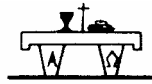


MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 7, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Nancy Sorcek Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Morrie Coletta Ed & Marge Bilandzic
 John Botica Mary Fratto
 Neda Stein Mary Doria

Tuesday – Utorak, December 8, 2009**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:30 a.m. Marko & Tona Čondić Duško
 Vinko Delich Louis Scalise family
 Jeanne & Joe Zekich Perisins
 Wedding Anniv. of Nick & Catherine Perisin
 Raymond & Maureen Hughes

9:00 a.m. Za zdravlje Vinke Kraljević ob. Duško Kraljević

7:00 p.m. Za zdravlje Vinke Kraljević ob. Vlado Kraljević

Wednesday – Srijeda, December 9, 2009

7:30 a.m. Nick LoCoco family
 Petar & Anna Lišnić Nediljko Lišnić i ob.
 Za duše u čistilištu Ante Zelić
 Na nakanu Milijana Vlastelica

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 10, 2009

7:30 a.m. Jozo Rodich ob. Agnes Rodich
 John Foley Kay Foley
 James Gurgone wife & children
 Na nakanu Stipe Pudar i ob.

Friday – Petak, December 11, 2009

7:30 a.m. Michael J. Vlasity N.N.
 Deceased of the Balestri family Perisins
 Na nakanu Olga Puljić

Saturday – Subota, December 12, 2009

7:30 a.m. Julia Frigan Cathy & Andrew
 Jill Freeh Mary Vujic
 Na odluku ob. Ivan & Iva Maroš

5:30 p.m. Stanley Szatkowski Szatkowski family
 Frank & Connie Fratto Mary Fratto
 Josephine Hanson Marian Segvich
 Mondo Zeledon Gabric Boosters
 Luka Botica Barbara Novicki
 Vito Caponigro Mr. & Mrs. Matt Babich
 John "Ish" Botica Luanne & Frank Munizzi

Sunday – Nedjelja, December 13, 2009

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernadine Čondić Duško
 Ivan & Kata Vujic Mary Vujic
 Al & Millie Mucenski family
 Luca Banovic Mary Vujic
 Anthony Tadin family
 Felicia Contino Ann Contino
 Morrie Coletta Nancy & Bob Link
 Mile Kodžoman Debbie
 Deceased of Kraslen family brothers

9:30 a.m. Rose Krolo Krolo family
 Sally Sperando Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Levato
 Josie Hanson Rosemary & +Mondo Zeledon
 John Botica Nicolette Bernardi
 Ann Bittner Ken, Jan & John Zekich

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Boško Obradović ob. Šumera
 Marijan i Iva Knezović Živko i ob.
 Frane Brajković Neva Zelić i ob.
 Biserka Marušić Tomica i djeca
 Miško Dragušica Dinko, Neda i ob.
 Ivan Vuković ob. Jure i Milka Krpan
 Ivan Guvo Bože Guvo i ob.
 Marko Lončar ob. Penavić
 Petar Tokić ob. Petar Žaper
 Marko Brkić kći Marija i ob.
 Maša Marić Stipe Pudar i ob.
 Ante Perdić Marija Mišerda
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. ob. Žignić ob. Žignić
 Pok. ob. Novak i Toromanović
 ob. Jurica Toromanović

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., Dec. 12, 5:30 p.m. Robert Cannatello, Jr. / Jan Ferro

Sun., Dec. 13, 7:30 a.m. Rosemary Brcich / Matthew Pesce

Sun., Dec., 13, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass / Ellen Ryan

Sun., Dec. 13, 11:00 a.m. Antonia Kraljević, Anela Kosić Milan Žolo

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., Dec. 12, 5:30 p.m. Bova, Mossman, Rubio

Sun., Dec. 13, 7:30 a.m. Perseghin, M. Wilkie

Sun., Dec. 13, 9:30 a.m. Balazs, K. Mangan, N. Moreno

Sun., Dec. 13, 11:00 a.m. Danny Grgić, M. Kosić, Dominik Grgić, I. Paraga

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WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Second Sunday of Advent



Salvation is one of the great themes of Advent. Today a great cry goes forth from the liturgy: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. ...and all flesh shall

see the salvation of God."

These are wonderful words. They are a declaration of God's love for us. If there is some crooked attitude, or some crooked way of behaving that needs to be straightened out in our lives, let us try to do so with God's help. But we must not think that the Lord won't come to us unless we are completely perfect.

Indeed, God knows that we are all in need of a savior.

God comes to us sinners in need of redemption. He comes to us his wounded children in need of healing. What we need is the humility and trust to acknowledge our sins and wounds before him. When we approach God in need, we invite God in. May we gladly reach out!

WISDOM'S CORNER Paths to straighten

One Sunday, as a preacher approached his pulpit, the words of the Gospel—*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths*—were ringing in his ears, and a thought suddenly struck him: *It's not the Lord's paths that need to be straightened out but ours!* It was then that he decided to address these words to his people:

We let misunderstandings run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up some day. We keep quarrels alive because we don't make up our minds to sacrifice our pride and end them.

We pass people sullenly, not speaking to them out of some silly spite, yet knowing that it would fill us with shame and remorse if we heard that one of them were dead tomorrow.

We let a friend's heart ache for a word of comfort or appreciation, which we mean to give him some day.

If only we could realize that "the time is short", how it would break the spell. How we would go instantly and do the thing that we might never have another chance to do.

So, if there is some crooked attitude, or crooked way of behaving, or crooked relationship that needs to be straightened out, let us do it now. Then we will truly be preparing the way of the Lord to come to us.

Advent is an excellent time to aim ourselves in the right direction, and to commit ourselves to the right path.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Our imperfections are the wounds that catch God's eye and qualify us for his mercy and healing."

Home of the soul / Catholics

Dear friends!

Man is created with both a body and a spirit. We have our physical and spiritual needs. Through them we make our lives happy or unhappy. We seek security for our body and spirit. In our families and homes we find security and safety, people who love and understand us. The home is a place where we discover our talents and create our happiness. We are spiritual creatures with an immortal soul. We are human beings who know that we are more than just a body. We know that within us exists something bigger and greater, namely, the reality of the spirit, and for this spirit we seek a home. Because of our spirit we connect with others, we go to Mass, we pray and sing together, we celebrate the sacraments and receive the Eucharist. In this community of the faithful we find a refuge for our souls.

Christ was resurrected on a Sunday. The Church was formed on a Sunday. Through 20 centuries Christians have been gathering and receiving strength by meeting on Sunday to celebrate Holy Mass. As one Christian said, "I cannot live without Sunday!"

That is why next Sunday will be dedicated to those who rarely or never attend Mass. We ask you to spread the word. Call your youth, your spouses, sisters, brothers, children, and neighbors. Pick up the phone and call them, invite them to come to Mass. Do not be afraid.

*Your Father Joe
jgrbes@gmail.com*



ADVENT — EVENTS — INVITATIONS

Christmas cards

This year we are once again offering our parish Christmas cards (with photos of St. Jerome's). Copies may be purchased at the Rectory.

St. Jerome Christmas Ornaments

The Parish Council will begin selling Christmas ornaments at the Dinner with Santa, December 5th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in our school hall. The cost of these beautiful ornaments is \$10.00. They will also be available the weekend of December 12-13 after each Mass. 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 & great display of our parish on your Christmas tree.



Calendars

We are again grateful to Coletta and Sons Funeral Home for sponsoring the printing of our parish calendars for 2010.

Catholicscomehome.org

We ask you to join our effort to reach out to Catholics who may have drifted away from the Mass. Next Sunday help us to gather together as many as possible in our church for special Masses. Please also visit: www.CatholicsComeHome.org

Parish Council

Our monthly parish council meeting will be held tomorrow night, Monday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Church cleaning

December 14: We invite you to join us on Monday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. as we clean and prepare our church building for the Christmas holiday.

December 16: Tajci in concert on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at Blessed Stepinac Croatian Catholic Mission (6346 N. Ridge Ave.). Tatiana's concert will feature English and Croatian songs.

Christmas Program

December 17: The students of St. Jerome School are holding their annual Christmas concert on Thursday, December 17 at 7 p.m. in our church. Come and hear the beautiful voices of our students as they help us celebrate and prepare for Christ's coming.



Confessions

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

We suggest

...that you sign the "Manhattan declaration". This document, which is supported by the majority of Christian churches in the U.S., appeals to the issues of protecting life, protecting the family and freedom of conscience. This document is pertinent to the laws soon to be passed by the Congress.

Please follow the link www.ManhattanDeclaration.org and support this movement by signing the petition.

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

2nd collection this weekend:

Religious Retirement Fund!

Thank you for your generous heart to those who displayed their generous hearts.

Thank You We are grateful to the people who made donations to St. Jerome Church in memory of John "Ish" Botica. Their gifts came to a total of \$1,470.00.

Thank you dear parishioners for being generous in filling up those baby bottles. We collected \$3,500 to help the Women's Center of Chicago. Thank you!

