

**A Novena for Life – January 14 thru January 22, 2021**

**The Novena to End Abortion**



**Schedule**

Thu. Jan. 14 – 5:30 pm Main Church

Fri. Jan. 15 – 5:30 pm Main Church

Sat. Jan. 16 – After 5:00 pm Mass

Sun. Jan. 17 – After 11:00 pm Mass

Mon. Jan. 18 – 5:30 pm Main Church

Tue. Jan. 19 – 5:30 pm Main Church

Wed. Jan. 20 – 5:30 pm Main Church

Thu. Jan. 21 – 5:30 pm Main Church

Fri. Jan. 22 – 5:30 pm Main Church

\*If you are unable to attend the Novena on any one or more evenings or in case of weather-related closings, please continue to pray the Novena at home.

**Opening Prayer - Together Each Day:** Father in heaven, we thank you for this precious gift of human life. In your Divine Providence, you have made us your collaborators in the transmission of this gift and in preserving it from the moment it is conceived until it is transformed into life eternal. We beg pardon for those who suffocate human life in unborn babies and who suppress it prematurely in the elderly and the terminally ill. Grant us so to cherish human life, that we shall always respect and defend it, especially within the sacred shrine of the family where it is born and nurtured. We always promise to use the gift of life with gratitude and care. We make this prayer to You, our loving Father, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Life, in the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, and the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who came that we may have life in abundance. Amen

**Begin:** In the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen

**Day One: For Children Sacrificed**

**Leader:** The greatest challenge a child faces today is surviving the first nine months of life. One in three children won't live until their 'birth' day. In abortion, they die never knowing a mother's smile or her tender touch. Their cries, never heard on Earth, resound throughout all of Heaven.

**Leader:** The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation; *"The angle of the Lord declared unto Mary, and She conceived of the Holy Spirit"* **Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory be**

**Together:** O Mary, our sweet and loving Mother, you hear the cries of your children sacrificed in abortion. Accept our prayers for aborted children as a soothing balm for their wounds. Comfort them and comfort us who mourn their loss.

In the Name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Day Two: For Childless Mothers**

**Leader:** Abortion takes more from a mother than the life of her child. More than the smiles, the first words, the first steps, the love, and the hugs are lost. Abortion is unnatural. The emptiness a mother feels

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after an abortion is also the loss of her 'humanness.' It is a loss which leaves mothers with a profound sense of loneliness and abandonment.

**Leader:** The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation; *"And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb."* **Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory be**

**Together:** O Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, through the divine power of the Holy Spirit, humanity and divinity were united in your womb. Accept our prayers for childless mothers and intercede with your Son to restore these mothers in His grace. In their loneliness, reveal yourself to them as their loving Heavenly Mother.

In the Name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Day Three: For Our Children**

**Leader:** A battle is raging over the souls of our children. Being chaste and pure is presented to our children as only one of many equally viable options for living; an option often ridiculed by the media. Organizations actively obstruct parents' efforts to be involved in essential decisions in the lives of their children. Whether for cigarettes, birth control devices or abortions, our children are often only seen as 'market opportunities.'

**Leader:** The Third Joyful Mystery: The Nativity, the birth of our Lord; *"And she gave birth to her first-born son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger"* **Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory be**

**Together:** O Mary, Mother of the Son of God, you know well the love your Son had for little children. Accept our prayers and unite them with your own and use these prayers to crush the head of the serpent who is waiting to devour our children and separate them from your Son.

In the Name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Day Four: For Girls and Women**

**Leader:** Genesis declares that men and women were both created in God's image. To celebrate what is feminine and the unique role of girls and women in giving and sustaining life brings honor to both God and womankind. Abortion denies this reflection of God in girls and women. So does immodesty, pornography and other activities which exploit girls and women.

**Leader:** The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation; *"The angle of the Lord declared unto Mary, and She conceived of the Holy Spirit"* **Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory be**

**Together:** O Mary, Mother most Pure, accept our prayers for girls and women. Help girls and women to see God's image more clearly in their femininity. Ask your Son for special graces for girls and women so that they may remain modest in dress and action.

In the Name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Day Five: For Boys and Men**

**Leader:** Boys and men, too, were made in God's image and thus what is truly masculine is also a reflection of a wonderful God. However, there are boys and men who have a false masculinity which exalts lust and conquest, unfaithfulness and callousness, irresponsibility and deceit. The magnitude of the abortion tragedy is a direct result. No greater gains can be made in ending abortion than embracing true masculinity.

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**Leader:** The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation; *"And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb."* **Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory be**

**Together:** O Mary, most chaste wife of St. Joseph, accept our prayers for boys and men. Help them to see in St. Joseph a model of true masculinity. Ask your Son for the grace to help boys and men lead pure and holy lives and to avoid temptations of the flesh.

In the Name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Day Six: For Families**

**Leader:** In God's loving plan of salvation, families were entrusted with the special responsibility of bringing new life into the world. God's gift of human sexuality as well as a husband's and wife's love for each other became an invitation to be co-creators, with God, in new life. The use of artificial contraception is a rude rejection of this invitation. Using God's gift of human sexuality outside of marriage is a rejection of His plan of salvation. Both lead, inevitably, to the rejection of new life itself in abortion.

**Leader:** The Third Joyful Mystery: The Nativity, the birth of our Lord; *"And she gave birth to her first-born son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger"* **Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory be**

**Together:** O Mary, Queen of Families, it was through your intercession at the wedding feast at Cana that your Son's public ministry began. Accept our prayers for families. Intercede for us with your Son and ask for the graces we need to use our human sexuality only in ways which bring honor and glory to God.

In the Name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Day Seven: For the Church**

**Leader:** With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, the Catholic Church began. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, for nearly two thousand years, in season and out, the Church has steadfastly proclaimed the Good News of the Gospel of Life. In every age, the Church has raised up voices of priests, bishops, and popes in defense of life and in opposition to abortion. Thanks be to God.

**Leader:** The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation; *"The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary" and She conceived of the Holy Spirit"* **Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory be**

**Together:** O Mary, Mother of the Church, you were there with the Apostles when the Church was born. Accept our prayers for the Church. Fill the clergy and the faithful with a burning love for life, especially the unborn, and a craving to support the unborn through prayer and action.

In the Name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Day Eight: For Abortion Providers**

**Leader:** Doctors, nurses, counselors, and others who work in the abortion industry are our brothers and sisters. So are pro-abortion politicians and others who work to keep abortion available. We are called to see the image of God in all of them. We are also called to love them. Most importantly, we are called to pray for them. We are especially called to pray for those filled with rage, those who are in most need of God's healing grace.

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**Together:** O Mary, Mother of Mercy, accept the prayers we offer for those who provide or support abortions. Through your powerful intercession, touch abortion providers and supporters with the amazing grace which has the power to save and transform lives. Help them to see the truth of their actions, and having seen the horror of their deeds, help them to come to your Son for forgiveness and mercy.

In the Name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### **Day Nine: For the End of Abortion**

**Leader:** As believers of the Risen Lord, we know already that the victory is ours. The sacrifice of children in abortion will end. The final victory won't be a legislative or legal victory; it will be a conversion of the heart for those who seek, perform, and support abortion. In our times, it has pleased God that many conversions of heart have come through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. That is why we confidently implore Mary, Our Blessed Mother, to grant our request to end abortion.

**Leader:** The Third Joyful Mystery: The Nativity, the birth of our Lord; *"And she gave birth to her first-born son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger"* **Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, Glory be**

**Together:** Mary, Our Blessed Mother, hear our plea. Touch the hearts of those who seek, perform or support abortion. With your gentle hands, lead them to your Son.

In the Name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### **Day Nine - Final Prayer Together:**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I flee to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer them. Amen.

**Thank you for praying our Novena. We ask that you continue to pray for an end to Abortion in America and throughout the world.**