



# DAY ONE

January 16, 2016

## Intercession

For the conversion of all hearts and the end to abortion.

## Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## Reflection

Today's Gospel reading (Mk 2:13-17) recounts Jesus dining with tax collectors and sinners. When the Pharisees question Jesus about this, he responds, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." In a society where millions of people have fallen prey to the false promises of the culture of death, let us witness to the mercy of Jesus and invite all who've been wounded to experience his abundant love and healing.

## 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.
- Spend some time reflecting upon today's Gospel passage.
- Use Facebook or another form of social media to post something that builds up the culture of life.

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## One Step Further

Pope Saint John Paul II described the "culture of life" as "the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" in his encyclical *The Gospel of Life* (no. 77). Do we build up the culture of life by living in truth and in love? Are we the kind of people whom a woman could and would come to if she found out she were pregnant and needed loving support and encouragement?

If a woman did come to you after becoming unexpectedly pregnant in difficult circumstances, would you know how to support her? "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting" ([www.goo.gl/cX06ol](http://www.goo.gl/cX06ol))\* provides simple, concrete tips on how to provide loving, life-affirming support for a friend who is unexpectedly pregnant.



\*Full URL: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2015/10-ways-to-support-her-when-shes-unexpectedly-expecting.cfm>

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



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