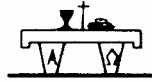


MASS INTENTIONS
Monday – Ponedjeljak, November 30, 2009
Feast of St. Andrew, apostle – Sv. Andrija

7:30 a.m. Michaelleen Kudulis family
 Stana Delich Louis Scalise family
 John Owens Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Neda Stein Mary Doria

Tuesday – Utorak, December 1, 2009

7:30 a.m. Frank Donato Sr. Mary Fratto
 Dolly Caponigro Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Vic & Jean Alfirevic Gabric Boosters
 Na nakanu Milijana Vlastelica

Wednesday – Srijeda, December 2, 2009

7:30 a.m. Michael Zeledon JoAnn & Peter Peso
 Morrie Coletta Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Na nakanu za djecu Ana Kelava

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 3, 2009

7:30 a.m. Lena & Dom Marino family
 Mondo Zeledon Anthony & Matthew Scalise
 Bobby Caponigro Lila Bozich & family
 Petar & Joza Zelić sin Ilija i obitelj

Friday – Petak, December 4, 2009

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Condic Duško
 Michael Zeledon JoAnn & Peter Peso
 John Botica Vince Covelli
 Hvala ti Majko Božja N.N.

Saturday – Subota, December 5, 2009

7:30 a.m. Mariano Coletta Roseann Gurgone
 Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce
 Mary & Angelo Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce
 Na nakanu Luca Šego

5:30 p.m. Barbara Wilkie Perisins
 Stanley Szatkowski Szatkowski family
 Angie Previte & Carm Barbara family
 Josephine Hanson Terri & Sam Babich
 Gene Kowalis Joe Amoruso & family
 John "Ish" Botica Jo Ann & Peter Peso
 Sidney Feldman Ellen Ryan

Sunday – Nedjelja, December 6, 2009

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernadine Čondić Duško
 Anthony Tadin family
 Mary Pinotti family
 Robert L. Caponigro Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Zahvala Sv. Anti N.N.

9:30 a.m. Filip Majić Majić family
 Sally Sperando Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Levato
 Josie Hanson Kay Siani
 Marko Lovrić Cathy Amato
 Morrie Coletta Joanne Sipich
 John Botica Rodriguez-Kozina family
 Deceased of Jauregui fam. Wally & Grace Gusich

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Dumica i Ljubo Tanfara djeca
 Frank i Maria Cecchini Bruno i Jasna
 Petar Tokić Ilija Pavljašević i ob.
 Janja i Andy Samardžić ob. Božo Kosir
 Anton Barun ob. John Barun
 Marko Lovrić ob. Ivan Jureta
 Franjo Tuđman ob. Lovrinović
 Biserka Marušić ob. Galić
 Mate i Šima Vasilj sin Andrija Vasilj
 Ivan i Draga Dugandžić kći Zdenka Vasilj
 Mila Cvitković Boro i Olga Puljić
 Marko Brkić kći Marija i ob.
 Petar i Joza Zelić sin Ilija i ob.
 Ante Perdić Marija Mišerda i ob.
 Marijan i Iva Knezović ob. Marko Knezović
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. ob. Puljić Boro i Olga Puljić
 Pok. ob. Bozich i Grzetich Joe & El
 Deceased members of Club Poljica Club Poljica

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m. Family Mass ./ Jan Ferro
Sun., Dec. 6, 7:30 a.m. Rosemary Brcich
Sun., Dec., 6, 9:30 a.m. Diane Krolo
Sun., Dec. 6, 11:00 a.m. Snježana Šego, Mate
 Žaper, Darko Grgić

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m. Babich, Garcia,
 Wroblewski
Sun., Dec. 6, 7:30 a.m. Bova, R. Meo.
Sun., Dec. 6, 9:30 a.m. Nowacki, J. Moreno, N.
 Moreno
Sun., Dec. 6, 11:00 a.m. D. Jureta, K. Cikoch, M.
 Kosir, N. Brčić, I. Jureta

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WEEKLY MEDITATION for the First Sunday of ADVENT



Advent focuses our attention on the comings of Christ. We live between the two comings of Christ — his First Coming, which included being a humble infant in a Bethlehem stable, and his Second Coming in majesty and power

at the end of time.

This First Sunday of Advent also begins a new Liturgical Year, during which we once again set out to follow in the footsteps of Christ. In the course of the year, his whole life and teaching will pass before us. We are of course not meant to be spectators of this, but participants in the mys-

teries of Christ's life. Each year we ought to hear Jesus better, understand him more deeply, and embrace his teaching more fully.

Today the readings concentrate on the Second Coming of Christ and the end of the time. We need to remember the goal of life's journey — to reach the Kingdom of God.

STAY AWAKE

WISDOM'S CORNER



Evergreens

The fable is told that when God was making the trees, he gave a gift to each species, but first he set up a contest to determine which gift would be most useful to whom. He told them, "I want you to stay awake and keep watch over the earth for 7 nights."

The trees were so excited to be trusted with such an important task, that they found it difficult not to stay awake the whole night. However, the second night was not so easy, and just before dawn a few fell asleep. On the third night the trees whispered among themselves in an effort to keep from dozing off, but it proved too much for some of them. Still more fell asleep on the fourth night. By the time the seventh night arrived, the only trees still awake were the cedar, the pine, the spruce, the fir, the holly, and the laurel.

"What wonderful endurance you have!" God exclaimed to them. "You shall be given the gift of remaining green forever. You will be the guardians of the forest. Even in the dead of winter your brother and sister trees will find life protected in your branches."

This story illustrates 2 major themes of Advent: watchfulness in the midst of "sleepiness," and life in the midst of barrenness.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"With each passing year our salvation is nearer than when we first believed."

Advent

Dear Friends,

All of us together, with our joys, our fears, our differences ... all of us together, with our hopes, our dreams, our faults ... all of us together, many though one, are called to love. Together we form one circle. This circle has no beginning and no end.

At times this circle of love is broken because of selfishness, because of prejudice and because we ignore the deepest stirrings that go on in all of us.

We find ourselves creating separate circles: the inner circle, the outer circle, the circle of POWER, and the circle of despair.

Together we carefully define our circles at work and at home.

Some circles nourish; other circles destroy. The circle of love is broken whenever there is alienation, misunderstanding, and hardening of our hearts. The circle of love is broken whenever we can't see eye-to-eye, we can't link hand-to-hand, or we can't live heart-to-heart.

Before we pray, before we dream, before we can witness to justice and peace, we must be a single circle, a single unbroken circle, a wide, opening circle.

Let us spend time for a few moments thinking about our lives' circles. Questions to think about during this time of reflection: How have others hurt you, and caused you to leave/run away from the circle? How have you hurt others and forced them out of the circle? What is your hurt, your wound, your pain? In the silence of your heart, please reflect as you prepare for this blessed season of Advent.

We ask for forgiveness of one another as children of God, as friend to friend. Too many times, we have judged one another, condemning those we did not understand. We ask forgiveness for assuming we know all there is to know about each other, for presuming to speak for each other, for defining, confining, claiming, naming, limiting, labeling, and interpreting.

Your Father Joe
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ADVENT — EVENTS — INVITATIONS



Concert at City Hall

December 2 - St. Jerome's children choir is holding its second annual Christmas concert at the City Hall, Wednesday, December 2, at 12 Noon. Don't miss these angelic voices.

HSA's 'Dinner with Santa'

December 5 Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at St. Jerome School for Dinner With Santa. Our theme is "Christmas around the World," in which we feature desserts from four different countries or regions. Dinner is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Dinner includes: salad, mostaccioli, sausage or meatballs, 1 beverage and 1 dessert. Beer, wine, and specialty drinks will also be available. We will also have our spectacular raffle table, featuring the PSP Go Game System. Our picture package with Santa is only \$15.00 and includes (1 - 5x7, 2 - 4x6, & 10 wallets). Bring your family and friends and enjoy a home-cooked meal, in a festive atmosphere. If you have

any questions, please call the school office 312-842-7668. If you have a favorite dessert from Croatia, Italy, Greece or Latin America and would like to make it, please fill out a form in the back of church. You can return the form to the school office or put it in the collection basket. Thank you for all your support.



Club Poljica

December 6: On Sunday, December 6, Club Poljica is holding its Christmas party. 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. The more who come, the sooner we finish!

Tatiana in Chicago

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 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.

CatholicsComeHome.ORG

The Catholic dioceses in the Midwest will soon (Dec. 16-Jan. 24) be inviting fallen-away Catholics through TV commercials on major TV networks (ABC, CBS, NBC, WGN, Fox, Cable stations, etc.) to "come home to the Faith." St. Jerome will happily joy this worthy endeavor. You probably noticed already the table in the back of the Church with welcoming materials for our local Catholic who might come home. We will dedicate the weekend of Dec. 12/13 to this important topic of "Catholics Come Home."

Please continue to remember in your prayers our sick parishioners and all of our loved ones who are ill, including in a special way Lisa Amoruso. Please pray also for all the families, friends, and caregivers of our ill people.

Still needed: Blankets & winter coats (especially for men) are still needed for the homeless. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you



We are grateful to the family of Michael Coletta for donating a beautiful chalice and paten in memory of Mariano "Morrie" Coletta. Peace and blessings.

Football Mania continues ... If you want to check winning numbers from past weeks, please go to our school website: www.stjeromeschool.net/footballmania.htm