

When you support Tepeyac, you assist with the birth of babies that are modern-day miracles!



I invite you to contemplate how **Christmas is a historical story of two miracle babies: Jesus and John the Baptist.** Both births were supernaturally foretold, the babies' names chosen before they were born. Their mothers were, by earthly standards, unable to conceive – one a virgin, the other too old. Jesus and John, cousins and friends from the womb, changed the world.

This Christmas, I am happy to feature the story of two boys born miraculously through Tepeyac – the sons of patient Judy Bastawrous. There are many similarities between the births of her boys and the Christmas story. Just as with Jesus and John, **this story involves unlikely conception, a holy messenger prophetically knowing about the pregnancies, and then naming the boys before they are born!** I've attached Judy's written account, and I encourage you to go to the DMC YouTube channel and watch the video testimony given in her own profound words.

Judy's experience illustrates beautifully what is exceptional about Tepeyac OB/GYN. At Tepeyac, we do **everything we can medically to heal** a woman's fertility, and **everything we can spiritually to pray** for that woman. It's unique in the medical world to have this union of medical and spiritual care, this belief in miracles. Tepeyac is a place where we know that excellent medicine requires following Church teachings. I do all I can, and God does the rest.

If Judy had been a patient elsewhere, doctors would have likely wanted to take matters into their own hands with lucrative infertility procedures that are risky for women, dangerous to embryos, and difficult for marriages. **Other medical providers also recommend aborting children of mothers deemed too young and poor (like Mary), or too old (like Elizabeth), or too sick (like Judy). But, with faith, these women bore miracle babies!**

Tepeyac needs your support to make more miracle births possible. We face many challenges with the rising costs of healthcare and other challenges in our field – from low reimbursement rates to the income sacrificed by our refusal to provide abortion, contraception, and sterilization. I need your help so Tepeyac can continue to serve women like Judy.

I ask you from the bottom of my heart this Christmas season: would you please support Divine Mercy Care with a gift of \$100 in support of our mission and our primary program Tepeyac OB/GYN?

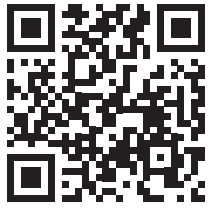
My deep thanks and Merry Christmas,



Dr. John Bruchalski – DMC Founder

P.S. I am grateful that, through your gifts, you assist with the modern-day miracles I witness at Tepeyac! Miracle conceptions build our faith and remind us that Emmanuel is truly with us.

Two Miracle Babies



Use this QR Code or search for Divine Mercy Care on YouTube to watch a video of Judy sharing more of her story!

They were present in her from the first, and in abundance – the devotion, trust, and moral courage that characterize a woman of the Lord who wanted every part of her life full of the faith, including her place of medical care. While working at Fair Oaks Hospital, Judy Bastawrous had chosen Dr. Daniel Fisk as her OB/GYN. When he moved to Tepeyac in 1993, she followed him, determined to retain the care of a doctor in whom she had such great confidence.

Judy and her husband, Shafik, had never envisioned a life together that didn't include children. Four years into their marriage, however, Judy still hadn't become pregnant. The Bastawrous' had made no special effort to begin fertility treatment. Just when they had begun considering adoption, Judy's sister-in-law called from a retreat at a monastery in Egypt. A holy monk there had told her that Judy was not only pregnant, but pregnant with a son who was to be named Michael. Marveling, Judy reported to Dr. Fisk. Pregnancy testing revealed that the monk had spoken truly.

Four months into the pregnancy, Judy found herself plagued by severe joint pain and other "weird" symptoms. A rheumatologist to whom she was referred diagnosed lupus. Vehemently, the doctor warned against attempting to carry her pregnancy to term, citing grave personal risk and recommending abortion. Shafik's reaction to this news was to hold his wife's hands and pray with her. Dr. Fisk's was to counsel "Leave it to Him" and arrange a schedule of closely monitored prenatal appointments for Judy.

Under Tepeyac's painstaking care, Judy's pregnancy continued despite diagnoses of diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis. She worked at Fair Oaks Hospital until her water broke. Dr. Anderson delivered a very purple but healthy Michael, umbilical cord wrapped around his neck, by c-section – and was delighted to see the young man warmly welcomed into the Bastawrous household.

Fast forward two years. Another call from Judy's sister-in-law's retreat venue relayed that the holy monk had uttered a second prediction. Judy was pregnant again, he asserted, with a son who was to be named Paul – the monk's own name. As if one miracle baby weren't enough, young Paul was born (again with Dr. Anderson as delivering physician) strong and healthy after a full-term pregnancy very similar to Judy's first.

Today, Michael and Paul Bastawrous are fourteen and twelve years old. When they were eight and six, they were taken to meet the holy monk, who told Judy and Shafik that they would have no more children. Two miracles were more than enough for the Bastawrous'. The satisfaction they have derived from rearing their two fine sons is nothing short of immense.

"I've so loved having Tepeyac in my life to pray for me, to encourage me, and to give me the best of care," says Judy. Although it was Dr. Fisk whom she followed initially into the practice, her pregnancies have made her familiar with all of the Tepeyac doctors. Her voiced appreciation for each Tepeyac physician gives ample evidence that this recipient of miracles lives a life of perpetual thanksgiving for all that she has received.

