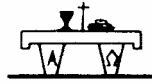


**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 23, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Mary Laco Louzon family  
Joseph Pinotti family  
Antoinette Rothenberger Catherine & Nick Perisin  
Regine Crespin friend

**Tuesday – Utorak, February 24, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** fra Ante Grbeš ob. Karlo Karačić  
Carmella Barbara Vince Covelli  
Leroy Caputo Cathi & Pete Wilkie

**Ash Wednesday – Čista Srijeda,  
February 25, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Joann Harris Natia & Joe Di Fazio  
Victoria Bujas Ann Contino  
Sally & Joe Sperando Perisin grandchildren  
Pat Tominello Bernice Tobar

**9:00 a.m.** Pro populo Mass with children

**7:00 p.m.** Jure Mišetić ob. Ante Sipić  
Na nakanu Duško

**Thursday – Četvrtak, February 26, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Augustin Rodich M/M Pero Galić  
Lorraine Pascente Cortez family  
Duše u čistilištu Nevenka Jurković

**Friday – Petak, February 27, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Margaret Marcello Pace family  
Josip Nagy ob. Agnes Rodich  
Slavka Buškain sestra Zdenka Sičić

**Saturday – Subota, February 28, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Tony Tadin Joan Sipich  
Carmella Barbara Catherine & Nick Perisin  
Petar Lukač Ivanka i Domagoj Paraga

**5:30 p.m.** Carmella Barbara Ginny Vulich  
Mary Laco Peter & JoAnn Peso  
Caroline "Dolly" Basso Cuomo family  
Frank Szatkowski Szatkowski family  
Katie Munizzi Anthony & Matthew Scalise  
Earl Esborn wife & daughter  
Grandma Barb Mary & Barbara Wilkie  
Marie DiVito (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) family  
Michael Wagner (health) Alfirevich family

**Sunday – Nedjelja, March 1, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško  
Joseph Mandich Liinda & Mike Rubio  
Catherine Munizzi M/M Michael DiVito  
Tony Tadin Giggie  
Carm Barbara Michael DiVito Jr.

**9:30 a.m.** Barry Babich  
Patricia Tominello  
Sally Sperando  
Jeanne Zekich  
John & Mary Cubelic  
Carmen Tadeo

M/M William Babich  
Tom Kelly  
Gene & Lynn Gazzi  
Gael & Bruno Bertucci  
daughter Ann Brcich  
Majic family

**11:00 a.m. u spomen**

Mate i Ivanica Zoko  
Ivan Pavić  
Drago Troščan  
Augustin Rodich  
Dumica i Ljubo Tanfara  
Frank i Maria Cecchini  
Vlado Škaro  
Ante Žaper  
Ivan Babić  
Pero Marić  
Zorka Dušević (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)  
Jerina Lišnić  
Marko i Mara Karačić  
Leonard Bajić  
Stipan Bajić  
Ilija Jakelja  
Jakov Šipić  
Iva i Grgo Čerkes  
Veselko Sivrić  
Štefa Šego  
Pok. iz ob. Čondić  
Pok. iz ob. Steve i Mare Špehar

ob. Luka Zoko  
Kata Pavić  
Jure Žgela  
Agnes Rodich i ob.  
djeca  
Bruno i Jasna  
David & Kathy Škaro  
ob. Mate Žaper  
Valeria Babić  
Stojan Maslač  
Perica Dušević i ob.  
Nediljko Lišnić i ob.  
obitelj Karačić  
Venessa & John Krpan  
Venessa & John Krpan  
ob. Nevenka Jurković  
brat Ante Šipić  
Mila Solina  
Henrik i Mila Solina  
Henrik i Mila Solina  
Duško  
ob. Špehar

**LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**Sat., Feb. 28, 5:30 p.m.** Robert Bazan / Jan Ferro  
**Sun., Mar. 1, 7:30 a.m.** Mary Vujic/Matt Pesce  
**Sun., Mar. 1, 9:30 a.m.** Brianna Babic/Ellen Ryan  
**Sun., Mar. 1, 11:00 a.m.** Darko Grgić, Nataša Djebro, Tihana Jurković.

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**Sat., Feb. 28, 5:30 p.m.** C. Garcia, S. Garcia, Mossman  
**Sun., Mar. 1, 7:30 a.m.** Balazs, Bova  
**Sun., Mar. 1, 9:30 a.m.** Iglesias, Passi, Smitzen  
**Sun., Mar. 1, 11:00a.m.** A. Barun, D. Jureta, I. Jureta, T. Čuvalo, L. Kutleša, Adriana Kraljević

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## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We live in an age of confessions. People are telling their stories, baring their fragile souls, not just privately, but publicly in books and on radio and television. However, while there are

lots of confessions, there are no absolutions—at least not in the name of Christ.

What people need is a sense of radical forgiveness that simultaneously recognizes the sinfulness of what they did and affirms them as people worth caring about, as people worth dying for. Human beings can't grant that kind of forgiveness; only

God can.

Forgiveness was at the heart of Jesus' ministry, and he passed this power on to his apostles. The power to forgive sins in his name is one of the greatest gifts Jesus left to his Church, and is exercised mainly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We need this tangible expression of God's forgiveness!

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### A NEW VIOLIN

One day Doris went into her church office in order to practice a violin solo she was to play at Mass that evening, only to find her violin in pieces — scattered across the floor. Doris was crushed. She thought: Who? Why? How can I forgive that person?

A week later the police found the vandal and Doris went to his home. When she saw the skinny, 11-year-old sitting next to his father, she understood that the real tragedy was not her shattered violin, but a young life that seemed headed for a shattered future. Instead of berating the child and demanding restitution, she found herself saying, "I forgive you, and God will, too, if you ask him."

A few days later, the boy came to see the pastor, asking hesitantly, "Is there any work that I can do at the church to pay for the violin?" At the sign of his repentant heart, the pastor shared the Gospel with him, and the boy received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Doris purchased a new violin, but later remarked, "It would never compare with this 'new creature' in Christ Jesus. I learned anew that God's grace is sufficient to give me a forgiving heart."

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"Those who are forgiven are no longer trapped in their past."**

## Dear Friends,

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, O God, and know our hearts today. Cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen."

— Prayer for Our Nation

Do we need to add anything else?

*Fraternally yours, Fr. Joe*

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*'Followup Weekend' for the  
2009 Archdiocese of Chicago's  
Annual Catholic Appeal*

This weekend is "Followup Weekend," when the parishes of the Chicago Archdiocese will have some opportunity at the Masses for parishioners who were unable to complete their Annual Appeal pledge form at last week's "Commitment Weekend" to return or fill out their pledge forms. This Appeal funds so many of the worthy ministries of the Chicago Archdiocese that Cardinal George desires that parishioners be given this second chance. Please put your sealed envelopes into the collection baskets at offertory time.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL  
CONSIDERATION  
AND GENEROUS RESPONSE.**

## LENT

This Wednesday, February 25, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, a special time for growing closer to God, a time for personal spiritual renewal when we can deepen our search for God.

Let us come together during this holy season:

**Ash Wednesday Masses:** 7:30 & 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross** at 7 p.m.

### **Lenten Fasting**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **days of fasting** when Catholics 18 to 59 years old are duty-bound to eat only one (meatless) full meal, and two smaller (meatless) meals. Of course, expectant and nursing moms, as well as the sick, are **not** duty-bound.

### **Fridays in Lent**

On **Fridays during Lent**, Catholics 14 years old and older are duty-bound to eat no meat (other than fish). Of course, expectant and nursing moms, and the sick are exempt.

## Bakalar

Sponsored by Club Poljica, Saturday, **March 7** at 6:30 P.M. St. Jerome hall. Dinner. Open bar. The best fish in town. Call Eleanor 773 284 2216. Tickets: \$55.00

## Upcoming Musical Events

The Art Institute of Chicago (Fullerton Hall) will have as its guest the Croatian pianist, **Zvonimir Nagy**. He will perform musical selections from the baroque to the modern. Admission is free. (Tuesday, February 24th at noon)

**Tatiana—Tajci**, a singer well known to us, will be a guest on WGN television's Channel 9 this coming Friday, February 27, on their show at noon.

**American English**, a group that looks and plays much like the Beatles, will return to St. Jerome's Parish for a concert Saturday, April 18 at the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club. Proceeds go to our School.

## JOB BOARDS

Times are hard and getting harder. Some of our parishioners have been laid off already. We, as a parish community, are called to help. There is two "Job Boards" at the back of the church. If anyone knows of any job being offered, please put your first name and phone number on a piece of paper and tack it to the "Help Wanted" bulletin board. If anyone is in need of a job, please do the same on the other board.

**Marian Society Meeting** is today, Sunday Feb. 22, at 12:30 p.m. in the second floor level of the small hall behind the church. All members are invited.

**Masses:** If you wish to have certain Masses scheduled for the anniversaries of your deceased, please let us know as early as possible so that we can avoid scheduling problems, and give you the dates you wish. The 2010 book is open.

**Book club:** Wednesday, March 11, at 7 pm will discuss "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See.

**Congratulations to Alexa Venditti** on obtaining Honors with Distinction at St. Ignatius College Prep for the first semester. We are very proud of this former St. Jerome School student!