

LIFE CALENDAR

Prayer vigil the 2nd Saturday of each month at
abortion mill located at:

All Women's "Health" Center of Tampa
3330 West Kennedy Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33609

January

Remembrance Crosses at church and school
22nd Anniversary of Roe v Wade
March for Life – DC, St. Augustine, Tampa Bay

February

Valentine's Day – beating hearts matter

March

Spiritual Adoption - Feast of the Annunciation
Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

April

Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday – Post Abortive Healing Info

May

Mother's Day
National Day of Prayer

June

Father's Day

September

St Stephen Ministry Fair
40 Days for Life

October

Respect Life Month – Rosary before all Masses
Life Chain – First Saturday in October

November

Elections – educate the parish
Foundations for Life Gala and Silent Auction

December

12th Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
19th Novena to St. Joseph, Protector of the Innocents
25th Christmas
28th Feast of the Holy Innocents

The Ten Commandments

*“He who obeys the commandments he has
from me is the man who loves me; and he
who loves me will be loved by my Father. I
too will love him and reveal myself to him”
(Jn 14: 21)*

***I. I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt
not have strange gods before me.***

***II. Thou shalt not take the name of the
Lord thy God in vain.***

***III. Remember thou keep holy
the Lord's Day.***

IV. Honor thy father and thy mother.

V. Thou shall not kill.

VI. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VII. Thou shalt not steal.

***VIII. Thou shalt not bear false witness
against thy neighbor.***

***IX. Thou shalt not covet thy
neighbor's wife.***

***X. Thou shalt not covet thy
neighbor's goods.***

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The measure of love is to love without measure!

The mission of the Respect Life Ministry is to promote an active respect for human life. With much prayer, we work to maintain sensitivity and awareness of current human life issues, i.e. abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, capital punishment and ethical medical treatment and advances, consistent with the teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To this end, one of our goals is to educate, motivate and inspire parishioners so that we can further the building up of the Culture of Life, both within the Church and out into the wider community. All of us are called to participate at some level because these issues affect us all. Please join us at our monthly prayer vigils, in supporting our local pregnancy centers and in encouraging those wounded by abortion to find healing and restoration in the mercy of Jesus Christ.

PRO LIFE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Precisely in an age when the inviolable rights of the person are solemnly proclaimed and the value of life is public affirmed, the very right to life is being denied or trampled upon, especially at the more significant moments of existence: the moment of birth and the moment of death."
(Evangelium Vitae no. 18, John Paul II)

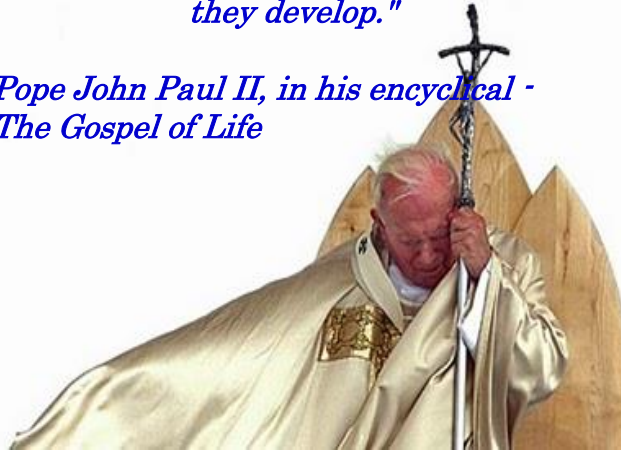
Abortion: "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning to its end; no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."
(Donum Vitae Intro 5, Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith)

Post-abortion aftermath: "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion...do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope...the Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."
(Evangelium Vitae no. 99, John Paul II)

Chastity: "Chastity presupposes respect for the rights of the person, in particular, the right to receive information and an education that respect the moral and spiritual dimensions of human life."
(Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 2344)

"It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop."

Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical - The Gospel of Life



Capital Punishment: "If bloodless means are sufficient to defend human lives against an aggressor and to protect public order and the safety of persons, public authority must limit itself to such means, because they better correspond to the concrete conditions of the common good and are more in conformity to the dignity of the human person."
(Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 2267)

Euthanasia: "Euthanasia must be called a false mercy, and indeed a disturbing 'perversion' of mercy. True 'compassion' leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear."
(Evangelium Vitae no. 66, John Paul II)

Contraception/Sterilization: "The Church...teaches that each and every marital act must of necessity retain its intrinsic relationship to the procreation of human life. Equally to be condemned...is direct sterilization, whether of the man or of the woman, whether permanent or temporary. Similarly excluded is any action which either before, at the moment of, or after sexual intercourse, is specifically intended to prevent procreation – whether as an end or as a means."
(Humanae Vitae no. 11 and 14, Paul VI)

Embryonic stem cell research and human cloning: "No objective, even though noble in itself, such as a foreseeable advantage to science, to other human beings, or to society, can in any way justify experimentation on living human embryos or fetuses, whether viable or not, either inside or outside of the mother's body."
(Donum Vitae no. 4, CDF)

Infertility and IVF "The suffering of spouses who cannot have children...is a suffering that everyone must understand and properly evaluate. On the part of the spouses, the desire for a child is natural: it expresses the vocation to fatherhood and motherhood inscribed in conjugal love. Nevertheless, marriage does not confer upon the spouses the right to have a child, but only the right to perform those natural acts which are per se ordered to procreation."
(Donum Vitae no. 8)