

JUNE
2020

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Topic of the Month:

**END of LIFE ISSUES,
ASSISTED SUICIDE,
and EUTHANASIA**

CHURCH TEACHING:

*Evangelium Vitae (65, 66, 67)
To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if requested.*

PRAYER:

Father in heaven, God of Compassion, through your Son's resurrection, You transformed suffering and death into new life and glory and invite us to join our own pain and struggles to those of Jesus. Increase the faith and hope of all who are suffering, especially those living with chronic illness and pain. Strengthen and confirm in them and in their caregivers the promise of new life and glory. We ask this in the name of Christ Our Lord. Amen.

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

- JUNE 7 God's Special Children Monthly Mass - 2pm, St. Francis Xavier, 444 Met. Rd
- JUNE 15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- JUNE 22 – JUNE 29 Religious Freedom Week – See below for more info
- JUNE 26 Feast Day of our SAINT of the MONTH: Spaniard Josemaria Escriva

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

*** **JUNE 22 – 29 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK** takes place from June 22, the Memorial of Saints Thomas More & John Fisher, through June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity.



Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

*** **ADVANCED DIRECTIVE FOR CATHOLICS**

- Pick up a copy on the Respect Life table in the back of church!
- Become familiar with the Louisiana Catholic Bishops' Health Care Guidance at: http://www.laccb.org/files/Approaching-Death_The-Moral-Choices-upd-2012.pdf

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

*** **ANGELS' PLACE** provides on-going respite care and support services to families with children who have life-threatening diseases. Currently they are helping nearly 90 children in the greater New Orleans area. **Contact them to find out how you can help ease the burden of these families. Maybe you could donate toys or other items or volunteer time to help in their office or to become a respite caregiver.** Call Mary at 504-455-2620 for more information. Tell her Kay and Yvette say hi. 😊



*** Consider becoming an **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION** for those who are hospitalized or homebound. Speak to our pastor about helping in this way.

*** As soon as **ST. ANTHONY'S NURSING HOME** allows visitors again, we will resume visiting residents who do not normally have visitors. Please join us!

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,

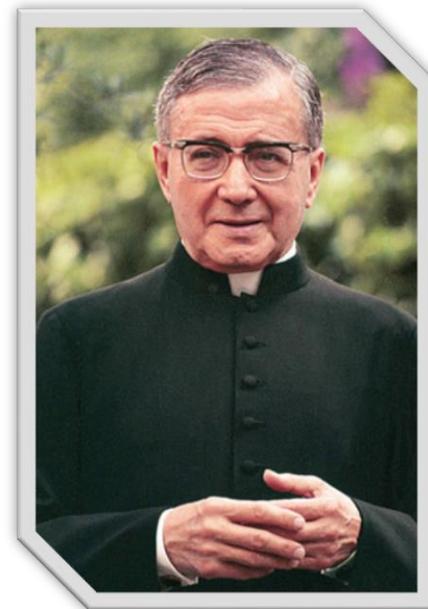
Call us at 504-874-9225

SAINT OF THE MONTH

SAINT JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

Feast Day – June 26

Josemaria was born January 9, 1902 to a devout Catholic family in Barbastro, Spain. Beginning in 1918, he sensed that God was asking him to do something special. He became a priest and also studied civil law. After his ordination in 1925, he was assigned to a rural parish and then to Madrid. There he began reaching out to the poor, the sick, and young children. He engaged the help of manual workers, professors, and university students in his ministry. In 1928, he realized that God was calling him to found Opus Dei, an institute within the Catholic Church to help people in all walks of life to follow Christ, seek holiness in their daily life and grow in love for God and their fellow men and women. Religious persecution during the Spanish Civil War severely hindered his work. But after World War II ended in 1945, the work of Opus Dei spread throughout Spain and into many countries. He died June 26, 1975 and was canonized on October 6, 2002.



PRAYER to SAINT JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

St. Josemaria, you were chosen by the Lord to proclaim the universal call to holiness and to show us that everyday life, its customary activities, is a path towards holiness. Help me in the daily living out of my vocation, in union with Jesus, to find holiness. I pray in the name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.