

# Word of Life: April 2016

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## Intercessions for Life

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

For the times we have not  
welcomed God's gift of life:

May we approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
without fear and embrace God's healing mercy;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

For the Church worldwide:

May the Lord strengthen each member,  
that we may faithfully care for  
those who are most vulnerable;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

For our civic leaders:

May their service reflect and uphold  
the truth that every life is worth living;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

For those in our community facing serious illness:

May God comfort them through family, friends,  
and our parish community,

as we seek to love them as Christ loves us;

*We pray to the Lord:*

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### Bulletin Briefs

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#### Sunday, April 3, 2016

“You may be thinking, ‘I don’t deserve to be forgiven. My sins are too great!’ Thankfully, God’s love is greater than all the sins of all time. Jesus offers his grace and forgiveness to every repentant heart.” [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com)

“Project Rachel: Peace Starts Here”  
[www.goo.gl/Fa65Az](http://www.goo.gl/Fa65Az)



#### Sunday, April 10, 2016

“All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives.”

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 121, [www.goo.gl/ZJAtjF](http://www.goo.gl/ZJAtjF)  
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#### Sunday, April 17, 2016

“Assisted suicide may sound like it provides choices for individuals, but instead, it’s taking choices away from people by radically weakening the promise of care and support at the end of life for terminally ill patients like me.”

“Maggie’s Story: Living like Dad,” [www.goo.gl/JKnvWc](http://www.goo.gl/JKnvWc)  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



#### Sunday, April 24, 2016

“By radiating charity and mercy to all our neighbors, we provide those much-needed islands of mercy. Together, we stand against the wind of the throwaway culture, and brave its sea of indifference, sustained by Jesus who is, as Pope Francis has called Him, ‘the living face of the Father’s mercy.’”

“Life Issues Forum: After Marching, Acting as Islands of Mercy”  
Caitlin Thomas, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
[www.goo.gl/QNBGZp](http://www.goo.gl/QNBGZp)



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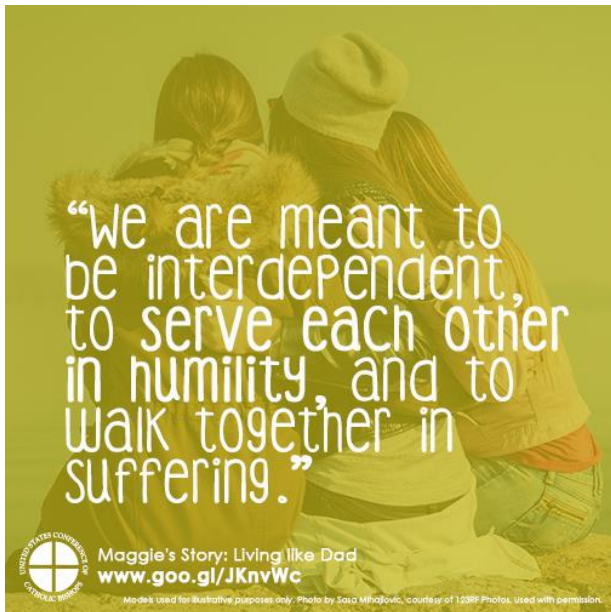
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**Sunday, April 24, 2016**

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