

WORD OF LIFE: JUNE 2020

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

FEATURED THIS MONTH...

Father's Day Action Guide

June 21, 2020



Although Father's Day is not a liturgical observance, it is an appropriate time to underscore the essential role of fathers in the life of the family and in building a culture of life. It is also an opportunity to highlight spiritual fatherhood, which all men are called to embrace.

Simple steps, sample intercessions, homily considerations, and an activity are provided in the Father's Day Action Guide to help your parish celebrate and pray for the fathers in your community, **whether you are able to gather in person or are socially distancing**. Please feel free to adapt the following resources to fit the needs of your specific parish or ministry.

Religious Freedom Week: For the Good of All

June 22-29, 2020



Religious Freedom Week 2020: For the Good of All takes place June 22 – 29. The Week begins with the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Many resources are available to help the faithful **pray, reflect, and take action** on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. Resources, including graphics, lectionary notes, bulletin inserts, and daily prayers and reflections are available at usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.

Pray for Life: June



Join us in praying that expectant mothers will be lovingly supported by the fathers of their children in welcoming new life.

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Intercessions for Life

June 7th

May society come to a deeper understanding and respect
for the human person,
who is created by the Father,
redeemed by the Son,
and made holy by the grace of the Holy Spirit;
We pray to the Lord:

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 14th

May increased devotion to Jesus,
hidden, yet physically present in the Eucharist,
deepen our care for unborn children,
hidden beneath the hearts of their mothers;
We pray to the Lord:

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and
Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

June 21st

May expectant fathers lovingly support
the mothers of their children
in welcoming new life;
We pray to the Lord:

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28th

For married couples longing for a child:
May God grant them the grace and strength
to place their faith in His loving plan;
We pray to the Lord:

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin Quotes

June 7th

“The Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus’ saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Pope St. John Paul II’s Challenge to Our Church”



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June 14th

Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation”



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June 21st

“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Pray for Life: June 2020” quoting Most Reverend Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux



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June 28th

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”



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