

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday - Ponedjeljak, December 1, 2003

7:30 A.M. Zvonko Banić Anica Ostojić
Nediljka Lišnić Nediljko Lišnić
Mary Iacullo Catherine & Nick Perisin

Tuesday - Utorak, December 2, 2003

7:30 A.M. Pok. ob. Fuček prijatelji
Corey Christian Domingo family
Fr. Dominik Ćorić Plisic family

Wednesday - Srijeda, December 3, 2003

7:30 A.M. Lena & Dom Marino family
Pok. ob. Fuček prijatelji
Fr. Marko Kozina Plisic family

8:05 A.M. Jeanne Creech H.S.A.

Thursday - Četvrtak, December 4, 2003

7:30 A.M. Ilija Golub Milan Golub i ob.
Nediljka Lišnić Duško Bilonić i ob.
Zorka Peso Rapaich Louis & Mary Scalise

Friday - Petak, December 5, 2003

7:30 A.M. Special intention Diane Krolo
Nick Vladovich Sutera family
Marge & John Sobocan M/M Matthew Pesce

Saturday - Subota, December 6, 2003

7:30 A.M. Nediljka Lišnić Luka Bajić i ob.
Petar i Luca Udovičić Kata Pavić
Zvonko Banić David & Kata Škaro

5:30 P.M. Tomislav Hostićka obitelj
Joe & Virg Ferro family
Peter Fratto Fratto cousins
Joseph Zekich wife & children
Betty Yukich husband Rudy

Sunday - Nedjelja, December 7, 2003

7:30 A.M. Joseph & Mary Popovich Jerome

Linda Humbert husband Robert

9:30 A.M. Anton Variola family
dec.of Bozich/Grzetich families Joe & Eleanor

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Jozo Rodić obitelj Rodić
Pok. članovi Kluba Poljica Klub Poljica
Mijo Jukić sin Nediljko i ob.
Pok. ob. Badrov Pave Badrov i ob.
Boško Obradović Ruža Šumera i ob.
Marijan Knezović Živko Knezović i ob.
Luca i Andrija Lišnić Tomislav Lišnić i ob.

Lectors

Saturday, December 6, 5:30 P.M. Robert Bazan

Sunday, December 7, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce

Sunday, December 7, 9:30 A.M. Diane Krolo

Nedjelja, 7. prosinca 11:00 A.M. Ivica Kuhtić i Ivana Krpan



ALTAR SERVERS



Saturday, December 6, 5:30 P.M. Ciaravino, Mossman, Sabbia

Sunday, December 7, 9:30 A.M. Atteo, Bertucci, Lopez

Nedjelja, 7. prosinca, 11:00 A.M. J. Jureta, A. Mlinarić, S. Šušnjara, N. Babić

FINANCIAL REPORT

November 23, 2003	\$ 5,307.00
Second Collection	\$ 658.00

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DUHOVNO RAZMIŠLJANJE



Vrijeme prolazi. Opet je jedan radni tjedan iza nas. Izgleda da je stalno sve isto. Svakodnevno se ponavlja isti dosadni ritam putovanja, spavanja, rada, jela itd. Katkada se čovjek u tome ubitačnom i dosadnom ritmu mora zapitati koji je zapravo smisao života? To je u isto vrijeme pitanje čovječanstva i svijeta. Kamo mi to idemo? Kuda sve to vodi? Je li to hod prema naprijed? Koji nam je konačan cilj? Ulazimo u vrijeme Došašća. To je prikladno vrijeme da se probudimo i prisjetimo Isusova odgovora. On će opet doći. To daje konačan smisao cijelom hodu čovječanstva.

Naša je nada neraskidivo povezana s tom činjenicom: Gospodin će opet doći. Kada i kako će doći to ne znamo. To i nije bitno pitanje. Važno je a se u naše srce ukorijeni činjenica da će on sigurno doći i da sve učinimo da nas taj dolazak ne bi neugodno iznenadio. Zato nas Evanđelje poziva na budnost da nas Kristov dolazak ne bi zatekao nespremne. Neka nam ovo vrijeme Došašća pomogne da malo bolje promislimo naš sadašnji život i donesemo odluke o njegovom poboljšanju.

LITURGIJSKE IZMJENE Danas pristupamo malim liturgijskim promjenama koje je donijela Biskupska Konferencija Amerike. Stoga vas molimo nekoliko stvari:

1. U molitvi Vjervanja na riječi i utjelovio se po Duhu Svetom od Marije Djevice i postao čovjekom - **svi ćemo glavom nakloniti.**
2. Kada svećenik kaže: «Molimo braćo i sestre da ova naša žrtva bude ugodna...» **Svi ustanemo**
3. Prije primanja svete pričesti, prije nego svećenik kaže Tijelo Kristovo **naklonimo se glavom** u znak poštovanja i dostojanstva, a onda primamo pričest.

Molimo vas da se kao zajednica pridržavamo ovih pravila. Svaka zajednica ima svoje zakone i propise pa tako i Crkva. Mi smo dio nje. Jedna od prednosti katolika je uniformiranost obreda u cijelome svijetu. I mi smo dio te univerzalnosti i njene poruke.

POMOĆ U POTREBI Obitelj Ivana Čuvala do rata je živjela u Sarajevu, a trenutno se nastanila u Gornjem Proboju. Ivanova kćer Katarina od rođenja boluje od cerebralne paralize i potpuno je oduzeta, a njezina sestra bliznakinja Marija ima problema s vidom i govorom. Obitelji je potrebna financijska pomoć kako bi mogli nastaviti sa liječenjem bolesne djece. Svoju novčanu pomoć poslije svete mise možete dati Ivi Kosiru, Veselku Čuvalu i Nevenki Jurković. Nastojmo svojim darom učiniti Božić ljepšim ovoj obitelji. U ime ove potrebne obitelji svima zahvaljujemo.

SASTANAK Nakon svete mise, u 12:30 u maloj dvorani na drugome katu, je sastanak Odbora i roditelja hrvatske škole. Svi roditelji su obavezni doći na ovaj sastanak.

SLIKANJE Nastavljamo sa slikanjem za naš župni foto album. Svi oni koji do sada nisu imali prigodu da se slikaju imaju na raspolaganju slijedeće dane: srijeda 3. prosinca od 5-9, četvrtak, 4. prosinca od 5-9, petak, 5. prosinca od 5-9 i subota, 6. prosinca od 9-4 sata poslije podne. Molimo sve one koji se prijave za ove datume da dođu na točno zakazano vrijeme. Hvala unaprijed!

DOŠAŠĆE VRIJEME ZA DRUGE U prvoj smo nedjelji Adventa—Došašća. Približava nam se vrijeme Božića, vrijeme kada mislimo više na druge nego na sebe, kada pobjeđujemo svoj vlastiti egoizam i izlazimo iz sebe. Molimo Vas stoga već sada na početku Adventa javite nam ako znate za siromašne pojedince ili obitelji kojima treba pomoći, koje treba posjetiti ili biti s njima ovoga Božića. Učinimo kao zajednica nešto za njih!

RAZMIŠLJANJE ZA SVAKI DAN U našem župnom vjesniku danas možete naći advenski prilog razmišljanja za svaki dan. U vremenu osobne pripreve za Božić nadamo se da će Vam ova kratka razmišljanja biti od velike pomoći. Neka ovo sveto i milosno vrijeme učini i u vašim životima korak naprijed, neka unese radost i mir u duše i obitelji vaše. Neka po ovom svetom vremenu naši životi budu bliži jedni drugima.

BOŽIĆNE ČESTITKE I KNJIGE Svake nedjelje nakon svete mise možete u maloj dvorani nabaviti lijepe božićne čestitke na hrvatskoj jeziku, tjedne i mjesečne novine i časopise, te vrlo kvalitetne knjige koje bi trebala imati svaka hrvatska obitelj. Zato poslije svete mise navratite kod gsp. Josipa Novaka i kupite božićni dar za svoje nablize.

DAR ZA RADIO Darovatelji za naš župni radio program: Ilija i Stana Zelić \$100, Obitelj Hobar \$100 u spomena na Katicu Hobar i Ivanku Martinčić. Iskreno hvala svim našim darovateljima! Slušajte nas svake subote od 10 do 10:30 na radio frekvenciji 750 AM.

WEEKLY MEDITATION



Today we begin the Season of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means coming or arrival.

When our Catholic Christian Church began, the Season of Advent that we celebrate today did not exist. During the second and third centuries after Christ, Christian communities began to celebrate the birth of Our Lord. The Season of Advent began to take shape years later, between the sixth and the eighth centuries, when the Christian community in Rome began to celebrate it and from there it spread to all of Christianity.

The Season of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year in our Church. It could appear to be somewhat strange that today the readings of the Holy Mass talk to us about the end times. With these readings the Church compares our preparation for the last times with the long preparation that the Jewish people went through as they waited for the coming of the Messiah. The birth of Christ finalized that long wait and marked the beginning of a new epoch for humanity. Even though the Jews waited for the Messiah for a long time, the Church exhorts us not to make the same mistake they made. She tells us to learn to recognize the Messiah and to follow him. She reminds us, during this season that we begin today, that we have to prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of Christ, our Savior, who will return, as he promised, at the end of time. Advent is, therefore, a time of hope, a perfect time to remember that Christ, by his birth, brought us freedom from the slavery of sin.

PHOTOGRAPHS Dear parishioners, we are sincerely grateful to . We especially appreciate your patience while awaiting your turn. About 300 families have already been photographed for the album, and we are fortunate to be able to extend the opportunity on 4 more dates. We urge all those who have not yet participated in this special parish memory book to sign up today for yourself or your family. The dates for taking pictures are Wed., Dec. 3 (5-9p.m.); Thursday, Dec. 4 (5- 9 p.m.); Friday, Dec.5 (5—9 p.m.); Sat., Dec. 6 (9a.m. – 4 p.m.). Please sign up today and remember to come at your appointed day and time!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings.”

A TIME TO HELP Dear friends, this is the first Sunday of Advent. Each day we draw closer to Christmas, a special time when we think more about others than we do about ourselves, and a time when we conquer our own egoism and reach beyond ourselves. Since we are already at the beginning of Advent, please let us know of anyone, or of any families who are in need of help, or would like to be visited during the season of Advent.

ADVENT DAY-BY-DAY In today’s bulletin you will find the issue of *Catholic Update* that features short reflections for each day of Advent. May this holy and grace-filled season carry you forward in life, creating joy and peace in your soul and within your families, and may this blessed time in our lives bring us closer to one another!

LITURGICAL CHANGES Dear Parishioners, today at mass we begin putting into practice the small liturgical changes brought about by the Conference of American Bishops. Therefore we ask you to please observe the following practices:

1. During the **Profession of Faith** we will all bow our heads when we recite the words: ‘. . . *by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man.*’
2. All will stand when the priest says the words of the **Prayer over the Gifts**: “Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.”
3. **Before receiving communion**, and before the priest says to you: “The Body of Christ”, bow your head as a sign of respect and acknowledgement of the dignity of the Eucharist, then receive the host.

NEWLY BAPTIZED We welcome Dominick Joseph LoCoco, son of Nick and Rachel, n. Lilley, LoCoco, to our church community. His godparents are Richard Lilley and Angela Vetos. Congratulations and God bless you!

A SPECIAL NEED A family in Croatia has appealed to our parishioners and friends for help. Their daughter, Katarina Cuvalo was born with cerebral palsy and is totally paralyzed. Her twin sister Marija has problems with vision and speech. The family is in need of financial help in order to continue their children’s health care. Anyone who would like to offer a donation is asked to come to the rectory. Thank you.



Calendar of Events

KALENDAR DOGAĐANJA U MJESECU PROSINCU

Ponedjeljak, 1. prosinca: Sastanak župnog Odbora u 7 sati u maloj dvorani

Utorak, 2. prosinca: H.S.A. sastanak u školskoj dvorani

Sastanak Odbora škole sv. Jeronima u 7 sati

Srijeda – Subota; 3. prosinca – 6. prosinca: slikanje u maloj dvorani

Subota, 6. prosinca: Klub Sinj održava Božićnu zabavu

Nedjelja, 7. prosinca: Sveta misa u 11 sati za pok. članove kluba Poljica i ručak poslije mise u velikoj dvorani

Ponedjeljak, 8. prosinca: Bezgrješno začće BDM, svete mise u: 7:30. 9:00 i 7:00 navečer.

Utorak, 9. prosinca: Ispovijed školske djece

Petak, 12. prosinca: Otvaranje izložbe Ivana Mikana u 7 navečer u maloj dvorani na drugome katu.

Nedjelja, 14. prosinca: Doručak sa Santa – 8 ujutro do 12 sati u školskoj dvorani.

9:30 Obiteljska misa sa školskom djecom

Utorak, 16. prosinca: Božićna zabava Hrvatske žene u 7 sati u maloj dvorani

Srijeda, 17. prosinca: Škola sv. Jeronima održava Božićni program u crkvi u 7 sati navečer.

Subota, 20. prosinca: Hrvatska škola kardinal Stepinac održava Božićni program u velikoj dvorani s početkom u 7 sati navečer.

Nedjelja, 21. prosinca: Župna ispovijed u 6 sati navečer u crkvi.

Some Thoughts...

MUDROSNICA: ČOVJEK I LJUBAV

Ljubav pričekava čovjeka kraj puta. Povedi me sa sobom—reče mu. Tvoja odjeća je tako jedna i slaba—reče joj čovjek. Odjenut ću te u najljepšu odjeću—nastavi ljubav. Povedi me sa sobom. Moj je dom malen—opravda se čovjek. U njemu ne bi bilo mjesta za tebe. Udomit ću te u najljepše prostore—ustraja ljubav. Samo me povedi sa sobom. Tvoj je govor tako običan—primjeti čovjek. Progovorit ćeš najljepšim jezikom svijeta—reče ljubav. Povedi me sa sobom. Po čemu ću znati da je sve što govoriš istina? Upita čovjek. Po tome što mi je više stalo do tebe nego do toga što ćeš sa mnom učiniti—reče ljubav.

IZLOŽBA SLIKA Poznati hrvatski umjetnik Ivan Mikan izlaže svoje slike u župi svetoga Jeronima. Otvaranje izložbe bit će u petak, 12. prosinca u 7 sati navečer. Izložba će biti otvorena sve do nedjelje 14. prosinca. Ivan će na svojoj izložbi predstaviti svoja najpoznatija djela. Ivan Mikan je već izlagao na više mjesta u gradu Chicagu. Nedavno je otvorio i svoju internet galeriju (www.ivanmikan.com) gdje možete vidjeti njegova djela. Svi ste pozvani na ovu lijepu večer umjetnosti.

PREPORUČAMO: nedavno je iz tiska izašla knjiga poznatog američkog katoličkog autora i redovitog suradnika New York Times Petera Steinfelsa. Naslov knjige je **A people adrift (The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church)**. Knjiga kritički razmišlja o ulozi, blagoslovu i problemima Katoličke Crkve u Americi. (Stranica 392., tvrdi uvez, cijena \$26.00)

KLAPA SPLIT Danas nakon svete mise u 12:30 u velikoj dvorani nastupiti će klapa "Split". Nema ulaznica, a svatko je pozvan da ostavi mali dar za pjevače.

NASMIJE SE ALI NE U CRKVI...

Pobožni nastavnik: Tata, naš nastavnik iz matematike je vrlo pobožan. Kako si to zaključio? Kada je vidio moju domaću zadaću, sklopio je ruke i molio: Bože moj, Bože moj!

Bližnji: Dva dječaka se tuku na školskom dvorištu poslije vjeronauka. Učiteljica vjeronauka ukori starijeg: Stidi se! Jesli li već zaboravio o čemu smo upravo raspravljali? Ljubi bližnjega svoga kao sebe samoga! To nije moj bližnji, odgovori dječak. To je moj brat!



Calendar of Events

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 1:

Parish Council meeting, 7 p.m.,

small hall

Tuesday, Dec. 2: H.S.A. meeting, 7 p.m., school

School Board meeting 7 p.m., 8th grade classroom

Wed. thru Sat., Dec. 3 – Dec. 6: Parish Photo Album

Saturday, Dec. 6: Club Sinj Christmas party

Sunday, Dec. 7: Club Poljica 11 a.m. mass & luncheon in school hall

Monday, Dec. 8: Feast of Immaculate Conception (masses at 7:30 a.m.; 9 a.m.; 7 p.m.)

Tuesday, Dec. 9: Sacrament of Reconciliation for school children

Friday, Dec. 12: Opening of Mikan art exhibit 7 p.m., 2nd floor small hall

Sunday, Dec. 14: Breakfast with Santa 8 a.m. – noon, school hall; 9:30 a.m. Family Mass with school children

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Croatian Woman Christmas party 7 p.m., small hall

Wednesday, Dec. 17: St. Jerome School Christmas program, 7 p.m., church

Saturday, Dec. 20: C. Stepinac Croatian School Christmas program, 7 p.m., school hall

Sunday, Dec. 21: Parish Evening of Reconciliation, 6 p.m., church

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE *KLAPA*

SPLIT, a quartet of men from the city of Split, Croatia, will perform today (Sunday) in our school hall at 12:30 p.m. and entertain us with melodic songs from Dalmatia. All are welcome to enjoy this special event. Donation: Goodwill Offering.

ART EXHIBIT Croatian-American artist Ivan Mikan invites you to attend a solo exhibit of his paintings. The exhibit will open on Friday, December 12, at 7 p.m. in St. Jerome's second floor small hall and be displayed through Sunday, December 14. The showing will feature past and present work done by Ivan, representing a variety of styles and themes. Ivan's work is shown throughout the city and can also be viewed on his online gallery (www.ivanmikan.com). All are welcome to attend this special exhibit.



Welcome New Members

PARISH ENVELOPES

Next week we will print the parish envelopes for 2004. We ask all those who are still not registered parishioners, but would like to be, to please contact the rectory right away. Also, if anyone has changed an address, please let us know.

RECOMMENDED READING

A book by the well known American Catholic author and regular contributor to the New York Times, Peter Steinfeld, was recently published under the title *A People Adrift (The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church)*. This book is a critical reflection of the blessings and the problems of the Catholic Church in America. (Hardcover, 392 pages, \$26.00)

TIME TO LAUGH Gas station attendant to preacher: "They always wait until the last minute, even though the trip was planned a year ago." Preacher: "Works the same way in my business, too."

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA sponsored by H.S.A. will be held Sunday, Dec. 14 from 8 a.m.-Noon. Cost: Adults \$6; Kids \$3. Menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon, coffee, juice, or milk. Christmas pictures will be taken from 8:30-Noon. There will be craft and raffle prizes, and baked goods for sale. Come join us for some holiday cheer!

WISDOM'S CORNER "Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you're a lion or a gazelle. When the sun comes up, you'd better be running."