

### Intercession:

For the doctors, nurses, and counselors who now know they were wrong in cooperating with abortion: may God grant them courage to renounce their involvement in the abortion industry and open their hearts to doing his will from now on.

### Prayer:

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

### Reflection:

Today we honor the life of St. Agnes, a 12-year old girl martyred in Rome in 204 AD, during the Diocletian persecution. Agnes never wavered in her commitment to remain a virgin and to give her whole life to the Lord, refusing proposals to marry. Her innocence and heroism facing death helped bring an end to the persecutions of Christians in Rome. Following the example of St. Agnes, let us remain steadfast in recognizing Christ, who is love Incarnate, as the source and summit of our lives. May his love give us the determination and courage to live for him and for others, especially the most vulnerable among us.

### Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Go to an abortion clinic and pray, or set aside an hour today to pray for those who are struggling with a decision of life or death for their unborn child.
- Pray the Rosary today for someone who has hurt or disappointed you, and ask for the grace to forgive that person.
- Instead of donating “old clothes,” offer to buy a new piece of clothing or item a charity is seeking.

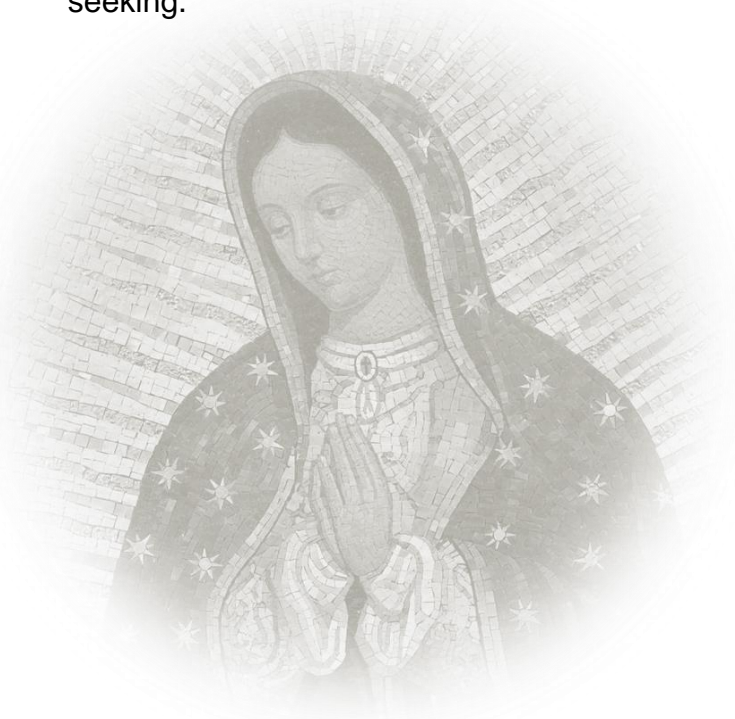


Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the headquarters of the office governing Vatican City State Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring).