PARISH CALENDAR

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

May we be transformed in the Baptism of Christ!

Saturday, January 8 5:00 p.m. Mass Sunday, January 97:00 a.m. Mass Mass (Live Stream)9:00 a. m. Mass 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 10 8:00 a. m. Mass Food Pantry Open9:30-11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 11 8:00 a. m. Mass Wednesday, January 12 8:00 a.m. Mass9:30-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry Open Thursday, January 13 8:00 a.m. Mass Friday, January 148:00 a. m. **Communion Service** Saturday, January 15 Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.10:00-12 pm5:00 p.m.



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah:62:1-5: As a young man marries a virgin, so the Lord marry Israel.

1 Cor:12:4-11: There is one Spirit from whom come many gifts.

Jn:2:1-11: The wedding feast at Cana, Jesus performs his first great signs, changing water into wine.

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Spirit

<u>We continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 9:00 a. m. @ https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream or Https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/_</u>

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

The other night I was looking out the window as the sun was setting and the layers of clouds allowed the sun to create an extraordinary sunset, painting some clouds with a golden hue, while others were orange and red, moving to purple and gray. It was a stunning moment. The baptism of Jesus is one of those brief moments of beauty, occurring in the first three Gospels (and alluded to in the fourth).

Luke's account differs from the others in that the dramatic moment does not occur as Jesus is coming up out of the water but only after his baptism, while he is praying. Luke's Gospel has been called the Gospel of prayer, and from its beginning the adult Jesus is presented as one who prays. At this moment of intimacy, "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove" (Luke 3:21–22). While he was at prayer, the voice spoke to him: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (3:22). From here on we find that Jesus is under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and this Spirit directs him first into the desert to be tested, then into his years of service.

With this solemn celebration of the baptism, we too are sent back into the days called "Ordinary Time," reminded that God has spoken these same words to us at our baptism: You are my son, my daughter. I delight in you. I send you forth to serve as my Son, Jesus, went forth to serve, accompanied by the Holy Spirit.

-James A. Wallace, C.SS.R.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PHILIPPINE TYPHOON

RECOVERY: Typhoon Rai has devastated a vast area in the Philippines, and funds are needed for humanitarian rebuilding and recover needs. We will have special envelopes at the back of church, if you able to give please be generous.

THE ORDER OF MALTA SEEKING ILL PERSON TO TAKE TO LOURDES: The Order of Malta Western

Association U.S.A. is looking for Hawaii Catholics with a life changing illness or physical challenge to go on a pilgrimage next year, *April 26 to May 4*, to wash in the healing waters of Lourdes, France.

The trip is free for the ill person, whom the Order of Malta refers to a "malade." However, he or she must travel with a paying caregiver.

To be considered as a malade, **contact Thomas Cabrinha at thomascabrinha@att.net or (808) 284-3224, or Darryl Wong at dwong@99imperial.net or (808) 381-2711.**

The malade must be able physically to make the trip. Those on dialysis or other treatments that would cause them to miss processions, visits to the grotto spring, meals and Masses, will not likely be selected.

Likewise, the malade's caregiver must be able to participate in all the events and assist the malade if needed. Vaccinations for both COVID-19 and the flu are required.

The pilgrimage leaves from Los Angeles on **April 26.** The air and land travel cost for the malade's companion is \$3,600.

The Order of Malta is a 900-year old international lay Catholic religious order that cares for people in need. This is the 47th Western Association Lourdes pilgrimage.

WORD OF LIFE: "When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (www.respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

WEEKLY READINGS

Jan 9 Sun: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isa:40:1-5, 9-11; Ps:104; Ti:2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk:3:15-16, 21-22

Jan 10 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sam:1:1-8; Ps:116:12-13, 14-17, 18; Mk:1: 14-20

Jan 11 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sam:1:9-20; 1 Sam: 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk:1:21-28

Jan 12 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sam:3:1-10, 19-20; Ps:40:2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk:1:29-39

Jan 13 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sam:4:1-11; Ps:44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk:1:40-45

Jan 14 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sam:8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps:89:16-17, 18-19; Mk:2:1-12

Jan 15 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sam:9:1-4, 17-19 10:1; Ps:21;2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17



NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's reading form the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through they Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives? (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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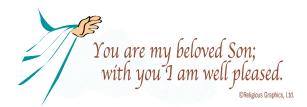
THE SPIRIT OF JUSTICE

The last line of today's Gospel refers to the first line of today's first reading. When Jesus was baptized, a voice proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Isaiah opens his prophecy today with the voice of God proclaiming, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased."

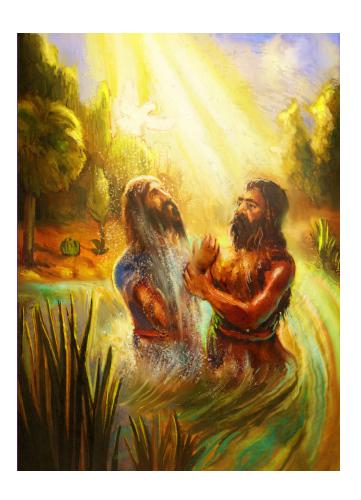
Oh, to bring God pleasure! What marvelous joy! Isaiah envisions that God takes joy in the chosen one. God's choice of a people started the whole story of salvation. When the covenant worked well, the chosen people responded like good servants, stewards of the Word of God. When Israel was pleasing, God put upon the people the Spirit. That Spirit helped them bring forth justice to the nations.

For Christians, all the baptized are God's chosen people, those chosen by God for union with Christ. Upon us God has given a Spirit, to help us bring forth justice to the nations. God's Spirit is anxious to use you to make the world a fairer place. Have you opened your heart? Can you hear God speak of you, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased"? Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year C © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Make us Holy

Loving Father,
you sent the gift of the Spirit
upon your beloved Son
on the banks of the Jordan
long ago.
And upon each of us,
the Spirit called upon the waters,
making them holy.
Strengthen us in that same Spirit,
make us holy, set us apart,
that we answer your call.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

January 9, 2022 In You I Am Well Pleased



Today's readings: Isaiah 42, 1–4 or Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11; Psalm 29:1–2, 3–4, 3, 9–10 or Psalm 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25, 27–28, 29–20; Acts 10:34–38 or Titus 2:11–14, 3:4–7; Luke 3:15–16, 21–22. John the Baptist pointed away from himself and toward Jesus. He spoke God's Word to the people and baptized those who came to him, but he knew that he was not the messiah, the one who will baptize "with the holy Spirit and fire." And then one day, Jesus came to him to be baptized.

The heavens opened and the Spirit came down in the form of a dove. "You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Holy Spirit descended bodily, making

Jesus ready for his public ministry. What joy John must have felt to see the fulfillment of God's promises to him and to the people of Israel! It was the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, in which he preached the kingdom of God but also revealed it in everything that he did.

On the day of our baptism, we receive the same Holy Spirit that descended on Jesus two thousand years ago. It is the beginning of our own vocation to reveal the kingdom of God in our words and our actions: to be like Jesus. How is God calling you today? You are God's beloved child, in whom God is well pleased. How will you carry the joy of that revelation into your life beyond the Christmas season?



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

January 10—March 1 Ordinary Time

The word *ordinary* can feel like a synonym for "boring," but Ordinary Time is far from it. This season takes its name from the ordinal numbers (first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and so on) that are used to count the Sundays and the weeks that follow them. While the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter have a certain importance in the liturgical year, that does not diminish Ordinary Time. Consider that as the priest prepares the paschal candle at the Easter Vigil, he states, "All time belongs to him." How might you use this season to grow closer to God?

January 18–25Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity spans an octave, or eight-day observance, a time frame that lends significance to the week. It is a great sorrow to be separated from our brothers and sisters in Christ, unable to join around the Eucharistic table together to "do this in memory of me." We wait in hope in a special way during this week for the day when all divisions among Christians will cease.

January 25

Conversion of St. Paul

This feast commemorates the day when Saul, an observant young Jewish man who opposed the early Christians and even participated in the stoning death of St. Stephen, had an encounter with the risen Jesus. Saul, also known as Paul, left behind his former life to become an apostle to the gentiles. To preach the Gospel, you might offer forgiveness and mercy to someone who is not sorry, serve a meal at a soup kitchen with a joyful heart, or drop off a box of diapers at a place that serves mothers and children. *Today's readings: Acts 22: 3–6 or Acts 9:1–22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15–18*.

January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

Known as the angelic doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican priest whose writings are essential to the way we understand what we believe. He was a great theologian and philosopher, engaging with the intellectual currents of his day as well as those of ancient philosophy. St. Thomas described the beatific vision, unending happiness and union with God, as the goal of human life. *Today's readings:* 2 *Samuel 11:1–4a*, 5–10a, 13–17; *Psalm 51: 3–4*, 5–6a, 6bcd–7, 10–11; Mark 4:26–34.

January 31 St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco was an Italian priest who worked to improve the lives of young people who lived in poverty. He went into the world to encounter the young people who had traveled to the city to try to find a better life but were living in abject poverty and unsafe conditions. He began many initiatives and organizations to assist children and was the founder of a religious congregation. *Today's readings: 2 Samuel 15:13–14, 30, 16:5–13; Psalm 3:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; Mark 5:1–20.*

February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

This feast, forty days after Christmas, is traditionally a time to bring candles to church to be blessed. In Luke's account of the Gospel, we hear Simeon proclaim Jesus "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." The Gospel according to John is also a source of the imagery of light associated with Jesus. Anna and Simeon watched and waited for the light throughout their lives. At times, it can be difficult to wait for what we most hope for. Watching and waiting for the light, we can unite ourselves with the waiting of Anna and Simeon. What desires of your heart are you still waiting to have fulfilled? You might decorate a tealight holder and light the candle to remind you to wait in hope. *Today's readings: Malachi 3:1–4, Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2: 22–40.*





9-Days for Life 2022 Novena Prayer and Intercessory Prayers (Pray of the Faithful) January 12 – 20, 2022



Novena (Equality Begins in the Womb)

Intent: Each Catholic prays for the end of abortion and the establish of a 'Culture of Life' for all – protecting all lives - unborn to natural death.

Content: The Novena contains a 'unique daily prayer' for each of the 9-days

Start Date: The Novena begins on January 12, 2022.

End Date: The Novena ends on January 20, 2022

Additional Prayers: 1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's and 1 Glory Be

Methodology:

Bishop begins novena at the January 12, 2022 – March for Life Opening Mass At the Co-Cathedral at 7 PM.

He will pray the novena at the end of the mass just before the dismissal.

Parish: Priest and congregation are asked to pray the novena every day of the 9 Days beginning on January 12, 2022. The parish priest to decide when the novena is prayed. Times are determined according to parish Priest guidelines and parish custom/tradition.

Suggestions include but are not limited to:

- Prior to mass and the start of the Entrance Procession
- After the priest prays the "Prayer after Communion" and before the Dismissal.
- After mass as a 'special' prayer time led by a religious organization
- Designated time during the day when as many as possible can attend
- Religious orders during one of their daily prayer sessions
- Teen organizations, e.g., Life Teen or Edge or using Zoom or GotoMeeting or.....at a designated time
- By women's and men's group, e.g., Legion of Mary, TMIY, BCC, By Zoom, GotoMeeting or
- Catholic Schools as part of their morning prayer or as a designated pray session during the day
- Other opportunities as appropriate by parishes, schools, organizations, parishioners in their homes

9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA - DAILY PRAYER WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12, 2022 - Thursday, January 20, 2022

January 12 - DAY ONE: May the tragic practice of abortion end.

O Lord show us that at every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. Help us to remember that the presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God, our Father you do not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in *love*. Christ invites us to embrace our own lives and the lives of others as true *gifts*. Guide our understanding, that abortion tragically rejects the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, deserving protection. Lead us to understand that this violent practice ends the life of a human being at its very beginning and horribly wounds all those involved. Resolve us to remember, that Christ came that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10), taking on human flesh for the sake of our redemption. May our culture experience the power of God's transforming love, that all eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of every human life. We ask this through Christ our Lord, amen.

January 13 - DAY TWO: May all unborn children be protected in law and welcomed in love.

On the 49th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, be with us as we mourn the many children's lives ended by abortion and remember in prayer those who suffer its aftermath. As Church, we come together to pray for the protection of all unborn children and to make reparation for abortion, trusting that the Lord hears our prayers. Draw us to the importance of prayer as reflected in *Evangelium vitae*, which says, "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer" (*EV* 100). May that prayer arise in our hearts today and each day forward until every human being is protected in law and welcomed in love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, amen.

January 14 - DAY THREE: May every expectant mother receive compassionate care and support as she nurtures the life in her womb.

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, she opened her heart to receive his message that she would conceive the Son of God in her womb. As a young, betrothed, but unmarried, woman, Mary knew that her pregnancy presented many challenges. Despite this knowledge, she faithfully responded, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Like the Blessed Mother, women who unexpectedly become pregnant often face significant challenges. They, too, are called to place their trust in God and faithfully respond to His *gift* of new life. Help us to walk with them in their time of need. As Jesus taught us, when we love and serve others, we are loving and serving Him. May all expectant mothers be encouraged by Mary's example and receive support and grace in lovingly welcoming their children into the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, amen.

January 15 - DAY FOUR: May expectant fathers lovingly support the mothers of their children in welcoming new life.

Fatherhood has its origins in God, who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. As the Gospel shows us, Fathers have a special role "in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God" (*Familiaris consortio* 25). Fathers are called to exhibit "generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother" (*FC* 25). Jesus' disciples (each of us) are consistently and uniquely entrusted with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, in safeguarding the sanctity of human life. As evidenced in our world today, the role of the father "is of unique and irreplaceable importance" (*FC* 25). Often women choose abortion because they do not have the support of the child's father, or—even worse—the father of the child pressures her to make the decision to abort. At the same time, it is important to acknowledge with compassion that men can also be overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy and that society increasingly tells them that they should have no say in their children's lives. In the face of these false messages, we pray that expectant fathers will find courage in the example of Saint Joseph—who embraced the role of father amid difficult circumstances—and offer loving, life-affirming support to the mothers of their children. We ask this through Christ our Lord, amen.

January 16 - DAY FIVE: May each person suffering from the loss of a child through abortion find hope and healing in Christ.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. After more than four decades of legalized abortion, many children's lives have ended, and many parents and family members suffer that loss—often in silence. Yet God's greatest desire is to forgive. No matter how far we have each strayed from His side, He tells us, "Don't be afraid. Draw close to my heart." Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider the parable of the Prodigal Son. After repenting of sinning against his father, he returns from far away to seek forgiveness and work as a servant. But the father sees him approaching, runs to warmly embrace him, and hosts a banquet to celebrate his return. So, too, does God welcome all of His repentant children, no matter how serious the sin. Let us turn confidently to Our Lord, Who is love and mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord, amen.

January 17 - DAY SIX: May expectant mothers choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option.

Help us to recognize that Mothers placing their children for adoption often face many challenges along the way. One of the greatest obstacles can be inaccurately perceiving adoption as abandonment. But mothers who make an adoption plan for their children are not abandoning their children. Rather, they are exemplifying the sacrificial love of Christ on the Cross in choosing to do what is best for their children, even at great cost to themselves. Like Christ, they pour out their bodies and souls for the sake of another. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that, in the face of fears and trials, we can "hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm" (Heb 6:18-19). We pray that each expectant mother choosing adoption will be filled with "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding" (Phil 4:7) as she makes a loving choice for her child. Let us all cling fast to the anchor of hope, for we have received "a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:15).

January 18 - DAY SEVEN: May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord's boundless mercy.

When God fashioned the human person in His own image and likeness, He destined us for eternal life with Him. Yet because of the sin of our first parents, death entered the world. The book of Genesis recounts the first occasion in which a person takes the life of another, as Cain violently kills his brother Abel. This instance of brother rising up against brother "at the very dawn of history is thus a sad witness of how evil spreads with amazing speed" (*Evangelium vitae* 8). From the time of creation, disregard for human life has continued to spread. When we, like Cain, allow sin to find a place in our hearts, we become blinded to the truth. Sometimes this blindness might be so deep that we fail to recognize the undeniable humanity of unborn children. We may even tragically believe the lie that abortion is an act of compassion. But we know that "life, especially human life, belongs only to God: for this reason whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God himself" (*EV* 9). Let us pray that all who support abortion will encounter the transforming love of the Father and, with repentant hearts, seek His mercy.

January 19 - DAY EIGHT: May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, in every stage and circumstance.

The Declaration of Independence boldly affirms that first among our inalienable rights is the right to life, given to us by the Creator. Yet despite being so solemnly proclaimed, the right to life is today threatened and often denied, particularly at the moments when life is most fragile. Our laws should—first and foremost—protect life. But "our highest Court does not recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons and claims that abortion is a constitutional right. Further, many political leaders work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right" (*Priorities at the Polls*). Laws and policies that legalize or promote an intrinsic evil like abortion violate the virtue of justice. Those who work as public officials and civic leaders have a duty to serve the common good, and therefore have a profound obligation to safeguard this most fundamental right to life. Through our own prayer, witness, and civic participation, we can encourage our leaders to truly answer their call to protect the rights of all people. For "there can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person's dignity and without respect for his or her rights" (*Evangelium vitae* 101).

January 20 - DAY NINE: May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

God has carefully, tenderly created every person in His own image and likeness, to be in a loving relationship with Himself. From each tiny child knit within a mother's womb, to every person approaching death, all are loved perfectly and completely by God: "It is therefore a service of love which we are all committed to ensure to our neighbor, that his or her life may be always defended and promoted, *especially when it is weak or threatened* [emphasis added]" (*Evangelium vitae* 77). In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" (*EV* 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God's gift of life.

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Intercessory Prayer

(Prayer of the Faithful) (Examples/Suggestions)

Request one or more of these intercessory prayers be added to daily intercessory prayers between January 12 - 20, 2022. These intercessory can also be used during all masses in January/February.

For parents facing an unexpected pregnancy, that they lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to their care.

That the family and friends of expectant parents might reach out and support them as they prepare to meet their child face to face.

That the love of the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child may be a source of strength for every expectant mother, especially mothers living in poverty, and that they both will be surrounded by joy and love.

That fathers of young children will model St. Joseph in devoutly practicing their faith, so that they lead their children to God by their words and example.

For all children who have been lost and forgotten, that they may be led to a place where they are treasured, protected and loved.

That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

For all husbands and wives, that they treasure the priceless gift of married love by generously accepting children through procreation and adoption.

That those who pray and work for greater respect for human life will be guided by the Beatitudes and reveal the face of Christ to others.

That our world will be transfigured by the witness of faithful Christians so that all may understand the priceless value of every human being.

That through our worthy reception of the Eucharist and frequent Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus will teach us to love sacrificially the least and neediest among us.

For all who are suffering from abandonment or neglect, that compassionate individuals will come forward to offer them comfort and aid.

That the victims of violence, torture and slavery will be delivered from their suffering, find healing and know that God is close to them.

That the persecution of Christians will end in a new era of tolerance and respect for the religious freedom and conscience rights of all.

For all who labor under burdens that seem too great to bear—due to illness, age, poverty, cruelty or injustice—that our prayers and aid will lighten their crosses.

For an end to the death penalty and for the release of all prisoners of conscience and all who have been wrongfully convicted.

For all who have lost loved ones, and especially for parents of a child who was miscarried, aborted or stillborn, that they will find peace in the promise of the Resurrection.

For all who struggle with addictions, that through Christ's triumph and ascent into glory, they may triumph over their temptations, and gain strength and peace.

That the Holy Spirit will open the minds and hearts of those who now reject the Gospel of Life and allow them to be convinced of the truth and goodness of all that the Church professes concerning human life.

For mothers who have died at the hands of abortion providers, that they may experience reconciliation and together with their children know God's peace.

For all mothers, that they might come to know the wonder of their vocation.

Thank you for all your prayers.

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