH.

The Angels who favoured particular Saints.

Let us consecrate this day to those blessed Spirits who specially favoured some of the Saints; as the Angels who released St. Peer from his prison, and revealed to St. John the secrets of futurity; those who gave the monastic rule to St. Pachomius; who imprinted the holy Stigmas in the body of St. Francis who wounded the heart of St. Teresa; and those who gave the holy communion to St. Stanislas Kotska; who conversed with St. Rose, and conferred on St. Thomas the gift of perfect chastity. Thus we will please those great servants of God, and obtain their intercession.

Practice—Hymn of the Angels.

Asp.—O! all ye holy Saints and Angels! intercede for us.