

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 10, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Mate Martinčić ob. Hobar  
James Gurgone wife  
Catherine Borovina Carl & Patty Galione

**Tuesday – Utorak, December 11 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Fr. Roko Romic George Rozman  
Gloria Nowakowski Bill & Dolly Gradt  
Vinko Delich Scalise family

**Wednesday – Srijeda, December 12, 2012**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe – Gospa Guadalupska**

**7:30 a.m.** Frano Brajković Neva Zelić & family  
Jennie Venditti Lorry & Frankie Venditti

**Thursday – Četvrtak, December 13, 2012**  
**St. Lucy – Sv. Lucija**

**7:30 a.m.** John Nagy Ivana Krupa  
Rose Krolo Diane Krolo  
Alfreda McLain Pam Munizzi  
Mile Kodzoman Debbie

**Friday – Petak, December 14, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Marko i Tona Čondić Duško  
Na čast sv. Antunu ob. Tomić

**Saturday – Subota, December 15, 2012**  
**71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of recently beatified religious sisters' martyrdom at the Drina River – Drinske mučenice**

**7:30 a.m.** Jimmy Caruso Chris & Matt Pesce  
Deceased Brothers & Sister Kay Siani  
Na čast bl. Ivanu Pavlu II ob. Tomić

**5:30 p.m.** Frank & Connie Fratto family  
Barry Babich Mom, Dad, Lisa & Chris  
Stanley Szatkowski Szatkowski family  
Joe Vegetabile Michelle Gurgone  
Dorothy Lasker Ginny Vulich  
Frank Passarelli brother Mike  
In thanksgiving Ginny Vulich

**Sunday – Nedjelja, December 16, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Catherine Fratto Sam, Frank & Mary  
Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško  
Ed Mucenski Cannatello family

**10:30 a.m. (9:30 and 11:00 Masses together)****CLOSING MASS OF ST. JEROME'S CENTENNIAL YEAR**

Filip Majic	Majic family
Johnny Key	Mark Gusich and Gina Palomino
Ann Kotarac	Albina
Sam Madia	Albina
Zvonimir Gović	Petar Žaper
Ivan Guvo	Bože i obitelj
John Nagy	obitelj Domagoj Paraga
Miško Dragušica	obitelj Dinko Dragušica
Sestra Anita Jenjić	obitelj Drobinčić
Marica Radić	obitelj Janko i Nevenka Špehar
Nick & Anica Špehar	obitelj Špehar
Marija & Bože Dukić	obitelj Žolo
Mijo Žaper	obitelj Stipe Tokić
Biserka Marušić	Tomica i djeca
Mara Jurčević	Ankica Došen
Emily Ljubica Majić	Nediljko Šipić
Josip Lisnich (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)	supruga Marija i obitelj
Marija Lisnich Stephens	brat Phillip i obitelj
Deceased of Čondić family	Duško

## LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Sat., Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m.** Vincent Kenny / Jan Ferro  
**Sun., Dec. 16, 7:30 a.m.** Rosemary Brcich / Rosemary Brcich

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat., Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m.** Passarelli, Bertucci, Yarus  
**Sun., Dec. 16, 7:30 a.m.** Olivia W., Isabella W.

## For Rent

- ▶ **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. 312-282-0097
- ▶ **Apt. 29<sup>th</sup> Shields**, 5 rms, 2 bdrm, just painted, new carpeting, central heat & a/c, ceiling fans, blinds. 312-593-2864.
- ▶ **Apt. 33<sup>rd</sup> Lowe**, 5-Rm, 3 Bdrm., h/w flrs, Appliances, \$975 plus utilities & sec. 773-852-4244.

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** 544 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> St. (was Martha Depeder's) Single fam. residence, 2-3 bdrms, 2 car garage, call Jean or Jerry 312-326-0027

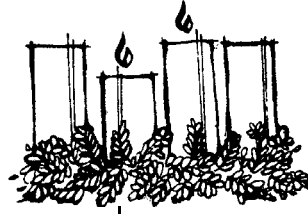
## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Second Sunday of Advent

Even when we neglect God, God does not forget us. Advent reminds us of the great promises God made to us, and shows how Jesus fulfills them. The great sign we have that God loves us is the fact that he sent his Son to us. And John the Baptist was the one who announced the good news of the Son's coming.

In the Gospel Luke introduces us to the Messiah and his herald, John the Baptist. To underline the universality of salvation, Luke mentions the events from world history. And like an Old Tes-

tament prophet, John undertakes to prepare the people for the coming of the Savior by calling them to repentance.

The prophets assured the chosen people that God had not forgotten them. God's promise was completely fulfilled with the coming of Jesus. God does not forget us. God remembers us. Even if everyone were to forget us, God will not forget us. God cares about us. We matter to him. God doesn't abandon us when we stray from



the straight path. He keeps calling us back from our crooked ways to the straight path—the path of truth, honesty and

goodness. Advent is an excellent time to aim ourselves in the right direction and to re-commit ourselves to the right path. We must ask the Lord to take blindness, weakness and hardness from our hearts so we may be fully open to the grace of his coming.

## St. Jerome's Centennial Pilgrimage to Assisi & Rome, Oct. 8-18, 2012



### Evening of Day 3 - Thursday, Oct. 11 - Assisi

Good Italian food, vino rosso and the beautiful company of good people marks our trip in Assisi this evening. I believe we truly understand now the words of this humble Italian man named Francesco who wrote what he believed:

Lord make me an instrument of your peace./ Where there is hatred, let me sow love./ Where there is injury, pardon./ Where there is error, truth./ Where there is doubt, faith./ Where there is despair, hope./ Where there is darkness, light./ And where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console./ To be understood, as to understand./ To be loved, as to love./ For it is in giving that we receive./ It is in pardoning that we are pardoned./ And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

We have to be tempted enough to take this seriously.

### Day 4 - Friday, Oct. 12 - Assisi to Orvieto to Roma

Assisi left its own prints on each one of us in such a humble amazing, quiet, deep way. Our bus driver on the trip from Assisi to Rome is very accommodating. We are off, traveling through the hills of Umbria, near Perugia. Beautiful hill country, vineyards and olive trees. The quality of life of these people is really excellent: live with nature, understand that we are part of the same creation, know that time is always faster than you, and make peace, with either wine or spirituality.

We arrive at Orvieto, a town of about 20,000 people. Its Duomo (cathedral) has Italy's liveliest facade (from

1330). It is so interesting to spend some time here, and grab a gelato, and study this gleaming mass of mosaics, stained glass, and sculpture. The cathedral is magnificent. Why such an impressive church in a little town? Because of a blood-stained cloth. In the 1260s, a skeptical priest (a certain Padre Peter from Prague) — who was doubting that the bread used for Communion had really become the Body of Christ — passed through Bolsena (a few miles from Orvieto) while completing a pilgrimage to Rome. During Mass, the bread bled, staining a linen cloth. The cloth was brought to the pope, who was visiting Orvieto at the time. Such a miraculous relic required a magnificent church.

Fr. Ivan presides over Mass in this chapel of the Eucharist miracle. The Blood-stained cloth is exposed just above us, above the main altar. A beautiful place, spiritually rich. Fr. Ivan talked about the importance of the Eucharist and Christ's presence among us in this amazing gift of the Eucharist.

After Mass, we take a walk through this ancient city, find small, cute place to eat and socialize. At 2 P.M. we take the cable car back to the lower city (the cable car ride is fun) to our waiting bus. Riding through picturesque villages and towns of Umbria and Lazio, we reach Rome, the Eternal City.

*(to be continued...)*

**Fr. Joe**



Orvieto's enormous Cathedral

*No Mass at 9:30 next Sunday —  
Mass at special time: 10:30 a.m.*



## Closing Mass for our 100th

**A solemn Mass on Dec. 16 to officially close our first 100 years and begin our second century will be celebrated by our Bishop Alberto Rojas, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Bring family and friends to this special Mass. There will be refreshments afterward.**

No 9:30 or 11 a.m. Masses that day, but there will be the usual 7:30 a.m. Mass.

**A very special Auction** will be held this day, Dec. 16 after the Mass: the Symbols of the Tongues of Fire of the Holy Spirit will be auctioned... In the 1970s, '80s and '90s, there were roughly 40 red mosaic pieces on the Sanctuary's back wall. Some parishioners called them "tongues of fire," "red birds," and the more pious called them "symbols of the Holy Spirit." The description that gave Fr. Mark the biggest chuckle was "boomerangs." If you are one of the lucky people to receive one of these pieces in our auction, they will look beautiful in your home. More significant is that they once hung proudly in our beloved St. Jerome Church.



► **Many of us enjoyed Fr. Richard Frago-**meni's preaching (about fish) at one of our Velika Gospa Novena Masses this year. Fr. Frago-  
meny enjoyed his time here so much that he obtained a significant relic of St. Leopold Mandic, whose statue is in our Sanctuary. He will present the relic as a Christmas gift at the Dec. 23rd 11 a.m. Mass, at which he will preach (in English) and celebrate with us. Come join us at this special Mass!

► **Parish Confessions Sunday Dec. 16, 6 p.m.**

► **Schoolchildren's Theater Show this Thursday**  
The St. Jerome School Drama Club presents *The Lock*, a play based on a Croatian folktale, Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7p.m. in the Parish Hall in the School. Tickets \$10 via email to [dawndeg@aol.com](mailto:dawndeg@aol.com) or \$15 at door. Enjoy!

► **THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION** is for the **Fund for Retired Religious**. We can remember the contributions made by our Precious Blood Sisters.

► **Weight Watchers on Tuesday evenings** in our Small Hall behind the church has new starting times: weigh-in is at 5:30 and the meeting is at 6.

## BRIDGEPORT NEWS

### Saint Jerome on WTTW Channel 11

Saint Jerome Croatian Catholic Church is proud to present "*They Never Walked Alone*" - a film about their Centennial Story which will be airing exclusively on WTTW, Channel 11, **THIS SUNDAY, December 9th, from 6pm to 7pm.**

Narrated by Bill Kurtis and Goran Visnjic and written by Maria Dugandzic-Pasic; the centennial story of Chicago's St. Jerome Church is brought to life on screen for the first time. Embedded in our beautiful neighborhood, one of the city's oldest, the church has stood as a proud beacon ministering to the faithful since the early 1900's. The parish served as a refuge to preserve faith, family and ethnic identity and has fervently reminded its flock that for every journey, *They Never Walked Alone*.

Fr. Joseph Grbes, the pastor, will be on the air live during the break in the film. This opportunity to show the film is part of the WTTW pledge drive. The more who make a pledge during the hour of the show, the better. Please consider thanking the people who bring us everything from Sesame Street to Nova documentaries (and our documentary) with a pledge at this time. It will be a way to thank them for showing our story to a larger public and if the pledge drive is successful for them in our hour, then other cities might play the show as well.

Every pledge equals a sweepstakes entry in the WTTW "Trip to Croatia" Sweepstakes." This includes: round-trip airfare for two to Croatia, a 7 day cruise and a 3 piece set of luggage.

A DVD will be available for purchase starting on December 10th, 2012 by going to [www.theyneverwalkedalone.com](http://www.theyneverwalkedalone.com). Don't forget to watch and make a pledge!

**Help St. Jerome School to continue to grow in the future** by coming to our **Open House** bringing family and friends with young children who might be interested in enrolling in our school. This **Christmastime Open House** is full of learning centers, stories, hot cocoa and lots of fun. It is **Friday, Dec. 14, with 3 & 4 year old Pre-Kindergarten from Noon to 1 p.m. and Kindergarten from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** Contact the school at 312 842 7668 for more.



St. Jerome  
Catholic School

Children's Christmas Eve Mass — Join the Christmas Cast! In the back of the church you will find forms with more info, and you can join by filling out the form.