WORD OF LIFE: JUNE 2025

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

FEATURED THIS MONTH...

Father's Day Action Guide

June 15, 2025



The Father's Day Action Guide includes simple steps, sample intercessions, homily helps, and an activity to help your parish honor fathers and highlight their importance in building a culture of life. The activity can be done together as a parish or at home.

A previously recorded webinar explains the resources available. Please feel free to adapt the resources to fit the needs of your specific parish or ministry.

- Webinar Recording
- Action Guide (English | Spanish)
- Supplemental Resources

Religious Freedom Week

June 22-29, 2025



Religious Freedom Week 2025 takes place June 22–29. The Week begins with the Memorial of Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, and includes the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Resources will be made available to help the faithful **pray**, **reflect** on, and **take action** for religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. They will be made available at usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.

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Intercessions for Life

June 1st

For those suffering after abortion: May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace; let us pray to the Lord: The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (or Seventh Sunday of Easter where applicable)

June 8th

For our nation:
May we build a society
in which the legal protection of human life
is accompanied by profound care
for mothers and their children;
let us pray to the Lord:

Pentecost Sunday

June 15th

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

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Father's Day is not a liturgical feast but is often recognized at Mass.)

June 22nd

May the worthy reception of Jesus in the Eucharist strengthen our commitment to protect the gift of human life from conception to natural death; *let us pray to the Lord:*

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

June 29th

For religious liberty: That all may have the freedom to follow God's commands and protect his gift of human life; *let us pray to the Lord:* The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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Bulletin Quotes

June 1st

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"

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June 8th

"Dearest St. Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen."



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life"

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June 15th

"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!"



Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux "Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life"

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June 22nd

"Christ's blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God's plan life will be victorious."



Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

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June 29th

"O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."



USCCB, "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"

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Bulletin Art

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