

THE INFANT IN MY WOMB LEAPED FOR JOY

Liturgy Guide

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Preaching for Life October 7, 2007

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hebrews 1:2-3; 2:2-4/ 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14/
Luke 17:5-10 (141)

- The Prophet Habakkuk laments the presence of destruction and violence. He beseeches the Lord to know why there is such discord and misery. The Lord responds that his vision for the redemption of the world will not disappoint and those with faith will wait for it and will live.
- In the second reading, St. Paul reminds Timothy of the gift he has received from the imposition of hands. He has received a spirit of power, love, and self-control to give testimony to the Lord. Timothy is admonished to bear any hardship with the strength of God, recalling that we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us.
- In the Gospel, Jesus responds to the Apostles' request to have more faith by suggesting to them that they need only a small amount of faith to move a mountain. Calling to mind the servant who comes in from a day's labor, the Lord reminds the Apostles not to be proud of doing that which one is obliged to do.
- Today's readings concern the relationship between struggle or despair and the power of faith in God's providence and mercy. Violence and disrespect of human life is nothing new to the modern era. It is as old as the first sin of Adam and Eve.
- The restoration of a sense of human dignity is intricately connected to the vision of God, mentioned by the Prophet Habakkuk, which is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. In the Paschal Mystery, our dignity is healed and once again shines forth in splendor. The task of Christians is to preach the message of human dignity with faith that Christ's redemption will come to fruition in time.
- Patristic authors (such as St. Augustine, St. Bede, and St. Cyril of Alexandria) thought that Christ's reference to the labor of the servant in today's Gospel was an allusion to his own relationship with his disciples. Once the disciples enter in from their preaching, they will enjoy a feast with the Lord, even if they can only say in the face of his great mercy and love, "We are unprofitable servants."
- As Christians seek to evangelize the world for life, we must never forget that we are but servants of the Lord, and only his providence can bring the conversion he desires. Those who remain faithful will see the vision God has for the world come to pass.

Intercessions for Life

October 7, 2007

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For Bishop ____:
that, in union with our Holy Father
and the College of Bishops,
he may boldly proclaim the Gospel of Life;
We pray to the Lord:

For our leaders in government,
and especially for Governor ____:
that he (she) might work to protect
the lives of all our citizens,
from conception to natural death;
We pray to the Lord:

For the child who has just come to life
within his mother's womb:
that we might treasure and protect him;
We pray to the Lord:

For those who long for children of their own:
that through the intercession of Abraham and Sarah,
God might hear their cry;
We pray to the Lord:

For all doctors
who have performed an abortion this week:
that God might move their hearts,
lead them to the truth, and bring them peace;
We pray to the Lord:

For all who have grown old with extreme disabilities:
that the wonder of their lives
might bring joy to those who care for them;
We pray to the Lord:

For those who care for the sick
with gentleness and compassion:
that they may see themselves
as Apostles of Life;
We pray to the Lord:

For those condemned to die,
and for the families they have wounded:
for healing, patient endurance, and the grace of mercy;
We pray to the Lord:

Preaching for Life January 22, 2008

A day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. (See *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 373)

1 Samuel 16:1-13/ Mark 2:23-28 (312)

- Today is the thirty-fifth anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion.
- For 35 years, Christians have worked to restore the basic right to life, which John Paul II said was the foundation for all other rights in society.
- Today, we perform acts of penance both in reparation for crimes against human dignity caused by abortion and in intercession to God to grant wisdom to our nation and civil leaders, that they might know and protect life from conception to natural death.
- Christians work without violence to proclaim human dignity. In his first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict insisted, “a pure and generous love is the best witness to the God in whom we believe and by whom we are driven to love” (no. 31).

As we continue to share God’s love with all men, women, and children, we will ask God at the end of this Mass: “Fill us with the spirit of love that we may work effectively to establish among men Christ’s farewell gift of peace” (*Prayer after Communion*, Mass for Peace and Justice).

Intercessions for Life

January 22, 2008

A day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

For our Holy Father, our Bishop _____,
Our Pastor, _____,
and all the priests of our diocese:
that Christ might make them courageous witnesses
of the Gospel of Life;
We pray to the Lord:

For President Bush
and Senators _____ and _____:
that the Gospel of Life
might guide and inspire them;
We pray to the Lord:

For pregnant teens:
that they might receive the grace they need
to love and protect the child God has placed in
their care;
We pray to the Lord:

For the unborn child who is deformed or ill:
that we might treasure the delicate and wonderful
gift which God brings to us in them;
We pray to the Lord:

That all husbands and wives
might see themselves as co-workers with God
in the act of creation;
We pray to the Lord:

For those tempted by abortion:
that God might teach us how to love them;
We pray to the Lord:

For those who are haunted by the memory of
an abortion:
that they might be given the grace
to seek healing in Christ;
We pray to the Lord:

For priests hearing a confession of abortion:
that they might be strong, loving, and wise;
We pray to the Lord:

Praying for Life Throughout the Year

For expectant mothers:
for the gifts of patient endurance and joyful hope;
We pray to the Lord:

For all little children,
and especially for toddlers:
that we might lead them to what is holy and true;
We pray to the Lord:

For children who have been abandoned or abused:
that God might teach us how to heal and protect them;
We pray to the Lord:

For all expectant families at Mass today:
that we might rejoice with them
in the gift God brings us through their love;
We pray to the Lord:

For every boy or girl who has fallen in love:
that they might recognize
the presence and power of God in their lives;
We pray to the Lord:

For those who have grown old and weak:
that we might see God's power in their fragility;
We pray to the Lord:

For parents tempted to give up:
that God might give us the wisdom and determination
to support and sustain them;
We pray to the Lord:

For those struggling with terrible diseases:
that each day might be a new revelation
of God's love for them;
We pray to the Lord:

For those tempted to despair by constant pain:
that they might join their suffering
to the Cross of Christ;
We pray to the Lord:

For those for whom death is near:
that all their days of walking with the Lord
might show them the way home;
We pray to the Lord:

For all who care for the dying:
that through the intercession of Saint John
and the Blessed Virgin Mary,
they might join themselves to the Cross of Christ;
We pray to the Lord:

For teachers in schools of medicine and nursing:
that their love for life and healing
might inspire their students;
We pray to the Lord:

For all candidates for president:
that they might be moved by a love
for the lives of those
whom others would forget;
We pray to the Lord:

That the rule of law in this land
might protect and preserve the lives of every person;
We pray to the Lord:

That as we prepare to vote,
we might be ever-conscious
of our responsibility to protect and nurture
the lives of every unborn child;
We pray to the Lord:

For all who work for life:
that they might be assured
of our gratitude and prayers
for the holy work they do;
We pray to the Lord:

For medical researchers
and all scientists:
that the holy work they do
may ever be guided by God;
We pray to the Lord:

For all new doctors:
for the grace of faith, courage, and love of life;
We pray to the Lord:

For those whom we find the hardest to love:
and especially for those who have cruelly murdered:
that Christ's words from the Cross
might teach and guide us;
We pray to the Lord:

For the homeless, the addict, the criminal and the sinner:
that, like the Lord whose name we bear,
we might seek them out;
We pray to the Lord:

For every little child who is ill or in pain:
that the beauty of their lives
might bring patience and hope;
We pray to the Lord:

For all children born today:
that we might receive them as a sign of hope
and of God's never-ending care;
We pray to the Lord:

For all who care for newborn children:
that they may recognize the miracles they witness;
We pray to the Lord:

For newly married couples:
that the joy of newfound love
may daily draw them closer to Christ;
We pray to the Lord:

For mothers and fathers,
who for the first time hold a child in their arms:
that they might be transformed by the wonder they
embrace;
We pray to the Lord:

For each mother who has miscarried:
that her love for the child of her womb
might deliver her from grief
and join her to the hope of the Cross of Christ;
We pray to the Lord:

For pregnant teenagers:
that we might provide examples for them
of holy and faithful married love;
We pray to the Lord:

For grandparents who are raising their grandchildren:
that God might sustain them and reward them
for their goodness and faith;
We pray to the Lord:

Novena for Life 2008

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May 23rd Day One

Reading (Lk 1:35-37):

The angel said to Mary in reply, “The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.”

Versicle: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
-- My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Prayer: O God,
nothing is impossible for you.
We live in a world where the barren desire life,
while many who are fruitful disdain it.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
that the power of the Most High might overshadow us.
Grant us the grace of evangelization and conversion,
so that all may know the sanctity of human life.
Grant this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who reigns eternally with you but was born of a woman. Amen.

May 24th Day Two

Reading (Lk 1:38-40):

Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her. During those days 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.

Versicle: For the Lord has looked with favor on his lowly servant,
-- from this day all generations will call me blessed.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ,
your mother was obedient to the Divine will amid trembling and awe. Through her intercession, we pray you, look kindly on all expectant mothers. May any trials they now endure yield the joy of new life. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

May 25th Day Three

Reading (Lk 1:41-42):

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.”

Versicle: The Almighty has done great things for me,
-- and holy is his Name.

Prayer: Draw near, we beseech you, O Lord,
to those contemplating abortion.
As John leaped for joy in the womb of his mother when you came near, may struggling women, and the children they bear, experience your presence.
Fill them with your Holy Spirit, that they, too, may cry for joy at your coming.
You who live and reign for ever. Amen.

May 26th Day Four

Reading (Lk 1:43-44):

Elizabeth said to Mary, “And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.”

Versicle: He has mercy on those who fear him,
-- in every generation.

Prayer: Your mercy, O Lord, extends to the thousandth generation. Show forth your mercy and love to those who have had an abortion. Through the intercession of your mother, may they know your compassion, and may they announce your love to the nations. For you live and reign for ever. Amen.

May 27th Day Five

Reading (Lk 1:45, 56):

Elizabeth said to Mary, “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” ... Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Versicle: He has shown the strength of his arm,
-- he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

Prayer: Father, you know us even before we are formed in our mother’s womb. May your plans for all the unborn be fulfilled, and may we have the grace to be obedient to your word. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

May 28th Day Six

Reading (Lk 1:57-58):

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.

Versicle: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
-- and has lifted up the lowly.

Prayer: O God, all life is your gift of love. In the joy that comes with the birth of a child, may we recognize your great mercy, and so come to know the love you have for all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 29th Day Seven

Reading (Lk 1:59-61):

When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, “No. He will be called John.”

Versicle: He has filled the hungry with good things,
-- and the rich he has sent away empty.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray you send your Holy Spirit upon all parents, but especially upon the wayward. May the birth of a child rouse their hearts, and may they return to the fold. Approaching the sacrament of baptism, may they recommit to faith in you, who live and reign for ever. Amen.

May 30th Day Eight

Reading (Lk 1:62-64):

So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God.

Versicle: He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
-- the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Prayer: Father,
grant that all men may find in you the source and model of their fatherhood.
May they aspire to know your will for their children, and live in righteousness and truth. Grant them the grace to be men of virtue,
and the reward of children faithful to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading (Lk 1:66):

All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

Versicle: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
-- for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

Prayer: Lord,
so often we cannot recognize your work in the lives of others.
Grant that, like John's relatives, we may see you working in all, and, freed from envy, we may give you glory.
Lay your hand on us who struggle to know your greatness and our lowliness.
Then, the least among us, will be known for what they truly are: the greatest in your sight.
For you live and reign for ever. Amen.



A Rosary for Life: THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The following meditations on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary are offered as a prayer for all life, from conception to natural death.

The First Joyful Mystery

The Annunciation of Our Lord

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town 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." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

(Luke 1:26-33, 38)

As an angel proclaimed the conception of Christ in Mary's virginal womb, so do mothers and fathers learn every day of the conception of their child. Let us pray to the Mother of all the Living that every child be treasured and protected from the first moment of conception as an inestimable and wondrous gift of God.

Our Father ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: inspire the hearts of all newly pregnant women with the joy of which you sang at the Annunciation.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: deliver all parents from fear, and implant in their hearts a joyful hope.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: pray that joy may embrace the lives of all expectant parents.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: pray for grandparents, that the witness of their job might be a source of strength to their expectant children.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: be with all new parents, that the miracle of new life silently growing in the womb will awaken in them a commitment to cherish and protect their child.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: pray that all might be inspired by the wonder of new life and embrace God's overwhelming gift.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: watch over all new parents with your maternal care, from the first moments of new life.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: rejoice with the mother who first feels the stirring of the child in her womb.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: intercede for all parents who long to carry a child in their arms.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Bless adoptive parents and rejoice with them in the beauty of their child.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Joyful Mystery

The Visitation

During those days 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. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”
(Luke 1:39-45)

As the child in Elizabeth’s womb leaped for joy when the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with the Son of God, came to meet her, so may our hearts leap with joy at the wonders of new life promised in every expectant mother.

Our Father ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Inspire us to rejoice with all expectant parents and to support them with our prayers.
Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Comfort expectant fathers when they are afraid.
Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Share your courage with all women who fear the coming birth of their child.
Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Be close to all expectant mothers, as they bear the child of their womb.
Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Give us the joy of Saint Elizabeth and her son whenever we meet the miracle of new life.
Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Pray that all our laws may protect and defend the innocent life which lives within each mother’s womb.
Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Give courage by your example to those who greet the news of their pregnancy with fear.
Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Teach us to support all expectant parents and to increase their joy in the miracle of God’s work within them.
Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Ask that God gives us the wisdom to support those tempted to abort their child’s life.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Inspire even those who perform abortions with the truth of him whom you bore in your womb.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Third Joyful Mystery

The Nativity of Jesus

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 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 the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, 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. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”
(Luke 2: 6-12)

In the birth of every child we see the birth of Christ Jesus in the Bethlehem stable. Let us commend all new mothers and fathers and every newborn child to the protection and intercession of the Mother of God and Mother of all Christians.

Our Father ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Come swiftly to the aid of all who labor in distress.
Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Give your own courage to mothers who are alone or abandoned.
Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Implant within the hearts of all grandparents the wonder known by the shepherds at the birth of your Son.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: pray for those who assist with the labor which brings new life: for skill and compassion.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Help us to welcome the gift of new life, as you welcomed the birth of your Son.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Strengthen the joy of all men and women who behold the wonder of new life.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Let the face of the newborn child proclaim the Gospel of Life.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Guide the hands and hearts of obstetricians in their holy work.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: help us to proclaim the Gospel of Life in our care for each newborn child.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: be present at the moment of birth to share in our joy.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Fourth Joyful Mystery

The Presentation in the Temple

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. It had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform

the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."
(Luke 2:25-32)

As Christ was consecrated to God at his presentation in the temple, so may we consecrate all children to that holiness, purity, and innocence by which they lead us to God. "A little child shall lead them."

Our Father ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: watch over every child and keep them safe and close to your Son.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Inspire all mothers to care for their children, as you cared for the child Jesus.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Be with all fathers of newborn babies that they might glory in the wonder of new life.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Gently guide new parents as they lead their little ones to your Son.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Pray for the toddler who, like your Son, reaches out in hope to a brand new world.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Hold close to your immaculate heart the innocence and joy of each little child.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Be a model of maternal love for those who need you the most.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Bless with your presence the room of each little child.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Welcome home to heaven the soul of the miscarried child.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Rejoice with us, as you did with Saint Joseph, at the first steps and first words of every child.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Fifth Joyful Mystery

The Finding in the Temple

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. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and 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 in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. (Luke 2:41-50)

As the Christ Child was found in the temple by the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, so we pray for all children, especially those lost and forgotten. May the Gospel of Life impel us to find them when they are most in need and to lead them home to a place where they are treasured, protected, and loved.

Our Father ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Bring joy to the lives of children who are abused in body or mind.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Deliver the abusive adult from the evil of their actions.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Guide those who work to find children who are lost.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Pray for all children unwanted or abandoned, and lead them home.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Be with parents unable to care for their children: teach them patience and holiness.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Teach young parents to treasure their child as you loved the Child Jesus.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Pray for doctors who have abandoned the practice of the faith: lead them home to your Son.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Intercede with your Son for all who perform abortions that they may be freed from a blindness to the evil of their actions.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Inspire all legislators by your love for us, that they might work for the protection of life.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Guide, by your holy example, all who seek to lead us and lead them to a love for the Gospel of Life.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.



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