

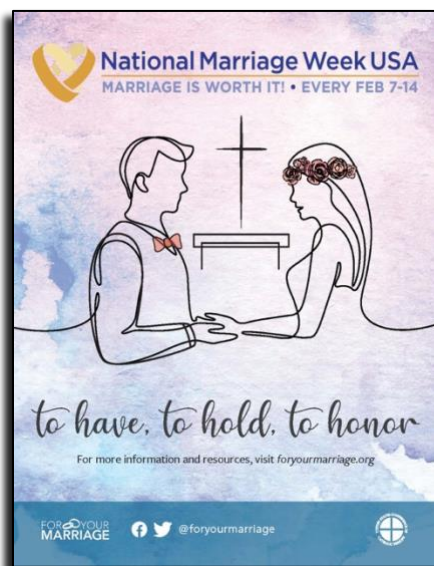
# WORD OF LIFE: FEBRUARY 2021

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## FEATURED THIS MONTH...

**February 7–14, 2021: National Marriage Week**

**Sunday, February 14, 2021: World Marriage Day**



The upcoming observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2021) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 14, 2021) are opportunities to focus on building a culture of life and love by supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

The USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth offers many resources. The theme for 2021 is “**To Have, To Hold, To Honor.**”

- [Resources](#)
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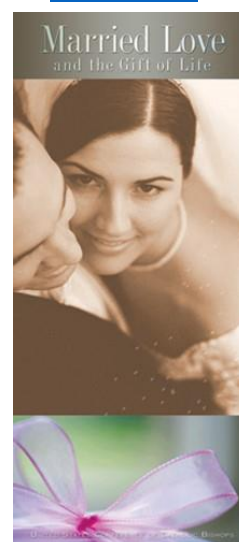
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### Intercessions for Life

#### February 7<sup>th</sup>

For the sick, especially those nearing life's end:  
May they be cared for with tenderness and compassion  
as they prepare to enter eternal life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

#### February 14<sup>th</sup>

For all married couples:  
That they may witness to the generous love of God,  
through openness to new life  
by joyfully welcoming the gift of children;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

#### February 17<sup>th</sup>

For the times we have violated or neglected  
the sanctity of human life:  
May we repent, receive the Lord's mercy,  
and return to Him with our whole heart;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

#### February 21<sup>st</sup>

May all who have participated in abortion  
and doubt in the Lord's mercy  
know He desires to grant pardon and peace  
in the Sacrament of Reconciliation;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

#### February 28<sup>th</sup>

May every human person,  
from conception to natural death,  
be recognized as precious and beloved  
in the eyes of the Lord;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Ash Wednesday

#### First Sunday of Lent

#### Second Sunday of Lent

## Bulletin Quotes

### February 7<sup>th</sup>

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

Pope Francis, Message for the 29<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick 2021  
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### February 14<sup>th</sup>

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*



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### February 21<sup>st</sup>

“Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God’s design that ‘the two shall become one’ (Mt 19:5).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Healing within Marriage from an Abortion”  
[respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage](http://respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage)



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### February 28<sup>th</sup>

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**.”

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