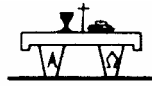


MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, May 11, 2009**

7:30 a.m. Franziska Mora David & Kathy Škaro
 Felicia Contino Ann
 Michael Sullivan Louzon family

Tuesday – Utorak, May 12, 2009

St. Leopold Mandić, 2nd Croatian saint – Sv. Leopold Mandić

7:30 a.m. Francis Yersich Frank & Luanne Munizzi
 Joseph Kolerich Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Na čast sv. Leopold Mandić ob. Tomić

Wednesday – Srijeda, May 13, 2009

7:30 a.m. Jonas Jasas Bernice
 Tony (Tonch) Bozich Gabric Boosters
 Rose & Frank Polacek John & Gen Botica
 Na čast sv. Anti Mato Tomić

Thursday – Četvrtak, May 14, 2009

St. Matthias, apostle – Sveti Matija, apostol

7:30 a.m. Jozo Maslač Stojan Maslač
 Grace Borovina C. Borovina
 Augustin Mišetić ob. Agnes Rodich
 In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje N.N.

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

Friday – Petak, May 15, 2009

7:30 a.m. Gus Rodich M/M Jozo Kovačević
 Bill & Mary Loughran friend
 Bleiburške žrtve Ivica Penavić

Saturday – Subota, May 16, 2009

7:30 a.m. Tony Tadin John Vitkovic
 Patti Mestrovich Louis & Mary Scalise
 Carmen Butera family
 John Fasula Home / School Association
 Thompson & Iozza families Iozza family

5:30 p.m. Pro populo Confirmation Mass

Sunday – Nedjelja, May 17, 2009

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Tony Tadin Annamarie (Mohovich) Sheffield
 Visko & Clara Cecich family
 Michael Sullivan Mary Tadin
 Anthony Tonč Bozich Peter & JoAnn Peso

9:30 a.m. Mike Bricich family
 Joe Bozich wife & family
 Sally Sperando Gina & Rich Catezone
 Katherine Marro Cathy Amato
 Milena Gruica Marian Segvich
 Marko Cerina Vera & family
 Christopher Tukich family
 Mariarose Pacelli Irene Tukich & family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Biserka Marušić	ob. Tomica Marušić
Drago Troščan	Mijo Barun
Ivan Babić	Valeria Babić
Jaka i Toma Šipić	Ante Šipić
Mirko i Rosalija Lusavec	Marija Banić
Cvitan Pehar	Anica Ostojić
Branko Jurković	ob. Ivan Mlinarić
Josip i Zora Blažević	ob. Mate Blažević
Slavica Blažević	ob. Mate Blažević
Nikša Lisowski	ob. Vlado Kraljević
Marija i Tomo Valentić	ob. Zignić
Vice Mišura (30 th anniversary)	Milenka Bilonić sa ob.
Dražen Jukić	nećakinja Ljubica Jukić
Pok. iz ob. Čondić	Duško
Pok. iz ob. Barun	ob. Barun
Sve žrtve Bleiburga i Križnog puta	Bože Guvo

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., May 16, 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass
Sun., May 17, 7:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi / Matt Pesce
Sun., May 17, 9:30 a.m. Diane Krolo / Mary Beth Insalaco
Sun., May 17, 11:00 a.m. Ivana Djebro, Nikolina Madjer, Kristiana Jurković

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., May 16, 5:30 p.m. A. Insalaco, M. Meo, Mossman, M. Wilkie, B. Nowacki
Sun., May 17, 7:30 a.m. Balazs, Bova
Sun., May 17, 9:30 a.m. J. Moreno, N. Moreno, Perseghin
Sun., May 17, 11:00a.m. K. Cikoch, M. Brajković, N. Brčić, I. Babić, A. Šušnjara, M. Kosir

WEDDING BANS

Joseph Ferro & Kelly Kassella (III)
 Eric Daley & Vanessa North (II)
 Marin Škifić & Daniela Šumera (I)

For Rent

- ▶ 4 room apt. Appliances included. 3442 Emerald. Call Lynn at 773 254 2836
- ▶ 5 rm apt. 29th Shields, 1&1/2bdrms, central heat/AC, hardwood flr, appl. incl. 312 593 2864
- ▶ 32nd & Wells apt. Appliances included. 312-388-4633
- ▶ 1 bdrm apt. Call John: 312-316-8366.

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

There is no such thing as a completely solitary Christian. Every Christian is linked to Christ and to all other Christians. This is clear in the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "I am the vine, you are the branches." Christ unites us with himself and with one another to make our lives fruitful.

Separated from Christ the Vine, we wither, deprived of his life, and are unable to bear fruit. But Christ the Vine wants the branches to be fruitful. This

means that Christ has done and will do a lot so that we, his branches, may be fruitful.

Vine and branches need to work together. From this we can see how great is the trust Christ has placed in us. We may feel inadequate, but we must remember that the vine is sturdy and full of life — we need to open ourselves to his healing forgiveness and strength.



Each of us has some God-given gifts. By developing, using, and sharing our gifts with others, we become fruitful branches on the true vine that is Christ. The world is waiting for our "fruit."

WISDOM'S CORNER

Go and bear fruit

Once upon a time, a man planted a fruit tree in the forest. At first the little tree felt lost in the midst of so many great and mighty trees, the sight of which made it feel insignificant because it was still so small, weak, and seemingly useless. So, it set about gaining an important place for itself in the forest.

It worked hard and in time grew to stand among the tallest trees in the forest. Its branches spread outwards like a giant umbrella, claiming more and more space for themselves. Its trunk grew stout and strong so that it was easily able to withstand the storms.

Then one day the man who planted the tree came again to the forest. He complimented the tree on how it had grown, its numerous branches, and its sturdy, thick trunk. Upon hearing this the tree began to glow with pride, but then the man added, "There is one thing that disappoints me." The tree immediately became defensive and began telling the man how hard it had worked to become so successful.

The man told the tree that he realized how hard it had worked to become like the great trees, but then remarked, "You have neglected the most important thing of all." "What is that," asked the tree disconsolately. "You are a fruit tree, but you have failed to bear any of the fruit I was depending on you to provide for the many little creatures who roam the forest. You have forgotten what you are and have become just another big tree in the forest."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The world needs you, because it needs Christ,
and you belong to Christ."

—John Paul II, to youths in Madison Square Garden

Dear friends,

I have met many mothers.

All kinds of mothers. Some have greatly inspired me, some have not affected me

that way. And some have even disappointed me. Why? Maybe the answer is too complicated, but still, it is indeed simple. Namely, when I think about mothers, then I think about two major things.

First of all, what a great gift it is to be a mother. To be a bearer and giver of life. What a magnificent gift it is to have a child, new life! To be a creator of new life. What a gift it is to have such power.

Second, I think about the reality that it is a great gift to be in a position to give your child a name. To name someone. To give the child a name by which he or she will be called by all other people, by which the child will be known all through life. The name you give endures forever. And the Lord, creator of heaven and earth, knows the child by the name given by the mother.

To be a mother is indeed a magnificent gift.

Mothers moreover are certainly called to be good examples, signposts that guide us to our destinations, directions in this world. Their lives need to reflect their calling.

And now something completely personal: through all the journey through life that I have experienced, of all the people I've met, of all the schooling I have gone through in three countries, of all the books I've read, and of all the wisdom that I've had the opportunity to acquire through life, my mother gave me the most. She planted in me what matters the most: love that the world cannot change. I say thanks to her today. I pray and hope that everybody can say such thanks to their mothers today.

Happy Mothers' Day!

Fr. Joe / JGrbes@gmail.com



The Year 2009 is the 800th year in the life of the Franciscan Friar family.

Special Collection this weekend will be taken at all Masses for the **Archdiocesan Catholic Charities**. Thank you for your help.

ST. JEROME SCHOOL'S GOLF OUTING WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE 29 AT SILVER LAKES GOLF COURSE — NOW OFFERING SHORT COURSE FOR NOT-SO-SERIOUS GOLFERS. Contact Leslie Kish (312) 907-0240 or Denise Bertucci (312) 636-8551

The Chicago White Sox, together with St. Jerome's, presents "St. Jerome Night" on Wednesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. Come enjoy a beautiful evening of fellowship, and hopefully a victory over the Twins. Tickets are only \$20.00 each — bring the whole family! Tickets are going fast.

St. Leopold Mandić

This second Croatian to be canonized a saint was a Capuchin Franciscan priest.



On 12 May, 1866, in Herceg Novi, a small port town on the Adriatic Sea near the southern tip of where Croatians live, the future saint was born. Although always physically frail, from his youth he showed signs of great spiritual strength and integrity. At the age of 16, he left home to try to join the Capuchin Franciscans in Italy. In spite of the austerities of Capuchin life, he persevered with courage and drank deeply of Franciscan Spirituality, of which he was to become one of the finest models. Since his childhood he wanted to be a missionary to his homeland, but he was denied this by his superiors due to his frailty and general ill-health. His greatest physical height in life was 4 foot, 5 inches — though spiritually, he was a giant. In 1906, he was posted to Padua, where, except for one year which he spent in a prison camp during World War I, because he would not renounce his Croat nationality, he remained for the rest of his life. It was in Padua that he took up the apostolate of Confessor and Spiritual Director ... a work which proved to be the means through which God used his servant for almost forty years. He would say: "Have faith! Everything will be all right. Faith, faith!" This compassionate confessor gave tremendous encouragement to many people, especially those despairing of hope because of an enslavement to sin. He died in Padua on July 30, 1942 at the age of 76. In 1976 Pope Paul VI beatified him and in 1983 Pope John Paul II canonized St. Leopold, the second Croatian to be made a saint. In our sanctuary, his statue stands high.

- ♦ Sunday, May 10: **Mother's Day Program** in parish hall following 11:00 a.m. Mass
- ♦ Sunday, May 10: Closing of Croatian Days: **concert at Chicago Cultural Center**, 5:00 p.m. Mario and Srdjan, Dubrovnik duo.
- ♦ Wednesday, May 13: **St. Jerome Parish Council meeting** at 7:30 p.m. All members of the Council are asked to attend.
- ♦ Saturday, May 16: Bishop John R. Manz, auxiliary bishop of Chicago, will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for our 8th & 7th graders in our church at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. May the Holy Spirit open their gifts!

Medjugorje Youth Festival

10-day pilgrimage leaving on July 30 and returning August 8.

Organized and led by Zdenko & Bruno Zovko, assisted by Joanne Ranallo. Fr. Charles Becker will accompany this pilgrimage. It is generally for college-age young adults. *Those under 18 years of age need to be accompanied by at least one parent.* The focus of this trip is "Pilgrimage" — more like a retreat than like a tour or vacation. The cost of \$2,500 from Chicago includes air fare, room, two meals (breakfast and dinner), transportation from airport to airport. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is required with registration, and all tickets must be paid in full by May 30, 2009. For more information, call Mr. Zdenko Zovko at 773-508-1512 or Ms. Joanne Ranallo 847-540-9219, or email pilgrim@medjugorjechicago.org.

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Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 28th anniversary Medjugorje Mass in our church Thurs., June 25, 7 p.m. Fr. Charles Becker, of the Chicago Archdiocese, will preside.

St. Jerome School Scholarships

Because many families are going through difficult times these days, St. Jerome's has established the *St. Jerome School Anthony P. Tadin Scholarship* to help families in need continue to send their children to our school. The scholarship guidelines are being finalized. It is our goal to offer some financial aid to our students in need of assistance for the next school year. We welcome gifts and donations, and thank you for considering helping St. Jerome School students who might otherwise be unable to continue their education with us. Checks can be made out to St. Jerome School and may be mailed to the rectory at 2823 S. Princeton Ave. Thank you for your generous hearts.