

*St. Andrew Catholic Church  
Stuart, Florida*



*“This is  
my beloved  
Son. Listen  
to him.”*

MARK 9:7

# Prayers Before Mass

February 28, 2021 The Second Sunday of Lent

*All of the information needed for today's liturgy is found in this bulletin, including Readings, and Responses.*



## Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and the snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Mary, Queen of the Apostles and Patroness of our Diocese, Pray for us.**

## Penitential Act: A

### The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## Diocesan Prayer for God's Protection in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Loving and gracious God, as in all times, we turn to You and implore Your protection and healing as we face a new threat to our health and peaceful well-being in the coronavirus pandemic before us. Help us to be united with each other and with all of our brothers and sisters around the world affected by this illness. We pray for all those in the medical field who are assisting patients and in the field of science who are discerning a cure, as well as for all government leaders. Remember those who, through this virus, have passed from this life as well as their families in their loss.

At this time of fragile uncertainty, we also humbly implore You to grant us prudence, hope, courage and patience. Dispel from us fear, panic and distrust which disrupt us in spirit to the detriment of our well-being.

We make our prayer in the name of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who always cured those who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons.

**Our Lady, Patroness of our Diocese, Queen of the Apostles and Comforter of the Afflicted, Pray for us. Amen.**

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks, for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father, Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **All bow at the words that follow, up to and including** and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **FIRST READING**

#### ***A reading from the Book of Genesis***

*Genesis 22:1-2, 9a,10-13,15-18 (26B)*

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17,18-19*

**R. (116:9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I believed, even when I said,  
"I am greatly afflicted."

Precious in the eyes of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful ones.

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

My vows to the LORD I will pay  
in the presence of all his people,  
In the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

### **SECOND READING**

#### ***A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans***

*Romans 8:31b-34*

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?

Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Gospel**

*Mark 9:2-10*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Prayer:** Lord, I unite myself today with all my brothers and sisters in this great pro-life cause. I reaffirm my hope that the day will come when protection will be restored to the unborn and we will all rejoice in the gift of life. Amen.



Opening Song

SAVE US, O LORD

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain

Save us, O Lord; car-ry us back. Rouse your pow-er and come.  
 Res-cue your peo-ple; show us your face. Bring us back.

Verse 1

1. O Shep-herd of Is - ra - el, hear us. Re - turn and we shall be  
 1. saved. A - rise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back! to Refrain

Verse 2

2. How long will you hide from your peo-ple? We long to  
 2. see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts! to Refrain

Verse 3

3. Turn a-gain; care for your vine; pro - tect what your  
 3. right hand has plant-ed. Your vine-yards are tram-pled, up -  
 3. root-ed, and burned. Come to us, Fa - ther of might! to Refrain

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Closing Song

BE THOU MY VISION

SLANE

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:  
 2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:  
 3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
 2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,  
 3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
 3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
 4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: 10 10 10 10; Ancient Irish; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; fr. Eleanor Hull's *Poem Book of the Gael*, 1912, alt.  
 Music: Trad. Irish Melody; adapt. from *The Church Hymnary*, 1927.

The traditional practice of "giving something up for Lent" is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say No to ourselves and Yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says Yes to ourselves and No to God and others. In our culture, the most violent No to God and others is abortion. Over three thousand times every day in our nation, people say No to a little child so that they may say Yes to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let's think of these children. Let's offer our sacrifices for them. May all say Yes to God and Yes to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, [visit www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org).

**"Lord, by now there will be a stench, for he has been dead for four days" (John 11:39).** (2/11/21)

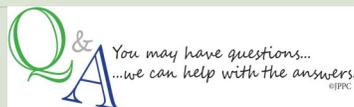
**Reflection:** Jesus was about to raise Lazarus, but Martha was worried about the stench. We too fear the stench. We fear who will object, who will get angry. Politicians fear who will vote against them; businesses fear who will stop supporting them. "Surely, there will be a stench." And that becomes the excuse not to act – even when we know that Jesus has authority over death.

**Prayer:** Lord, free us from our fears and calculations, and give us boldness as we battle the culture of death. Amen.

## St. Joseph and 40 Days For Life



St. Joseph was the protector of the Virgin Mary and the Baby Jesus. 40 Days For Life is the world's largest grassroots effort to protect moms and babies from abortion. During our local effort, held during Lent, participants can pray/witness at the local Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Port St. Lucie or pray or fast on their own. So in this Year of St. Joseph, follow his lead by joining 40 Days For Life. To participate or for more information, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/portstlucie](http://www.40daysforlife.com/portstlucie) or [jimthoma@comcast.net](mailto:jimthoma@comcast.net) or 772-240-6186.



### Q) Why St. Joseph is a model for contemplative prayer

**ABOUT OUR FAITH**

A.) *St John the Evangelist enjoyed for a brief hour a blissful ecstasy while reclining*

*on the Bosom of the Savior but **how many times did not the Savior Himself take His repose on that of Joseph and sleep sweetly in his arms?** Every kind of divine and human light inclosed in the Heart of the Savior must in a sense have been infused into the soul of Joseph when He thus lovingly reposed in his embrace ... **we must place the incomparable Joseph at the head of all the greatest contemplatives** since he lived in a continual state of contemplation in its most exalted form.*

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "**Contemplative prayer is the simple expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus**, an attentiveness to the Word of God, **a silent love**. It achieves real union with the prayer of Christ to the extent that it makes us share in his mystery." (CCC 2724)

Contemplation might best be summarized by the phrase, "**I look at him and he looks at me**," a description of prayer that "a certain peasant of Ars ... used to say while praying before the tabernacle" (CCC 2715).

Doesn't that phrase perfectly summarize the life of St. Joseph, who so often looked at Jesus while he gazed back at him?

If we want to ascend the heights of the contemplative life, look to St. Joseph as a supreme example!

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am  
Monday-Friday 7:30am  
**Holy Days:** Vigil 4:00pm  
7:30am & 6:00pm

**Confession:**

Saturday: 2:30pm  
Those wishing to receive the sacrament should be here at 2:30

**First Friday**

7:30am Mass followed by individual confessions

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7:30 Mass followed by individual confessions

**Pastor**

Reverend John Barrow

**Retired Assisting Clergy**

Monsignor Blase Gintoli  
Monsignor James Moore

**Deacons**

Deacon Louis Romero  
Deacon Matthew Bartlett  
Deacon Andre Boucher

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday  
9am-12Noon  
Saturday 2-4pm  
Sunday  
9am-12Noon

**Youth Activities**

DRE: Mrs. Donna Hernandez



Registration CLOSED

*February 28th, 2021 The Second Sunday of Lent*



Feb. 27	Sat.	4:00pm	John Coffey+
Feb. 28	Sun.	7:30am	Bernard Krull+
Feb. 28	Sun.	9:00am	Glenda Armghost+
Feb. 28	Sun.	10:30am	Raymond Smith+
Mar. 1	Mon.	7:30am	Edmund R. Malinowski+
Mar. 2	Tues.	7:30am	Norma Thomas(Liv)
Mar. 3	Weds.	7:30am	Lauren Sbordone(Liv)
Mar. 4	Thurs.	7:30am	Maria Diaz(Liv)
Mar. 5	Fri.	7:30am	Carolyn Beadle+
Mar. 6	Sat.	7:30am	Edward (Whitey) Ford+
Mar. 6	Sat.	4:00pm	Patti Stuart+
Mar. 7	Sun.	7:30am	Michael Sessions+
Mar. 7	Sun.	9:00am	Christian Smith+
Mar. 7	Sun.	10:30am	Raymond Smith+
Mar. 8	Mon.	7:30am	Daniel Towers+
Mar. 9	Tues.	7:30am	Tom & Phyllis Cote'(Liv)
Mar. 10	Weds.	7:30am	Cathy Gilio Costa+
Mar. 11	Thurs.	7:30am	Rev. Restituto Ahjong+
Mar. 12	Fri.	7:30am	John Sbordone(Liv)
Mar. 13	Sat.	4:00pm	Ann & Patrick Moore+
Mar. 14	Sun.	7:30am	Joseph De Bartolomeo+
Mar. 14	Sun.	9:00am	Ryan Katharine Taylor(Liv)
Mar. 14	Sun.	10:30am	Michael Magi+
Mar. 15	Mon.	7:30am	James (Jimmy) Blair+
Mar. 16	Tues.	7:30am	Dorothy Draw(Liv)
Mar. 17	Weds.	7:30am	Michael Magi+
Mar. 18	Thurs.	7:30am	Dominic DiFede+
Mar. 19	Fri.	7:30am	The Norcia Family (Liv)
Mar. 20	Sat.	4:00pm	John Gehm+
Mar. 21	Sun.	7:30am	Rev. Stephen Cervoni+
Mar. 21	Sun.	9:00am	Sebastian Kutz+
Mar. 21	Sun.	10:30am	Nancy Scotto+



**Adult Education (RCIA)  
& Lectors**  
Christine Michaelian  
Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Adoration Chapel**

**Servants of the Eucharist &  
Care of the Sick**  
Kathleen Sullivan

**Annulments**

John Ginnetti

**Men of Saint Andrew  
Dave Olio**

Monday evening 6:30-8pm  
davidolio333@gmail.com

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Norma Olio

1st Wednesday of each month  
from 8:30am-10am

**Pro-Life Ministry**

Michele Williams

**Bible Study**

Tuesday 10:00am  
Tuesday 6:30pm

**Ignatian Spirituality  
Prayer Group**

Weds. 8:30am-10:00am  
(Lenten Retreat Thurs. 8:30am)

**Disciples of Prayer**

Camille Lascari &  
Bob Greeson

**Parish Website**

saintandrewcatholic.org  
Webmaster;  
Michael Brennan

**Community Outreach  
APOSTLES OF JOHN PAUL  
II**

Please call for an  
appointment  
772-291-0002

**Rosary Maker's Ministry**

Kathleen Sullivan  
Wednesday 10:00am

**Ushers**

Jane Engelbrecht  
ejanybrainy@yahoo.com



**Legion of Mary**  
Friday 8:15am

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

**Please join us in praying the Chaplet after the daily 7:30am Mass.  
We pray for our Country, our Priests and for the Sanctity of Life.**



## Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary  
Candles are for  
the intention of  
**The Carbo Family**



The Candles at the Shrine of Our  
Lady of Perpetual Help are for the  
intention of  
**The Vecchio Family**



The Candle in the Adoration  
Chapel of the Two Hearts is  
for the intention  
of  
**The Guasti Family**

### APOSTLES OF JOHN PAUL II

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OPEN Friday 9-12Noon  
Please call for an appointment  
772-291-0002 WE ARE HERE TO HELP

JESUS told them a parable about the need for them to pray always and never lose heart. **Lk 18:1**

Prayer. St. Joseph, help me to pray and work and to never lose heart



We love having you as part of our Flock!  
Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text 4ANDREW to 84576 or connect with  
us online at  
[saintandrewcatholic.org/stay-in-touch](http://saintandrewcatholic.org/stay-in-touch)



## A gift of prayer



### The Sanctuary Candles



Are the two candles at both sides of the altar and can be memorialized .

The cost is \$15 per candle and 2 are needed, therefore the cost is \$30 for two weeks. Memorialized names will be announced in the bulletin.



### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candles

The candles in front of the picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at the front of the church beside the pulpit can be purchased as memorials. The cost is \$15.00 per candle and two are needed, therefore, the price is \$30.00 for two weeks. Memorialized names will be in the weekly bulletin and announcements.



## St. Theresa and St. Joseph Memorial Candles

Annual Memorial Candles are available for your personal intentions. The candle will be lit for **one year at a cost of \$100.00.**

If you are interested in any of these candles, please stop by the church office after the Mass and we would be happy to order a plaque for you.

## Lenten Prayer

GOD OF GOODNESS AND MERCY,

HEAR MY PRAYER AS I BEGIN THIS LENTEN JOURNEY WITH YOU.  
LET ME BE HONEST WITH MYSELF AS I LOOK INTO MY HEART AND SOUL,  
NOTICING THE TIMES I TURN AWAY FROM YOU. GUIDE ME AS I HUMBLY SEEK  
TO REPENT AND RETURN TO YOUR LOVE.

MAY HUMILITY GUIDE MY EFFORTS TO BE RECONCILED WITH YOU AND LIVE FOREVER  
IN YOUR ABUNDANT GRACE.

TRANSFORM ME THIS LENT, HEAVENLY FATHER. GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO  
COMMIT MYSELF TO GROW CLOSER TO YOU EACH DAY.

AMEN.



# Religious Education



## March Schedule

Wed	Mar-3	CCD	
Sat	Mar-6	Retreat	First Communion Retreat 9-1 Parent must attend with student
Sun	Mar-7	CCD	
Wed	Mar-10	CCD	
Sun	Mar-14	No CCD	Spring Break
Wed	Mar-17	No CCD	Spring Break
Sun	Mar-21	No CCD	
Wed	Mar-24	No CCD	
Sun	Mar-28	CCD	Palm Sunday

Got CATS on your mind?



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CFF is a no-kill feline rescue and adoption organization located on 5 acres of wooded property in Palm City, Florida, the cats at CFF live in secured, free-roaming campgrounds complete with cottages that they can enter at any time. There are plenty of places to climb and explore, soft spots to nap in the Florida sunshine and safe places to protect them from the elements. Caring Fields Sanctuary in Palm City provides a natural, yet protected, cage-free environment for more than 175 cats. Adoptions: Caring Fields Felines found forever homes for over 400 cats this year. T NVR: CFF's Trap-Neuter-Vaccine-Return program successfully helps to control the feral cat population in our community. S pay/Neuter: Each year, CFF spays & neuters hundreds of cats, preventing the birth of thousands of kittens.

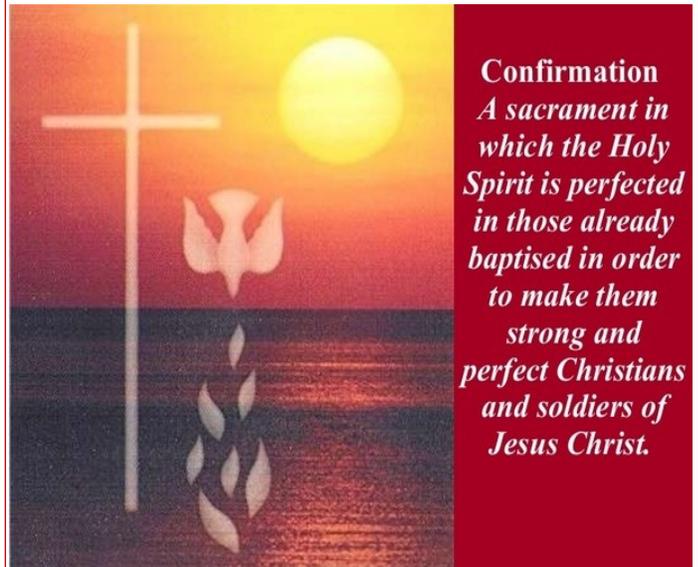
Seven staff members and a team of dedicated volunteers assist in everything from feeding and socializing the cats, to keeping the facilities clean, comfortable and safe 365 days a year. The vital services CFF offers to the community are made possible by the generosity of our supporters.

Established in 2000, Caring Fields Felines (CFF) is a privately funded, 501(c)(3), non-profit organization. We receive no funding from federal, state or county governments. The vital services we offer to the community are made possible by the generosity of our supporters. CFF is governed by a board of directors, a small dedicated staff, and many volunteers. Two staff members and a team of dedicated volunteers assist in everything from feeding and socializing the cats, to keeping the facilities clean, comfortable and safe 365 days a year.



Thank  
YOU

We thank the following people who give so generously of their time and talent in helping our Confirmation candidates; Our Pastor, Rev. John Barrow, parents and sponsors of the confirmation students, Susan Perry, Karen Jensen and Donna Hernandez Director of CCD.



**Confirmation**  
*A sacrament in which the Holy Spirit is perfected in those already baptised in order to make them strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.*

*The celebration of the Sacrament of confirmation on Sunday February 21st, 2021.*

The following candidates received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Celebrant was Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito, Diocese of Palm Beach.

*Chase Brumond  
Nicholas Capone  
Alana Farrell  
Aidan Lannon  
Jorge Mendez-Perez  
Michael Nicholas  
Isabella Pearl  
Jovani Ramirez  
Erick Vilalvazo*



## *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena*

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held on

**Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm;  
followed by  
Eucharistic Exposition  
and Benediction  
At 8:00pm.**

*Come spend some time with  
our Lord and Blessed Mother  
in Adoration.*

## Prayers to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

**"My Body"** "This is My Body, given up for you." Lord Jesus, we hear Your words each day at Mass. You have used these words to teach us the meaning of Your love for us, a love that brought You to the cross to give Your life so we might live. You use these words also to teach us the meaning of our love for one another, a love which leads us to give ourselves away that others might live.

"This is my body." Lord, we also hear these words used by those who think they can take life, just because that life is growing within their body. We hear these words distorted by those who support abortion.

Grant that all Your people may learn that human fulfillment is never found by pushing someone else out of the way, but only and always by pushing ourselves out of the way. May all Your people live their lives according to Your most sacred words, "This is my body, given up for you!"

### Unity

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the gift of the Holy Eucharist, Your Sacred Body, by which You unite us as one body in You. "For we, many though we are, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf"(1 Cor. 10:17) As we receive You, O Lord, You also receive us. As You draw us up to Yourself, You draw us also into one another. "You are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:27).

Lord, grant that we may never exclude any of the other members of Your Body from our love. As we receive Your Body in Communion, so let us receive and welcome all the members of Your Body, no matter how inconvenient they may be. Help us especially to welcome those who have become the most unwelcome members of our world, namely, those who have just entered it. Bless our brothers and sisters in the womb. Rid our world of the sin of abortion, which divides parents from their own children, from one another, from their very selves, and from You, O Lord.

Grant that the power of Unity which we find in the Eucharist may overcome the fear of the unborn child, and may enable us to welcome that child as a brother, a sister, a member of Your Body. Amen.

### Faith

Lord Jesus, I firmly believe that the Blessed Sacrament is Your very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Senses cannot grasp this marvel. Faith, however, reaches beyond what the eyes can see and assures us that You are present.

Grant, O Lord, that our faith in the Eucharist may also strengthen our ability to recognize the dignity of every human life. We know that the senses can fool us there as well. Some may not be attractive, others may seem too small, some may appear as less than human.

But we, who can see You in the Sacred Host, can certainly see you in our brothers and sisters. We can also see You, O Lord, in the children in the womb. In a day when so many have forgotten these children, and dismiss them as less valuable than those who are born, grant that we may grow all the more convinced of their dignity and worth.

Then grant, O Lord, that we may act accordingly. Amen.