

SEPT  
2020

life.

**Topic of the Month:**

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

**CHURCH TEACHING:**

*Catholic social teaching is based on and inseparable from our understanding of human life and human dignity. Every human being is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ and therefore is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of the human family.*

*Every person, from the moment of conception to natural death, has inherent dignity and a right to life consistent with that dignity. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment.*

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
<https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/catholic-social-teaching>

**PRAYER:**

*Loving God, may we recognize each other as sisters and brothers in our one human family, all equal in your eyes. May we recognize the responsibilities we have to each other and take an active role in helping each person achieve their full potential. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

- SEPT 13 St. Josephine Bakhita's Intercessors Rosary Against Human Trafficking  
Immediately after 8am Mass in the Church
- SEPT 23-NOV 1 40 Days for Life Campaign
- SEPT 26-27 Louisiana Love Life Amendment Awareness Weekend
- SEPT 27 Saint of the Month Feast Day – St. Vincent de Paul from France
- OCT 3 Rosary Procession for Life 11am
- OCT 4 Respect Life Sunday – Baby Shower to benefit Woman's New Life Clinic
- OCT 7-8 St Edward the Confessor Vigil and Prayer for the 40 Days for Life
- NOV 3 National Election – Vote YES for the Louisiana Love Life Amendment

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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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**\*\*\* LOUISIANA LOVE LIFE AMENDMENT \*\*\***

**On November 3, VOTE YES on Amendment #1 to ensure:  
THERE IS NO RIGHT TO ABORTION or  
TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTION in OUR STATE CONSTITUTION.**

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**The 7 PRINCIPLES of CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person.
2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation.
3. Rights and Responsibilities.
4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.
5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers.
6. Solidarity.
7. Care for God's Creation.

**\*\*\* To learn more about Catholic Social Teaching:**

- Pick up a flyer on the Respect Life table in the back of church
- VISIT <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching>

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

### St. Vincent de Paul – September 27

St. Vincent was born on a small farm in southwestern France in 1581. Seeing evidence of his quick mind and sharp intellect, his parents ensured he received a



good education. Even after his ordination to the priesthood, he continued his university studies, with the expectation of living a comfortable, wealthy life. Vincent's life changed when his roommate accused him of theft and began slandering his name. Vincent patiently endured the slander, saying, "God knows the truth." Through this episode, and an encounter with a dying peasant who asked Vincent to hear his last confession, Vincent grew in virtue and recognition of the spiritual needs of the poor. He transformed his life into advocating for the poor of Europe. He

founded a community of priests (Vincentians) and helped found several other religious orders and confraternities of charity, hospitals, orphanages, homes for the elderly, and other institutions to care for the poor. In later years, he suffered from poor health and died on September 27, 1660. He is patron of charitable and philanthropic organizations.

#### **PRAYER to ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

*Noble Saint Vincent de Paul, beloved servant of the poor, may we follow your example and do good works among those whom society has abandoned, enslaved, or forgotten. Inspire us to feed the hungry, to love a child, to provide comfort and medicine to the sick, to clothe those whose garments are threadbare, and to offer hope and our Lord's words to all who need respite. Pray for us to our beloved God that we may commit ourselves selflessly to doing the same charitable acts that you did all your life, and intercede with him that we may have the favor of his guidance and strength and love upon this important and meaningful work. Amen.*