

WORD OF LIFE: NOVEMBER 2026

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

FEATURED THIS MONTH...

National Adoption Awareness Month

This occasion is an opportunity to highlight the gift of adoption. Resources are available to assist you in supporting and praying for all whose lives are touched by adoption:

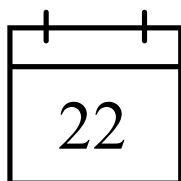
- [An Adoption Love Story](#)
- [Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption](#)
- [Novena to St. Joseph: For Those on the Path of Adoption](#)



National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

This is a great opportunity to highlight the topics of hospice, palliative care, and other end-of-life issues. The following resources are available:

- [Catholic Care for the Sick and Dying](#)
This webpage features prayers, articles, and educational resources to help Catholics bear Christ's love to those who are suffering from illness or dying.
- [Word of Life: Parish Leader Kit – Catholic Care of the Sick and Dying](#)
This special edition of the Word of Life offers a full list of resources surrounding end-of-life issues as well as sample intercessions, bulletin quotes, and graphics for use throughout the year.
- **Handout:** [Resources on End of Life Care](#)
This two-page handout provides a listing of the most relevant resources on end-of-life care provided by the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.
- **Browse End-of-Life Resources in the** [Respect Life Store](#)
Several resources are available in the Respect Life Store that highlight different issues at the end of life including: accompaniment, assisted suicide, advance directives, and more.



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 22, 2026

[Resources are available](#) to help educate the faithful about the Solemnity of Christ the King and its connection to religious liberty.

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Intercessions for Life

November 1st

For all Christians,
May we look forward to the resurrection of the dead
by preparing now, in hope,
for our passage from this life into eternal life,
let us pray to the Lord.

November 8th

For the sick, suffering, and those near death,
may they receive adequate care which embraces
their physical, psychological, and spiritual needs
as they journey toward eternal life,
let us pray to the Lord.

November 15th

For married couples considering adoption,
may the Holy Spirit guide their discernment,
grant them peace, and bring to fruition His holy will,
let us pray to the Lord.

November 22nd

For all the faithful,
may the Lord help us build a culture of life
in vigilant expectation of His return,
let us pray to the Lord.

November 29th

Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother,
may we, like Mary, have the courage
to say “yes” to God’s gift of human life,
let us pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of All Saints

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Sunday of Advent

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Bulletin Quotes

November 1st

“Sisters and brothers, the mystery of the communion of saints, which we breathe in deeply today, reminds us of the final destiny of humanity: a great celebration in which we rejoice together in the love of God, present in all, recognizing and admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ.”

Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, All Saints' Day 2025

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November 8th

“Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families. While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross... The path of accompaniment until the moment of death must remain open, with appropriate care for body and soul customized to the personal needs of the patient.”

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“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”



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November 15th

“We can’t imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”

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“An Adoption Love Story” ([respectlife.org/adoption-love-story](https://www.respectlife.org/adoption-love-story))



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November 22nd

“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

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“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”



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November 29th

“Dearest St. Joseph... We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God’s most precious gift of life... 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”



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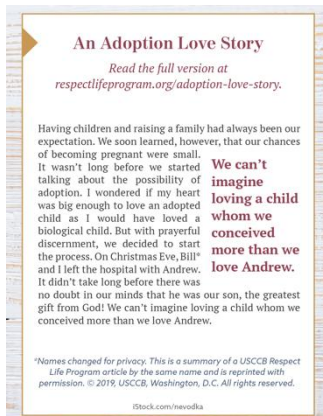
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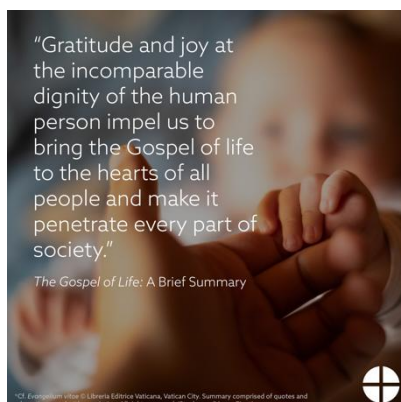
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