

# WORD OF LIFE: DECEMBER 2015

## Intercessions for Life

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

For all members of the Church:  
May our witness that every life is worth living  
help others to encounter  
the outstretched hands of God's mercy;  
We pray to the Lord:

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

For all grandparents:  
May they be protected,  
respected, and cherished;  
We pray to the Lord:

**December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

For married couples who long  
to welcome a child into their family:  
May the coming of the Christ Child  
bring hope and peace;  
We pray to the Lord:

**December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

For parents:  
May their example of  
sacrificial and life-giving love  
be a source of hope and inspiration;  
We pray to the Lord:

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Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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“Regardless of our circumstances and whether people acknowledge it, nothing and no one can take away our God-given dignity.”



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Those who sow in tears  
will reap with cries of joy.  
Those who go forth weeping,  
carrying sacks of seed,  
Will return with cries of joy,  
carrying their bundled sheaves.



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“[W]e know what true, authentic love looks like. It looks like the man on the Cross. This deep, pure love that motivated Jesus to offer his life for ours, is the love that will answer the longing in our hearts, if we let it.



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