

APRIL 2018 life.

This Month's Respect Life Gathering Focus:

Fertility and Infertility
Thursday April 14 at 6p

Speaker:

Tracy Bannon, FertilityCare Practitioner

Hosted by:

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
312 Lafitte ST, Mandeville

Light refreshments provided

CHURCH TEACHING:

Assisted Reproductive Technologies
<https://respectlife.arch-no.org/artificial-reproductive-technologies>
Donum Vitae (7, 8)
Dignitas Personae (12, 18)

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, we pray that you may hear the prayer of all who long for a child. It was out of love that you created all things, may their love be fruitful. Help them not to become bitter when they encounter others who devalue life. May those who cannot give birth to a child see other ways in which they can give life to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

- April 4** Louisiana Right to Life's annual Pro Life Day at the Capitol
April 7 WNLC Born to Run 5K and Fun Run, 9a, Audubon Park Shelter #10 / Newman Bandstand. Go to www.womansnewlife.com/borntrun for event information
April 8 **God's Special Children** monthly Mass, 2p at St. Francis Xavier, 444 Metairie Rd
April 9 *** **FBI PRESENTATION on Human Trafficking, Awareness, Red Flags, and Reporting in the Cafeteria, 7p – All are welcome, but anyone with children or who works with children is strongly encouraged to attend!**
April 14 *** **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 have been identified as those who do not get many visitors. Call 874-9225 for info.
April 21 *** **St. Jude** - 3rd Saturday every month. Meet 10am in front of church to carpool to feed the homeless at St. Jude's.
April 24 **Saint of the Month Feast Day:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen from Germany

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

- **For more info on fertility and infertility:** <https://respectlife.arch-no.org/fertility-infertility-awareness-assisted-reproductive-technologies-art-ivf>
- **Online Resources for MISCARRIAGE AND EARLY INFANT DEATH:** <http://www.mfldiobr.org/miscarriageearly-infant-death.html>
- Find out how you can support **Compassionate Burial for Indigent Babies:** <http://www.cbibinc.com/>
- You can view the **Adoption documentary "I Lived on Parker Avenue"** that documents the story of LSU law student David Scotton's trip to meet his biological parents at <https://www.ilivedonparkerave.com>
- **Have You Lost a Child through Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Or Abortion?** N.O. Catholic Cemeteries is offering the opportunity for families to memorialize their lost babies by name with a bronze plaque. Contact nolacatholiccemeteries.org/holy-innocents-plaques
- **Woman's New Life Center in New Orleans is looking for a nurse to work 2 days per week.** Bilingual is HUGE plus. If interested, contact Allison at amillet@womansnewlife.com
- Archbishop Aymond recently prepared a statement on **Capital Punishment.** You can view it at <https://youtu.be/MvPjPPKkVdU>

*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 us at 504-874-9225

SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen – April 24

St. Fidelis was born Mark Rey at Sigmaringen, Germany in 1577. He became a lawyer, who in constantly upholding the causes of the poor and oppressed people, was nicknamed “the poor man’s lawyer.” When Rey grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues, he left his law career and became a Capuchin priest, choosing Fidelis as his religious name. His constant prayer was to be kept completely faithful to God and not give into any lukewarmness or apathy. He was sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland where he was later attacked and killed, a martyr to his Catholic faith. We are called to follow his example by sharing ourselves and our talents with those less fortunate and by working for justice in the world.



God, who didst enkindle thy blessed Saint Fidelis with heavenly fervor of the spirit, and in the preaching of the true Faith, didst suffer him to show forth wondrous miracles, and to be glorified with the palm of martyrdom: grant, we beseech thee; that, by his merits and intercession, we may through thy grace be so established in faith and charity, that we may be made worthy to show forth our fidelity in thy service, even unto death. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.