

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 5, 2011**

7:30 a.m. Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce
 Mary & Angelo Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce
 Barbara Wilkie family
 Lauren Stranczek family
 Na nakanu Ivan Maroš i ob.

Tuesday – Utorak, December 6, 2011
St. Nick's Day – sv. Nikola, biskup

7:30 a.m. Bob Martin Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Vinko i Stana Delich Mary Fratto
 Vito Barbara children
 Health of Donna Moriarty Leland
 Na nakanu ob. Karlo Karačić

Wednesday – Srijeda, December 7, 2011

7:30 a.m. Marko Bilić Josip i Vikica Bilić i ob.
 Mary Ann Romano Kotarac family
 Pavica & Jakov Pivac Jane & Jack
 Frank Tinnes Joe & El Grzetich
 Jocko Becich sister Giggie

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 8, 2011

Immaculate Conception of Mary – Bezgrješno Začeće BDM
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

7:30 a.m. Marko & Tona Čondić Duško
 Barbara Willis Sabbia family
 Na nakanu Luca Šego

9:30 a.m. Marie Davino Perisin grandchildren
 Jack Platt (2nd Anniv.) family

7:00 p.m. Pro populo – for parish's living & deceased

Friday – Petak, December 9, 2011

7:30 a.m. Nick LoCoco family
 Ann Kotarac Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kristich
 Michael Haugh Giggie Cortese
 Dominick Bruno Patrick Botica

Saturday – Subota, December 10, 2011

7:30 a.m. Gene Sullivan Dengler Jr. family
 Julia Frigan Cathy and Andrew
 Djeca umrla pri rođenju Josip i Vikica Bilić i ob.
 Na nakanu sv. Ivi Milica Čosić
 Na nakanu ob. Karlo Karačić

5:30 p.m. Dorothy Lasker Joe & Lucy Ciaccio
 Jozo Rodić ob. Agnes Rodich
 Stanley Szatkowski Szatkowski family
 James Gurgone wife and family
 Jennie Catizone Cathy Amato
 Eva Medrano Carmen Catizone & family
 John Foley Sr. family
 Dominick Bruno Maria and Miriam Rodriguez

Sunday – Nedjelja, December 11, 2011

7:30 a.m. Ivan & Kata Vujic Mary Vujic
 Janja & Andy Samardžić Mary Vujic
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško
 Al & Millie Mucenski family
 Dec. of Kraslen family Kraslen brothers

9:30 a.m. Barbara Willis Regina Zielinski
 Frank Balestri Jr. wife Marie Balestri
 Jay Rogosich Terese & Martin Broerman
 Ann Kotarac Ginny Vulich
 Mary Jane Caserio cousin Giggie
 Vinko & Stana Delich Giggie

11:00 a.m. – u spomen

Franjo Tuđman Bože Guvo
 Ivan Guvo Bože Guvo
 Augustin Rodich Ante Sipich
 Andrija i Luca Lišnić sin Tomislav i ob.
 Peter Pivac ob. Luka Bečić
 Boško Obradović (25th Anniv.) Ruža Šumera i ob.
 Ivan Žužić kći Željka Adelman i ob.
 Biserka Marušić Tomica i djeca
 Luca i Jozo Galić Kata Žignić
 Anđelko Lišnić Nedjeljko Lišnić i ob.
 Jerina Lišnić sestra Vjera
 Josip Lišnić ob. Pudar
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. ob. Žignić ob. Žignić
 Pok. ob. Žgela Mare Žgela
 Pok. ob. Belan i Kralj ob. Ivan i Ljubica Belan

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m. Jan Ferro / Jan Ferro
Sun., Dec. 11, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce / Matt Pesce
Sun., Dec. 11, 9:30 a.m. Kica DiVito / Ellen Ryan
Sun., Dec. 11, 11:00 a.m. Darko Grgić, Deni Grgić,
 Kristina Hrvojević

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m. Insalaco, Perseghin, Wilkie,
Sun., Dec. 11, 7:30 a.m. Meo, Nowacki
Sun., Dec. 11, 9:30 a.m. Ciabrone, Mossman,
 Sandoval
Sun., Dec. 11, 11:00 a.m. M. Kosir, Dominik Grgić,
 A. Ledić, Deni Grgić, Darko Grgić Jr.

For Rent

► **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.
 ► **Apt. 33rd Lowe**, 5-Rm, 3 Bdrm., h/w flrs,
 Appliances, \$975 plus utilities & sec. 773-852-4244

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Second Sunday of Advent

Advent is the time of personal reflections as we walk through Advent and light the four Advent candles let us think about the four important realities in our lives.

- A) Our own self and our own individual spirituality.
B) Our families, the place we

- call home. The contributions we make and the problems we create.
C) The question of forgiveness and peace. Both of them are important to each one of us. How we manage them or resolve them is fundamentally important.



- D) Our relationships with others define our character, our destiny, and our life in general.

Let us take time during these four weeks of Advent to think about these four categories of our lives.

Our Holy Land pilgrims walking in His footsteps

Third in a series

Day 3: Thurs., Nov. 3

After Mass in the Church of the Agony, we board our bus and return to the Notre Dame Center for lunch and a little rest. Some stay back at the Notre Dame, while others go with Fr. David to a falafel and shawarma cafe right inside the New Gate (this will be our standard lunch menu over the next 10 days, as it is in the entire Middle East).

In the afternoon, we drive to the town of **Ein Kerem**, about a 20-minute drive from our hotel. First we climb a tall hill to visit the **Church of the Visitation**, where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, and where Mary spoke her famous "Magnificat" (*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...*). In the courtyard we again see colorful plaques with this great prayer written in different languages. We find both the Croatian plaque and the English one. They happen to be right next to each other. St. Luke describes Mary's visitation in

detail in 1:39-56.

This Judean countryside is beautiful, quite different from Jerusalem. It's all green, with picturesque hills and valleys. The church that marks the site of the Visitation is high up on a hill. At the bottom of the hill is a well that is called Mary's well. The water is still fresh and running.

Next we walk back down the hill and visit the **Church of St. John the Baptist**, where Elizabeth's son John was born. Again we see plaques on the walls of the courtyard, with the prayer of his father, Zachariah, which is known as Zachariah's Canticle (Luke 1:67-79). We again find the American and Croatian plaques. Inside the church we are able to venerate the place of John's birth, marked by a star, located in a lower level crypt chapel to the left of the main altar. After Ein Kerem, we drive to **Bethlehem** to do some shopping at a shop owned by several Palestinian Christian families.

Day 4: Friday, Nov. 4

We begin our day by driving the short distance from the Notre Dame Center to the entry through the wall

of Jerusalem called the **Lion's Gate**, also known as **St. Stephen's Gate** (where St. Stephen was martyred, a killing abetted by Saul, who would later convert and become St. Paul). Upon entering the Old City of Jerusalem, our first stop is the **Church of St. Anne**, where tradition holds that the Virgin Mary was born. First we visit the lower level cave, believed to be the place of her birth. Then we return to the upper level, where we sing *Immaculate Mary* and *Zdravo Djevo*. This is the most acoustic church in the Holy Land. The acoustics are so perfect that the church is virtually a musical instrument to be played by the human voice. Pilgrim

groups come to sing in the church because of this. Just imagine - this church was built in the 12th century. When you stand inside and hear the voices and see the stone structure, you just stand there in awe! Next to the church are the ruins of the **Pools of Bethesda**, where Jesus cured a

paralytic, which you can read about in John 5:1-15. John is very detailed in his account. The pool of Bethesda was a rainwater reservoir in ancient Jerusalem, to which people with a variety of illnesses would come because the waters were believed to have healing powers. The paralytic whom Jesus healed had been ill for 38 years. We read aloud that passage and look upon the remains of the pool.



Jesus walked these very same paths. It is impossible to put this into words, in any language. Before leaving the Church of St. Anne, it begins to rain, so we huddle in a covered area by the entrance to the site. Nobody is bothered by this because our spirits are full of joy.

Christmas mailing/Centennial book

Dear parishioners,

Soon you will receive our Christmas mailing, which will contain the following:

- A) St. Jerome's Christmas card, that is a bit different this year.
- B) Christmas Season schedule of services.
- C) 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.

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.)

St. Jerome Home/School Association has Dinner with Santa on Dec. 10

Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 4-8 p.m. at St. Jerome School. Dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Dinner includes: salad, mostaccioli, sausage or meatballs, 1 beverage and 1 dessert. Beer, wine, and specialty drinks will also be available. Featured is our spectacular raffle table. Our picture package with Santa is only \$15 and includes (1-5x7, 2-4x6, & 10 wallets).

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a home cooked meal, in a festive atmosphere. Any questions please call the school office at 312-842-7668.

If you would like to donate a baked goods, please fill out the form in the back of church. You can return the form to the school office or place it in the collection basket. Thank you for all your support!

Get gifts for poor and/or sick children from the Advent Giving Tree in the back of church. Please read the cards carefully to see the due date and whether gift should be wrapped or not.



Children's choir to sing at City Hall
St. Jerome Children choir will perform a Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 12 noon in City Hall. Please join us, give support to our children and enjoy the concert!

Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception

This Thursday, Dec. 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, honoring Mary's being conceived without Original Sin. The Masses are at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. There will be no vigil Mass on Wednesday.

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.*

Our kids, our school, our pride...

It's nice to be from St. Jerome's...just look below...

Congratulations to former St. Jerome student **Jessie Racinowski** on being on Honor Roll at Mother McAuley High School.

Congratulations to **Maria Babich, Kira Bezak, Alyssa Dengler** and **Adriana Kraljevic** on being on the Honor Roll at Trinity High School.

We also congratulate **Alyssa Dengler, Kira Bezak** and **Rianna Meo** for their successes in the basketball program at Trinity High School. Out of 500 kids, these three from St. Jerome's always make the top rankings.

Letter of Intent Signed: St. Jerome alum **Alyssa Dengler** has decided to continue her basketball career at the collegiate level by accepting a 4-year full scholarship offer from Lewis University. Alyssa signed her NCAA National Letter of Intent on Nov. 9 after considering scholarship offers from a number of other schools. Congratulations!

We are very proud of our former students and wish them continued success in life.

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

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