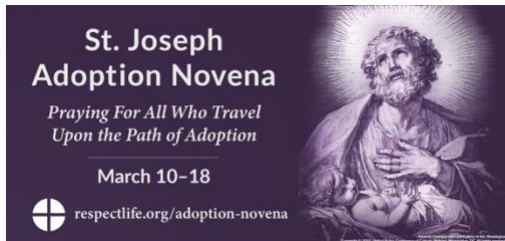


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Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!

FEATURED THIS MONTH...

St. Joseph Adoption Novena: March 10-18, 2024



Leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19, join us in praying the [St. Joseph Adoption Novena](#). Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all whose life stories include adoption. Additional [resources](#) are available.

Anniversary of *Evangelium vitae*: March 25, 2024

March 25th marks the anniversary of the papal encyclical [Evangelium vitae](#) (*The Gospel of Life*). Several resources are available to help you observe this anniversary in your parish, including [The Gospel of Life: Compendium](#) and [Study Guide](#). Additional resources including bulletin inserts and graphics are available at respectlife.org/gospel-of-life.



Walking with Moms in Need

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. Everyone in a parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. *Walking with Moms in Need* provides a process for parishes to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need. Learn more and get started today!

- [Website](#)
- [Testimonials](#)
- [Webinars](#)
- [Parish Resources](#)
- [Promotional Flyer](#)
- [Newsletters](#)

Start Walking with Moms in Need TODAY!

If a woman with an unexpected or challenging pregnancy turned to you, would you know what help is available? Could a mom struggling to care for her young kids turn to your neighborhood Catholic church and find local assistance? Through *Walking with Moms in Need*, Catholics can help vulnerable women find support in welcoming and caring for their children.

It is a free, complete, step-by-step process that anyone can lead! With the help of others at your parish, you can make a difference in your community.

What is it?

Walking with Moms in Need offers a simple process for Catholics and their parishes to:

- Find out what help is available to local women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances;
- Identify what types of support are missing;
- Determine how their church can be part of strengthening the local support network for moms in need.

FREE, Ready-to-Go Materials at Your Fingertips

Everything you need to implement *Walking with Moms in Need* in your parish is available for immediate download in both English and Spanish.

Get all the tools you need, such as pre-written emails and announcements, tips for running a meeting, and suggestions for how to build a parish support network.

A stack of materials including a "PARISH ACTION GUIDE" and several smaller cards or brochures.

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Intercessions for Life

March 3rd

For each expectant mother considering abortion:

May the Lord provide for her needs

and give her the grace and resolve

to choose life for her child;

We pray to the Lord:

Third Sunday of Lent

March 10th

For those nearing the end of life:

May they be given the grace to persevere in faith

and place their trust in God

as they prepare in hope for eternity with Christ;

We pray to the Lord:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 17th

For all those receiving hospice care:

May the care they receive

respect and protect their lives;

We pray to the Lord:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 24th

May all mothers facing difficult pregnancies

be lovingly accompanied as they prepare

to encounter Christ anew

through the gift of their children;

We pray to the Lord:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 31st

May the glory of the Resurrection

inspire lasting hope in all who work

to protect human life;

We pray to the Lord:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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Bulletin Quotes

In honor of the anniversary of Evangelium vitae, the bulletin quotes for this month all come from this historic document. Additional artwork is provided for each bulletin quote this month. Please include the following credit with each quote:

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March 3rd

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5).



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March 10th

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life” (*The Gospel of Life* 28).



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March 17th

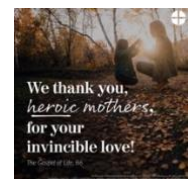
“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (*The Gospel of Life* 84).



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March 24th

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (*The Gospel of Life* 86).



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March 31st

“With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth” (*The Gospel of Life* 95).



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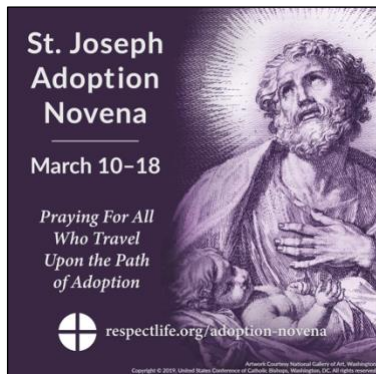
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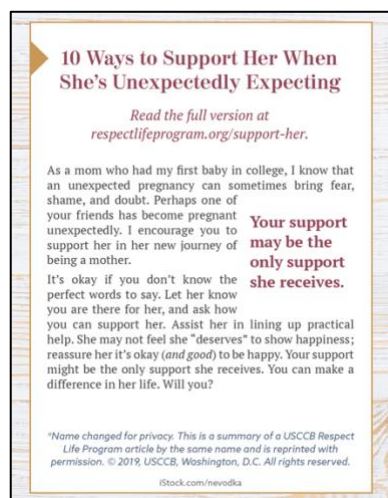
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