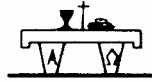


**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 21, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Vivian Sexton Sandy  
 Josie & Bob Hanson Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Marty & Evelyn Miloslavich family  
 Jean Quinn Anthony Pesce

**Tuesday – Utorak, December 22, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Jeanne & Joe Zekich Perisin family  
 Josip Lišnić kumovi Tomislav Lišnić i ob.  
 Toni & Ed Bittner Catherine & Nick Perisin

**Wednesday – Srijeda, December 23, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Morrie Coletta Ed & Marge Bilandzic  
 Arnold Jacob Wolf (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Drobinic family  
 Vito Caponigro Stretch & El  
 Na nakanu za djecu Ana Kelava

**Thursday – Četvrtak, December 24, 2009  
Christmas Eve – Badnji dan**

**7:30 a.m.** Mary Grace Zekich big brother John  
 Joe & Jean Zekich Ken, Jan & John Zekich  
 Ivan Marasovich family

**6:00 p.m.** Jack Platt Home/School Association  
 Peter Perisin wife & family  
 Mary Jean & Donald Gillespie niece Karli  
 Leroy Caputo niece Karli  
 Ralph Ferro granddaughter Karli  
 Helen Rose & Lucky Olson granddaughter Karli  
 Andrew Parachinni family  
 John Botica John Zekich  
 Tommy Hostička family  
 Josie Hanson Michelle & Brian

**Midnight Mass** Pro populo – for living & deceased of parish

**Friday – Petak, December 25, 2009  
Christmas Day – Božić**

**7:30 a.m.** Clara & Visko Cecich family  
 Mike Iozzo Iozzo family  
 Mary DiPasquale family  
 John Ferro family  
 Mary & William Catizone children & grandchildren  
 Joann Harris Natia & Joe DiFazio  
 Margaret Pinotti Natia & Joe DiFazio  
 Carmella Barbara children  
 James Gurgone wife & children  
 Joe Cubelic Big 3  
 John Mladinov family family  
 Deceased of Mandić family Catherine

**9:30 a.m.** Maria Gazzi Gazzi family  
 Thomas & Mary Byrnes Gazzi family  
 Gene & Ruth Gazzi Gazzi family  
 Linda Reed Gazzi family  
 Nick LoCoco family  
 Barry Babich Mom, Dad, Lisa, Chris  
 Fr. Marko Kozina Marasovich girls  
 Joseph & Millie Bogetich family  
 Stana & Vinko Delich Giggie  
 Jozo & Jakica Becich Giggie  
 Milicevic family family  
 Bozich-Cerina families Vera & family  
 Deceased of Diane Krolo family Diane Krolo

**11:00 a.m.** Robert Jurlina M/M Jurlina  
 Ivan Babić Valeria Babić  
 Mijo i Frano Penavić ob. Penavić  
 Anica i Tadija Penavić ob. Penavić  
 Dragica Horvat ob. Brnjić  
 Ruža Zeba obitelj  
 Pok. ob. Lončar Ante i Anica Lončar  
 Pok. ob. Belan i Kralj ob. Ivan i Ljubica Belan  
 Pok. ob. Brajković Neva Zelić i ob.  
 Pok. ob. Zelić Ante Zelić i ob.  
 Pok. ob. Poljak ob. Drobinic  
 Za zdravlje David Drobinic ob. Drobinic

**Sat. – Subota, Dec. 26 – St. Stephen – Sv. Stjepan**

**7:30 a.m.** Joseph Hornsby Debbie Kodzoman  
 Burl Biggs Mary Vujic  
 John Botica Dolly Hoffman  
 Ann Freeman Mary Tadin  
**5:30 p.m.** Mariano Coletta Mary Fratto  
 Vito Caponigro Matt & Chris Pesce  
 Mike, Rose & Michaeline Iozzo Terri & Sam Babich  
 Dec. of Sam Babich family Terri & Sam Babich  
 Thompson & Iozzo families Iozzo family

**Sunday – Nedjelja, December 27, 2009  
Feast of the Holy Family – Sveta Obitelj**

**7:30 a.m.** Evelyn & Sr. Bernadine Čondić Duško  
 Anthony Tadin family  
 Joe Cubelic family  
 Margaret Marcello Pace family  
 Tony Contino Ann Contino  
 John Botica Matt & Chris Pesce  
**9:30 a.m.** Mary & Anthony Laco family  
 Santo Damico wife  
 Josie Hanson Mary Ann & Michael DiVito  
**11:00 a.m.** Ante Kraljević ob. Božo Kosir  
 Jago Soldo ob. Soldo  
 Ante i Mara Pavelić Bože Guvo  
 Mare i Mara Čović ob. Penavić  
 Benko Penavić ob. Penavić  
 Andrija i Tuna Štrbić ob. Ivan i Vesna Mlinarić  
 Ivan i Ana Mlinarić ob. Ivan i Vesna Mlinarić  
 Vinko i Julijana Drobinic ob. Drobinic  
 Marko Brkić Dinko i Ana Jović  
 Maša Marić Stipe Pudar i ob.  
 Jure i Jela Jurković ob. Dane Jurković  
 Sr. Bara Maga ob. Lucy Filipović  
 Ante Perdić Nevenka Badrov i ob.  
 Stipo Grgić, Ivan Zeba, Ruža Zeba obitelj  
 Marija Ujčić Josip i Albina Pauletić  
 Marijan Ščavničar Vicich family  
 Iva Primorac Iva Karačić i ob.  
 Petar Rodić Agnes Rodich i ob.  
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško  
 Pok. ob. Žanić i Lijović ob. Jurica Toromanović  
 Na nakanu ob. Marko Perić

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Sat., Dec. 26, 5:30 p.m.** Robert Bazan / Jan Ferro  
 Sun., Dec. 27, 7:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi / Matthew Pesce  
**Sun., Dec., 27, 9:30 a.m.** Jan Zekich / Ellen Ryan  
 Sun., Dec. 27, 11 a.m. A. Jurkovic, O. Paraga, M. Pehar

ALTAR SERVERS:

**Sat., Dec. 26, 5:30 p.m.** Bova, Mossman, Wroblewski  
**Sun., Dec. 27, 7:30 a.m.** B. Wilkie, M. Wilkie  
 Sun., Dec. 27, 9:30 a.m. J. Moreno, N. Moreno, Perseghin  
 Sun., Dec. 27, 11:00 a.m. Danny Grgic, Dominik Grgic  
 T. Čuvalo, M. Golub, A. Puljić, i J. Dugandžić.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

One of the things we always associate with Christmas is peace. An inner peace springs from being connected with God, who is love. We are not specks of dust or grains of sand. We



are God's precious sons and daughters. We are heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Christmas also provides us with an opportunity to reconnect ourselves with others people, especially our families. That too will bring us peace and joy.

The shepherds returned to their flocks "glorifying

and praising God for all they had seen and heard." Everything had changed. Now their hearts were filled with peace. They had a new vision, a new hope, a new sense of the love of God for them and his presence with them. To discover God results in a spiritually renewed world.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

## Come, Lord Jesus

Lord Jesus, come into our weakness.

Come into our fears.  
 Come into our anxieties.  
 Come into our failures  
 Come into our divisions.  
 Come into our grieving.  
 Come into our loneliness.  
 Come into our darkness.  
 Come into our doubting.  
 Come into our despair.  
 Come into our poverty of heart.  
 Come into our searching.  
 Come into our joys and hopes.  
 Come into our dying.  
 Come, Lord Jesus, come!

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Christmas is a feast of the heart. It reveals to us what the heart of God is like."



## Dear friends,

Christmas is a time when we think about being at home.

It is a time when we think

about those close to us. It is a time of wonder and awe, when we reflect on God's incarnation within a human family.

It is obvious that we are not alone in the universe. Everything about us is about being a part of something greater than us. "To belong" means to not be left alone. To belong to the community of faith is a great gift. To pray, to share, to come to know each other, to worship together, to celebrate holy days and Sundays is to belong to Christ.

The King of Angels entered human history. This Christmas he knocks on our doors, as individuals and as a community. Let us be open. Let us help others to open themselves. Let us offer forgiveness and become messengers of peace.

To celebrate Christmas is to open doors wide to Christ. Let us begin again in our own homes. Let us begin again in our own church community. Christmas is the most perfect time to start again, to renew our faith and commitment to each other.

Fr. Ivan and I pray that you and all your loved ones have a blessed Christmastime!



**Your Father Joe**  
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## ADVENT — EVENTS — INVITATIONS

*Thank You* to all who helped to clean our church last Monday. We appreciate the goodness and love you showed by preparing our sacred place of worship for the Christmas season.

### Christmas cards

This year we are once again offering our parish Christmas cards featuring photos of St. Jerome Church. Copies may be purchased at the Rectory.

### *St. Jerome Christmas Ornaments*

The Parish Council is selling St. Jerome Christmas ornaments at the back of our church. The cost of these beautiful ornaments is \$10.00. Ornaments can also be purchased at the Rectory. Please do not miss this opportunity to add these ornaments to your collection. They are wonderful keepsakes that display our parish on your Christmas tree.

### *Christmas Eve Masses*



The holy season of Christmas will soon arrive. We hope you received the St. Jerome Christmas letter and schedule. We remind you...

\* A special Mass for children on Christmas Eve at 6 P.M.

\* Midnight Mass with singing of Christmas carols starting at 11:30 p.m.

*Sick/Homebound* will be visited by our priests before Christmas. If you know of someone at home, in a hospital or other institution, please let us know so that we can visit them and offer the sacraments.

*Flowers* — If you would like to donate flowers for Christmas for our Church, please contact Louis & Mary Scalise, Ken & Jan Zekich. Thank you very much for your generosity.



### *Confessions*

**December 20:** This weekend on Sunday, December 20, we will have our parish reconciliation evening beginning at 6 p.m. Several priests will be available.

### HOMELESS

**Blankets and Winter Coats** (especially for men) are still needed for the homeless. Thank you for your generosity.



### CATHOLIC KNIGHTS OFFER

*"Who's holding your money and what are they paying you for the privilege? Perhaps it's the institution down the street and in these difficult economic*



*times the returns are barely worth talking about. There is an alternative Catholic Knights Tax-Deferred Annuities. Catholic Knights works with St. Jerome Parish and their rates guarantee a 3% minimum return and currently pay even more. If you have an interest in seeing your money grow everyday give*

*Kenna Mililli a call at 630.414.3629. She would be glad to provide more details on Catholic Knights and the interest you can earn."*

**—Catholic Knights**

A presentation on these financial possibilities will be at St. Jerome's small hall this Sunday, December 20 at 12:30 p.m.

*Parish Envelopes* can be found in the back of church. Please take them today. If there are any errors, or if you cannot find your name, let us know.