



St. Catherine's Catholic Primary School

Our Houses

Our houses are named after four Archangels



Gabriel



Raphael



Michael



Uriel

What is an archangel?

Archangels are the highest degree of the angelic realm, and there are only four :

They are the chief angels, and they are Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel.

Each of the four archangels has a specific mission as well.

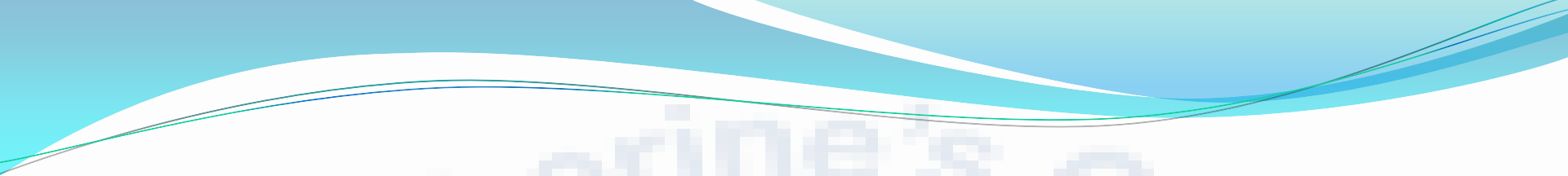
Michael

Name means “who is like God,” is the great warrior, the defender of the good and protector .

In his icons, he holds a balance that weighs people’s deeds on Judgement Day, as well as a sword. Often he is represented defeating a dragon. **He is the** Leader of the Army of Heaven

In Hebrew the name of the Archangel Michael means “The one who is like God”.

Michael is the one who gives patience and happiness.



The first Angel created by God, Michael is the leader of all the charge of protection, courage, strength, truth and integrity.

Michael protects us physically, emotionally and psychically.

He appears in scripture, and in art, sword in hand.

Michael inspires those who struggle in loneliness and he is always ready to give a helping hand to the one in trouble or suffering.

We can ask him to help us in any situation when we feel overwhelmed or alone and we need help.

Gabriel

The name Gabriel means "man of God," or "strength of God."
He is known as the announcing angel.

Gabriel is the one commissioned to announce major historical events.

It appears first in the prophecies of Daniel in the Old Testament.

He was the angel who appeared to Zachariah to announce the birth of St John the Baptist.

He announced to Mary that she would bear a Son Who would be conceived of the Holy Spirit, Son of the Most High, and Saviour of the world.

Gabriel is depicted holding a lily, which stands for a purity and truth

He is sometimes seen with an ink-well and quill, symbolizing his function as the heavenly communicator of the Word of God.

He can help us to express our truth openly and honestly; respect and honour our individuality; listen to our intuition and inner voice.

Gabriel lights the way to the truth within our hearts, and helps us to see what is the right path for us to follow for our highest good and greatest joy.


Raphael

Archangel Raphael brings us the gift of healing and shows us how to heal ourselves through love and Joy; he allows us to find healing in nature.

His name means "divine healer" or "God heals"

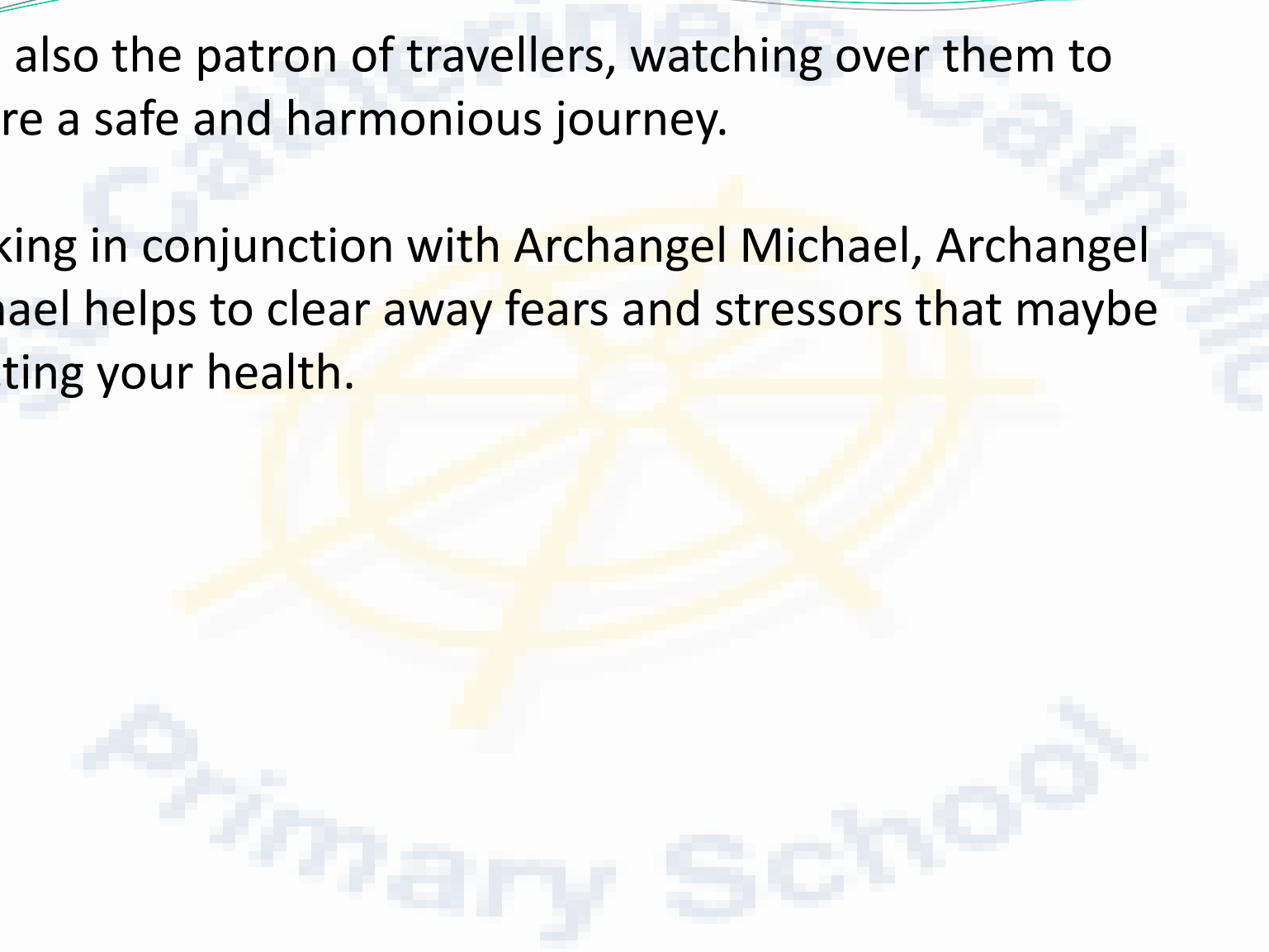
According to Jewish tradition, Raphael is also one of the three angels who appeared to Abraham.

Raphael teaches us that perfect health is when love completely fills the heart, the mind, the entire body



He is also the patron of travellers, watching over them to ensure a safe and harmonious journey.

Working in conjunction with Archangel Michael, Archangel Raphael helps to clear away fears and stressors that maybe affecting your health.



Uriel

Archangel Uriel is the angel of comfort, one who comforts in times of great loss.

Uriel is the Regent of the Sun and is the most radiant of the Archangels. He is shown with a flame in his open hand. He also rules over thunder and terror.

Uriel is sometimes seen with a book at his feet, signifying the book he gave to Adam with all the medicinal herbs in it.

He brings us the light of the knowledge of God

He can help us to acknowledge the Light within all people; find knowledge to help and to heal.

Uriel is considered one of the wisest Archangels.

Uriel, whose name means 'Light of God'.

He is the most radiant of angels and has been depicted descending from by white horses.

It was Uriel whom God sent to Noah to warn him of the deluge.

The existence of archangels and their appearances in faith history occur in the sacred writings of all three of the great world religions — Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

In our school we hope to learn more about the values of our archangels and to bring these values not only into our own lives but into the lives of everyone we meet.

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*Heavenly King, You have given us archangels
to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.*

*Saint Michael is our protector; we ask him to come to our aid
and protect us from danger.*

*Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; we ask him to help me
clearly hear Your voice and to teach us the truth.*

*Saint Raphael is the healing angel; we ask him to take our needs for
Healing and that of everyone we know.*

*Saint Uriel is the comforter; we ask him to comfort us in times
of great loss.*

*Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of the archangels
and their desire to serve us at St Catherine's.*

Holy angels, pray for us.

Amen.