



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 HOLY GHOST COUNCIL #4977



## ST. THERESA & ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA

### “NOVENA FOR LIFE”

Sat, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> to Sun, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Day 7 of 9: Friday, January 24, 2020

#### Step 1. REFLECTION:

It can be very difficult and painful when the Lord doesn't answer our prayers in the way we hope. A couple that finds themselves unable to bring a child into the world through their loving union can experience this disappointment very deeply. During such times of trial, we may wonder why we face the particular challenges that we do. Yet even though suffering is often shrouded in a sense of mystery, we believe that the Lord loves us with great tenderness and compassion that is beyond our imagination. Knowing this, we can trust that “all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose” (Rom 8:28).

#### Step 2. ACTS OF REPARATION (choose one):

- Smile. Ask God today for the grace to be extra joyful and share Christ's love with those who need encouragement the most today.
- Offer the [Prayer for Those Hoping to Conceive or Adopt a Child](#), and spend some time reflecting on the accompanying excerpt from Psalm 145.
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer or act of penance that you feel called to do for today's intention.

**One Step Further:** “Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility” ([www.usccb.org/navigating-infertility](http://www.usccb.org/navigating-infertility)) seeks to provide compassionate guidance that is both practical and informative for married couples who are walking on this road. Although geared to such couples, the article is also helpful for anyone to read, offering insight into the experience of infertility and giving awareness of the need for sensitivity in our relationships with those who may be affected.

#### Step 3. DAILY “PRAYER FOR LIFE”



#### PRAYER FOR LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Pope John Paul II  
*Evangelium Vitae*, 1995