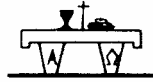


MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 4, 2010**

7:30 a.m. Lou & Mary Basso Jan
 John "Ish" Botica Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Na čast porođenja Isusova ob. Beslić

Tuesday – Utorak, January 5, 2010

7:30 a.m. Josie Hanson Jan & Rich Ferro
 Na nakanu Ivan Jureta

Wednesday – Srijeda, January 6, 2010

7:30 a.m. Nancy Ejnik Ann Contino
 Anthony Kristich Joe & Janice Gio
 Michael LaRochelle Joe & El Grzetich
 Na nakanu N.N.

**Thursday – Četvrtak, January 7, 2010
 Memorial of St. Raymond, priest**

7:30 a.m. Fr. Raymond Maier N.N.
 Special Intentions Fatima Ratnasamy

Friday – Petak, January 8, 2010

7:30 a.m. James Roti Marion
 Marie Masterski M/M Anthony Zivalich

Saturday – Subota, January 9, 2010

7:30 a.m. John "Ish" Botica Mark Gusich family
 Margaret Jackowiak Mary Vujic

5:30 p.m. Mariano Coletta Mary Fratto
 Josie Hanson Bob & Kathy Cannatello
 John "Ish" Botica Peter & Sandy Schurla
 Theresa Miritello Rich & Jan Ferro
 Anthony Rodich ob. Agnes Rodich

**Sunday – Nedjelja, January 10, 2010
 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernadine Čondić Duško
 John Botica M/M Anthony Zivalich
 Morrie Coletta Ann Contino
 Dominic & Lena Marino Chris & Matt Pesce
 Kraslen family Kraslen brothers

9:30 a.m. John Botica Rodriguez-Kozina family
 Josephine Hanson Ele Drozd
 Raymond Biamonte niece
 Phil Lazzaro Mark Gusich
 Bob Ivan Mossman family
 Mike Brcich family

11:00 a.m.

Zdravka Ivezić Ankica Došen
 Petar Tokić ob. Ilija Pavljašević
 Luka Grbavac Božo i Stoja Kosir
 Ivan i Ivanka Štrbić ob. Ivan i Vesna Mlinarić
 Marko Brkić kći Marija i ob.
 Carlos Diaz Stipe Pudar i ob.
 Ante Perdić Nevenka Badrov i ob.
 Victor Bublich kćerke
 Petar Rodić Stipe Tokić i ob.
 Bisera i Luka Tomić ob. Tomić
 Marija Ujčić ob. Valeria Babić
 Ranko Primorac ob. Bešlić
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat., Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m. Michael Passarelli / Jan Ferro
Sun., Jan. 10, 7:30 a.m. Mary Vujic / Rosemary Brcich
Sun., Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass / Mary Beth Insalaco
Sun., Jan. 10, 11 a.m. Andjela Bajić, Kristiana Jurković, Nataša Djebro

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat., Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m. Babich, Garcia, Wroblewski
Sun., Jan. 10, 7:30 a.m. Balazs, Perseghin
Sun., Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m. K. Mangan, M. Mangan, Insalaco
Sun., Jan. 10, 11:00 a.m. Danny Grgić, Dominik Grgić, I. Paraga, M. Kosić, L. Kosić, J. Dugandžić

For Rent:

- ▶ 5 rm apt. 29th Shields, 1&1/2bdrms, central heat/AC, hardwood flr, appl. incl. 312 593 2864
- ▶ Vicinity 31st Wells. Newly remodeled; central heat/AC; hardwood flrs, stove, fridge, washer/dryer. No pets. 312 225 4458 after 5 p.m.
- ▶ A large 2 bedroom apt with 4-season room, large remodeled kitchen and bathroom, 3 blocks from orange line, 30th & Emerald. No pets. Security deposit. 312 404 4609
- ▶ Apts. available in Zagreb, Croatia. Call 312 326 3188 for information.

For Sale

For Sale: Brand New Development - Luxury Brač Seafront Villas with private pools. Located in Splitska, which is a 10 min. ride from Supetar (50 min. ferry ride from Split). Price Range: 470,000-770,000 Euros. Call 708. 769. 5013

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

With the coming of the Magi, the feast of the Epiphany brings everybody together — Jews and Gentiles. Christ is revealed as the Savior of all peoples. Jesus would break down the barrier that existed between the Jews and Gentiles, and, indeed, all barriers are transcended by the message of Jesus.

The Magi were searching for Christ. When they found him they



worshipped him and offered him gifts. The poverty of Jesus helped

to inspired the Magi to open up their treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And instead of being impoverished by giving away those riches, they were enriched by this sharing.

Like the Magi, we come to worship the Christ-child, and we too find ourselves enriched as a result of generously opening up ourselves and knowing and following Jesus.

WISDOM'S CORNER

What are you following?

Christ's Light was not lit once in Bethlehem and then extinguished.

For two thousand years his Light has shone upon the world, and it will continue to shine and guide all who trust in him and follow him.

The Light of Christ is a persistent light, and has the power to draw people to its shining.

It shines in the midst of disasters and upheavals.

It is a defiant light, which no darkness can overpower.

Its purpose is not to condemn us, but to show us the way to the Father's Kingdom,

God the Father has called us out of darkness into the wonderful Light of God the Son.

We must live as children of the Light.

So, let us imitate the Magi and walk in the Light of the Lord!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"It is through giving that we are enriched.
Through giving,
we discover our own riches."

Dear friends,

We are entering a new time, a new year, a new decade. Are you happy with the life you lead? Are you happy with yourself, your values and priorities, your friends? Here is a reflection on some important things in life (it might help shape your New Year's resolutions):



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

Believe in yourself. Our personal selfhood is a gift from the Creator. Love yourself and never let anyone abuse you.

Don't focus on the negatives; accentuate the positives. We have been given so many more good things than bad.

Have your values in order. Only one thing is important—goodness. All values are contained in that one word.

Be generous. A person wrapped up in himself makes a very small package. Generosity always pays off.

Avoid bad temper, anger, and losing control. George Washington said, "Great people are not affected by each puff of ill wind that blows. Like great ships, they sail serenely on, whether in a calm sea or a great tempest."

Stay wise. Don't think the worst of people, but be on guard when someone is trying to take advantage of you.

Be compassionate. Compassion keeps us from judging others and helps us to remember that no one is perfect. Our hearts should contain enough love for other to be able to empathize with them.

Keep a sense of humor. There is nothing like it. Laughter is the safety valve of the mind.

Believe in God. Trusting in God makes life worth living; you know you're a part of something greater than yourself.

Your Father Joe jgrbes@gmail.com

Happy New Year!
May the 2010s
be a blessed decade!

Thank You

For all of your gifts to our parish this Christmas season, and for all of the love you show.

HOMELESS

Blankets and Winter Coats (especially for men) are still needed for the homeless. Thank you for your generosity.

Greater Chicago Food Depository thanks the people of St. Jerome Parish who participated in the "One city, One Food Drive" campaign. This was sponsored by our Youth Service Group. St. Jerome's collected 204 pounds of food that will provide 153 quality meals for the hungry of our city.



Those touching commercials on TV for the Catholic Church urge us to look at the website

www.CatholicsComeHome.org

On this website you and your loved ones can see all of those beautiful commercials, and also learn much more about our Faith from the good Catholic laypeople putting this all together.

Masses: If you wish to have certain Masses scheduled for the anniversaries of your deceased, please let us know as early as possible so that we can avoid scheduling problems, and give you the dates you wish.



*Fr. Aloysius 'Vjeko' Bambir
(1916 - 2009)*



Fr. Aloysius Bambir was born in Uskoplje, March 10, 1916. He completed grade school in Zenica and continued his studies at Siroki Brijeg. In 1934 Fr. Aloysius took his first vows in the novitiate in Humac. He continued his theological studies in Mo-

star where he was ordained a priest June 16, 1940. After his ordination he continued his studies in Canon Law and in 1945 received his doctorate at the Antonianum in Rome. He came to the U.S. on April 17, 1946 where he pursued his pastoral work as the assistant pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Hanover, Pa. (1946-47), at Our Lady of Carmel Church in Camel, Pa. (1947-1948), at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Harrisburg, Pa. (1948-1950), St. Augustine's Parish in West Allis (1950-1955) and then as pastor (1955-1967). Fr. Vjekoslav was also the assistant pastor and then pastor at St. Joseph's Church in St. Louis from 1979-1991. He held many positions within the Custody. Fr. Aloysius was Custos from 1967-1973, the superior at St. Francis Friary in Gulf Breeze from 1973-1977 and as of today holds the position of procurator of the Custody. He has been on the Custodial Board three times (1958-1963; 1979-1982, 1985-1988). His publications include the following: Biography of Fr. Blaz Jerkovic (1952); History of St. Augustine's Parish (West Allis, 1953); "Croatian Franciscan Custody of the Holy Family in the U.S. and Canada" (1977) and History of St. Joseph's Parish (St. Louis, 1979).

Fr. Aloysius died on Tuesday, December 29, 2009. The wake will be at St. Anthony's chapel at Drexel on Monday, January 4 between 5 and 7 P.M. The vigil prayer will be at 7 P.M. The funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, January 5 at 10:30 A.M.

May Father Vjeko rest in God's peace!