

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 19, 2011**

**7:30 a.m.** Frances Fratto (20th Anniv.) niece  
 Mary Ann Romano Romano family  
 Paul Krstulovich Giggie  
 Na čast Srcu Marijinu Luca Grgić

**Tuesday – Utorak, December 20, 2011**

**7:30 a.m.** Ivan Žužić Mr. & Mrs. Jure Krpan  
 Josip Jajčević Josip i Vikica Bilić  
 Ralph Bond Judy Frederick  
 Marin Condic Kuma Yvonne

**Wednesday – Srijeda, December 21, 2011**

**7:30 a.m.** Ann Kotarac Kay Siani  
 Josip Strmečki Dee Dee  
 Frank & Antonetta Scopacasa Theresa and Jane  
 Marie Sestito Rose Marie Sestito  
 Jay Rogosich family

**Thursday – Četvrtak, December 22, 2011**

**7:30 a.m.** Joseph Di Piazza JoAnn & Peter Peso  
 William Ruyechan Albina and Paul Marasovich  
 Betty & Dom Aiello Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Fr. Pierre Barr Haptas family

**Friday – Petak, December 23, 2011**

**7:30 a.m.** Jack Vienni Ivan & Ines Kutleša  
 Dave and Brian Ruzich Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Na nakanu ob. Ivan i Karlo Karačić

**Christmas Eve, Sat. – Subota, Dec. 24, 2011**

**7:30 a.m.** Pro populo

**5:00 p.m.** John "Ish" Botica Ken, Jan & John Zekich  
 Joe & Jean Zekich Ken, Jan & John  
 Uncle Luka Botica Ken Jan & John Zekich  
 Mary Grace Zekich Ken Jan & John  
 Peter Perisin wife & family  
 Eugene Dengler wife  
 Kim Hall Mangan family  
 Helen Rose & Lucky Olsen granddaughter Karli  
 Nicola Salerno Gerard Fratto  
 Leroy Caputo niece Karli  
 Papa Ralph Ferro granddaughter Karli  
 Mary Jean & Donald Gillespie niece Karli  
 Dec. of Marasovich family family  
 Dec. of Babich & Iozzo fam. Sam & Terri Babich

**12 Midnight Mass – Pro populo**

**Christmas Day, Sun. – Nedjelja, Dec. 25, 2011**

**7:30 a.m.** Nick LoCoco family  
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško  
 Carmella Barbara children  
 Vito Barbara children  
 Mike Iozzo Iozzo family  
 James Gurgone wife & children  
 Visko & Clara Cecich family  
 William & Mary Catizone children & grandchildren  
 John Segvich wife Helen  
 Pauline Munizzi Pam, Mark, Debbie &  
 Dec. of John Mladinov fam. grandsons Tony, Matthew & Mark family

**9:30 a.m.** Filip Majic Majic family  
 Joseph & Millie Bogetich family  
 Fr. Marko Kozina Marasovich girls  
 Maria Ann Gazzi Gazzi family  
 Gene & Ruth Gazzi Gazzi family  
 Tom & Mary Byrnes Gazzi family  
 Frank, Rose & Chuckie Cortese Giggie  
 Dec. of Bozich and Cerina fam. Vera & family  
 Dec. of Becich family Giggie

**11:00 a.m. – u spomen**

Tome i Marta Bulić Josip i Kata Bajzec  
 Ante i Mara Pavelić Bože Guvo  
 Robert Jurlina Jurlina family  
 Vjeko i Ivo Gregor obitelj  
 Josipa Lovrinović Ivo i djeca  
 Ivan Babic Valeria Babic  
 Petar i Joza Zelić Ante Zelić i ob.  
 Rafo Rogić Željka i obitelj  
 Milica Tallo ob. Vuk  
 Ruža Zeba Zeba family  
 Ivan i Ljubica Zeba ob. Marko Zeba  
 Ljiljana i Anton Beritić ob. Martinić  
 Mate i Šima Vasilj sin Andrija Vasilj  
 Ivan i Draga Dugandžić kći Zdenka Vasilj  
 Thomas Hostička ob. Hostička  
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško  
 Pok. ob. Lončar ob. Lončar  
 Pok. ob. Brajković Neva Zelić i ob.  
 Pok. ob. Čačić ob. Spahija  
 Na nakanu Ljuba Pervan i ob.

**LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sat., Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m.** TBA / Mary Beth Insalaco  
**Sat., Dec. 24, Midnight** - Tomislav Kikaš, Ozana Paraga, TBA  
**Sun., Dec. 25, 7:30 a.m.** TBA / Matt Pesce  
**Sun., Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m.** TBA / Ellen Ryan  
**Sun., Dec. 25, 11:00 a.m.** Mara Kosir, Mario Ivančić

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat., Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.** Mangan, Valenti, Wroblewski  
**Sun., Dec. 25, 7:30 a.m.** Meo, Sandoval  
**Sun., Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m.** Bova, Nowacki, Babich  
**Sun., Dec. 25, 11:00 a.m.** K. Hostička, J. Dugandžić, L. Kutleša, A. Hostiška, A. Ledić, M. Karačić

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 ► **Apt. 36<sup>th</sup> Lowe**, 6 rms, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, hardwood fl., central heat & a/c, washer & dryer. 312- 603- 5931.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

The time is almost here. We are in the fourth Sunday of Advent. The king of glory enters into the lives of those who open their doors before him. On this Sunday we think about our relationships with others. Are we tough to deal with? Are we a joy? Do we lift people up? Who are the ones that

look forward to being with us? Who do we look forward to seeing? Do we fill the lives of others with happiness or do we burden them down? Do others avoid us? Love us? Want to spend time with us? Do we ever look ourselves in the mirror and examine ourselves to the depths of our souls? What

are our friends like? Are our friendships with these people based on our selfish interests in what they can do for us or what can they give us, but we still call them friends? Who are we? Our relationships with others weigh heavily on our character and on the quality of our lives!

## Our Holy Land pilgrims walking in His footsteps

*Fifth in a series*

### Day 4: Friday, Nov. 4

After lunch we walk through the Jewish quarter of the Old City (which is exceptionally clean) and make our way to the **Western Wall**, or **Wailing Wall** as it is also called. We pass through security and spend some time at the Wall, which is an open-air synagogue and a most sacred place for Jews. The men's and women's prayer spaces are segregated at the Wall - men on the left side, women on the right side. According to Jewish tradition, this is the site where God requested that Abraham sacrifice his son Isaac upon a rock. The great Temple of Jerusalem was built over this rock, and the Ark of the Covenant was kept in its Holy of Holies. It became the holiest place in the entire world for Jews. The site is significant for Christians as well because Jesus was presented in this Temple after his birth, and in his later years, he often visited the Jerusalem Temple and



At the Wailing Wall, where men must cover their head

prayed there. The Temple was totally destroyed in 70 A.D. by the Roman army and the Jews were never again allowed to rebuild it. The Western Wall is the only remnant of that great Jewish Temple, and Jews revere it as a place where God dwells with them in a very special way, already for thousands of years. Today, a golden-domed mosque, called the Dome of the Rock, stands on that site. After leaving the Western Wall, we get caught in the rain again as we make our way to **Zion Gate**, where we exit the Old City, and make our way to the area of Jerusalem called **Mount Zion**.

Our first stop on Mount Zion is the site that commemorates the **Upper Room**. This site is not the actual Upper Room, but is built over the area where it is believed that the Upper Room was located. Next we visit **Dormition Abbey**, where it is believed

that Mary "fell asleep." We visit both the upper and lower part of the church. In the lower part of the church there is a statue of Mary "asleep." After this we proceed to our next site, the Franciscan chapel that commemorates the Upper Room, where Fr. Ivan celebrates Mass. The Franciscans built this chapel so that groups can have a place to celebrate Mass, in remembrance of the Last Supper that happened in the Upper Room.

After Mass we walk a few blocks to the area of Jerusalem called the **City of David**, where we visit the **Church of St. Peter Gallicantu**. The name Gallicantu means "the cock crows" in Latin. This church was built over the ruins of the palace of the high priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was held overnight after his arrest. It is also the place where Peter denied the Lord

three times, hence the name for the church, St. Peter "the Cock Crows." Today a golden rooster protrudes prominently from the sanctuary roof. Next to the church are the **Holy Stairs**. They were a main thoroughfare through ancient Jerusalem and were the way that Jesus would have walked to get to and from Caiaphas's house after his arrest. We look at them in silent awe. These are the steps upon which my Lord walked. This is the place where Jesus spent the last night of his earthly life, in a dark room, deep in the earth, waiting for his destiny to be decided by the men in power. This is a life changing moment. Silence is the best description of everyone's feelings. We get on the bus to go back to our hotel. It is a silent ride. Everyone is overwhelmed.

During dinner at the Notre Dame, Fr. Ivan runs into Bishop Paul Swain, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Bishop Swain was Fr. Ivan's pastor in his home town of Madison, Wis. Interesting.

**Your Father Joe** —  
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### **Sunday, Dec. 18, the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Several priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation THIS SUNDAY, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in our church.

### **Monday, Dec. 19, Visits to the Sick**

Homebound parishioners and their loved ones receive the sacrament in their preparation for Christmas. Call Rectory to arrange visit.

### **Tuesday, Dec. 20, St. Jerome School Pageant**

St. Jerome School presents its annual Christmas program this Tuesday in our church. Concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Dec. 21, Church cleaning**

We invite you to help us make our church ready for Christmas. Church cleaning will be this Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. The more who come, the faster we finish!

### **Christmas flowers**

If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers, please see Mary & Louis Scalise or Jan & Kenny Zekich.

### **Cards and ornaments**

The St. Jerome Christmas cards and ornaments are available in the rectory. Our personalized ornaments will make a great gift for your family and friends.

## **St. Jerome Parish Christmas Schedule**

***Christmas Eve, December 24*** — The Children's Mass **5:00 P.M.**

***Christmas Eve Midnight Mass*** — 12 Midnight

***Christmas Day — Sunday, Dec. 25*** 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

### ***New Year's Eve — Saturday, December 31, 2011***

Mass of Thanksgiving **6:00 P.M.**

***New Year's Day — Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012*** 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

### **Offertory envelope boxes**

The 2012 collection envelopes are located in the back of church. We ask you to pick them up as soon as possible. If there are any errors, please let us know by calling or stopping in the rectory.

### **Calendars**

We thank Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home for once again sponsoring the printing of our 2012 wall calendars. You may pick them up in the back of church.

### **Announcing parish Bible study**

Last month we had first parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In January 2012 we will begin a Great Adventure with the Bible: our parish will

offer the famous Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study, covering the whole Bible. This Bible study series is well-known for its quality, its faithfulness and its lively, engaging style. Let us know if you are interested! *Watch for the announcement of our organizational meeting.*

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