

MARCH
2021 life.

Topic of the Month:

Disabilities

From the USCCB's Welcome and Justice for Persons with Disabilities:

“Defense of the right to life implies the defense of all other rights that enable the individual with the disability to achieve the fullest measure of personal development of which he or she is capable. These include the right to equal opportunity in education, in employment, in housing, and in health care, as well as the right to free access to public accommodations, facilities, and services.”

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

- March 7 **Catholic Charities Pregnancy & Adoption Services**
50th Anniversary ACCESS Jazz Brunch, Call 504-885-1509 for more info
- March 7 **God's Special Children Mass: 2p**, St Francis Xavier, 444 Metairie Road
- March 14 **St. Josephine Bakhita's Intercessors:** 2nd Sunday of every month, 9am
In church, Rosary for victims, survivors & perpetrators of human trafficking
- March 19 **SAINT OF THE MONTH FEAST DAY: St. Joseph**
- March 19 **"March for Life" Event for High School Students**, Rock 'N' Bowl

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

Are YOU called to be St. Edward's Advocate for Persons with Disabilities?

The next workshop for Parish Advocates will be held on April 17, 2021 9:00 a.m.
Please call Yvette at 504-874-9225 if you are interested in learning more!

This Month's CORPORAL and SPIRITUAL WORKS of MERCY:

- **Be inspired by attending the beautiful God's Special Children Mass**
Held every month at 2:00 p, St Francis Xavier, 444 Metairie Road:
March 7•April 11•May 9•June 6•July 11•August 1•Sept 12•Oct –TBA•Nov 7•Dec 5
- **Reach out to caregivers** to see if they could use a break
- **Provide prayer cards** to those who visit the homebound
- **Padua Communities Services** through Catholic Charities — comprehensive and specialized care for children and adults with disabilities
- **Check out the Archdiocesan Commission on Persons with Disabilities**
<https://nolacatholic.org/commission-on-persons-with-disabilities>
- **Connect with Handicapped Encounter Christ** - retreat for physically disabled persons of all faiths Contact Peter (504) 421-1200 or Carol (504) 577-1415
- **Pray for those with disabilities and for caregivers**
(prayers can be found on the respect life table)

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 JOSEPH – March 19

Everything we know about St. Joseph, husband of Mary, legal father of Jesus,



and a righteous man, comes to us from the Gospels. We know that he was a descendant of King David and a carpenter by trade. We know that he was not wealthy, because when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised, he offered two pigeons for the sacrifice, which was only allowed for those who could not afford the usual lamb. He showed compassion and caring for Mary when he discovered her pregnancy. He was visited by angels at least three times, obediently and humbly following their directives: to take Mary as his wife, to flee to Egypt to save the child Jesus, and to go back home when it was safe to return. He followed Jewish laws and customs, going to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover every year. Although we do not know how or when he died, we assume his death occurred before Jesus began his public life, since we do not read about him again in

the Gospels after Jesus was 12 years old. St. Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because we believe he passed from this world with Mary and Jesus beside him. He is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, pregnant women, immigrants, travelers, house buyers and sellers, craftsmen, and all working people. His feast day is celebrated on March 19.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Good St. Joseph, pray for us.

Teach us to be honest, that we may not be afraid of labor.

Teach us to be just, that we may respect our fellow man.

Teach us to be simple, that we may have regard for the poor.

Teach us to be kind, that we may love our homes and our families.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.