

APRIL
2022

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FERTILITY and INFERTILITY

CHURCH TEACHING:

Assisted Reproductive Technologies

<https://respectlife.arch-no.org/artificial-reproductive-technologies>

Donum Vitae (7, 8)

Dignitas Personae (12, 18)

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, we pray that you may hear the prayer of all who long for a child. It was out of love that you created all things, may their love be fruitful. Help them not to become bitter when they encounter others who devalue life. May those who cannot give birth to a child see other ways in which they can give life to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

April 3

God's Special Children Mass: 2p, St Francis Xavier, 444 Metairie Road

April 10

St. Josephine Bakhita's Intercessors: 2nd Sunday of every month, 9am

In church, Rosary for victims, survivors & perpetrators of human trafficking

April 25

SAINT of the MONTH FEAST DAY: Guatemalan ST. PEDRO BETANCUR

VISIT the RESPECT LIFE TABLE in the BACK of CHURCH for MONTHLY UPDATES

Are YOU called to be St. Edward's Advocate for Persons with Disabilities?

Please call Yvette at 504-874-9225 if you are interested in learning more!

Join us **EVERY THURSDAY from 8a to 9:30a** to pray and witness at the ABORTION FACILITY at 2701 Gen. Pershing (near Baptist Hospital)

To learn more about fertility, visit

<https://nolacatholic.org/reproductive-technology>

The Archdiocese of New Orleans offers hope for women of all ages (single or married) & couples with many options to learn about their fertility & God's design...options that allow them to work with their bodies to understand their fertility, pinpoint problems, avoid a pregnancy, or achieve a pregnancy without introducing something outside God's design... Natural Family Planning (NFP).

4 Methods of NFP Taught in the Archdiocese:

1. *Northwest Family Services — SymptoPro Fertility Education*
2. *Creighton Model FertilityCare System*
3. *Couple to Couple League — The Sympto-Thermal Method*
4. *Family of the Americas - Ovulation Method*

**For more information on these methods of NFP,
and for local assistance, visit:**

<https://nolacatholic.org/reproductive-technology>

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but
yours,
Yours are the eyes with which
He looks with compassion on
this world,
Yours are the feet with which
He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with
which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are
the feet, yours are the eyes,
you are His body.
Christ has no body now on
earth but yours.

Saint Teresa of Avila

**If you desire to use
your God-given**

**IDEAS,
TIME,
TREASURE,**

or

TALENT

**to help the Church in
areas of**

**POVERTY, RACISM,
IMMIGRATION,
CRIMINAL JUSTICE,
HUMAN TRAFFICKING,**

or any

RESPECT LIFE ISSUE,

Please Call 504-874-9225

SAINT OF THE MONTH

Guatemalan ST. PEDRO BETANCUR APRIL 25

Pedro Betancur was born in the Spanish Canary Islands in 1626 and grew up to become a poor shepherd living in a cave, caring for the sheep, and growing closer to God in prayer. Having been inspired by the stories he heard from missionaries who had worked in Guatemala City, Pedro began saving his earnings until he thought he had enough money to travel there. But by the time he arrived, his money was gone and he had to join the poor people waiting in the free bread line ran by the Franciscan priests. Pedro grew to love the Franciscans and joined their community of Brothers who engaged in service, work, and prayer. He opened a hospital for the poor, built shelters for the homeless and schools for the poor, an inn for priests, and churches and shrines in the poor areas of Guatemala City. Pedro died on April 25, 1667. Many people visit his grave every year. He has been called the "St. Francis of the Americas," whom many people have credited with the answers to their prayers. Pedro of St. Joseph de Betancur was canonized in 2002, the first canonized Guatemalan saint. His feast day is celebrated on April 25.



PRAYER

St. Pedro, you were truly a brother to all who lived in misfortune, giving of yourself with tenderness and immense love. Pray for us that we will generously remember the poor and marginalized in our prayers and material support. Inspire in us the desire to transform our human community into a large family, where social, political and economic relations are worthy of all men and women, and within which, the dignity of all persons is promoted through effective recognition of their inalienable rights. Through Christ our Lord. Amen