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This Month's Respect Life Gathering Focus:

The UNBORN

Tuesday Jan 23 at 6:30p

Speakers:

Shanon Snyder of Louisiana Right to Life
and
Corey Hicks of Black Advocates for Life

Hosted by:

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
455 Ames Blvd, Marrero
Light refreshments provided

CHURCH TEACHING:

Catechism 2270

Human life must be respected and protected absolutely **from the moment of conception**. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.

PRAYER:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

- JAN 5** **Feast Day** of St. JOHN NEUMANN from Bohemia
- JAN 6-7** *** **Sign ups after all Masses for LA Life March Bus Trip to Baton Rouge**
- JAN 10** **Archdiocesan Anti-Human Trafficking Committee to be held at St Edward Parish Center – All St Edward parishioners are welcome**
- JAN 11** **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day**
- JAN 13** ** **St. Anthony's Nursing Home** monthly visit – 2nd Saturday every month.
Meet after 8:30a Mass at St. Edward's. We pray for and visit residents who have been identified as those who do not get many visitors. Call 874-9225 for info.
- JAN 18 – 22** **U.S. Bishop's Online Novena for Life**. Join to receive the novena through the app, daily emails, or daily texts. <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm>
- JAN 19** **March for Life in Washington DC**
- JAN 20** *** **LA Life March – Reserve your seat on our chartered bus to Baton Rouge. \$15/seat. Bring own bag lunch. We'll leave St. Edward's at 7:45a & return by 3p.**
- JAN 22** **Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
- JAN 22** **Memorial Service of the Unborn** and Blessing of the new Holy Innocents Prayer Garden – Presided by Archbishop Aymond, St. Patrick's Cemetery #1, 5000 Canal Street. New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries is offering the **opportunity for families to memorialize their lost babies by name with a bronze plaque**. The cost of the plaque with the baby's name is \$100.00. Call 286-1119 for more info.

- For more info on **prayers and action protecting the unborn:** <https://respectlife.arch-no.org/the-unborn-1>
- **Online Resources for MISCARRIAGE AND EARLY INFANT DEATH:** <http://www.mfldiobr.org/miscarriageearly-infant-death.html>
- **Help for UNPLANNED PREGNANCY OR PAST ABORTIONS:**
Women's New Life Center 831.3117 <https://womansnewlife.com/about/>
Access Pregnancy 832-1503 <http://www.ccano.org/access-pregnancy-services/>
- Affordable, private medical care, education, and counseling to **low- to moderate-income women during pregnancy and delivery**, and provides up to three days stay at Touro Infirmary. 837-6346 <http://www.ccano.org/stvincent/>
- Find out how you can support **Compassionate Burial for Indigent Babies:** <http://www.cbibinc.com/>
- **Check out the Louisiana Knights of Columbus Culture of Life's latest newsletter** <http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cultureoflife/news/2017-12.pdf>

*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

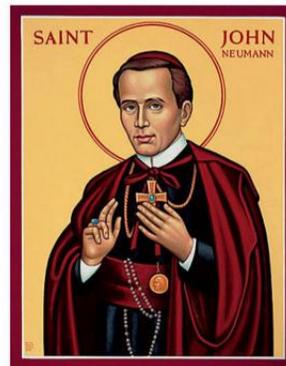
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SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. John Neumann – January 5

John Neumann was born in Bohemia (now part of the Czech Republic) in 1811. After studying for the priesthood in Prague and then not being allowed to be ordained in Europe due to an overage of priests there, John came to New York and was ordained a priest to do missionary work there, especially among the German immigrants. Longing for community, John joined the Redemptorists, an order dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. He learned Spanish, French, Italian and Dutch to be able to hear confessions and celebrate Mass in each of the many villages he visited. John had an exceptional organizing ability, which he used to spread the Good News. John was named bishop of Philadelphia, where he organized the first Diocesan Catholic school system, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a few years. He died in 1860 at the age of 48 and is buried in St. Peter Church in Philadelphia. Well known for his holiness, spiritual writing and preaching, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified (Oct. 13, 1963). He was canonized in 1977.



Merciful Father, You have given me all that I have in this world, even life itself. In all my daily needs, help me to remember the needs of others too. Make me selfless as St. John Neumann.

Throughout my life, give me the grace to direct my first thoughts to the service of You and of others. Make my prayer – “Your will be done”

knowing that in Your mercy and love, Your will for me is my sanctification. I ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.