

**MASS INTENTIONS**
**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 13, 2010**  
**St. Lucy – Sv. Lucija**

7:30 a.m. Rose Krolo	Diane Krolo
Mile Kodzoman	Debbie
Julia Battaglia	Louis & Mary Scalise
Millie Balich	Caroline

**Tuesday – Utorak, December 14, 2010**

7:30 a.m. Marko & Tona Čondić	Duško
Janja and Andy Samardzic	Mary Vujic
Mary Hrvol	Mary and Thad Doria

**Wednesday – Srijeda, December 15, 2010**

7:30 a.m. Josipa Belan	ob. Ivica Strmić
Frank Reda	Joann & Peter Peso
John Trp	Joan Sipich
Miško Dragušica (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)	ob. Dinko Dragušica
Sam Alano	Joe & El Grzetich

**Thursday – Četvrtak, December 16, 2010**

7:30 a.m. Helen Rak	ob. Petar Pavić
Fr. Ante Grbeš	Albina
Margaret Loscalzo	Ellen O'Donnell
Zaboravljene duše Hrvata u čistilištu	Anica Ostojić

**Friday – Petak, December 17, 2010**

7:30 a.m. Nick Botica	Gen & +John Botica
Joe Bozich	wife & family
Dominic Marino	family

**Saturday – Subota, December 18, 2010**

7:30 a.m. Theresa Hill	Marion
Mary Ruyechan	Agnes Rodich
Katie Catanzara	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Dec. of Mary Mandich family	Perisin family

5:30 p.m. Carmen & Eva Butera	family
Frank & Connie Fratto	Mary Fratto
Michael Krstulovich	Paula & Rose Bratich
Matt & Matty Camardo	Terri & Sam Babich
Rose Boumenot	Rose Ann Gurgone & family
Frances Fratto	sister Rose Ann
Dec. of Thompson & Iozzo fams.	Iozzo family
In thanksgiving	Ginny Vulich

**Sunday – Nedjelja, December 19, 2010**

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić	Duško
Millie Balich	Donna DeGrazia
Nick Calace	Ann Contino
Loretta Zabilka	Bob & Nancy Link

9:30 a.m. John Pavela	Perseghin family
Carmen, Carmella, Tommy LaPapa	daughter/sister
John Ferro	family
Frank Balestri	Midge Palis
Fr. Dudley Day, O.S.A.	Philip Foley
Millie Balich	Bruno & Gael Bertucci
Mary Hrvol	Jean & John Kirinčić
Chris Tukich & pok. ob.	Irene Tukich
Joseph Pacelli & pok. ob.	Irene Tukich
James & Christopher Tukich	Irene Tukich

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

Josip Lišnić (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)	supruga Marija i djeca
Josipa Belan	Živko Knezović i ob.
Vinka Kraljević	June Perryman
Ivan i Draga Dugandžić	kći Zdenka Vasilj i ob.
Tuna i Andrija Štrbić	kći Vesna Mlinarić i ob.
Ilija Golub	ob. Milan Golub
Luca Lišnić	ob. Ivica Hostička
Pok. ob. Čondić	Duško
Pok. ob. Tanfara i Alex	obitelj
Pok. ob. Vidinić i Cecchini	obitelj

**LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**Sat., Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m.** Brian Kenny / Jan Ferro  
**Sun., Dec. 19, 7:30 a.m.** Matt Pesce / Matt Pesce  
**Sun., Dec. 19, 9:30 a.m.** Family Mass / MaryBeth Insalaco  
**Sun., Dec. 19 11:00 p.m.** Anela Kosić, Davorka Toromanović, Milan Žolo

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**Sat., Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m.** Ciambrone, Meo, Wilkie  
**Sun., Dec. 19, 7:30 a.m.** Balazs, Rubio  
**Sun., Dec. 19 9:30 a.m.** Insalaco, J. Moreno, Nowacki  
**Sun., Dec. 19 11:00 a.m.** M. Kosir, K. Hostička, L. Kutleša, J. Dugandžić, A. Ledić, M. Golub

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 ► **Apt. 3030 S. Princeton**, 3<sup>rd</sup> flr., rear, 4 room, 2 bdrms, 1 bath, fully remodeled, hardwood flrs, stove & fridge, 312-671-0308  
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## WEEKLY MEDITATION for Third Sunday of Advent

Today's readings invite us to rejoice at the rebirth of Jesus in our lives as we are preparing for our annual Christmas celebration. Today is called *Gaudete* Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon: "*Gaudete in domino semper*," or in English, "Rejoice in the Lord always." So we light the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath.

The Gospel teaches us something important: John the Baptist had pro-

phetically called Jesus the "Lamb of God," and, in today's Gospel, Jesus says that "among those born of women" there has been no greater prophet than John the Baptist.

And yet when he was imprisoned, John the Baptist asks Jesus through a messenger, "Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?"

In prison, John had serious questions. When we go through difficult times and have serious questions, John

shows that it is good to turn to someone who knows how to answer questions of faith correctly. In hard times, we do not doubt our faith, but in faith we do have questions. We trust in Jesus. We have no doubt about him. We have no doubt that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide his Church united with the Pope into ever-deeper understanding of the serious questions.

Questions in good faith are good. A thousand questions don't amount to one doubt.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

## Advent reconciliation

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 a circle of love. 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.

We carefully define our circles at work and at home.

Some circles nourish; other circles are destructive. The circle of love is broken where there is alienation, misunderstanding, and a hardening of our hearts.

The circle of love is broken where we can't see eye-to-eye or we can't live heart-to-heart.

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill."

*Christmas is coming...  
but...*

Dear friends,



We are heading toward Christmas. It is already the third Sunday of Advent. We light the Advent candles one by one. There is so much joy in this journey towards Christmas. Families will be brought together. People will be joyful again. Maybe only for a short time, or it might be longer. Many people will help those in need. Many hearts will be open to help those in need. Many hearts will be open to the gift of giving. People will, at least for the moment, stop being selfish. They will open themselves to the ocean of love that will enrich their lives, change their hearts and give them peace.

For many people it will be so. It always depends on them. But, there are those for whom Christmas will be a sad, difficult day, without joy, happiness or smiles. Because someone dear to them passed always recently. They are left with emptiness full of memories.

Many will be alone this Christmas time without somebody to share joy, time, Christmas lunch, goodness of their heart or just to hear those simple words: I love you, God loves you. I am with you.

I think of those people these days. I share my Advent and Christmas with them. I pray for them. It is impossible to be with all of them physically, but I know that my spirit and my prayer will be with them.

Therefore I ask you all, let us pause for a moment. Let us be grateful for the gift of life. Let us share our life with those who go through life's difficulties. When we do something with love, we are always given a gift, the gift of love.

Your Fr. Joe [jgrbes@gmail.com](mailto:jgrbes@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING:

Available in the rectory:

- ◆ Christmas cards with the pictures of St. Jerome Church's interior during Christmastime.



- ◆ Beautiful Christmas ornaments with image of St. Jerome's Nativity scene. The cost of these beautiful ornaments is \$10.00. Please do not miss this opportunity to add these ornaments to your collection. They are wonderful keepsakes that display our parish on your Christmas tree.

**We are still accepting winter clothing and blankets for the homeless.** Unfortunately many of the homeless are without adequate coats and blankets. If you can donate old coats and blankets, they would appreciate it.

**We are sending Christmas mailing this week.** If you moved, changed your address, your phone number or e-mail address, please let us know by calling the Rectory at 312-842-1871.

*Flowers* — If you would like to donate flowers for Christmas for our Church, please contact Louis & Mary Scalise, Ken & Jan Zekich, or Ivan & Vesna Jureta. Thank you very much for your generosity.

*The Sick/Homebound* will be visited by our priests before Christmas. Please let us know about if you know of someone at home, in a hospital or other institution who desires the Sacraments, so that we can visit them in this time.

### Old & Beautiful

As we are heading towards the 100 years of St. Jerome, we are working on our parish archives. Our goal is to sort all the documents and to make the whole project digitalized. We have some professionals to help us out. I think this will be a uniquely amazing project. We would like to ask you to share with us any old photos, books, films, documents, community events, your personal family photos or documents that are connected to St. Jerome. Thank you very much for your help.

*Today's Second Collection: Help retired religious Sisters & Brothers.* They took the vow of poverty to help us grow; we can help them as they grow old.

## Upcoming events

**Saturday, December 18th. Croatian School Cardinal Stepinac's Christmas program.** Children perform, sing and dance around the Christmas theme. Everybody welcome. Program starts at 6:30 P.M. in the parish hall.

**Sunday, December 19th. Annual Christmas sacrament of reconciliation evening.** St. Jerome Church 6:00 P.M. Enough priests will be available for everyone to receive this beautiful sacrament.

**Monday, December 20th. St. Jerome School's Christmas program** in our Church at 7:00 P.M. This is beautiful evening with our schoolchildren — come watch them sing. Beautiful voices, beautiful evening!

**Tuesday, December 21st.** We invite you to join us at 6:30 p.m. as we **clean and prepare our church building** for the Christmas holiday. The more who come, the faster we finish! It is so beautiful to do it together, to make an extra effort to make our preparations for Christmas.

## New Year's Eve Celebration

St. Jerome Hall

on December 31st at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 for adults,  
\$25 for youth up to 21 years old,  
children under 10 are free!

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