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2020 life.

Topic of the Month:

POVERTY

SPIRITUAL WORK of MERCY
PRAYER

Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given.

Amen.

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

- DEC 6 God's Special Children Monthly Mass - 2p, St. Francis Xavier, 444 Met. Rd
<http://www.godsspecialchildren.org>
- DEC 13 St. Josephine Bakhita's Intercessors Rosary Against Human Trafficking
9am, in the Church
- DEC 23 Saint of the Month - Canadian Saint Marguerite d'Youville
- JAN 16, 2021 Louisiana and New Orleans Right to Life Proudly Pro-Life Gala
Pontchartrain Center; <https://prolifelouisiana.org/gala>
- JAN 17, 2021 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- JAN 20, 2021 Annual Respect Life Club High School Meeting
- JAN 22, 2021 Memorial Service for the Unborn, St. Louis Cemetery, noon
- JAN 23, 2021 Louisiana Life March South, Baton Rouge, 10a – Noon, State Capitol
DUE TO COVID PRECAUTIONS,
WE WILL NOT CHARTER a BUS to BATON ROUGE for the LIFEMARCH
- March 7, 2021 Catholic Charities Pregnancy & Adoption Services
50th Anniversary ACCESS Jazz Brunch, Call 504-885-1509 for more info
- March 19, 2021 "March for Life" Event for High School Students, Rock 'N' Bowl

*** EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:30 am - 10:30 am: Join St. Edward's to pray and witness at the **ABORTION FACILITY** at 2701 Gen. Pershing (near Baptist Hospital)

VISIT the RESPECT LIFE TABLE in the BACK of CHURCH for MONTHLY UPDATES

To learn more about poverty in our area and what you can do about it,
VISIT: <https://www.ccano.org/>

CORPORAL WORK of MERCY

Please consider making a donation to our St. Vincent de Paul Society! This ministry consists of men and women actively involved in working with people in need of our parish, including hosting a monthly food pantry. For more information, please contact the Parish Center at 888-0703.

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands,
No feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which
He looks with compassion on
this world,
Yours are the feet with which
He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with
which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are
the feet, yours are the eyes,
you are His body.
Christ has no body now on
earth but yours.

Saint Teresa of Avila

**If you desire to use
your God-given**

IDEAS,

TIME,

TREASURE,

or

TALENT

**to help the Church in
areas of**

POVERTY, RACISM,

IMMIGRATION,

CRIMINAL JUSTICE,

HUMAN TRAFFICKING,

or any

RESPECT LIFE ISSUE,

Call us at 504-874-9225

SAINT OF THE MONTH

Saint Marguerite d'Youville - December 23

Marguerite d'Youville was the first native-born Canadian to be canonized a saint, an event that took place on Dec. 9, 1990. She was born in Quebec in 1701. Her father died when she was 7, leaving her and her mother and 4 siblings very poor. When she was 20, Marguerite married a fur trader, Francois d'Youville. Their married life was very difficult. He was a decadent, immoral man. Three of their five children died in childhood. When she was only 29, her husband died. While raising her two remaining sons, both of whom became priests, she did many charitable works. Three other women who wished to work with the poor joined her, consecrating their lives to God. They became known as the "Grey Nuns" because they wore grey habits. She and her sisters rebuilt a local hospital where Marguerite was known as "mother of the poor." When a fire destroyed the hospital, she undertook its reconstruction a second time. The work exhausted her and she died on December 23, 1771. She is the patron saint of widows, those suffering from difficult marriages, and of parents who have lost young children.



Prayer to St. Marguerite d'Youville

St. Marguerite d'Youville, during your lifetime, you opened your heart and home to every type of human misery. Listen with compassion to my prayer of petition (Specify Request). Mother of Universal Charity, your love for the poor made the impossible possible. Please ask the God of love to grant the favor I now seek with confidence and trust. Amen.