

Adoration for Life
Second Monday of each Month



A HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE: PRAYERS BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary with Pro-Life Reflections

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation

Reading: *"In the sixth month, the Angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said: 'Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you...Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.' Mary said: 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'" (Luke 1:26-32, 38)*

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, we know by faith and reason that from the moment of conception there is a human being with innate dignity in the womb of the mother. We pray that this sublime and perfect Truth might be acknowledged and embraced by all people, especially those who promote abortion and the works of the culture of death.*

Response: *May those who commit crimes against the sanctity of human life in our world be brought to repentance for their sins and so enter the kingdom of God.*

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Oh My Jesus

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The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation

Reading: *“Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, ‘Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.’” (Luke 1: 39-42)*

Prayer: *Dear Jesus, Mary went immediately to visit her cousin Elizabeth when she knew that Elizabeth's motherhood was also part of the plan of salvation.*

Response: *We pray that all those who promote abortion out of misguided compassion for women may recognize the dignity of motherhood and learn that the death of children never promotes the true well-being of women.*

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The Third Joyful Mystery: The Nativity

Reading: *“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and said to them, ‘I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’” (Luke 2: 1-14)*

Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, your birth filled Mary and Joseph with the deepest of joys, a joy that should fill the hearts of all who bear children. We pray for the conversion of all those who do not welcome innocent children into their homes or hearts.*

Response: *Grant them the grace to overcome their fear of life and help them to understand the marvelous truth about the sanctity of all human life.*

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The Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation of the Child Jesus

Reading: *“When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. He came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus he took him up in his arms, and blessed God. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Nazareth. The child grew filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.” (Luke 2: 22, 25, 27, 39-40)*

Prayer: *Dear Lord, Joseph and Mary brought you to the temple in fulfillment of the precepts of the Law of Moses and out of love for God. We pray for the conversion of those who reject God’s commandments and promote practices that are contrary to the love of God and the love of neighbor.*

Response: *May we be examples of holiness to them as Simeon and Anna were examples of faith to your parents.*

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The Fifth Joyful Mystery: The Finding of the Child Jesus

Reading: *“Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the Temple. His mother said to him, ‘Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.’ And he said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s business?’ He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.” (Luke 2: 41-51)*

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, Joseph and Mary suffered greatly because they had lost the joy of your divine presence for a short time. We too know the pain of sin and ask you to bring out of the darkness of sin all those who have given themselves over to the works of death.*

Response: *May our prayers help them find God once again and be saved from eternal death.*

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HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

Response: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray:

Response: *O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee that by meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*****Extended Time for Silent Prayer*****

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:53-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you shall not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Litany for Life

Presider

Congregation (**Response**)

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

God of all creation

Christ, through whom all things were made

Spirit of life and truth

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Have mercy on us

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

That our nation will honor life from conception until natural death

*Lord, have mercy**

On each child just conceived

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For their safety and health

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For nine months of growth

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That an angel may protect them

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For peace and for hope

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On all new fathers

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On fathers who are alone

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On fathers unemployed

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On fathers addicted,

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On fathers who are abusive

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On young fathers who are afraid

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On fathers who've run away

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On all new mothers

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On mothers who are alone

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On mothers unemployed

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On mothers addicted

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On mothers who are abusive

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On young mothers who are afraid

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On mothers who are in pain

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On those who defend life

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On those who love the child in the womb

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On those who pray for the unborn child

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On all who work to change unjust laws

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On all who live the Gospel of Life

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On Congressmen who work for life

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On our President

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On the members of the House

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On the members of the Senate

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On all too little to vote or persuade

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On all who work for life

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On doctors of life and of truth

*Lord, have mercy**

<i>On residents who love the little child</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy*</i>
<i>On doctors who gaze on life's mysteries</i>	*
<i>On physicians who see into the womb</i>	*
<i>On surgeons who heal the unborn child</i>	*
<i>On all who defend the child in the womb</i>	*
<i>On nurses and nursing students who love little babies</i>	*
<i>On those who first hear the heartbeat</i>	*
<i>On those who first feel a kick</i>	*
<i>On nurses who cradle the newborn</i>	*
<i>On nurses who foster the unborn</i>	*
<i>On all who protect defenseless life</i>	*
<i>On judges who struggle with justice</i>	*
<i>On lawyers who seek to speak truth</i>	*
<i>On judges who love life</i>	*
<i>On the judges of our Supreme Court</i>	*
<i>On those who argue before them</i>	*
<i>On the unborn child who rests in their hands</i>	*
<i>On all victims of abortion</i>	*
<i>On the woman whose memories cause her to cry</i>	*
<i>On the unborn who rest with God</i>	*
<i>*On all parents who mourn their little ones</i>	*
<i>*On all who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness</i>	*
<i>*On all caregivers</i>	*
<i>*On all physicians and nurses who care for the terminally ill</i>	*
<i>*On those who suffer from mental illnesses</i>	*
<i>*On the souls of those who have committed suicide</i>	*
<i>*On those who seek forgiveness</i>	*
<i>*On the souls of all who have died today</i>	*
<i>On all who seek mercy</i>	*
<i>On all who seek peace</i>	*
<i>On all who seek healing, mercy, and perfect peace</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

Let us pray: *God our loving Father, grant wisdom to those who govern us, compassion and courage to those who work to defend human life, and safety and care to every human being. For you alone who formed us in our mother's wombs, and who call us home to heaven, are God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

R: Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

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Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

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Blessed be the name of Jesus.

R: Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

R: Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

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Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

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Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

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Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

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Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

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Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

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Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

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Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

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Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

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