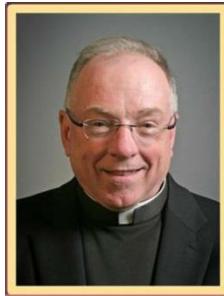


**This Week's Message
from Fr. Amesse
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Each year on January 22, the Church observes the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. It is a day set aside not for arguments or debates, but for prayer — prayer for life, prayer for healing, and prayer for hearts to be opened to the dignity of every human person.

When we speak about the sanctity of life, we are speaking about something very simple and very profound: every life is a gift from God. From the moment of conception to natural death, each person is known, loved, and willed by God. No life is accidental. No life is disposable.

This belief is at the heart of our faith. Scripture tells us that God knew us before we were formed in the womb. Each of us is created in His image. When we protect life — especially the most vulnerable — we honor the Creator Himself.

Here at Saint Joseph the Worker Shrine, we will observe this day with our Holy Hour for Life, a time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for greater respect for all human life. We pray for unborn children, for their mothers and fathers, for families, and for all those who carry heavy or painful decisions in their hearts. We also pray for healing, mercy, and hope.

Let us ask the Lord to help us be people who choose life — not only in words, but in compassion, kindness, and care for one another. May our prayer lead us to love more deeply and to trust more fully in God's plan for every human life

I remember you at Mass.