

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 5, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Katie Munizzi Giggie
Tony Tadin Louis Scalise family

Tuesday – Utorak, January 6, 2009

7:30 a.m. Danica Maroš Mary Vujic
Janette & Jimmy Lurgio Perisins
Na nakanu ob. Planinić

Wednesday – Srijeda, January 7, 2009

7:30 a.m. Michael Sablich Therese Mannix
Iva i Šimun Dugandžić sin Pero i ob.
Tony Tadin Stretch & El

Thursday – Četvrtak, January 8, 2009

7:30 a.m. Grgo Nikolić ob. Penavić
Špiro i Katica Čeprić Maja
Judith Arcieri Catherine & Nick Perisin
James Roti Marion

8:05 a.m. Pro populo

Friday – Petak, January 9, 2009

7:30 a.m. Anthony Rodich ob. Agnes Rodich
Mary Jane Lines Catherine & Nick Perisin
Za duše u čistilištu Maja D.

Saturday – Subota, January 10, 2009

7:30 a.m. Jakov Paladin Maria E. Sipich
Tony Tadin Annamarie (Mohovich) Sheffield
Pok. iz ob. Beritić Maja

5:30 p.m. Tony Doria Vlado & Janja Mulc
Barry Babich M/M William Babich
Nick & Jennie Salerno Gerard Fratto
Vickie Bujas Joan Sipich
Daniel Rotkvich Pete & Sandy Schurla

Sunday – Nedjelja, January 11, 2009

7:30 a.m. Dominic & Mary Jane Velcich sestre
Tony Tadin Peter Sperando
Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
Deceased of Kraslen family brothers

9:30 a.m. Raymond Biamonte niece
Marion Curran Mary Ann & Michael DiVito
Mary Jane Lines Carm Parrilli
Marty Miloslavich Mary Balich Vujic
Stipe & Lucia Lombardic Perisin-DiCaro family
Michael Vivirito Sr. Mark Gusich & family
Mike Brcich family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Drago Troščan	Mijo Barun
Anka Uremović	Sofija i Ivan Pastuović
Marija Dukić	Ivan i Milka Marjanović
Stipe Penavić	ob. Penavić
Štefa Šego	Zdravko i Luca Šego
Žarko Pehar i ob.	Anica Ostojčić
Boja Kovačević	Dinko Dragušica i ob.
Mila Tomić	ob. Marko Knezović
Gabriel Žinić	Josip i Anđa Novak
Ante Žaper	ob. Stipe Tokić
Ivan i Iva Jakelja	ob. Paško Jakelja
Ika Delić	ob. Paško Jakelja
Draga Dugandžić	ob. Marinko i Božana Ilić
Zora Grubišić	Neda i Hrvoje Pečuvčić
Pok. iz ob. Čondić	Duško
Pok. iz ob. Zeba	Luca Zeba
Pok. iz ob. Maroš	ob. Ivan Maroš

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m. Michael Passarelli / Jan Ferro

Sun., Jan. 11, 7:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi / Rosemary Brcich

Sun., Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass / Mary Beth Insalaco

Sun., Jan. 11, 11:00 a.m. Tihana Jurković, Darko Grgić, Mario Pehar

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m. Babich, A. & I. Insalaco

Sun., Jan. 11, 7:30 a.m. Nowacki, Wilkie

Sun., Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m. Carrasco, C. Garcia, R. Meo

Sun., Jan. 11, 11:00 a.m. D. & I. Paraga, S. Adjaip, K. & M. Šego, M. Golub

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- ▶ 2-bdrm, 1-office apt. for rent, newly remodeled, washer & dryer included. 312-909-8434.
- ▶ 1 bdrm apt. Call John: 312-316-8366.

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

The journey of the Three Kings was neither simple nor easy. They encountered difficulties, doubts and dangers. Yet, in spite of these, they persevered in their quest and were rewarded when they finally found Christ. This is why their story has such relevance for us.



Like them we too are on a journey.

When we start out on some road in life, we too are attracted by something bright — an ideal or a vision or a hope — but this initial “star” doesn’t remain forever in our sky. It grows dim. Clouds get in the way and deprive us of its light.

We must expect to encounter difficulties and doubts. We must imitate the Three Kings. We

must not be too proud to ask for guidance. We must trust that the darkness will pass, and once again we will see the initial star beckoning to us.

Having found Christ, the Three Kings “returned to their own country by another route”. Having met Christ and heard his Gospel, we too will travel life by a *different route*. We will have different attitudes, values, and goals. It is impossible to encounter Christ without being affected.

WISDOM’S CORNER

Message from Medjugorje given December 25, 2008:

"Dear children! You are running, working, and gathering - but without blessing. You are not praying! Today I call you to stop in front of the manger and to meditate on Jesus, whom I give to you *today also*, to bless you and to help you to comprehend that without him, you have no future. Therefore, little children, surrender your lives into the hands of Jesus, for him to lead you and protect you from every evil. Thank you for having responded to my call."

The Star of Bethlehem

Gordon Wilson’s daughter was killed by a bomb in Northern Ireland in 1987. Instead of calling for revenge, he forgave her killers and began a campaign for peace and reconciliation. He said:

I am a very ordinary sort of man. I have few personal ambitions and no political aspirations. I just want to live and let live. Life has been kind to me in the main, and I have tried to live by the Good Book. I do not profess to be a good man, but I aim to be. I would like to leave the world a better place than I found it, but I have no exaggerated ideas of my ability to do so. I have hitched my wagon to a star, a star of hope, the Star of Bethlehem.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“The person who is *genuinely* searching for God has already begun to find him.”

Resolve to.....

Have a strong sense of trust and hope that life is good. We’re not always in control of what happens to us, but we can control of how we respond.



Believe in yourself with confidence and assurance. Our personal selfhood is a gift from God. We should love and believe in ourselves, and never let anyone put us down or treat us with any kind of violence.

Accentuate the positive. Don’t focus on the negative. We have been given more good things than bad.

Put your values in order. One thing is important — goodness. All other worthwhile values are wrapped in that one.

Be generous. Generosity always pays off, usually in the most unexpected ways. “What you give away is always yours; what you keep, you lose forever.

Avoid bad temper and getting out of control. George Washington said: “Great people, like great ships, sail serenely on, whether in calm seas or tempests.”

Stay wise. Don’t think the worst of people. Be on guard, but avoid judging others’ motivations.

Be compassionate. Our hearts should contain enough love for others to be able to empathize with them in their pain, trouble and suffering.

Keep a sense of humor. It is the safety valve of the mind, made especially for people in pain.

Trust in Jesus. Life is worth living because in Jesus we *know* we’re a part of something much greater than ourselves.

Fraternally yours, Fr. Joe

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BAPTISMS

We welcome two new parishioners into our faith community:

Nikola Kraljevic,

son of Vlado and Jennifer (nee Sowa) Kraljevic. His Godparents are Veselko and Sylvia Cuvalo. Congratulations to the parents and Godparents. *God bless Nikola!*



James Emmanuel A. Barton

received the Sacrament of Baptism this week. Congratulations to his parents Steven and Angela (nee Smith) Barton, and his Godparents James Barton and Eleanor Smith. *May the Lord keep him and bless him!*

Please pray for our beloved deceased:

Mary Laco, who was buried from St. Jerome's Friday, the mother of Antoinette, Augie and Peter.

Sally Sperando, who was buried from our church on Saturday, the mother of Andy and Roe.

Catherine "Katie" Munizzi, who was buried from her parish in Mokena, Ill. on Saturday, the mother of our parishioner Frank, and Carmen, Jim, John, Thomas and Cathy.

May Mary, Sally and Katie rest in God's peace.

Dalmatia at St. Jerome's

The Croatian folklore group "Hrvatska Bastina" is preparing a wonderful evening of entertainment featuring the music and food of the Dalmatian region of Croatia. This special event will be held in St. Jerome school hall on Saturday evening, January 10th at 6:30 P.M. Tickets are available from the members of the Club or at the rectory.



Church envelopes for 2009: Please take your box from the tables in the rear of church. We thank you, dear parishioners, for your support and donations during 2008. Let us not forget: *it is not an obligation to belong to St. Jerome Parish, it is an honor!*

Our pledge for the Year of Our Lord 2009:

- ⇒ *We shall attend Sunday Mass as a family.*
- ⇒ *We shall pray every day as a family.*
- ⇒ *We shall live by example.*

St. Jerome School resumes this Monday, January 5. We welcome the return of our students, faculty and staff for the second semester and the new year of 2009. We trust that God will continue to guide and bless us!



Thanks again for all of your gifts, good wishes, cards and email to us, your priests. We received over 400 lovely Christmas cards with beautiful messages. Please accept our sincere gratitude for the many ways you express your love.

Reserve the date for St.

Jerome's Sox night at Sox park, which will be held on Wednesday, May 20, when the White Sox will play Minnesota. Tickets will soon be available. Mark your calendars!



Croatian Woman 80th Anniversary

On Saturday, February 21, the Croatian Woman Branch #1 humanitarian and cultural society will celebrate its 80th anniversary with a special banquet at the Croatian Cultural Center in Chicago. A special book is being prepared for this jubilee year. The organization invites its members and friends to place ads and well wishes in this commemorative book. An ad request form is available in the back of church. Your support for the noble work of this society is deeply appreciated. For more information, call Nevenka 773 525 8571, Angela 773 931 3030, Vesna 773 348 1157 or Stoja 773 334 1475.

Invitation to Prayer All parishioners are invited to participate in our Family Prayer Hour each evening in your home between 6 and 7, or as your schedules allow. We began this movement on Oct. 1st! JOIN US TODAY! MAKE A PLEDGE!

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