

# Parish Bulletin

## Župni Vjesnik

December 1, 2013 - 1. prosinca 2013.

### First Sunday of Advent



### Prva nedjelja došašća

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

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Croatian Franciscan Friars

Fr. Ivica Majstorović, OFM - Fr. Stipe Renić, OFM



#### Mass schedule • Raspored misa

Saturday • Subota

5:30 p.m. English

Sunday • Nedjelja

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

11 a.m. Hrvatski

Weekdays • Kroz tjedan

7:30 a.m. English

**Posjeta bolesnicima** – uvijek

**Sick calls** – at any time

**Krštenja** – po dogovoru

**Baptisms** – by appointment

**Ispovijedi** – pola sata prije mise

**Confessions** – before Masses

**Vjenčanja** – najaviti 6 mjeseci ranije

**Weddings** – arrange 6 months in advance

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#### Hrvatski Katolički Radio

Glas župe sv. Jeronima

Subotom od 10 do 11 sati (750 AM)

#### Croatian Catholic Radio

Voice of St. Jerome's

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

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 Monday, December 2 - *Ponedjeljak, 2. prosinca*


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7:30 a.m.

† Alex Mohovich ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*  
 †† Dominic and Celina Mohovich .. *Catherine and Nick Perisin*

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 Tuesday, December 3 - *Utorak, 3. prosinca*


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7:30 a.m.

† Dom and Lena Marino ..... *family*  
 †† iz obitelji Zelić ..... *Ilija Zelić i obitelj*

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 Wednesday, December 4 - *Srijeda, 4. prosinca*


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7:30 a.m.

† Evelyn Čondić ..... *Duško*  
 † Vince Briglio ..... *Cathy Amato*  
 † Paul Melvan ..... *Joe and El Grzetich family*

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 Thursday, December 5 - *Četvrtak, 5. prosinca*


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7:30 a.m.

† Barbara Wilkie ..... *family*  
 † Tom McKeon ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*  
 † Nikola Prendivoj ..... *supruga i djeca*

8:05 a.m.

PRO POPULO – For all Parishioners – Za sve župljane

7 – 9 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*


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 Friday, December 6 - *Petak, 6. studenoga*


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St. Nicholas, Bishop - sv. Nikola

7:30 a.m.

† Mary Pinotti ..... *Ross Valenti*  
 † Mike Weber ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*

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 Saturday, December 7 - *Subota, 7. prosinca*


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7:30 a.m.

† Alex Mohovich ..... *John and Laura Perseghin*  
 † Mary Somen ..... *Frano and Carol Marasovich*

5:30 p.m.

† Grace Gusich ..... *Matt and Chris Pesce*  
 † Stanley Szatkowski ..... *Szatkowski family*  
 † JoAnn Passarelli ..... *Mike and Kristi Zanin*  
 † Rails Balestri ..... *Giggie*  
 † Sarah Phillips ..... *Mary Fratto*  
 † Catherine Bedalow ..... *Joan Sipich*  
 † Lorne Ray ..... *Jan and Rich Ferro*  
 † Chester Bazan Sr. .... *Rose and Bob Bazan*  
 †† Carm, Curt, Joy Beckett ..... *Michael Passarelli*  
 Na nakanu ..... *Zdenka Pervan*

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 Sunday, December 8 - *Nedjelja, 8. prosinca*


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Second Sunday of Advent - Druga nedjelja Došašća

7:30 a.m.

†† Marko i Tona Čondić ..... *Duško*  
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine, Jozo Čondić ..... *Duško*  
 †† of Kraslen family ..... *Kraslen brothers*

9:30 a.m.

† Jimmy Punda ..... *Joe and El Grzetich*  
 † Lottie Mazur ..... *Jean and Frank Fornek*  
 † Judy Catris ..... *Cathy Amato*  
 † Michael Weber ..... *Rose Marie Sestito*  
 † Mary Somen ..... *Mary Ann Ciaravino*  
 † Carmen Balestri ..... *2nd grade*  
 † Jack Platt (4th Anniversary) ..... *Kevin Platt and family*  
 † Grace Gusich ..... *Liz Horvath*  
 † Zvonko Čabo ..... *John and Paulette Nowacki*  
 †† Tonka and Scully Scalise ..... *Giggie*  
 Intentions of Maryann DiVito ..... *family*

11 a.m.

† Rozalija Galić ..... *obitelj Penavić*  
 † Joosip Armić ..... *Mate Mulac i obitelj*  
 † Franjo Tuđman ..... *Bože Guvo*  
 † Boško Obradović ..... *Ruža Šumera i obitelj*  
 † Marica Radić ..... *Janko Špehar i obitelj*  
 † Anton Barun ..... *Brat John i obitelj*  
 † Karmila Knezović ..... *Ivan Vujić*  
 † Ante Tomić ..... *Milan i Ankica Golub*  
 † Benko Penavić ..... *obitelj Penavić*  
 † Milan Žolo ..... *Boro i Olga Puljić*  
 † Mara Bilonić ..... *Marija Lisnich*  
 † Valerio Vala ..... *Nick i Catherine Perisin*  
 † Josip Lisnich ..... *obitelj Brajković*  
 † Marija Stephens ..... *obitelj Brajković*  
 †† Andrija i Luca Lišnić ..... *sin Tomislav Lišnić i obitelj*  
 †† Marijan i Iva Knezović ..... *sin Živko i obitelj*  
 †† Ivan i Draga Dugandžić ..... *Zdenka Vasilj i obitelj*  
 †† iz obitelji Hostička i Lišnić ..... *obitelj Hostička*  
 †† iz obitelji Zelić ..... *Ilija Zelić i obitelj*  
 †† iz obitelji Čondić ..... *Duško*  
 Za zdravlje Mate Kovačevića ..... *Giggie*  
 Na nakanu ..... *Bože Guvo*

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 LECTORS - ČITAČI
 

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5:30 p.m. – Vincent Kenny

7:30 a.m. – Rosemary Brcich

9:30 a.m. – Sonia Antolec

11 a.m. – Darko Grgić, Izabela Paraga, Maja Kosić

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 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION  
 IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI
 

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5:30 p.m. – Jan Ferro; 7:30 a.m. – Rosemary Brcich

9:30 a.m. – Rosemary Brcich

11 a.m. – Domagoj Paraga

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 ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI
 

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5:30 p.m. – Jasmine and Manuel Esparza, Lucas Mizera

7:30 a.m. – Manuel Esparza, Michael Passarelli

9:30 a.m. – Francesca Bertucci, Monica Matual, Zach Sandoval

11 a.m. – Nikola Brčić, Kristijan Kosić, Emilijan Kosić, Michael Karačić, Luka Kosić

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The irresistible march of time has puzzled philosophers since ancient times. We shall learn a great deal about ourselves, if we get in touch with the moods that shape our lives – moods that almost invariably involve the passing of time: our hopes and fears, our yearnings and disappointments, our sense of achievement, the lessons life is teaching us. Our faith should help us to situate this pattern of our lives within the designs of God. Where the march of time is leading us has only become clear, of course, because God has made known to us why the world was created. If God had remained silent, time would seem like an ever-going nowhere. Since Old Testament times, however, God's people have been given a growing awareness God's designs – through the divine gifts of faith and hope. A greater familiarity with the Scriptures – in this time of renewal - can give us a more lively awareness of the unfolding of God's generous plan, and of our place in that plan. An authentic faith is inseparable from a strong Christian hope – the certainty that God's generous and merciful designs will be fulfilled: in the whole of creation, and in the lives of each one of us.

Today's readings remind us of this hope. The writings of the prophet Isaiah are filled with the message of hope. It is not surprising, therefore, that they will be used in the Advent liturgies of the coming Sundays. Today's reading speaks of the future God has in store for the whole human family - as the fulfillment of all our hopes. The nations of the earth will live in harmony – swords will be made into ploughshares and spears into sickles. The peoples of the whole world will come to share in the blessings of Israel, knowing the life-giving "ways of the Lord" and "walking in his paths". But the prophet reminds those of us – who, though we claim to be God's people, are often unfaithful to our calling - that we must play our part in God's great plan: "Let us walk in the light of the Lord".

St. Paul also says: 'You know "the time" has come'. And he gives us a vivid comparison: with the coming of Christ it is as if the darkest night has suddenly given way to the full light of day, revealing Christ as our life and our protector. In the gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus urges his disciples to situate themselves within the designs of God, because these designs are approaching their mysterious finale. Christian hope, he teaches us, lives in constant readiness to welcome the Son of Man.



*Let us walk  
in the Light of The Lord*

*U Gospodnjoj hodimo  
svjetlosti*

## 1. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠĆA

Odlomak iz Poslanice Rimljanima, naslovljen "Kršćanin dijete svjetlosti" poziva me upravo na to. "Djela tame" o kojima sv. Pavao govori sve su one misli, riječi, djela i propusti koji me udaljavaju od Boga, koji stvaraju prepreku između mene i Boga i zatvaraju me za blagoslov i milosti koje mi Bog želi dati da se mogu u potpunosti ostvariti kao dijete svjetlosti, kao njegovo ljubljeno dijete. Pavao me poziva da se prenememo o da sna, da odložimo djela tame i hodimo pristojno kao po danu.

Odbacivanje djela tame, na koje me Pavao potiče, svakodnevna je bitka. On mi stoga savjetuje: zaodjeni se oružjem svjetlosti, zaodjeni se Gospodinom Isusom Kristom. Vjera u Krista najsnažnije je oružje kojim se mogu obraniti od svijeta i svega onoga što me u njemu može previše privući i tako zarobiti. Samo u svjetlu te vjere mogu jasno vidjeti zbilju oko sebe i donijeti ispravne odluke koje će me približiti

Bogu i čuvati od zla i grijeha.

I prorok Izaija u današnjem prvom čitanju govori o Gospodnjoj svjetlosti i poziva me da u njoj hodim. Potiče me da dopustim Gospodinu da me nauči svojim putovima, da hodim stazama njegovim. Čovjek mora kroz život hoditi nekim putem, mora slijediti neku stazu. Na meni je da biram kojim ću putovima hoditi i koga ću slijediti. Možda o tome i ne razmišljam, nego idem kamo me drugi vode, ili kamo me valovi života bacaju, ili lutam po mraku posrćući i vrteći se u krugu. Danas je pravi trenutak da se zapitam znam li kojim putem idem i koga slijedim.

Sva današnja čitanja naviještaju tu stvarnost, Drugi dolazak Sina Čovječjega koji će se zbiti "na kraju dana". Ona istodobno govore i o njegovu Prvom dolasku, koji se zbilo prije dvije tisuće godina i koji ćemo slaviti o Božiću. Ali postoji i Treći Kristov dolazak, onaj koji se događa svakoga dana u mom srcu, svaki put kad se opredijelim za Boga, kad molim i radim na tome da dođe njegovo kraljevstvo, kad hodim njegovim putem i čuvam njegove zapovijedi.

Bdij, dakle, govori mi danas Gospodin, jer ne znaš u koji dan ja dolazim. Bdij, i ne odlaži trenutak obraćenja za sutra jer dolazim poput kradljivca u noći i ne dopusti da te zateknem na spavanju. To bdijenje, to nastojanje da ga dočekam čista srca i čistih ruku, omogućava mu da dođe u moju sredinu svakoga dana i utjelovi se u srcima ljudi dok očekujemo njegov Slavni dolazak i spominjemo se njegova Dolaska u tijelu koje ćemo proslaviti za Božić.

**CLOTHES DRIVE FOR HOMELESS**

As Winter grows closer, please, help homeless stay warmer. Bring blankets, coats, socks or any winter clothes. Please, bring your donation to the Parish Office.

**ADVENT TREE**

Youth of our parish is organizing The Advent Giving Tree. Please support!

**ST. JEROME CHILDREN'S  
CHOIR CONCERT AT CITY HALL**

On Wednesday, December 4, at noon our Children's choir will have a concert of Advent and Christmas songs at the City Hall. Please, join us, give support to our children and enjoy the concert.

**DINNER WITH "SANTA"**

Please, join us on Saturday, December 7, from 4 to 9 p.m. at our School Hall for dinner with "Santa" —The good old St. Nicholas. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a home cooked meal in a festive atmosphere. This family fun filled evening is sponsored by St. Jerome Home and School Association.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

will be on Wednesday December 4, at 7.00 PM

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS**

On Tuesday December 17 at 6.30 PM please come help us clean the church to look nice for Christmas. We ask all who can help to come!

The more people come, the sooner we're DONE!

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS TO THE ALTAR**

If you would like to presents the gifts to the altar at any Mass, please, see one of our ushers before the Mass. It would be beautiful if we would have different families at each Mass, or to have you if a Mass is being celebrated for your personal intention.

**MEDJUGORJE, LOURDES  
AND FATIMA PILGRIMAGE**

Join us for the pilgrimage of a lifetime. Go to the Marian shrines of Europe (Medjugorje, Lourdes, Fatima) with Fr. Stipe Renić. Trip dates: June 16-27, 2014. Cost is \$3,999.00 (Airfare and All Inclusive). For more information: [proximotravel.com](http://proximotravel.com).

**ADVENT**

Beginning the new Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar above can help you fully enter in to the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

**JOIN US IN OUR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES**

**ZUMBA** - If you want to get in shape and have fun - join Zumba every Tuesday and Thursday in the Big Hall from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

*There will be Zumba Class on Monday, November 30*

**CROATIAN SCHOOL FOR ADULTS** - If you want to learn Croatian - join Croatian School for Adults every Tuesday and Friday in the Upper Small Hall from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Beginners are welcome! For more informations ask [majabandalo@gmail.com](mailto:majabandalo@gmail.com) or call 312-504-8099.

**AA** - Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Upper Small Hall. This is a wonderful group of people who are following the 12 Step program.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament is every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. This is a beautiful time to pray and reflect with the Lord.

**SAVE THE DATE**

- Sunday, December 1
  - 40th Anniversary of the Kardinal Stepinac Croatian School Mass
  - Croatian Mass in Rockford, IL
- Wednesday, December 4
  - City Hall Concert by the St. Jerome Children's Choir
- Saturday, December 7
  - Dinner with Santa
- Sunday, December 8
  - Club Poljica Party
- Saturday, December 21
  - Kardinal Stepinac Croatian School Christmas Program
- Sunday, December 22
  - 6:00 PM - Christmas Confessions for all
- Sunday, January 12, 2014
  - Bishop Rohas—Installation mass of Fr. Ivica





**ČESTITKE I ZAHVALE** svima koji su ugradili dio svoga života u 40 godina postojanja i uspješnog djelovanja Hrvatske škole Kardinal Stepinac. Uloženo je puno ljubavi i truda u našu djecu i mlade: putovanja subotom ujutro, mnogi sati dobrovoljnog rada i truda u pripremi nastave i nezaboravnih programa za Božić i Majčin dan. Uvjerili smo se da se ta ljubav prema domovini, kulturi, rodu i jeziku prelila na naše mlade, jer su i oni koji su rođeni ovdje dali svoj doprinos oslobođenju naše domovine, kad ih je ona trebala. Stoga trebamo biti zadovoljni na uloženoj trudu i plodovima. Mnogi od njih danas nose svoju vlastitu djecu u naručju subotom u Hrvatsku školu i vjerujem i generacije koje će doći nakon njih. Hvala svima koji su se uključili u organizaciju i sudjelovali u ovoj jubilarnoj proslavi.

#### BOŽIĆNI KONCERT DJECE ŠKOLE SV. JERONIMA U GRADSKOJ VIJEĆNICI

Dječji zbor naše škole održat će koncert adventskih i božićnih pjesama u gradskoj vijećnici Chicaga u srijedu 4. prosinca u 12 sati (u podne). Svi koji ćete tog dana biti u gradu ili raditi u centru grada, pridružite nam se na ovom svečanom događaju.

#### NASTAVIMO ČINITI DOBRO U OVE HLADNE DANE

**BESKUĆNICI** - I ove jeseni želimo pomoći beskućnike našega grada. Molimo, donesite toplu odjeću i pokrivače u naš župni ured.

**ADVENTSKO DRVCE** - I ove ćemo godine, kao i dosadašnjih, pomoći i siromašnu djecu. Početkom Došašća, na dnu crkve će biti postavljen borić s karticama na kojima će biti zapisani darovi za djecu. Molimo uzmite ih, kupite ono što na njima piše i donesite u naš Župni ured. Hvala na Vašoj darežljivosti.!

#### OBAVI JEST IZ KONZULATA R. HRVATSKE

Javna tribina o novom zakonu o boravku i prebivalištu u Republici Hrvatskoj održat će se u Hrvatskom Kulturnom Centru u nedjelju 8. prosinca u 12:00 i u 1:00 PM

Zakon o prebivalištu možete pronaći na stranici:

[http://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2012\\_12\\_144\\_3072.html](http://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2012_12_144_3072.html)

Ovom nedjeljom ulazimo u Došašće ili Advent - vrijeme u crkvenoj godini, kad se intenzivnije pripremamo na svetkovine Božića i Bogojavljenja. To je istodobno vrijeme očekivanja Kristova dolaska na kraju vremenâ (Sudnji dan). Vrijeme došašća nije toliko obilježeno pokorom, koliko više radosnim i povjerljivim očekivanjem. Liturgijska boja u došašću je ljubičasta, (kao u korizmi). U misi se izostavlja himan "Slava" u misi, da bi taj tipično božićni himan ("Slava Bogu na visini i na zemlji mir ljudima dobre volje !") jače odjeknuo na svetkovinu Kristova rođenja (Božić).

Adventski vijenac može načiniti svatko sam: u krug spletene zimzelene grančice, ukrašene raznobojnim, ponajčešće ljubičastim, vrpčama (ljubičasto je u katoličkom bogoslužju boja došašća) i - najvažnije - u vijenac su okomito utaknute četiri svijeće. One se pale postepeno, po jedna više svaki od četiri adventska tjedna. I tako se čeka Božić! "Prenesen je" iz skandinavskih, zemalja kao simbol života (zimzelen), rastućeg svjetla (postepeno paljenje svijeća) i očekivanja božićnog dolaska Kristova (Krist - svjetlo).

#### NAŠE REDOVITE AKTIVNOSTI

**HRVATSKA ŠKOLA KARDINAL STEPINAC** - Nastava se održava subotom od 8:30 sati ujutro do 12:30 sati poslije podne. Molimo dovodite djecu redovito i na vrijeme.

**HRVATSKA ŠKOLA ZA ODRASLE** - Ako želite učiti hrvatski jezik a stariji ste od 18 godina pridružite se već osnovanoj grupi svakog utorka i petka u gornjoj maloj dvorani s početkom u 7:30 sati navečer. Za više detalja pošaljite upit na [majabandalo@gmail.com](mailto:majabandalo@gmail.com) ili nazovite 312-504-8099.

**VJERONAUČ** - Vjeronauk se održava nedjeljom od 12 sati (podne) u prostorima škole. Dragi roditelji, molimo, svoju djecu redovito dovodite na sv. misu i vjeronauk.

#### KALENDAR DOGAĐAJA

- **PROSINAC 4 (srijeda):**  
Sastanak župnog vijeća u 7 sati navečer
- **PROSINAC 7 (subota):** Dinner with Santa
- **PROSINAC 8:** Club Poljica Božićni domjenak
- **PROSINAC 17 (utorak):** Čišćenje crkve
- **PROSINAC 21:** (subota):  
Hrvatska škola božićni program
- **PROSINAC 22 (nedjelja):**  
6:00 PM Božićna ispovijed za sve župljane
- **SIJEČANJ 12 (nedjelja):**  
Biskup Rohas - Sv. Misa uvođenja fra Ivica u župničku službu i zajednički ručak

## The Feast of the Immaculate Conception,

in its oldest form, goes back to the seventh century, when churches in the East began celebrating the Feast of the Conception of Saint Anne, the mother of Mary. In other words, this feast celebrates the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of Saint Anne; and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate the Nativity of Blessed Mother As originally celebrated (and as still celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Churches), however, the Feast of the Conception of Saint Anne does not have the same understanding as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception has in the Catholic Church today. The feast arrived in the West probably no earlier than the 11th century.

Because of the doctrine of [Original Sin](#), some in the West began to believe that Mary could not have been sinless unless she had been saved from Original Sin at the moment of her conception (thus making the conception "immaculate"). Others, however, including St. Thomas Aquinas, argued that Mary could not have been redeemed if she had not been subject to sin—at least, to Original Sin.

God had sanctified Mary at the moment of her conception in His foreknowledge that the Blessed Virgin would consent to bear Christ. In other words, she too had been redeemed—her redemption had simply been accomplished at the moment of her conception, rather than (as with all other Christians) in Baptism.

Pope Sixtus IV extended the feast to the entire Western Church, and in 1483 threatened with excommunication those who opposed the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. By the middle of the 17th century, all opposition to the doctrine had died out in the Catholic Church.

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX officially declared the Immaculate Conception a dogma of the Church, which means that all Christians are bound to accept it as true. As the Holy Father wrote in the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*, "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful."



When [Blessed Pope Pius IX] promulgated the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 in his apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* [he wrote]: "The most holy Virgin, united with him [Christ] by a most intimate and indissoluble bond, was, with him and through him, eternally at enmity with the evil serpent, and most completely triumphed over him, and thus crushed his head with her immaculate foot." [Much Western sacred art of which Mary is the subject depicts her with a serpent beneath her feet.]

Bezgrešno začeće Blažene Djevice Marije je katolička dogma, koja tumači da je jedinstvenom Božjom povlasticom, Blažena Djevica Marija očuvana od svake mrlje istočnoga grijeha od trenutka svoga začeća. Također, Marija nije bila lišena milosti posvetne, već je bila puna milosti dobivenih od Boga i živjela je život posve bez grijeha.

Blagdan Bezgrešnog začeća Blažene Djevice Marije slavi se 8. prosinca. Utemeljio ga je papa Siksto IV. 1476. g. Dogmu je svečano proglasio papa Pio IX. u poslanici "Ineffabilis Deus", 8. prosinca 1854. g. Katolička crkva vjeruje da dogma ima potporu u Bibliji. Arkandeo Gabriel nazvao je Mariju "punom milosti", a crkveni oci nazivali su Mariju – Blaženom Djevicom. Prema katoličkoj teologiji, Marija je morala biti posve bez grijeha da bi mogla začeti Isusa.

Pobožnost prema Bezgrešnoj Djevici Mariji, koja je duga vijeka, prvi put je službeno potvrđena na crkvenom saboru u Baselu 1439. godine koji je zaključio: "Definiramo, da ono učenje koje kaže da preslavna Djevica i Bogorodica Marija, po predusretanju i djelovanju posebne milosti Božjeg promisla, nikada nije bila podložna izvornom grijehu, nego je uvijek bila čista i od izvornog i od učinjenog grijeha, sveta i neokaljana, trebaju prihvatiti svi katolici kao pobožno i koje je u skladu s kršćanskim shvaćanjem, katoličkom vjerom, zdravim razumom i Svetim pismom...te da ubuduće nikome nije dozvoljeno suprotno propovijedati, odn. naučavati." "Da bi bila Spasiteljeva Majka, Marija je "bila od Boga nadarena darovima koji su u skladu s tako uzvišenom ulogom".

Anđeo Gabriel, u času navještenja, pozdravlja je kao "milosti punu" (Lk 1,28). I doista, da bi navještaju svoga poziva mogla dati slobodan pristanak svoje vjere, bilo je potrebno da bude sva nošena Božjom milošću. Tijekom vjekova Crkva je postala svjesna da je Marija, ispunjena Božjom milošću, bila otkupljena već od svoga začeća. Tako dogma o Bezgrešnom Začeću, proglašena od Pape Pija IX. 1854. godine, izjavljuje: Preblazena Djevica Marija u prvom trenutku svoga začeća, jedinstvenom je milošću i povlasticom svemogućega Boga, u predviđanju zasluga Isusa Krista Spasitelja ljudskog roda, bila očuvana od svake ljage istočnoga grijeha. Sav taj "sjaj sasvim jedinstvene svetosti" koji Mariju "resi već od prvog časa njezina začeća" dolazi joj potpuno od Krista: ona je "otkupljena na uzvišen način u vidu zasluga svoga Sina". [132] Više nego bilo koju drugu stvorenu osobu, Otac ju je "blagoslovio svakim blagoslovom duhovnim u nebesima, u Kristu" (Ef 1,3). U njemu ju je izabrao, "prije postanka svijeta, da bude 'sveta i neporočna' pred njim u ljubavi" (Ef 1,4)."