

# WORD OF LIFE: MARCH 2023

*Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!*

## Intercessions for Life

### March 5<sup>th</sup>

For each expectant mother considering abortion:  
May the Lord provide for her needs  
and give her the grace and resolve  
to choose life for her child;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Second Sunday of Lent**

### March 12<sup>th</sup>

For those nearing the end of life:  
May they be given the grace to persevere in faith  
and place their trust in God  
as they prepare in hope for eternity with Christ;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Third Sunday of Lent**

### March 19<sup>th</sup>

May all who suffer from the wounds of abortion  
be filled with the hope that does not disappoint,  
and be healed by Christ;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

### March 25<sup>th</sup>

Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother,  
may we, like Mary, have the courage  
to say “yes” to life from conception to natural death;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Solemnity of the Annunciation  
of the Lord**

### March 26<sup>th</sup>

May all mothers facing difficult pregnancies  
be lovingly accompanied as they prepare  
to encounter Christ anew  
through the gift of their children;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT AS OFTEN AS SPACE PERMITS. THANK YOU!**

**Project Rachel** is the Catholic Church’s ministry of healing and reconciliation for those who have been wounded by a past abortion. Call 508-791-HOPE(4673) in strictest confidence to begin your healing journey.

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## Bulletin Quotes

In honor of the anniversary of *Evangelium vitae*, the bulletin quotes for this month all come from this historic document.

### March 5<sup>th</sup>

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!”

~ *The Gospel of Life*, §5. Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*.  
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### March 12<sup>th</sup>

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”

~ *The Gospel of Life*, §28. Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*.  
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### March 19<sup>th</sup>

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.”

~ *The Gospel of Life*, §84. Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*.  
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### March 26<sup>th</sup>

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life.”

~ *The Gospel of Life*, §86. Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*.  
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