

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 12, 2011**

7:30 a.m. Rozalija Galić Louis & Mary Scalise
 Lucy Vuleta Club Poljica
 Margaret Loscalzo Ellen O'Donnell
 Duše za koje nitko ne moli Josip i Vikica Bilić i ob.

**Tuesday – Utorak, December 13, 2011
St. Lucy / Sv. Lucija**

7:30 a.m. Rose Krolo family
 Zvonko Jajčević Josip i Vikica Bilić i ob.
 Mile Kodzoman Debbie
 In thanksgiving to St. Lucy Mary Fratto

**Wednesday – Srijeda, December 14, 2011
St. John of the Cross / Sv. Ivan od Kriza**

7:30 a.m. Marko i Tona Čondić Duško
 Mary Pinotti Ross Valenti
 Marin Condic kuma Yvonne
 Na odluku sv. Anti Nevenka Badrov

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 15, 2011

7:30 a.m. Ivan Žužić Mr. & Mrs. Nikola Hrvojević
 Ann Kotarac Anthony & Matthew Scalise
 Miško Dragušica Dinko i ob.
 Special intentions Dee Dee

Friday – Petak, December 16, 2011

7:30 a.m. Pauline Munizzi M/M Matt Babich
 David Ruzich Matt & Chris Pesce
 Na nakanu ob. Ivan i Karlo Karačić

Saturday – Subota, December 17, 2011

7:30 a.m. Dominick Marino family
 Mary Ann Romano Donna DeGrazia
 Mary Secor Cathy & Andrew
 Na nakanu Gospi Vera i Hrvoje Čosić

5:30 p.m. Tony & Frances Fratto family
 Carmen & Eva Butera family
 Barry Babich Mom, Dad, Lisa, Chris
 Frank & Connie Fratto Mary Fratto
 Frank & Anna Annerino Gazzini family
 Louis & Mary "Peggy" Bajich Debbie & Joe Magyar
 Joe Bozich wife & family
 Rosa & Antonio Cianflone Rosa Folino
 Dec. Thompson & Iozzo fam. Iozzo family

Sunday – Nedjelja, December 18, 2011

7:30 a.m. Sam Contino Ann Contino
 Phyllis Contino Ann Contino
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško
 Frances Fratto (20th Anniv.) Rose Ann
 Mary Ann Romano Camille & Mike Kristich
 Paul Krstulovich (month's anniv.) loving daughter

9:30 a.m. Jay Rogosich Anna & Matt Babich
 Ann Kotarac Jim & Maryann Saracco
 Samuel Biamonte family
 Carmen, Carmella & Tommy LaPapa daughter
 Barbara Willis John & Kathy Giaccone
 Pauline Munizzi friends
 Paul Krstulovich Maria and Miriam Rodriguez
 In thanksgiving Ginny Vulich

11:00 a.m. – u spomen

Josip Lišnić supruga Marija i ob.
 Nine Braovac Ivan i Ines Kutleša
 Zvonimir Gović Luka i Dragica Bajić
 Iva Erkapić ob. Tomislav Erkapić
 Jerina Lišnić Nedjeljko Lišnić i ob.
 Rafo Rogić nećakinja Vjera
 Mile Lovrić ob. Čosić
 Marica i Vicko Glunčić Vicko Glunčić
 Agnes Ratkovich (38th Anniv.) Ann Komar & fam.
 Marija Stephens ob. Pudar
 Nikola i Veso Čuvalo Dragica Karačić
 Mate i Ivanica Zoko sin Nediljko i ob.
 Mate i Ana Popović kći Milka Lišnić
 Ranko Markotić sin Ante i ob.
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
 Na nakanu Anđa Novak

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m. Robert Cannatello Jr. / Jan Ferro

Sun., Dec. 18, 7:30 a.m. Emmett Turney / Resemary Brcich

Sun., Dec. 18, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass / MaryBeth Insalaco

Sun., Dec. 18, 11:00 a.m. Marko Mamić, Anđela Bajić, Mario Pehar

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m. Babich, Ciambone, Valenti,

Sun., Dec. 18, 7:30 a.m. Balazs, Perseghin

Sun., Dec. 18, 9:30 a.m. Bova, Nowacki, Wilkie

Sun., Dec. 18, 11:00 a.m. K. Hostička, M. Kosić, L. Kosić, A. Hostička, M. Golub, L. Draženović.

For Rent

► **Apt. 30th Emerald**, 2 bdrms, newly remodeled, washer & dryer on location, call 312 375 5323

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

► **Apt. 2-Bdrm**, Dining Rm, front rm, kitchen. 312-282-0097

► **Apt. 29th Shields**, 5 rms, 2 bdrm, just painted, new carpeting, central heat & a/c, ceiling fans, blinds. 312-593-2864.

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Third Sunday of Advent

The **third candle**, for the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally Pink or Rose, and symbolizes **Joy** at the coming of the Christ. It is called *Gaudate* in Latin. It marks a shift from the more solemn tone of the



first two Sundays of Advent that focus on Preparation and Hope, to a more joyous atmosphere of anticipation and expectancy. Some-

times the colors of the sanctuary and vestments are also changed to Rose for this Sunday.

It is the time to prepare ourselves for His coming into our lives.

Our Holy Land pilgrims walking in His footsteps

Fourth in a series

Day 4: Friday, Nov. 4

After the rain lets up a little bit, we proceed to the **Chapel of the Flagellation** and the **Chapel of Condemnation**, where we begin the **Via Dolorosa** (Latin for "Way of Suffering") and receive the cross that we ourselves carry through the streets of the Old City, following the path that Jesus took on His way to Calvary. We pray the first nine Stations of the Cross while walking through the streets of Jerusalem, taking turns carrying the cross. We pray this Via Dolorosa as we pass by vendors, shops, garbage piles, filth on the streets and the general chaos of this tightly packed city. The streets of Jerusalem feel, smell and look like they did in the time of Jesus. The crowds, the shouting, the spitting, the disrespect, filth all around...it is so easy to feel and understand Good Friday. Again this fifth Gospel teaches a lesson because this was

exactly as it was in Jesus' time. We see that in fact, nothing has changed. We pray the last five Stations of the Cross in the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, at Calvary. This day we spend in Jerusalem feels like Good Friday, it is a cloudy, rainy, overcast, depressing day. Interestingly enough, every other day we spend here is sunny and beautiful. After completing the Via Dolorosa, Fr. David takes us around the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to show us around and explain to us everything that is inside of it.



The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is the place of Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection. This is the holiest site in all of Christianity. We touch the stone of Calvary, where Jesus was crucified. Silence. Whispered prayers. Encased in glass is the rock of Calvary, which split in two at the time of Jesus' death (due to an earthquake). We descend from Calvary to

touch the stone of anointing, where His dead body was anointed in preparation for His burial. A few feet away a perpetual candle marks the place where Mary and the women of Jerusalem looked upon the crucified Christ. We stand in silent awe as we contemplate what their eyes beheld and what their hearts endured. Just a few feet away we visit

the empty tomb of Jesus. Words are insufficient. Silence alone can speak here. Close to Jesus' tomb, we can see the tombs where bodies of criminals were thrown. A hundred yards away from the tomb of Jesus is the place where Mary Magdalene met the Risen Christ. How amazing it is to reflect on the incredible joy of that encounter, at the site where it actually hap-

pened. The fifth Gospel speaks to us every place we go. Two levels down, deep in the earth is the chapel of St. Helena, the place where St. Helena found the True Cross upon which Jesus was crucified. St. Helena found three crosses at that site. According to tradition, in order to identify which of these three crosses was the True Cross of Christ, she brought a sick man to the place and touched him with the wood of each of these three crosses. The touch of one of the crosses healed him. In that way, she was able to identify the True Cross of Christ. What a powerful lesson to ponder – the healing power of the Cross of Christ.

We take another group picture on the steps just outside of the church. Outside the church we meet a young woman, Ivana, from the University of Split Medical School. Interesting. She joins us for the rest of the day. We then have lunch at an outdoor falafel/shawarma place in the Old City.

Your Father Joe —
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Christmas mailing/Centennial book

Our annual Christmas mailing contains the following:

- St. Jerome's Christmas card, that is a bit different this year.
- Christmas Season schedule of services.
- A very important insert about our Centennial - Year Book. Please read this carefully. You are invited to send your family's or your business's well-wishes or ads. The letter is self-explanatory.



Baptism

Today we welcome Cru Steven Lisnich, son of Philip Lisnich and Angela nee Soer. The Godparents are Marko and Irena Brajkovic. Congratulations to the Lisnich family.

December 14, Midway Airport

Our St. Jerome children's choir will perform a Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 12:30 at Midway Airport. Please join us, give support to our children and enjoy the concert!

December 17, Croatian School

Croatian School Cardinal Stepinac presents their annual Christmas program in our hall on Saturday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m.

December 18, the Sacrament of Reconciliation

A few priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation on the 4th Sunday of Advent, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in our church.

December 20, St. Jerome School

St. Jerome School presents its annual Christmas program on Tuesday, December 20 in our church. Concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

December 21, Church cleaning

We invite you to help us make our church ready for Christmas. Church cleaning will be on Wednesday, December 21, at 6:30 p.m.

THIS week's 2nd collection is to support Retired Sisters, Brothers & Priests from Religious Orders.

Christmas flowers

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

Weightwatchers at St. Jerome's

New program offered: \$39.95 monthly pass (can attend any Weightwatchers meeting and get weighed in). **20 people needed to begin program.** Where: St. Jerome's small hall (behind the church). When: **Tuesdays, 6 p.m.** Please call to sign in: 312 282 0097. New program starts Dec 6. *Great time to get fit and learn to eat healthy during the Holidays.*

CLOTHING DRIVE for the Homeless

continues in our parish. Please bring blankets and coats to our church entry area or to the Rectory.

St. Jerome Centennial tour of Croatia

St. Jerome's opened the Jubilee year with our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Now, one more trip is planned. Our parishioner Louis Scalise is planning a centennial trip from our community to Croatia, visiting Zagreb, Opatija, the Plitvice lakes, Split, Trogir, Medjugorje, historic Dubrovnik, etc. The trip will take place June 27 to July 9, 2012. If interested, please contact Louis Scalise at 312 287 3454 ASAP. (26 people have already signed up.)

Thank you

Our Children's choir had an excellent performance at the City hall. Congratulations to Mr. Haptas and all the children. Special thanks to Ann Marie Gazzi for her great help in organizing this event at the City hall.