

WORD OF LIFE: DECEMBER 2025

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FEATURED THIS MONTH...

Advent

The season of Advent is a time of anticipation that directs our hearts and minds to preparing for the celebration of the Lord's birth on Christmas and for Christ's second coming at the end of time. During this time of preparation and expectant waiting, we also remember expectant mothers who are preparing for the birth of their children. This Advent season, consider highlighting the article "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting." (It is available in a variety of formats at the bottom of [this webpage](#).)



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Patronal feast day of the United States of America (December 8th, 2025)



On December 8th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (This feast is a holy day of obligation for dioceses in the United States.) On this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization: "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb" (Ps 139:13).

On this solemnity, consider praying Pope Francis' [Prayer for the Immaculate Conception](#): "We are in need of your immaculate gaze, to rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things with respect and awareness."

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Intercessions for Life

December 7th

For women who are unexpectedly pregnant:
May they be filled with trust in God's providence
and lovingly welcome the gift of their child,
let us pray to the Lord.

December 8th

May God help us prepare the way of the Lord
by acting with tenderness and compassion,
especially toward the most vulnerable among us,
let us pray to the Lord.

December 14th

For all victims of human trafficking:
May they find hope and healing
in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives
and release to prisoners,
let us pray to the Lord.

December 21st

For all parents awaiting the birth of their child:
May they look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph
and follow their example
of cherishing and protecting human life,
let us pray to the Lord.

December 25th

For all Christians:
May the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ
awaken in our hearts wonder
at the precious gift of every child,
let us pray to the Lord.

December 28th

For all families:
As the domestic Church,
may they pursue holiness,
pass on the faith, and persevere in love,
let us pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Advent

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Third Sunday of Advent

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Bulletin Quotes

December 7th

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.” Learn how at [respectlife.org/support-her](https://www.respectlife.org/support-her).

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“10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”



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December 14th

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”

USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”



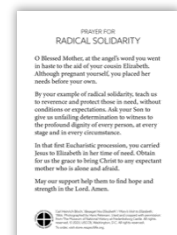
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December 21st

“O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.”

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Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)



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December 28th

“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.”

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A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)



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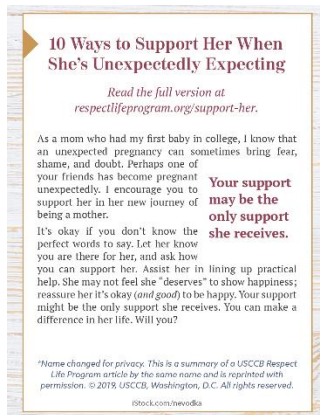
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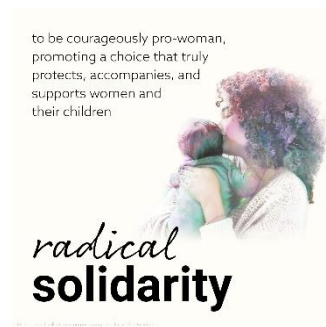
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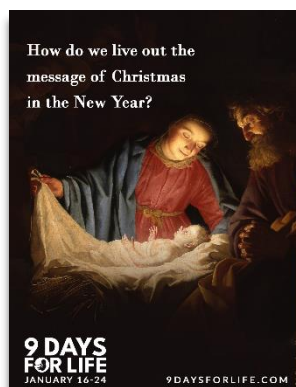
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