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*This Month's Respect Life Focus:*

**Human Trafficking**

**SPIRITUAL WORKS of MERCY**

**February 7  
Prayer Service**

5pm	Confessions
5:30pm	Human Trafficking Rosary
6pm	Mass
6:45pm	Prayer Service and Talk given by Beth Salcedo, Director of Free Indeed, a safe house for girls aged 12 - 17 who have been sex-trafficked.

**CORPORAL WORKS of MERCY**

**February 7**

**A DONATION DRIVE** to benefit safe houses for human trafficking survivors will be held in conjunction with the prayer service.

Attendees are invited to bring:  
Gift cards to Rouses, Target and Walmart,  
Toiletries and Household Cleaning Products

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

**Feb 2** **God's Special Children** monthly Mass, 2p at St. Francis Xavier, 444 Met Rd  
**Feb 7** \*\*\*\* **HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRAYER SERVICE AFTER 6PM MASS** \*\*\*\*  
**Feb 8** **World Day of Prayer, Reflection, & Action against Human Trafficking**  
**Feb 8** \*\*\*\* **ST. ANTHONY'S NURSING HOME - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every month**\*\*\*\*

Meet after 8:30a Mass. We pray for and visit residents who have been identified as those who do not get many visitors. Call 874-9225 for info.

**Feb 8** **A Light in the Darkness: Human Trafficking Symposium**, 9am-4pm at the University of Holy Cross, 4123 Woodland DR in New Orleans.

**Feb 8** **Day of Silence on Social Media** - For 24 hours, beginning at 12 midnight on Feb 8, do not use your social media for viewing or posting until midnight on Feb 9. Traffickers often use social media to exploit their victims. Buyers often use social media to purchase victims. Let's go silent in solidarity with those who are being victimized & as a sacrifice to offer for all involved in Human Trafficking.

**Feb 9** \*\*\*\* **St. Josephine Bakhita's Intercessors - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month** \*\*\*\*

We pray a special rosary for victims, survivors and perpetrators of human trafficking. In the church, 1:15pm.

**Feb 9-17** **Novena to End Human Trafficking**

**Feb 15** \*\*\*\* **ST. JUDE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month** \*\*\*\*

Meet 10am in front of church to carpool to feed the homeless at St. Jude's. **SAINT of the MONTH FEAST DAY: Portuguese Saints Francisco & Jacinta Marto**

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\*\*\*\* **WE NEED SOMEONE WITH A HEART FOR DISABILITIES ADVOCACY!** \*\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\* **If that someone is you**, please call 874-9225. \*\*\*\*

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\*\*\* **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)**

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

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- **FOR MORE INFO on human trafficking:**  
<https://respectlife.arch-no.org/human-trafficking>
  - **Please PRAY for these precious CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION from our FOSTER CARE system in Louisiana...** <https://www.adoptuskids.org/states/la/browse.aspx>

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

### SAINTS FRANCISCO and JACINTO MARTO

#### Feast Day – February 20

Francisco and Jacinta Marto (as well as their older cousin Lucia) lived near Fatima, Portugal, where they received the famous visions of Our Lady in 1917. Their witness to the world, and their sanctification, was that they could bring about the salvation of numerous souls through their humble submission to God's Divine Will. They listened to Mary's pleas and generously heeded her call to prayer, penance, and reparation for the conversion of sinners.

Shortly after the visions ended, both Francisco and Jacinta were struck with flu, which kept them suffering for months.

Francisco died in 1918 at the age of ten. Jacinta died on Feb.

20, 1920 at the age of 9. They were canonized together on May 13, 2017, becoming the youngest non-martyred children to ever be canonized. Their feast day is celebrated on Feb. 20.



#### **PRAYER**

*God of infinite goodness who loves the innocent and exalts the humble, grant that, in imitation of blessed Francisco and Jacinta, we may serve you with purity of heart and so be worthy to enter the kingdom of heaven. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*