

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 23, 2012**

7:30 a.m. Lucy Vuleta Club Poljica
 Katy Morano Marion
 Bill Gusich Nick & Catherine Perisin

Tuesday – Utorak, January 24, 2012

7:30 a.m. Marion Catezone Patrick Botica
 Steven Brajković (B-day rememb.) ob. Brajković
 Ruža Volarić ob. Hobar

Wednesday – Srijeda, January 25, 2012

7:30 a.m. Ann Kotarac Michael Rogulich
 Luka Botica and Frank Polacek Gen & family
 Intentions of Gusich fam. Gusich's
 Intentions of Giggie Ellen O'Donnell

Thursday – Četvrtak, January 26, 2012

7:30 a.m. Luka Botica Michelle & Brian
 Nancy Mustari Scalise brothers
8:05 a.m. Pro populo—for deceased & living of parish

Friday – Petak, January 27, 2012

7:30 a.m. Margaret Marcello Pace family
 Mary Ann Romano Romano family
 Lena Marino family
 Health of Fr. Paul Maslach Giggie

Saturday – Subota, January 28, 2012

7:30 a.m. Dorothy Lasker Louis & Mary Scalise
5:30 p.m. Rozalija Galić Rich & Jan Ferro
 Michael "Mondo" Zeledon Beverlee & Russell Pullano
 Della Neeson Mossman family
 Dominick Bruno Joe & Lisa Amoruso
 Corrado Sarro Lauren and Michael Rubio
 Jure, Iva & dec. of Vranjković fam. ob. Bešlić

Sunday – Nedjelja, January 29, 2012

7:30 a.m. Mary Ann Romano Romano family
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško
 Tom Nolan Dana Dengler
 Lena Marino family
 Dec. of John Mladinov family Ben
 In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje N.N.

9:30 a.m. Ann Kotarac Mossman family
 Uncle Luka Botica John Zekich
 Dave Ruzich Cathy Amato
 Rosa Cirullo Cathy Amato
 Dominick Bruno Mickey & Diane Halloran
 Diane Dispensa Giggie
 William Gusich Mark Gusich
 Elsie Čerina Vera & family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Ilija Zeba ob. Marko Zeba
 Ivan Žužić Kata Žignić
 Zvonimir Gović Milka Lišnić
 Miško i Maša Kristić Mara Zoko i ob.
 Petar Komar Nevenka Soldo i ob.
 Rozalija Galić Tomo i Marija Erkapić
 Paul Krstulovich Hrvatska škola
 Ranko Markotić Zdravko i Luca Šego
 Mara Jerković Miro i Ankica Kikaš
 Bariša Šipić Ante Sipich
 Mate Morić Ante Sipich
 Žarko Ostojić Anica Ostojić
 Iva Čerkez Mila i Henrik Solina
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
 Na nakanu ob. Penavić

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Jan. 28, 5:30 a.m. Michael Passarelli / Jan Ferro
Sun., Jan. 29, 7:30 a.m. Emmett Turney / Rosemary Bricich
Sun., Jan. 29, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass / Ellen Ryan
Sun., Jan. 29, 11:00 a.m. Anela Kosić, Zrinka Jureta, Tomislav Kikaš

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Jan. 28, 5:30 a.m. Perseghin, Valenti, Wilkie
Sun., Jan. 29, 7:30 a.m. Balazs, Mossman
Sun., Jan. 29, 9:30 a.m. Meo, Sandoval, Wroblewski
Sun., Jan. 29, 11 a.m. Deni Grgić, M. Golub, I. Paraga, K. Hostička, L. Kosić, Darko Grgić

For Rent

- ▶ **Apt. 30th 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. 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

HOUSE FOR SALE: 544 W. 32nd 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 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus began his public mission with the call: 'Repent, and believe the Good News.' While this call was directed to sinners in the first place, it was in fact directed at everyone, even the good.

To answer the call to repentance one must feel a dissatisfaction with oneself and have a long-

ing for something better. There must be a sense that something is wrong, or at least that something is missing. The conversion experience begins with the realization that we are not what we could and should be. This realization is the first stage of a process, the first step of a journey.

To accept the call to repent demands openness, honesty, humility and above all courage—courage to admit guilt, ask forgiveness, and resolve to change.

Repentance is a very positive thing: it opens the way to a new life. Seen this way, repentance is exciting and always leads to joy.

Our Holy Land pilgrims walking in His footsteps

Tenth in a series

Day 7: Monday, Nov. 7

Departing from Jerusalem, our bus heads east, to Jericho. Fifteen minutes outside of Jerusalem, we make a left turn off of the main road, and drive right into the desert. We stop to climb a hill, where we have a spectacular view of **St. George's monastery** in a distant desert valley. No signs of life anywhere, other than one little Bedouin boy who appears out of nowhere selling his wares. He is all smiles as he sells every last bracelet he has to various people in our group. Cute. Everybody is shocked by the austerity of the desert. It is not the kind of desert one typically imagines. There is no sand anywhere. Rather, it is sand colored, rocky hills and valleys, as far as the eye can see. We continue driving until we pass through a Palestinian checkpoint, and then we arrive at the city of **Jericho** - the oldest known city in the world. We climb to the ruins of ancient Jericho, which is 10,000 years old. In 1250 BC, Joshua encircled the city and at the blast of the priests' trumpets, the walls came tumbling down (Joshua 6). Jesus passed through this city many times on his way to Jerusalem. Then we ascend

the **Mount of Temptation** with small cable cars. It is here that Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days after his baptism in the Jordan River down below. On this Mount of Temptation, a Greek Orthodox monastery was built in the rock face, over the cave where Christ stayed during his time in the desert. I spoke with a Greek Orthodox monk there, who spent the last 35 years of his life in this monastery, but now he lives there alone. Try to imagine the Mount of Temptation, caves, monastery and solitude.

We leave Jericho to go to the **Jordan River**, the site of Jesus' baptism. The Jordan River is the border between the country of Jordan on the other side of the river and the West Bank of the Jordan on our side. I renewed the baptismal promises for each one of us. Then everyone took turns stepping into the waters of the Jordan River, where I poured water on each of their heads, as a reminder of their own baptism. Powerful moment. We drive north through the West Bank toward Galilee, driving on the same road that was used in the time of Jesus. The only difference is the asphalt below and the cars above. Everything else is the same. We enter the region of the Galilee, which is just the opposite of Judea; it's green, welcoming and pleasant. Soon we are at the **Sea of Galilee**, the home of Jesus' public ministry. We checked



Re-enacting our baptism in the Jordan River

into our hotel in Tiberius, the **Leonardo Plaza**, right on the Sea. The hotel staff was extremely welcoming, helpful and many times they said to me that if we needed anything at all, we need only ask. We are all surprised at how big and beautiful this hotel is, with high-class amenities and services and a seemingly never-ending array of foods at their breakfast and dinner buffets. There is a nightly light-and-water show (which was spectacular!) right on the Sea of Galilee in front of our hotel, which offers a pleasant welcome to us tonight. This experience adds to the beauty of our stay in the Holy Land. I check emails and update our Facebook page. I notice that 600, 700, 800, and once more than 1,000 people followed our pilgrimage via Facebook!

Day 8: Tuesday, Nov. 8

One more day in the Land of Jesus. We start our day

very interestingly. Imagine this: we get on a **boat** and spend an hour and half on the **Sea of Galilee**. We are surprised that when we board the ship the captain raises the U.S. and Croatian flags and plays the national anthems of both countries. The feeling of that Sea is so overpowering; calm waters, silence, Gospel stories related to the Sea of Galilee coming to life as Fr. David reads them to us, then the ship's crew plays the song "How Great Thou Art." It resounds over the waters and in our hearts. Jesus preached from a boat like this one. His eyes beheld the same scenery as our eyes are now beholding. **WOW!** He calmed **THIS SEA** down during the storm. His disciples felt safe with him in the boat when there was a storm on the Sea. He walked on the waters of this Sea. He reached out to Peter to help him also walk on the water, when Peter began to sink due to his lack of trust in the Master. He spent time at her shores. There is a mystical quality to this place that is beyond the scope of words to describe. But we feel it in our hearts. As we look around, we see the simplicity of nature before us, without a lot of development anywhere. It truly must have looked almost exactly the same in the time of Jesus as it does now. *(to be continued)*

Father Joe

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St. Jerome Bible study begins this Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Upper Small Hall (behind church)

Those who have signed up should come with their Bibles. Formal registration will occur and materials will be given out.

Many thanks for our new Ambry, to contain our Holy Oils

The family of Genevieve Botica has donated to our parish a beautiful handmade cabinet to contain our Holy Oil vessels. This new Ambry is on a marble pedestal near the baptistry and is in the style of our altars. Its donation is made in remembrance of Gen's late husband, John "Ish" Botica. We wholeheartedly thank the Gen Botica family for their generous gift.

St. Jerome Catholic School Open House next Sunday

St. Jerome Catholic School will host an "Open House" for prospective students on Sunday, Jan. 29 between 10:30 a.m. and noon. This year, St. Jerome Catholic School proudly celebrates 90 years of excellence in education. St. Jerome's takes great pride in its reputation for providing a quality, well-rounded education to its students in an environment that inspires and engages them.

We welcome you to visit and see firsthand everything St. Jerome Catholic School has to offer your child. For information or a personal tour contact the school office at 312-842-7668. There is no better way to invest in your child's future because ... *Great beginnings last a lifetime!*

2012 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal Begins

"Be Imitators of Christ!"

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal. *Please respond generously.*

The Appeal supports both parish and Archdiocesan ministries. Among these

are ministries that provide religious education to children, youth and adults. It is also one of the largest philanthropic sources of financial support for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. The Appeal also funds services that are of great help to other ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is: *"Be Imitators of Christ!"* We are all challenged to try to live our lives using the life of Christ as an example. Christ gave us

the path to eternal life. His love for each of us cannot be taken lightly.

As we contemplate His gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work our parish, of our Archdiocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude.

Please prayerfully consider making a significant pledge to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Our 100th anniversary yearbook

The history of our parish includes parish-wide events like the annual Velika Gospa festivities and the founding of our parish school, but **our history also includes events like your grandparents' wedding at St. Jerome's in the early 1900s.**

You have already seen in our Christmas mailing and in the weekly bulletin our announcements about St. Jerome's Centennial Yearbook, which will be printed for our anniversary. Our wish is:

- ◆ That **every family** will participate in this book.
- ◆ We would like, if possible, that every family would be represented not only with a picture of the current generation but also through **ancient pictures from the family album** of the earliest generations at St. Jerome's, pictures with faces, names and dates if possible of our ancestors in the faith.
- ◆ Your photos should be put on a CD or flash drive. **If you have no one to do this for you and need help, please let us know.**
- ◆ On the back of the Centennial Yearbook form, **simply draw how you want your page to look**, where you want the pictures to be, write the text where you want it, and we will make it look nice.
- ◆ **Please begin looking for the pictures you want to use now** so that you have what you need before the **February 1 deadline** for giving us the materials that you want published.

Marian Society members meet this weekend

The annual Marian Society membership meeting will be this Sunday, Jan. 22, at noon, in our parish hall, with coffee and refreshments. All members of the Society and all who wish to join are invited.

St. Jerome Book Club We are reading "Killing Lincoln" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard for our meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.