

WORD OF LIFE: JUNE 2024

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

FEATURED THIS MONTH...

[Nationwide Invitation to Prayer](#)

March 25, 2024 – June 2024



On March 26, 2024 the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to offer a daily Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life for the end of abortion and for the protection of women and pre-born children. The prayer and more information can be found at www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer.

[Father's Day Action Guide](#)

June 16, 2024



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, 2024



Religious Freedom Week 2024 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 Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. 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 2nd

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

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

June 9th

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;
We pray to the Lord:

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16th

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Father's Day is not a liturgical feast but is often recognized at Mass.)*

June 23rd

For religious liberty:
That all may have the freedom
to follow God's commands
and protect his gift of human life;
We pray to the Lord:

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30th

For those suffering after abortion:
May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing,
and turn to Him for His mercy and peace;
We pray to the Lord:

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin Quotes

June 2nd

“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 9th

“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 16th

“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 23rd

“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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June 30th

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](#)”



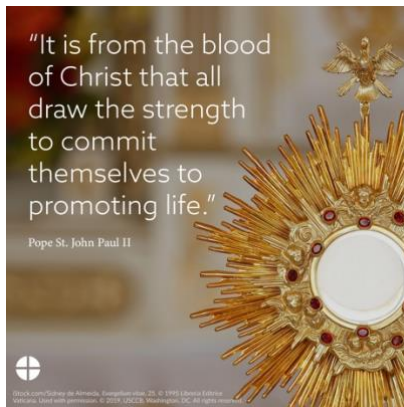
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