

March life. 2018

RESPECT LIFE GATHERING FOCUS:

Disabilities

Thursday March 15 at 6:30pm

St. John of the Cross
61030 Brier Lake Dr., Lacombe

Speaker: Sophie Trist

CHURCH TEACHING:

CATECHISM of the Catholic Church (2276):

Those whose are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, You took our brokenness & weaknesses upon Your shoulders & bore it to the wood of the cross. Hear our prayers for those who are disabled in body or mind. Implant in us a love for them deep within our hearts, that we, disfigured and disabled by our sin, may treasure and nurture the gifts of their lives. May we find You in their weakness, and console You in our care for them. In Your name, we pray. Amen

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

Mar 3 Feast Day of our Saint of the Month: St. Katharine Drexel

Mar 3 Archdiocesan **Human Trafficking Symposium: A Light in the Darkness**, 9a-3p St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in New Orleans. Archbishop Aymond will open the event with prayer. Speakers include experts from Dept of Justice, FBI, Free Indeed Home, Times-Picayune, & CRS. Free, lunch included, RSVP required. <https://respectlife.arch-no.org/human-trafficking-symposium-registration>

Mar 4 God's Special Children Monthly Mass - 2p, St. Francis Xavier, 444 Met. Rd <http://www.godsspecialchildren.org>

Mar 10 * 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.

Mar 11 Mass for the Elderly & the Infirm & Those Who Serve Them, 11a, St. Louis Cathedral. Archbishop Aymond is the celebrant.

Mar 17 * ST. JUDE, every 3rd Saturday, 10a-1p,** Meet in front of church to carpool

Mar 21 World Down Syndrome Day

Mar 22 New Orleans Right to Life is sponsoring an **ORATORY CONTEST** for high school juniors & seniors at 6:30pm at the Louisiana Right to Life State Office, 200 Robert E Lee Blvd, Call 504.835.6520 for more information.

Mar 17 Bus to Angola Correctional Facility - Ride on the bus as prayerful support for families visiting loved ones who are incarcerated. respectlife@arch-no.org

April 4 Louisiana Right to Life's Annual Pro Life Day at the Capitol

April 7 Women's New Life Center Born to Run - NOLA 5K and Fun Run, 9am
Go to www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun for event information

***** 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

MY HOUSE MEN'S GROUP - provides an anonymous setting for support, accountability, and concrete steps to overcoming the bondage of **Pornography addiction**. For info, email myhouse@archdiocese-no.org or call 504-430-3060.

PEARL LADIES' GROUP - a confidential Catholic support group for **women whose husbands struggle with Pornography** or other sexual addictions. For more information, email pearlministry@arch-no.org or call 504-343-3359.

*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. KATHARINE DREXEL – MARCH 3**



Katharine Drexel was born into one of Philadelphia's wealthiest families on November 26, 1858. Katharine gave her fortune and her life to serve the poor and the oppressed. She helped finance many missions and schools to serve African Americans and Native Americans. In 1917, she founded Xavier University to prepare African Americans to become teachers. In

1891, she founded a missionary community, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist was the center of and sustenance for her life; she saw it as the source of unity among races. Katharine died on March 3, 1955 and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

Ever loving God,

You called St. Katharine Drexel to teach the message of the Gospel and to bring the life of the Eucharist to the African American and Native American peoples.

By her prayers and example, enable us to work for justice among the poor and oppressed. Draw us all into the Eucharistic community of your Church, that we may be one in you.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.