

**MASS INTENTIONS****Christmas Eve, Mon. – Ponedj., Dec. 24, 2012**

7:30 a.m. Michael & Mariano family  
 5:00 p.m. Debbie Thome mom & dad  
 Frank Bologna and Angeline Rubio mom Linda  
 John "Ish" Botica Ken, Jan & John Zekich  
 Joe & Jean Zekich Ken, Jan & John Zekich  
 Mary Grace Zekich Ken, Jan & John Zekich  
 Luka Botica Ken, Jan & John Zekich  
 Georgeann Ferro Patricia & Andy Sperando  
 Tomislav Hostićka, Stipe & Lenny Bajić ob. Hostićka  
 Andrija & Luca Lišnić ob. Hostićka  
 Ana Sestan ob. Hostićka  
 Vinko & Ankica Bublic ob. Hostićka  
 Helen Rose & Lucky Olson granddaughter Karli  
 Mary Jean & Donald Gillespie niece Karli  
 Leroy Caputo niece Karli  
 Georgeann & Ralph Ferro granddaughter Karli  
 Dec. of Ivan Marasovich family family

**12 Midnight – Polnoćka** Pro populo – for the people

**Christmas Day, Tue. – Utorak, Dec. 25, 2012**

7:30 a.m. Mary Ann Romano Romano family  
 Nick LoCoco family  
 James Gurgone wife  
 William & Mary Catizone children & grandchildren  
 Mike Iozzo Iozzo family  
 John Segvich wife Helen  
 Vito & Carmella Barbara family  
 Dec. of John Mladinov family Ben  
 9:30 a.m. Maria Ann Gazzi Gazzi family  
 Thomas & Mary Byrnes Gazzi family  
 Gene & Ruth Gazzi Gazzi family  
 Joseph & Millie Bogetich family  
 Fr. Marko Kozina Carol & Frano Marasovich  
 Dec. of Becich family Giggie  
 Dec. Bozich and Čerina fam. Vera Bozich & fam.  
 Dec. Amato, Tarantino, Catizone fam. Cathy Amato

11:00 a.m. Ivo Lijović ob. Josip i Anđa Novak  
 Ema Novak ob. Josip i Anđa Novak  
 Robert Jurlina Jurlina family  
 Mara i Ivan Kovačević Ante Zelić i ob.  
 Rafo Rogić supruga Željka  
 Rozalija Galić Mladen Galić  
 Niko Čosić ob. Čosić  
 Marija Galović suprug Ante  
 Pok. ob. Lončar ob. Ante i Anica Lončar  
 Pok. ob. Petar Zelić Ante Zelić i ob.  
 Pok. ob. Luka Brajković Neva Zelić i ob.

**Wednesday – Srijeda, December 26,  
St. Stephen, first martyr – sv. Stjepan prvomučenik**

7:30 a.m. Stipan Budich daughter Kay Siani  
 Duše u čistilištu ob. Ante Zelić

**Thursday – Četvrtak, December 27, 2012  
St. John, apostle – sv. Ivan, apostol**

7:30 a.m. Margaret Marcello Pace family  
 Gabe Caponera Catherine & Nick Perisin

**Friday – Petak, December 28, 2012**

7:30 a.m. Fr. Anton Zivic, ofm George Rozman  
 Angela Zuniga Catherine & Nick Perisin

**Saturday – Subota, December 29, 2012**

7:30 a.m. Lawrence Stark Debbie  
 Joan Scheltens Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Carol Crosby Catherine & Nick Perisin

5:30 p.m. Art Pinotti Terri & Sam Babich  
 Catherine Munizzi Luanne & Frank  
 Margaret Haptas Wroblewski fam.  
 Mike Basilli Amoruso family  
 Thomas Carron Ray Spizzirri

**Sunday – Nedjelja, December 30, 2012**

7:30 a.m. Tom & Bev McGill Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško

9:30 a.m. Gabe Caponera Carol & Kevin Mangan  
 Christopher & James Tukich Tukich family  
 Mr. & Mrs. Chris Tukich & fam. Tukich family  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pacelli Tukich family  
 Annamarie (Lena) Pacelli sister Irene

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

Zvonimir Gović Luka i Dragica Bajić  
 Rozalija Galić ob. Ivo Kosir  
 Fr. Jerry Kućan ob. Ivica Penavić  
 Stana Erceg kći Nevenka i ob.  
 Josip Milich Tim i Ljubica McCartney sa sinom  
 John Nagy Marija Lisnich & fam.  
 Nick i Anica Špehar ob. Špehar  
 Mijo Žaper ob. Stipe Tokić  
 Josip Armić Matt & Anna Babich  
 Neža i Martin Solina Henrik Solina  
 Ante Pavelić i obitelj Bože Guvo  
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško  
 Pok. ob. Iva i Grgo Čerkez Mila Solina

## LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Dec. 29, 5:30 p.m. Jan Ferro / Jan Ferro  
 Sun., Dec. 30, 7:30 a.m. Emmett Turney / Rosemary  
 Brcich  
 Sun., Dec. 30, 9:30 a.m. Jan Zekich / MaryBeth Insalaco

## ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Dec. 29, 5:30 p.m. Mizera, Sandoval, Valenti  
 Sun., Dec. 30, 7:30 a.m. Isabella W., Olivia W.  
 Sun., Dec. 30, 9:30 a.m. M. Esparza, Lucente, Mangan  
 Sun., Dec. 30, 11:00 a.m. Dominik Grgić, Darko  
 Grgić Jr., N. Brčić, A. Ledić

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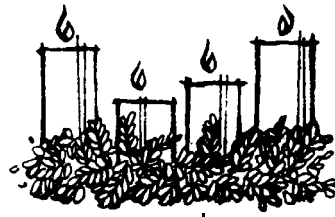
► Apt. Lovely Bridgeport apartment, 33rd and  
 Lowe (312) 520-3066  
 ► Apt. 30<sup>th</sup> Emerald, 2 bdrms, newly remodeled,  
 washer & dryer on location, call 312 375 5323  
 ► Apt. 2-Bdrm, Dining Rm, front rm, kitchen. 312-  
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## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

In the Gospel we see Mary visiting Elizabeth. She herself had just been visited by the angel Gabriel, who had brought her the good news that she was to become the mother of Jesus. Instead of going off and concentrating on her own specialness, she went with haste to visit her

elderly cousin Elizabeth, who too was expecting a child.

Mary's visit meant a great deal to Elizabeth, but Mary also benefited from this encounter. Elizabeth spoke words re-



corded to this day: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Mary is blessed. She believed, and also acted on her belief. Mary is a model for us all.

## Christmas 2012

**Dear parishioners,  
friends, neighbors!**

We've spent so many Christmases together over many years here at St. Jerome. This is my 16th Christmas with you. The first Christmas at St.



Jerome's, in 1996, I missed because of my mother's death just a few days before Christmas. Fr. Ivan is spending his 8th Christmas with us.

We have always concluded our years with this Holiday that carries the message of Love. We look back at the past with pride and peace, sometimes with the sadness of saying goodbyes to our loved ones.

We looked to the future knowing that the Good Lord controls the future, both ours and that of those around us.

Every time Christmas comes we feel the peace of Christ present among all of us and feel His peace within our souls. Christmas is always a new reason, a new sunrise, an inspiration to begin our journey again, refreshed.

We are together for this Christmas as well, to share the joy and peace of the season. This is our last Christmas together in this capacity as your pastor and associate pastor (we will always be your priests).

We kindly invite you to make a solemn promise to continue to be the people of peace, of soft

words, persons of goodness, adults with the innocence of children, families who pray and love, people who live every day in a never-ending giving of themselves. Christmas then will be the crown of our journey, an event of faith and the gift of love. Let us fulfill our promises.

We would love that all of us who belong to St. Jerome be recognized and seen as the people of gentleness, goodness, unselfishness, understanding, openness, kindness and love. Never

caught up in the small worlds of our own minds, but open to the tremendous power of the Holy Spirit, who moves and transforms, creates and reconciles, a maker of a better world.

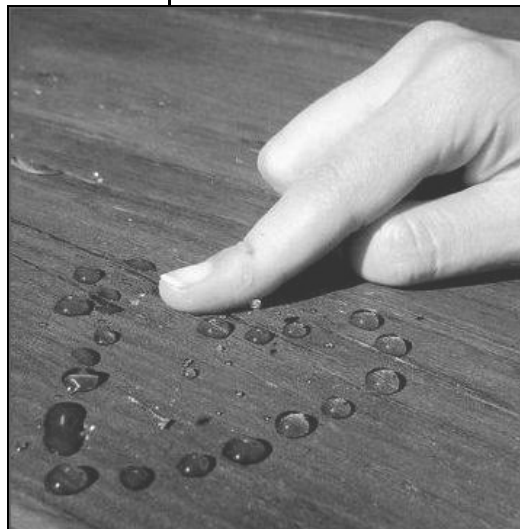
Yes, this Christmas we wish that every person of St. Jerome be an instrument of His peace, that this legacy be in the permanent possession of

our souls, to walk with us always, to find its dwelling place within us, each and every day.

In this Spirit of newness and gentleness, and in the spirit of the new century for this parish community, let us move our hearts and souls to better selves.

*May you and your loved ones have a joyful and blessed and inspired Christmas!*

*Fr. Joe and Fr. Ivan*



Thank you

**Thank you** all who joined us last Sunday for our Closing Centennial Mass. Thank you to our Parish Council people, who always give of themselves for the parish's well-being.

**Thank you** to Kenny, our main chef and kitchen master, to Louis, our interior designer, and all the good people who helped.

**A special thanks** to Bishop Alberto Rojas for presiding over this beautiful Mass that marked the end of our first century and the beginning of our next.

**Thank you** to those of you who donated to St. Jerome on this occasion, to you who participated in the silent auction, to those of you who managed to obtain one of the boomerangs. A special thanks to **Mrs. Sandy Schurla** for restoring these symbols of the Holy Spirit to mint condition.

*THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING PART OF THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.*

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you!

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT TO OUR PARISH

Many of us had the opportunity to enjoy Fr. Richard Fragomeni's preaching at one of our Velika Gospa Novena Masses this year. Fr. Fragomeni enjoyed his time here so much that he obtained a significant relic of St. Leopold Mandic, whose statue is in our Sanctuary.

He will preach at the 11 o'clock Mass today (in English of course). Come join us at this special Mass. Fr. Fragomeni will present the relic as a Christmas gift to St. Jerome's from the faith community at Our Lady of Pompeii Shrine. We are connecting Taylor Street, Little Italy and Bridgeport through this Saint, who is known as a patron saint of Unity as well as the Apostle of Confession. St. Leopold B. Mandic (1886-1942) is a saint of our times and our guide to peace, forgiveness, God's mercy, and unity among us all. Let us follow his example and his love for the sacrament of Reconciliation and for the gift of Unity.



► **Boxes of offertory envelopes** are in the entrance area of the church. Please pick up your boxes as soon as possible. Thank you.

► **St. Jerome wall calendars for 2013** are available in the entrance area of the church, thanks to **Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home**.

► **Mark Your Calendars:** Parishioners and friends will have an opportunity offer their well-wishes to Fr. Joe and Fr. Ivan on Sunday, Jan. 20, at an afternoon Open House reception in our school hall as they leave for their new assignments. Fr. Joe will be moving to our Friary in Hyde Park to head the Croatian Franciscan Custody of the U.S. and Canada, and Fr. Ivan to be pastor of Sacred Heart Croatian Parish in Milwaukee, Wis. **More details to follow.**

► **CHRISTMAS CHURCH FLOWERS** — Louis & Mary Scalise, Ken & Jan Zekich, and Ivan & Vesna Jureta are the people to see with your donations for this year's Christmas flowers and decorations. Thank you for making our church look beautiful.

► **DVD of FILM** on St. Jerome's 100-year journey can be obtained in the rectory for \$20 (if you buy 3, the 4th one is free). We hope every family will have it.

*Save the date:*

St. Jerome School's 90th Anniversary:  
Saturday, February 2, 2013.

For more info, check  
[www.stjeromeschool.net/alumni/](http://www.stjeromeschool.net/alumni/)

December 24: **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:** Mass with Children at 5 p.m.  
Midnight Mass at 12 midnight

December 25: **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:** Sunday Schedule: 7:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.