



# *WORD OF LIFE*

*June 2009*

## **June 7th The Most Holy Trinity**

For all families,  
that the self-giving love of the Holy Trinity  
inspire families to greater unity, love and sacrifice for each other;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **June 14<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

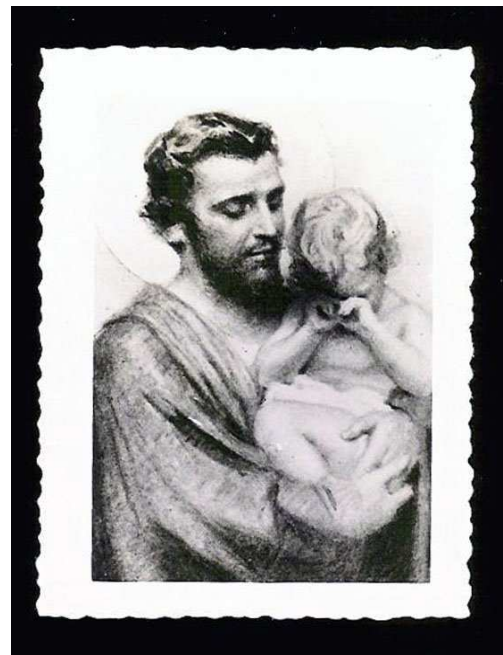
For our nation,  
for an end to violence and bloodshed,  
and for a greater reverence for the lives of all human beings  
including those not born, as bearers of the image and likeness of Christ;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **June 21<sup>st</sup> Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For fathers who are struggling to support their families,  
that God bless them with peace of mind, a hopeful heart,  
and the strength of will to persevere;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **June 28<sup>th</sup> Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For those who are dying alone and afraid,  
that they may be comforted in their last hours  
by the love of God  
made manifest in their caregivers;  
We pray to the Lord:



Just 22 days after conception a human embryo's heart begins beating. The little heart will beat nearly 54 million times *before he or she is born!*

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By 6 weeks plus 2 days after conception the brain waves of an unborn child can be recorded by EEG (electroencephalogram).

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At just 10 weeks after conception nails and fingerprints begin to emerge in patterns that will uniquely identify a child throughout his or her entire life.

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At 9 weeks after conception unborn children begin thumb-sucking. Between 12 and 16 weeks they often touch their mouths, up to 50 times an hour. Teeth start to grow by 13 weeks. Beginning at 14 weeks developmental differences between boys and girls begin to appear: female fetuses move their mouths much more frequently than males.

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