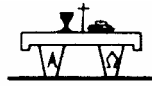


**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 30, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** John Fasula      Catherine & Nick Perisin  
Rose Lepp                      Jure & Milka Kutleša & ob.  
Na čast sv. Anti                      ob. Blažević

**Tuesday – Utorak, March 31, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Stana Maslač                      Stojan Maslač  
Stefonia Novak                      Ted & Eva Mossman  
Jerko Jerry Zovko (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)      Mama, Tata, brother

**Wednesday – Srijeda, April 1, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Joe Cubelic                      family  
Connie Fratto                      John Zekich  
Judy Aiello                      Rose Marie

**Thursday – Četvrtak, April 2, 2009**  
**Fourth anniversary of death of Pope John Paul II**

**7:30 a.m.** Judy Aiello                      Catherine & Nick Perisin  
Joseph Zannielli                      Catherine & Nick Perisin  
Na nakanu                      Iva i Josip Prša

**8:05 a.m.** Pro populo                      Mass with schoolchildren

**Friday – Petak, April 3, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Augustin Rodich                      Mrs. Božica Gregor  
Na nakanu Gospinu                      Ivanka Šušnjara

**Saturday – Subota, April 4, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Tony Tadin                      Luanne & Frank Munizzi  
Grace Borovina                      C. Borovina  
Na nakanu                      Maja Dugandžić

**5:30 p.m.** Chester Bradlo                      wife  
Connie Fratto                      Mary Fratto  
Mary Plepel                      Dorothy Plepel  
Barry Babich                      M/M William Babich  
Frank Bologna & Angelique Rubio      Linda Rubio  
Dec. Babich, Iozzo, Fratto fam.      Terri, Sam & family  
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Sinj      N.N.

**Sunday – Nedjelja, April 5, 2009**

**7:30 a.m.** Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić      Duško  
James Gurgone                      wife & children  
Tony Tadin                      Ann Contino  
Carmel Jean Sheppard                      Dolores (Ben) Crane  
Health of Josie Hanson                      Lucy Munizzi

**9:30 a.m.** John Fasula                      Mark Gusich family  
Barry Babich                      Scott & Stacy & family  
Mike Brcich                      family  
Sally Sperando                      Ann Contino  
Tony Tadin                      Gael & Bruno Bertucci  
John Risley                      Juliana Perisin & Charles DiCaro

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

Augustin Rodich                      M/M Marko Hobar  
Drago Troščan                      Anton Hostička  
Dumica i Ljubo Tanfara                      djeca  
Frank i Maria Cecchini                      Bruno i Jasna  
Ante Žaper                      ob. Mate Žaper  
Filip i Iva Lišnić                      Nediljko Lišnić i ob.  
Ilija Jakelja                      ob. Pudar  
Joe Rivas                      Marija Banić  
Ivan Matijević                      Luca Zeba  
Jakov Šipić                      ob. Agnes Rodich  
Fra Marko Kozina                      ob. Jure i Zlata Dugandžić  
Pave i Joso Žgela                      Mare i ob.  
Franjo Vranjković                      ob. Pero Galić  
Filip Žaper                      Neda Dragušica sa ob.  
Iva Golemac                      ob. Erkapić  
Pok. iz ob. Dugandžić      ob. Jure i Zlata Dugandžić  
Pok. iz ob. Čondić                      Duško

## LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Sat., Apr. 4, 5:30 p.m.** Michael Passarelli (rdgs 1&2), Jan Ferro (narr), Joe Magyar (spker), Robert Cannatello Jr. (intentions) / Jan Ferro

**Sun., Apr. 5, 7:30 a.m.** Luanne Munizzi (rdgs 1&2), Matt Pesce (narr), Mary Vujic (spker/intentions) / Matt Pesce

**Sun., Apr. 5, 9:30 a.m.** Juliana Perisin (rdgs 1&2), Brianna Babich (narr), Diane Krolo (spker/intentions) / Ellen Ryan

**Sun., Apr. 5, 11:00 a.m.** Milan Žolo, Mara Kosir, Nikolina Madjer

## ALTAR SERVERS:

**Sat., Apr. 4, 5:30 p.m.** Babich, Bova, Racinowski

**Sun., Apr. 5, 7:30 a.m.** Carrasco, K. Mangan

**Sun., Apr. 5, 9:30 a.m.** Balazs, Iglesias, Passi

**Sun., Apr. 5, 11:00 a.m.** Danny Grgić, Dominik Grgić, A. Rogić, A. Puljić, M. Kosić

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### WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

When Jesus says, "Whoever who loves his life loses it; and whoever who hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life," he is not advising us to hate ourselves. Rather we are being invited to reject selfishness and my-way-or-the-highway and instead embrace the highest form of love: loving self-sacrifice.

To forget self, to deny self, to die to self — it is when we forget ourselves that we are most free and most joyful. It is in dedicated sacrifice beyond ourselves that we grow and bear fruit.

We may extend our mortal time on earth if we take things easy or preoccupy ourselves with ourselves. But it

is always because people have been prepared to die to self-interest that the most precious human creations have been born.

Jesus gave us an example with his life. His life wasn't taken from him. He gave it freely out of love of the Father's will and out of love for us.

### WISDOM'S CORNER

#### Losing and Gaining Life

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.

Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest, so we must "die to self" — overcome our natural selfishness — in order to bear the fruits of love.

This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride.

Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.

Every act of diligence involves dying to laziness.

Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.

Thus the vain love of self dies, and we grow to be more and more Christ-like, the goal of all Christians, all followers of Christ.

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#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"It is by giving that we receive.  
It is by forgiving that we are forgiven.  
It is by dying that we are born to eternal life."

*Dear Friends!*

Today as Christ speaks about losing and gaining life, as he uses the example of a seed that falls to the ground, dies, grows, and then yields wheat, I ponder the problem of selfishness. Why are some people selfish? Why do they think only of themselves? Why do they often act as though no one else exists? Why is this same sin committed again and again? For centuries people followed a common wisdom, and that wisdom taught them these simple steps:

- ◆ A tight fist can neither give nor receive.
- ◆ Be generous with others because they will be your judges at the end of time.
- ◆ A selfish person makes no one happy.
- ◆ Be silent when you give, but speak up when you receive.
- ◆ One who knows how to give, knows how to love.
- ◆ Don't ask of someone what you are not willing to give.
- ◆ The person who gives only so that he will receive, gives nothing.
- ◆ Who gives from the little he has, gives from the soul. Who gives much but only from his surplus fortune, gives from his possessions.

I believe that every person is aware of his blessings. I believe that every one of us realizes that we have been given more than we deserve. Because of that I also feel that we are called to share some of our time, our talent, and our treasure with others, with our community, and with those in need. The things that are most important in life: faith, family, friends, homeland, are pure gifts. Let us not be selfish in sharing these gifts!

**Fr. Joe** / JGrbes@gmail.com



PASTOR'S DESK

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY Lenten LECTURE** is on "The Influence, Images and Power of the **Media**" by Sr. Helena Burns, of the Pauline Center for Media Studies. Presented in St. Jerome's Small Hall Monday, March 30 at 7 p.m. Were you wondering...how to recognize the agenda behind the media?...how to critically analyze the media and its agenda?...what to look for when you're watching, "surfing", or listening to the media? Sister is an expert in her field and a movie critic with a regular column featured in the *Chicago New World*. Check out her blog : hellburns.blogspot.com

**NEXT WEEKEND****St. Jerome Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and \$12,000 Raffle**

On, Palm Sunday, April 5, St. Jerome School will be hosting our annual Palacinka / Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Breakfast and pictures will be available between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. For \$6.00, an adult can have 2 palacinka (crepes) or 4 pancakes, 4 pieces of meat (bacon or sausage), and 1 beverage. For \$3.00, a child can have 1 palacinka or 2 pancakes, 2 meat (bacon or sausage), and 1 beverage. We will also have homemade baked goods available for purchase, as well as a cake walk. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for purchase. They are \$15.00 for 1 – 5x7, 2 – 4x6, and 10 wallets. We will also have our large raffle table full of great prizes. In addition, tickets for the \$12,000 raffle will be available until the drawing at the end of the day. Tickets are \$50 each (only 400 printed). First prize is \$7,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$1,500 each, and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> prize is \$750 each. Baked donations would be welcome. For tickets or information, please call Eva at 312-842-5485 or Cathi at 312-808-0541

**PALM SUNDAY Croatian Woman/Hrvatska Žena humanitarian benefit luncheon** Sun., April 5 at the Croatian Cultural Center at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for children. Proceeds to help ill kids in Karlovac. For more, call 773-404-1530. Thank you.

**PALM SUNDAY Evening of Reconciliation** for our parish will be held on Palm Sunday, April 5 at 6 p.m. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.



Please come to the Pre-Easter Church Cleanup. All who can help, come make our church clean and beautiful: Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 P.M. The more who come, the sooner we finish! Thank you very much!

**UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENT:** St. Jerome Parish presents a unique night of entertainment to benefit St. Jerome School - **AMERICAN ENGLISH, The Complete Beatles Experience** - on Saturday, April 18 at 8PM. Doors will open at 6:30 at the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club on 30th & Shields. Tickets are \$35 per person. Tickets will not be available at the door. Please come early, as this is general seating only. For tickets: Rectory 312-842-1871; Gerard 312-213-2843; Jan 312-225-9751; Mary 312-225-3231.

**Congratulations** to our St. Jerome students, Gabriele Rodriguez and Theo Mossman, winners of the All-American Eagles Essay Contest sponsored by William Lipinski.

**Dear Parishioners,** in the next few days we will be mailing you our Easter cards, including the schedule for Holy Week. If you changed your address, telephone, email, or any other info, please let us know by calling the Rectory at 312 842 1871 or email us. *Have a blessed Lent!*

**All aboard the Holy Thursday Bus!**

Join our pilgrimage to Chicago's churches after the Holy Thursday evening Mass is complete. Call Laura at 773 254 0010 to let her know you're coming. Pilgrims will split the cost of the bus.

**The Chicago White Sox**

together with St. Jerome Presents St. Jerome's Night Wednesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. It's the White Sox vs. the Minnesota Twins, in a re-match of the great game last season that sent the White Sox to the baseball playoffs and the Twins back to the Twin Cities. This year we have excellent right field seats; lower level; catch a home run. Tickets: **ONLY \$20.00** so you can bring the whole family. Tickets available in the Rectory.

