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Suggested Homily Prompts Regarding Amendment 3

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Sunday, September 6, 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Ezekiel 33:7-9	"[if] you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked...I will hold you responsible"
Psalms 95	"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts"
Romans 13:8-10	"Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."
Matthew 18:15-20	"whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven..." The order of how to approach someone doing wrong (alone, with 2-3 witnesses, the church)

Possible Homily Prompts

- 1) We are called to speak out on wrongdoing—in charity and love, and in proper order. Wrongdoing happened with the passage of the last pro-abortion amendment
- 2) It is easy to harden our hearts against corrections, even if we know in our heart of hearts that the correction is needed and necessary. This will be the same for our state at large, and they will harden their hearts.
- 3) We must anticipate resistance to speaking truth in charity regarding abortion.
- 4) How are we speaking about the amendment? If we speak positively and act in love as we ought to as Christians, then we might just be persuasive.

Possible Prayers of the Faithful

For the women facing unplanned or difficult pregnancies, that they will hear accurate information about their treatment and be guided towards decisions which honor both her and her child, we pray to the Lord...

For all citizens of Missouri, may we not harden our hearts to the need to pass Amendment 3, we pray to the Lord...

For all elected Missouri officials, that they will use their authority wisely to speak truth and enact just laws protecting families and children, we pray to the Lord...

Sunday, September 27, 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Ezekiel 18:25-28	"if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life"
Psalms 25	"Remember your mercies, O Lord."
Philippians 2:1-5[6-11]	"...complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love..."
Matthew 21:28-32	"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

Possible Homily Prompts

- 1) The Church offers the radical mercy of the Lord through the sacrament of Confession and healing opportunities through Project Rachel. Project Rachel is the healing ministry of the US dioceses for post-abortive women and men.
- 2) There is healing and mercy available, no one is lost to God who comes to Him repentant. The worst sinners may be the greatest saints (St. Augustine's child out of wedlock, Servant of God Dorothy Day's abortion, St. Dismas' confession on the cross)
- 3) The Church must answer the call to be welcome places for women in need through Walking with Moms in Need. The Church must be ready to provide or refer for resources if we are to dissuade against abortion. In this way we help others turn from (possible) sin, and act in the love we are called to.

Possible Prayers of the Faithful

For expectant fathers, that they may know of the Church's love and support for them, and for resources available to care for them and their unborn child, we pray to the Lord...

For all who have had abortions or performed abortions, that they may be inspired to seek the healing and mercy the Church offers, we pray to the Lord...

For pastors and counselors who encounter men and women who have had abortions, that they may readily share about God's mercy, we pray to the Lord...

Sunday, October 11, 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-10a	"The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face..."
Psalms 23	"Even though I walk in the dark valley, I fear no evil; for you are at my side..."
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20	"I can do all things in him who strengthens me."
Matthew 22: 1-10[11-14]	"The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike..."

Possible Homily Prompts

- 1) Until the Final Judgment and our hopeful heavenly reward, we must keep praying for God's Kingdom here on earth. The Church is a "hospital of sinners," having good and bad alike in its care.
- 2) We the Church must be strengthened in Christ through the dark valley. We need not be scandalized that we are facing the evils of abortion on demand. It is our sad, fallen reality.
- 3) Amendment 3 is a good opportunity to enact just law for one and all; do not have fear of retaliation when you share about it with others. Rely on Christ who strengthens you.

Possible Prayers of the Faithful

For pro-life advocates to be strengthened in their mission and to offer compassionate care, we pray to the Lord...

For medical providers to offer wise and compassionate care for women who may be experiencing a dark valley of scary diagnoses, difficult economic situations, or abusive relationships, we pray to the Lord...

For all of us who, as we speak about the dangers of abortion, may face derision and mockery, that we may be strengthened by Christ, we pray to the Lord...

Sunday, October 25, 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Exodus 22:20-26	"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan..." Do not wrong anyone in a vulnerable position.
Psalms 18	"O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer."
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10	"...in every place your faith in God has gone forth..." The Thessalonians are known as Christians without anyone having to say because of their witness and love
Matthew 22:34-40	"You shall love the Lord, your God...You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Possible Homily Prompts

- 1) The amendment passed in 2024 was harmful to vulnerable women and unborn children. We as a state have wronged these women.
- 2) We now have a chance by our witness in passing the new Amendment 3 to show forth God's deliverance, love, and mercy. We have a true chance to protect the vulnerable with our yes.
- 3) We have always been called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must love women enough to ensure that they have clean clinics, trained medical providers, and accurate information given to them about their healthcare. If we would want it for ourselves, we should want it for them.

Possible Prayers of the Faithful

For family, friends, and partners who have pressured women into abortion, that they may amend their lives and no longer wrong vulnerable women, we pray to the Lord...

For the citizens of Missouri, that we may love our neighbors by ensuring clean clinics, qualified medical providers, and accurate information for pregnant women in our state, we pray to the Lord...

For expectant mothers, that they may find true strength and a sure fortress in Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord...

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Solemnity of All Saints

Readings:

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 "...I had a vision of a great multitude...from every nation, race, people, and tongue...These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress..."

Psalms 24 "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face."

1 John 3:1-3 "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God."

Matthew 5:1-12a The Beatitudes

Possible Homily Prompts

- 1) We must continually pray for the unborn and those who have died in abortion. We trust them to the loving providence of the Father.
- 2) We have trust that we may be reunited with these little ones in Heaven, worshipping God together.
- 3) Blessed are all who hunger for heaven, for a resolution to these evils. We long for resolution, and for the passage of Amendment 3 to bring us at least closer to a better path for women and children in our state.

Possible Prayers of the Faithful

For the unborn who have died in abortion, that they may enjoy the Eternal Light and beatitude, we pray to the Lord...

In thanksgiving for saints and prophets who have reminded us of the sanctity of life, including Servant of God Dorothy Day, Bl. Chiara Corbella Petrillo, and St. Augustine, we pray to the Lord...

For mothers who have died in abortions, that mercy be upon them speedily and the light of Christ would shine upon them, we pray to the Lord...

Additional Weekdays to Consider Regarding Amendment 3:

Saturday, September 5, 2026

St. Teresa of Calcutta

"We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other."

"By abortion the mother does not learn to love, but kills her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women to the same trouble. So abortion leads to more abortion. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts."

"Any country that accepts abortion is the poorest of the poor."

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Nativity of Mary

Our Lady, as an infant, one longed for by Anne and Joachim, offers special help and protection to the unborn.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Our Lady of Sorrows

Our Lady of Sorrows weeps at the sin of abortion and seeks to draw us to her Son

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Our Lady of Mercy

Our Lady of Mercy is ready to intercede for all sinners, especially post-abortive men and women, to her Son, who dispenses of all mercy

Monday, September 28, 2026

Our Lady Undoer of Knots

Our state allowed many "knots" with the passage of the previous amendment in 2024. We ask Mary's intercession to undo these knots with the new Amendment 3

October: Respect Life Month

Monday, October 5, 2026

St. Faustina

"Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen"

Monday, October 12, 2026

St. Carlo Acutis

St. Carlo Acutis is the first canonized millennial. As a millennial, at least 24.5 million millennials have died via abortion in the United States, at least one-fourth of his generation.

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Pope St. John Paul II

"I would like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision." (EV, 99)

Monday, November 2, 2026

All Souls Day

Pray for all souls which have died, the unborn, the unrepentant