

APRIL
2021

life.

Topic of the Month:

Fertility

NFP methods are different from and better than artificial contraception because they cooperate with, rather than suppress, a couple's fertility; can be used both to achieve and avoid pregnancy; call for shared responsibility and cooperation by husband and wife; require spousal communication; foster respect for and acceptance of the total person; have no harmful side effects; and are virtually cost free. NFP is unique because it enables its users to work with the body rather than against it. Fertility is viewed as a reality to live, not a problem to be solved.

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

- April 11 **God's Special Children Mass:** 2p, St Francis Xavier, 444 Metairie Road
- April 11 **St. Josephine Bakhita's Intercessors:** 2nd Sunday of every month, 9am
In church, Rosary for victims, survivors & perpetrators of human trafficking
- April 12 **SAINT of the MONTH FEAST DAY:** Chilean ST. TERESA of Los Andes

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

Please call Yvette at 504-874-9225 if you are interested in learning more!

Join us **EVERY THURSDAY from 8:30a to 10:30a** to pray and witness at the ABORTION FACILITY at 2701 Gen. Pershing (near Baptist Hospital)

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To learn more about fertility, visit

<https://nolacatholic.org/reproductive-technology>

The Archdiocese of New Orleans offers hope for women of all ages (single or married) & couples with many options to learn about their fertility & God's design...options that allow them to work with their bodies to understand their fertility, pinpoint problems, avoid a pregnancy, or achieve a pregnancy without introducing something outside God's design... Natural Family Planning (NFP).

4 Methods of NFP Taught in the Archdiocese:

1. Northwest Family Services — SymptoPro Fertility Education
2. Creighton Model FertilityCare System
3. Couple to Couple League — The Sympto-Thermal Method
4. Family of the Americas - Ovulation Method

For more information on these methods of NFP, and for local assistance, visit:

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*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 TERESA OF LOS ANDES – April 12

St. Teresa was born Juana Fernandez Solar in Santiago, Chile on July 13, 1900. As a child, she was known for her choleric and passionate temperament. After she read St. Therese's Story of a Soul, Juana was determined to convert her self-absorption and passionate outbursts into a single-minded desire for union with God. When she was 18, she entered the Carmelite community and took the name Teresa of Jesus. In the first year of her religious life, she contracted typhus. While she suffered greatly, with her health steadily declining, Sr. Teresa wrote letters offering spiritual advice to many different people.

Her letters gave evidence of her deep passion and love for God. She died on April 12, 1920, having been able to make her perpetual vows just a few days before her passing. When she was canonized in 1993, she became Chile's first canonized saint. St. Teresa is patroness of Chile, and a patron saint of young people. She was selected by a Synod of Bishops as one of the Young Witnesses for their meeting of young people in the Church that was held in Rome in 2018. Her feast day is celebrated on April 12.



PRAYER to St. Teresa of Los Andes

God of mercy, joy of the saints, you set the youthful heart of Saint Teresa ablaze with the fire of virginal love for Christ and for his Church; and even in suffering you made her a cheerful witness to charity. Through her intercession, fill us with the delights of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim by word and deed the joyful message of your love to the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and