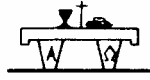


**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 8, 2010**

**7:30 a.m.** Linda Reed Gazzi                      Gazzi family  
 Bob Caponigro                                      Contino family  
 Luca Guvo    Bože Guvo i ob.

**Tuesday – Utorak, March 9, 2010**

**7:30 a.m.** Miljana Rozić                         Stojan Malsać  
 Angeline Sabbia                                 Catherine & Nick Perisin

**Wednesday – Srijeda, March 10, 2010**

**7:30 a.m.** Elsie Milicevich                    Joe & El Grzetic  
 John Botica                                        Lucy Munizzi  
 In honor of St. Leopold Mandić            ob. Tomić

**Thursday – Četvrtak, March 11, 2010**

**7:30 a.m.** Ann Freeman                        Cheryl Tadin  
 Frank Perry                                        Catherine & Nick Perisin

**Friday – Petak, March 12, 2010**

**7:30 a.m.** Mary Zornow                        Frank & Bruno Bilotta  
 Marge & John Sobocan                        Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Ana Krijan   Debbie  
 Rose Crispo                                        Debbie

**7:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross

**Saturday – Subota, March 13, 2010**

**7:30 a.m.** Fr. Theodore Benkovich            the Perisins  
 Angie Lunn                                        Kish family  
 Na nakanu   Ljuba Pervan

**5:30 p.m.** Carmen & Eva Butera             family  
 Kata Botica                                      Gen & +John Botica  
 Morrie Coletta                                 James McPhee  
 Mary & Angelo Pesce                         Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Frank & Anna Annerino                        Gazzi family  
 Mark Bozich                                      Vera & family  
 Philomena Lamb (13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)             daughters  
 Milka Kotarac                                    Kotarac family

**Sunday – Nedjelja, March 14, 2010**

**7:30 a.m.** Evelyn & Sr. Bernadine Čondić    Duško  
 John Botica                                      Mary Tadin  
 Al & Millie Mucenski                         family  
 Vincent Balestri                                Ann Contino  
 Angie Sabbia                                    Bob & Nancy Link  
 Deceased of Kraslen family                Kraslen brothers

**9:30 a.m.** Jean Zekich                         John & Florence Zekich  
 John Segvich                                    Miles Perisin DiCaro  
 Ona & Kazimier Miseikis                    John & Irene Grubisić  
 Rose Liberti                                     Laura & John Perseghin  
 Edna Miglieri                                    Giggie  
 James "Jack" Tukich                         Irene Tukich  
 Family of M/M Joseph Pacelli             Irene Tukich

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

Biserka Marušić                                Tomica i djeca  
 Petar i Ana Lišnić                             Nediljko Lišnić i ob.  
 Petar Rodić                                     Stipe Tokić i ob.  
 Anthony Rodich                                ob. Agnes Rodich  
 Ranko Primorac                                Petar Varvodić  
 Petar Čosić                                     ob. Miro i Ankica Kikaš  
 Marija Ujčić                                    Agnes Rodich  
 George Paljetak (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)             sup. Julia i kći Debbie Trnka i ob.  
 Petar Ratkovic                                 ob. Ana i Zvonko Čabo  
 Ljilja Grgić                                     ob. Tomislav Erkapić  
 Stipan i Leonard Bajić                        Venesa Krpan  
 Pok. ob. Čondić                                Duško  
 Pok. ob. Hostička i Lišnić                    ob. Hostička

## LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Sat., Mar. 13, 5:30 p.m.** Robert Cannatello Jr./Jan Ferro  
**Sun., Mar. 14, 7:30 a.m.** Luanne Munizzi / Matt Pesce  
**Sun., Mar. 14, 9:30 a.m.** Family Mass/ Mary Beth Insalaco  
**Sun., Mar. 14, 11:00 a.m.** Nataša Djebro, Darko Grgić, Kristina Hrvojević

## ALTAR SERVERS:

**Sat., Mar. 13, 5:30 p.m.** Babich, Perseghin, Rubio  
**Sun., Mar. 14, 7:30 a.m.** K. Mangan, M. Mangan  
**Sun., Mar. 14, 9:30 a.m.** M. Meo, R. Meo, J. Moreno.  
**Sun., Mar. 14, 11:00 a.m.** Danny Grgić, I. Paraga, Dominik Grgić, J. Dugandžić, M. Kosić, L. Kosić

**For Rent** ► Vicinity 31<sup>st</sup> 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. for Sale** in Zagreb, Croatia (Crnomerec 40) New Construction - Complete April 2010 Near Hospital & University, Town Center Ilica & Crnomerec Streets Call 312-326-3188

### WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Third Sunday in Lent

The fig tree in today's Gospel story received another chance to bear fruit before it might be cut down. It was not found wanting because it produced *bad* fruit, but because it failed to produce any figs at all.



how often do we ask ourselves the question: "What have I *failed* to do?" The call to repentance is not only a call to turn away from evil, but a call to "produce the fruits" of good living.

us. We are being called from being self-centered, to love God and to love others as we love ourselves.

Jesus' story of the fig tree contains a warning, indicating to us what we may be missing out on, or lacking. For us to have a deeper, richer, and more authentic relationship with Christ, repentance and bearing fruit are vital parts of the process.

We, too, have the chance to repent, before it is too late, but

Jesus began his mission with a call to repentance, and today, through the voice of the Church, the same call is addressed to

### WISDOM'S CORNER

#### The cure

John was hospitalized for a long time in an Army Air Corps hospital. The priest chaplain would bring him the Eucharist each morning and stop at other times to hear his confession. During visits, Father and John would talk quietly so as not to disturb Bob, the soldier in the next bed.

After one particularly long visit from the priest, during which John went to confession, Bob remarked to John, "I know from talking to you that you are quite well educated and intelligent, so I cannot for the life of me understand how you accept a spoon-fed, dictatorial religion in which you must confess your sins, and which insists on interpreting the word of God for you."

John answered, "If you're right that a man must interpret the Bible for himself, then by the same logic you're a fool to be wasting your time in this hospital. There are certainly enough good medical books available to the public for you to analyze your ailment and prescribe your own cure."

*The next time the chaplain stopped by, Bob joined them.*

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#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"No one can take anything for granted.

No one is so secure that he can't fall, and no one is so fallen that he can't be redeemed."

Dear friends,

Everybody encounters problems in life...problems about himself, family, society, job, home, past, present, etc. 'In order to solve our problems we can act so that we just ignore them, or we can openly confront them. The first way is more comfortable, but the second one is more rewarding.' (*Pope Benedict XVI*)

Problems are challenges. They become tests of our wisdom and readiness for life. Problem-solving demand responsibility toward reality and people. We can close our eyes to them and pretend we don't see them, but then they grow bigger. The problems don't diminish with time. Time never solves problems. Time can heal certain wounds, but it can't solve problems.

I often compare problems to my email. I get so much email every week that if I don't respond within a week's time, they accumulate to the point where there is just not enough time to respond to them.

I believe the same is true with problems. If we don't face them or solve them as soon as possible, they have a tendency to grow bigger. Looking for excuses, denying them, or avoiding them to escape the truth only makes them worse.

Lent is particularly a time for honest encounters with ourselves and the truth we so often avoid. Such an attitude will make us free people. Free indeed...

*Your Father Joe*      *jgrbes@gmail.com*



## St. Jerome School HSA Palacinka/Pancake breakfast is March 28 with \$12,000 Raffle

Palm Sunday, March 28, St. Jerome School's HSA holds the annual Palacinka & Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Breakfast and pictures will be available 8 a.m.—12 noon.

Join Us!

For \$8, adults get 2 palacinka (crepes) or 4 pancakes, 4 pieces of bacon or sausage, and a drink. For \$4, kids get a palacinka or 2 pancakes, 2 bacon or sausages, and a drink. Homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will also be available for purchase: \$15 for 1 – 5x7, 2 – 4x6 & 10 wallets. The large raffle table will be full of great prizes. Tickets for the big \$12,000 raffle are now 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> prizes are \$1,500 each, and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> prizes are \$750 each. Baked donations are welcome. For tickets or info, call Eva at 312-842-5485 or Laura at 773-254-0010.



**Anointing of the Sick** will take place on Sunday, March 21 at the end of each Mass. All who are ill in any way and desire to receive this sacrament are invited to come.

The Croatian Woman society, together with all the Croatian parishes in Chicago, will host the annual humanitarian luncheon on Palm Sunday, March 28 in the Croatian Cultural Center. Tickets can be obtained from members of this organization. Proceeds will go to purchase special medical equipment to help children at the hospital in Mostar. For more, consult the web site: [www.hrvatskazena.org](http://www.hrvatskazena.org).

## Next Week's Second Collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Donations collected will help seminaries, parishes and shelters for children and young people in need of housing, education and counseling. Thank you for

This Lent, establish the "virtue," or "good habit," of praying as a family: every night between 6-7 p.m.

*The Croatian American Association* is preparing to celebrate its 20th Anniversary on Saturday, May 22, at the Westin in Downtown Chicago. Please come and reflect on CAA's past, focus on its future, and thank all who have participated in achieving 20 years of milestones and success! For tickets, please contact Jerry Sumera (708-598-3520). Thank you.

### St. Jerome Book Club

**Calling All Book Lovers!** Our next meeting will be **this Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be discussing *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, by Stieg Larsson. **All are welcome!**

### Notre Dame and Mestrovic masterpieces

The young people of our Croatian School will travel to Notre Dame University to view the many masterpieces of the great sculptor Ivan Mestrovic. We will travel by bus Saturday, March 13. All are welcome to come — but please call Ivanka Paraga or the Rectory (312-842-1871) to make arrangements to enjoy this day.

**Congratulations** to St. Jerome parishioner at Queen of Peace High School who made the A Honor Roll: **Nancy Babic, Elena Bilonic & Ozana Paraga.**

### Church Manners Do Matter

#### Food wrappers, food debris litter in pews

Our church is a sacred space. Part of respecting that sacredness is to carefully pick up any food wrappers or food debris (especially Cheerios!) that very little children might leave behind. Then in our sacred space, we can all give our full attention as a community to worshipping God.



**Medjugorje's Ivan Dragicevic is at Holy Name Cathedral this Monday evening.** Come for this special gathering. Mass is at 5:15 p.m. and the evening concludes by 8:30 p.m., all at 735 N. State St.

*If you never tried it, discover the love of God at daily Mass this Lent—at 7:30 a.m.*