



The Holy Father Benedict XVI  
cordially imparts the  
Apostolic Blessing to  
Rev. Joe Grbes, OFM, Pastor and Parishioners  
of St. Jerome Croatian Church, Chicago, Illinois  
as they celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Foundation  
and through the intercession of the Virgin Mary  
invokes an abundance of divine graces  
April 29, 1912 – 2012  
*Felicis del Blanco Ritis*  
*Archidiaconus, Praeceptor, Canon, Praefectus*

*Hrvatska župa sv. Jeronima*  
*St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Parish*

2823 S. Princeton Ave.  
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Chicago, IL 60616

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now has an easy link to our [facebook](#) page)  
[www.stjeromeschool.net](http://www.stjeromeschool.net)

**Croatian Franciscan Friars**

Fr. Jozo (Joe) Grbeš, ofm  
Fr. Ivan Strmečki, ofm

*In Loving Service of the People of St. Jerome's since 1912*  
*U službi ljubavi od 1912. godine*



**Masses • Mise**

Saturday • Subota 5:30 p.m.

Sunday • Nedjelja

7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. English

11:00 a.m. Hrvatski

Weekdays • Kroz tjedan 7:30 a.m.

**Posjeta bolesnicima** — uvijek

**Sick calls** — at any time

**Krštenja** — po dogovoru

**Baptisms** — by appointment

**Ispovijedi** — pola sata prije mise

**Confessions** — before Masses

**Vjenčanja** — najava 6 mjeseci ranije

**Weddings** — arranged 6 months in  
advance

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**Hrvatski Katolički Radio:**

Glas župe sv. Jeronima

Subota ujutro 10:00 (750 AM)

**Croatian Catholic Radio Chicago:**

Voice of St. Jerome's

Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m. on 750 AM

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, June 25, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** John Edgeworth Duško  
 Na čast Gospi Međugorskoj ob. Nikola Čosić  
 Na čast sv. Anti ob. Čosić  
 Na čast sv. Ivanu Krstitelju ob. Čosić  
 Na nakanu ob. Ilija Miletić

**Our Lady of Medjugorje Anniversary Mass**

**7:00 p.m.** Petey Pivac family

**Tuesday – Utorak, June 26, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Carole “Sis” Marano Luann & Frank Munizzi  
 William & Mary Catizone children & grandchildren  
 Al Katalinich Joe & Janice Gio  
 Na nakanu Olga Puljić

**Wednesday – Srijeda, June 27, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Margaret Marcello Pace family  
 Joseph Ciaccio Roseann Gurgone & family  
 Margaret Haptas Ann Contino  
 Phil Rizza Kraslen brothers

**Thursday – Četvrtak, June 28, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Fr. Franjo Azbe George Rozman  
 Freida McLain Giggie  
 Neda Roscich Diana & Anthony Roscich  
 Vinka Matulić Maria  
 Na odluku Iva Maroš

**Friday – Petak, June 29, 2012****Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles – sv. Petar i Pavao**

**7:30 a.m.** John & Ann Zivic George Rozman  
 Debbie Thome Bonnie DiCaro  
 Na čast sv. Ane Marija  
 Souls in Purgatory N.N.

**Saturday – Subota, June 30, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Debbie Thome Catherine LoCoco  
 Jure Grbeš family  
 Zora Ilić Stanko i Mara Šušnjara  
 Na čast sv. Nikole Tavelića N.N.

**5:30 p.m.** Sam Passarelli Passarelli family  
 Dominick Bruno family  
 William Gusich Jane Pivac  
 Ralph LoCoco Joe & Lisa Amoruso  
 Carole Marano Joe & Lisa Amoruso  
 Alice Mangan St. Jerome H.S.A.  
 Georgeann Ferro Pete & Sandy Schurla  
 Catherine Fratto Roseann Gurgone family  
 Edward Spizzirri Ray Spizzirri  
 Philip T. Rizza Rizza Cadillac workers  
 Fanica Matulić Maria

**Sunday – Nedjelja, July 1, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** John “Ish” Botica Gen & family  
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine, Jozo Čondić Duško  
 Carole “Sis” Marano Rita & Chris Johnston  
 Paul Boban Patricia & Charles Marino  
 Margaret Haptas Mary Fratto  
 Jay Cosentino Ann

**9:30 a.m.** Ann Kotarac George Ferro & family  
 Paul Krstulovich Vesna Krišto  
 Dominick Bruno Diane Krolo  
 Elsie Čerina Vera & family  
 Joe Ciaccio Kay Siani  
 Penny Walters St. Jerome 9:30 choir  
 Vinka Curkovich family

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

Ivan Žužić Maria & Alain Rinfret  
 Dumica i Ljubao Tanfara djeca  
 Frank i Maria Cecchini Bruno i Jasna  
 Petar Bugarija Jelica Šimunić  
 Vilim Bezjak ob. Ivica Penavić  
 Berta Kirinić ob. Penavić  
 Anton Beritić ob. Pero i Maja Dugandžić  
 Marija Stephens kumovi Tomislav i Milenka Lišnić  
 Martin i Vjekoslav Bajić ob. Ivan Bajić  
 Gabriel Sakač ob. Ante i Danica Čuvalo  
 Dragica i Ivan Lukić ob. Ivan i Vesna Mlinarić  
 Marica Radić Jadranka Jurić i sinovi  
 Ana i Mate Popović kći Milka Lišnić i ob.  
 Šima Vasilj sestra Zdenka  
 Jure i Ana Jukić Nedjeljko Jukić i obitelj  
 Petar i Joza Zelić ob. Ante Zelić  
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško

## LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Sat., June 30, 5:30 p.m.** Jan Ferro /Jan Ferro

**Sun., July 1, 11:00 a.m.** Milan Žolo, Darko Grgić, Deni Grgić

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat., June 30, 5:30 p.m.** Isabella, Olivia, Yarus

**Sun., July 1, 7:30 a.m.** Mangan, Valenti

**Sun., July 1, 9:30 a.m.** Lucente, Passarelli, Sandoval

**Sun., July 1, 11:00 a.m.** M. Kosir, J. Dugandžić, M. Golub, L. Draženović, Dominik Grgić

## For Rent

► **Apt. 26<sup>th</sup> Princeton, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**, 3 bdrms, newly remod.,all utilities included, porch & backyard. Rent: \$1,175. Call Mike at 773 425 7001.

► **Apt. 34<sup>th</sup> & Lowe**, 5 rooms, 3 bdrms, hardwood floors. Rent \$1,000. Call 773 315 4748

► **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

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Feast of St. John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist is a unique biblical figure. Prophet, messenger, desert man, powerful orator ... His name John, in Hebrew, means "the LORD is merciful." His feast is the sign of new beginnings. It is different from other saints, whose feast days mark the time when they died. St. John is the only holy person, besides the Blessed Mother and, of course, Jesus, whose birthday we celebrate.

John was the sign of new times, a new coming, a new testament. A simple man from the Judean desert who shook Jerusalem and the powerful were afraid of him so much so that the King had him killed. Powerful words of prophecy against powerful politics. And John won. It is still the same today. Truth will triumph in the end. A powerful voice could never be silenced because the truth is the real



power. John stands today as the sign and an invitation to all those who speak the truth not to be afraid, to all those who follow Christ not to be frightened, to all those who do not go by the majority's opinion but by the Truth!

## Our Parish History / Through Our Stories

### *The Warmth of St. Jerome's*

My first contact with St. Jerome's and the Croatian diaspora here was in the fall of 1984. Marrying Visnja Uremovic, I began to be acquainted with the new culture of the people who live here in the U.S, and the Croatian immigrants. It was very interesting and somewhat of an adventure at my young age to observe the Croatian-American society. At the same time I was curious and interested to listen, to learn how to work, of course to earn a comfortable living.

My first memory of contact with St. Jerome's parish was through marriage preparation with Fr. Hrvoslav Ban. Because I had lived in Zagreb before coming to the U.S., Fr. Hrvoslav left his mark on me not only as a good priest but also as a very refined man. I learned he was a writer, and I even received some of his works. Like a raw newcomer, I tried to compare life in what was then called "Yugoslavia" and my new surroundings. I would compare things here with Tresnjevka (a neighborhood in Zagreb), and St. Joseph Church, where I received First Communion and Confirmation. I can definitely say that I felt much more closeness and warmth at St. Jerome's from the beginning, as well as now. I



especially enjoyed parish events, such as the concerts of the Cardinal Stepinac folklore group, Croatian Masses, the celebrations of Velika Gospa, Christmas, Easter and Cardinal Stepinac's feast days. I have fond memories of numerous good homilies which led me into deep reflection and discoveries within myself. I remember

Fr. Hrvoslav's baptizing our sons Philip and Peter.

Fr. Marko Kozina, Fr. Marko Puljic, Fr. Joe and Fr. Ivan have often had instructive and formative messages that did not leave me unmoved. Remembrances of Cardinal Stepinac and readings about Croatian priest martyrs would leave me choked up. My memories of socializing with St. Jerome's people was always interesting, but I particularly recall with thanksgiving the Paraga family — Ivanka invited me to consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister, and Fr. Joe installed me in that ministry. These are my recollections — thank you to all the priests whom I didn't mention in these few lines. It is beautiful to be surrounded by people who spread faith and goodness.

**Tomislav Sulentic**

*We encourage our parishioners and friends to write their memories on events, people... we are collecting our oral history in order to preserve our beautiful experiences.*



### A special visitor for the 31st Anniversary Medjugorje Mass



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is a powerful and passionate Catholic evangelist and preacher whose no-nonsense, hands-on approach to living the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire us! As one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today, Deacon Harold is active in giving lectures, re-

treats, and seminars in parishes, workshops, and at numerous conferences across the nation and around the world.

He has appeared in *The Catholic World Report* and *The National Catholic Register*, and on many national and international radio programs, including *Catholic Answers Live*, *Catholic*

*Connection*, *Al Kresta in the Afternoon*, *the Drew Mariani Show*, *Searching the Word* and *Catholic Bookmarks*. Deacon Burke-Sivers holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master's degree in Theological Studies from the University of Dallas.

*Please join us for this spiritual event at St. Jerome's: the Medjugorje anniversary Mass: TOMORROW, Monday, June 25th, at 7 p.m.*

## CHICAGO BACH ENSEMBLE

The Cantata Project

St. Jerome Church, Thursday, 8:00 P.M

The Chicago Bach Ensemble opens Cycle 2 of its Bach Cantata Project with a performance at St. Jerome Church on Thursday, June 28 at 8 p.m. On the program are four cantatas of Johann Sebastian Bach. Vocal text and translations will be displayed on a screen during the concert. A special treat this cycle will be the guest appearance by baritone Levi Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez, who has appeared at the Metropolitan Opera, the Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Houston Grand Opera and the San Francisco Opera and is featured at Grant Park later this summer, will be singing the solo bass cantata BWV 56.

The Chicago Bach Ensemble, a group of roughly twenty musicians consisting of an orchestra, a vocal ensemble, organist and a conductor, was formed with the idea of presenting the sacred music of J.S. Bach in the space it was originally intended for — in a church — and to the people it was originally intended for — the community of that church. The composer faced many hardships during his life but always remained true to his desire for the ultimate Light. His cantatas carry the expression of this desire. Please come and listen and be elevated. Suggested donation: \$10.00

### Fr. Joe's absence

Fr. Joe will be away for the first half of July. He will be in Croatia visiting his family, the Franciscans and some of the people of St. Jerome's.

The Second Collection THIS weekend is the annual Peter's Pence collection, which allows the successor of St. Peter, the Pope, to better aid the Church where it is being persecuted or where the people are suffering from dire poverty, war or natural disaster.

**Special Evenings:** A rosary for our beloved deceased, for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and for your intentions EVERY WEDNESDAY at 7 p.m., 2716 Princeton Ave (Backyard). Any questions, call Gerard at 312 213 2843. Everybody is welcome for this prayerful time.

**ROME AND ASSISI:** St. Jerome's pilgrimage is October 8-18 to Rome and St. Francis's town of Assisi.

**Velika Gospa Feast:** the raffle tickets will soon be mailed. The first prize to be drawn Aug. 15 will be \$20,000; second prize \$5,000; 3rd to 7th place prizes: \$1,000 and the two early bird prizes (the first being July 29 and the second early bird prize being Aug. 5) will each be \$1,000, with the winning early bird prizes being put back into the barrel for the Aug. 15 drawing. As always your generous volunteer help is deeply appreciated.