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**RESPECT LIFE GATHERING FOCUS:**

**ADOPTION**

**Wednesday November 8  
After the 6pm Mass**

Ascension of Our Lord Catholic  
Church  
1900 Greenwood DR, Laplace  
**Speaker:** Susan Scotton

**CHURCH TEACHING:**

Misericordiae vultus, 6

**PRAYER:**

Father, we are all your adopted children, through the power of the Incarnation of your most beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Bless those children who have been adopted into new families, that they may experience the love that you have shown us which surpasses even the love of a mother for her child.

Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we pray that the Lord will bless all who travel upon the path of adoption.

*Amen.*

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

**November - National Adoption Awareness Month**

**Nov 3** **Saint of the Month:** ST. MARTIN DE PORRES Feast Day

**Nov 5** **40 Days for Life Closing Vigil,** 5:30p, Planned Parenthood 4636 S. Claiborne

**Nov 5** **God's Special Children Monthly Mass** - 2p, St. Francis Xavier, 444 Met. Rd  
<http://www.godsspecialchildren.org>

**Nov 7** "Growing Up Gracefully," a program for Mothers and their High School Daughters (8th-12th grade), offered by Hope Woman's Clinic and Woman's New Life Center, 6:30p to 8:30p, St. Catherine of Siena  
[www.hopewomansclinic.com/womens-health/growing-up-gracefully/](http://www.hopewomansclinic.com/womens-health/growing-up-gracefully/)

**Nov 10-12 NOLA Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** - Commit to say a prayer(s)/go to Mass /make a Holy Hour/offer up a work(s) of mercy/etc... to be added to a Spiritual Bouquet for the retreatants. Email prayer commitments: [respectlife@arch-no.org](mailto:respectlife@arch-no.org)

**Nov 10-26, 28 iGiveCatholic** - Raise funds for Human Trafficking efforts & for a local bioethics/healthcare life issues conference for healthcare providers, both important archdiocesan synod goals.[igivecatholic.org/designee/respect-life-office](http://igivecatholic.org/designee/respect-life-office)

**Nov 11** \*\*\* **ST. ANTHONY'S NURSING HOME** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every month.

Meet after 8:30a Mass at **St. Edward's**. We pray for and visit residents who do not get many visitors. Call 874-9225 for info.

**Nov 18** **National Adoption Awareness Day**

**Nov 18** **Buses to Angola Correctional Facility and the Avoyelles Correctional Facility** - Ride on the bus as prayerful support for families visiting loved ones who are incarcerated. [respectlife@arch-no.org](mailto:respectlife@arch-no.org)

**Nov 23** **Thanksgiving - count your blessings!**

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\*\*\* **EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:30a - 10:30a:** Join a group from **St. Edward's to pray and witness** at the **ABORTION FACILITY at 2701 GEN. PERSHING** (near Baptist Hospital)

**NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE... 888-3737-888**

**Please be aware of the signs of trafficking**... <http://polarisproject.org/recognize-signs>  
It is better to report a suspicious incident & be wrong than to be right & say nothing

**ANGELS' PLACE NEEDS RESPITE VOLUNTEERS** to visit ill children in the hospitals & offer relief to caregivers. If you feel called to do this, please contact Mary at 504-455-2620 or [maryk@angelsplacenola.org](mailto:maryk@angelsplacenola.org)

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**ACCESS Pregnancy & Referral Center** needs larger size diapers (size 4, 5, 6 and Pull Ups), wipes, & baby clothing (3 M - 12 M). Please contact Michelle at [mblack@ccano.org](mailto:mblack@ccano.org) or 504-885-1141.

*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**

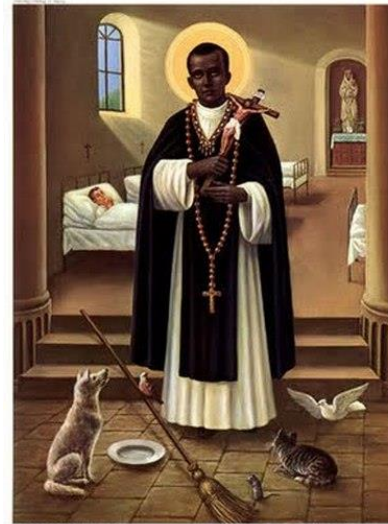
**RESPECT LIFE ISSUE,**

**Call Yvette at 874-9225**

## **SAINT OF THE MONTH**

### **ST. MARTIN DE PORRES – NOVEMBER 3**

Martin de Porres was the illegitimate son of a Spanish grandee and a freed African slave. He was born in Lima, Peru in 1579. At



fifteen, he began his long relationship with the Dominican Order, first as a tertiary and then as a brother with vows.

His painful childhood taught him compassion and generosity. As a Dominican he doctored Lima's sick. In addition to his free services as a doctor, he distributed thousands of dollars' worth of food and clothing to the poor each week. He founded an orphanage for abandoned children and staffed it with the best teachers, nurses and guardians he could

To you St. Martin de Porres, we prayerfully lift up our hearts filled with serene confidence and devotion. Mindful of your unbounded and helpful charity to all levels of society and also of your meekness and humility of heart, we offer our petitions to you. Pour out upon our families the precious gifts of your solicitous and generous intercession; show to the people of every race and every color the paths of justice and unity. Implore from our Father in heaven the coming of His kingdom, so that through our following your example of compassion and generosity, God may increase the fruits of grace and give us the rewards of eternal life. Amen.

hire. On the hills near Lima, he planted fruit orchards for the poor. He is also remembered for his love of animals.

His beloved poor never allowed his memory to fade and today he is one of the most popular saints of the Americas. He was canonized in 1962.