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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/

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

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

Nov 11 *** **ST. ANTHONY'S NURSING HOME** - 2nd 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

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

*** **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

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 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

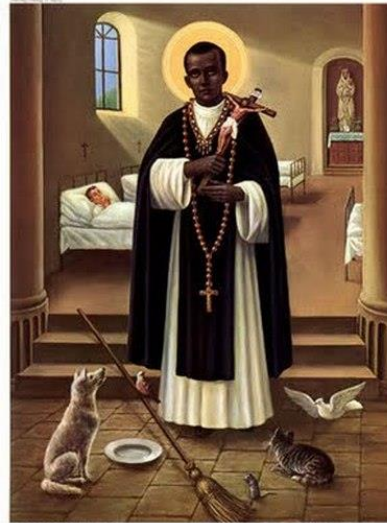
RESPECT LIFE ISSUE,

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.