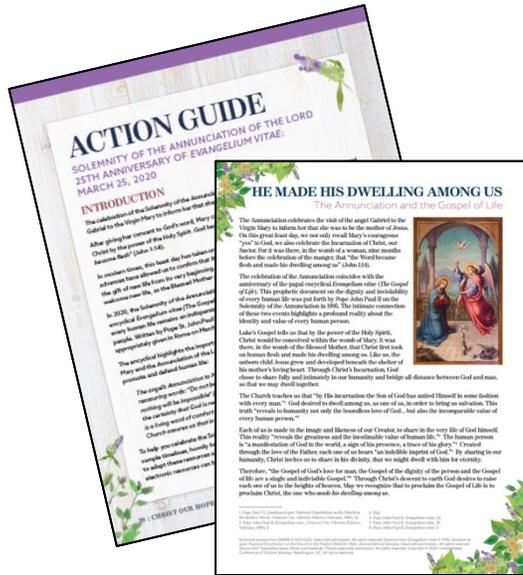


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FEATURED THIS MONTH...

Solemnity of the Annunciation: March 25, 2021



In March, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. This feast day helps us to recognize the gift of new life from its very beginning and calls us to reflect on how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life—as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ child.

Our [March Action Guide](#) features sample timelines, homily helps, announcements, activities, and more to assist in celebrating this solemnity within your parish community.

A [reflection](#) exploring the connection between the Annunciation and the *Gospel of Life* is available as a bulletin insert in [English and Spanish](#).

Additional resources, such as an [Annunciation novena](#) and [parish webinar recording](#), are also available at www.respectlife.org/action-guides.

Anniversary of *Evangelium vitae*: March 25

March 25th also marks the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This Church teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people.

Several resources are available to help you observe this anniversary in your parish, including the [Gospel of Life: Compendium](#) and [Study Guide](#).

Additional resources including bulletin inserts and graphics are available at respectlife.org/gospel-of-life.



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Intercessions for Life

March 7th

For each expectant mother considering abortion:

May the Lord protect her
and give her the grace and resolve
to choose life for her child;

We pray to the Lord:

Third Sunday of Lent

March 14th

For those nearing the end of life:

May they be given the grace to persevere in faith
and place their trust in God,
as they prepare for eternity with Christ;

We pray to the Lord:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 21st

May all who suffer from the wounds of abortion
be filled with the hope that does not disappoint,
and be healed by Christ;

We pray to the Lord:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25th

Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother,
may we, like Mary, have the courage
to say “yes” to life from conception to natural death;

We pray to the Lord:

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

March 28th

May all mothers facing difficult pregnancies
be lovingly accompanied as they prepare
to encounter Christ anew
through the gift of their children;

We pray to the Lord:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

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March 7th

“[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5)



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March 14th

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life” (*The Gospel of Life* 28).



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March 21st

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (*The Gospel of Life* 84).



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March 28th

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (*The Gospel of Life* 86).



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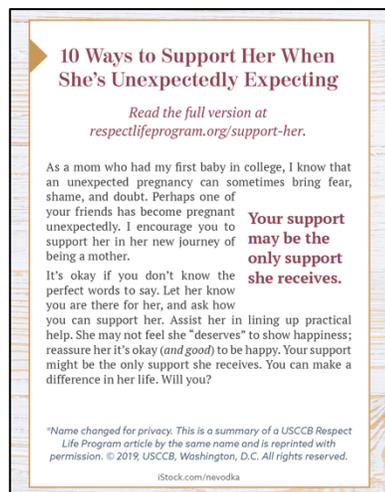
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