

Parish Bulletin

Župni Vjesnik

December 29, 2013 - 29. prosinca 2013.



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

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www.stjermeschool.net

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

Monday, December 30 - *Ponedjeljak, 30. prosinca*

7:30 a.m.

†† Rails and Marie Balestri *Perisin grandchildren*
 Na čast sv. Ante *Željka Gaurić*

Tuesday, December 31 - *Utorak, 31. prosinca*St. Sylvester, Pope – *sv. Silvestar, papa*

7:30 a.m.

† Penny Walters *family*
 †† Ivan i Ana Vrdoljak *Cathy and Andrew*
 †† of Salerno, Fratto and Gurgone families *family*
 6 p.m.
 † Maria Ann Gazzi *Gazzi family*
 † Angelique Rubio *Lauren and Michael*
 † Frank Bologna *Lauren and Michael*

Wednesday, January 1 - *Srijeda, 1. siječnja*

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

BDM BOGORODICA

7:30 a.m.

† Helen Pelnarsh *Mary Tadin*
 †† Vito and Carmella Barbara *family*
 9:30 a.m.
 † Ante Kovačević *Zoran i obitelj*
 †† of Peso family *family*
 11 a.m.
 † Robert Jurlina *obitelj Jurlina*
 † Iva Sušnjara *sin Anđelko i obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Kovačević *Zoran i obitelj*
 Na nakanu *Ivanka Sušnjara*

Thursday, January 2 - *Četvrtak, 2. siječnja*

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

sv. Bazilije Veliki i Grgur Nazijanski

7:30 a.m.

† Carmen Balestri *Rita Colosimo*
 † Grace Gusich *Butch and Marlene Salvato*

Friday, January 3 - *Petak, 3. siječnja*

7:30 a.m.

† Stipe Bolotin *Vlado i Janja Mulc*
 † Mary Somen *Butch and Marlene Salvato*

Saturday, January 4 - *Subota, 4. siječnja*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – *sv. Elizabet Ann Seton*

7:30 a.m.

† Br. Michael LaMantia *Cathy Brčević*
 Special intention *Frank and Donna Louzon*
 5:30 p.m.
 † Joann Passarelli *Kevin and Chrissy Zanin*
 † James Frale *Matt and Anna Babich*
 † Chester Bazan Sr. *Rose and Bob Bazan*
 † Bertha LaMantia *Louis and Mary Scalise*

† Norbie Randich *Toni Zaninovich*
 † Bruce Cannatello *Mike and Colleen Mancari*
 Na čast Gospe Sinjske *Yvonne Mangiaracina*
 Na nakanu *Maja Dugandžić*

Sunday, January 5 - *Nedjelja, 5. siječnja*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

BOGOJAVLJENJE (TRI KRALJA)

7:30 a.m.

† John Kraslen *Carm Parrilli*
 † John Ish Botica *Gen and family*
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine i Jozo Čondić *Duško*
 †† Čondić Godparents *Duško*
 9:30 a.m.

† JoAnn Passarelli *Chapman family*
 † Mary Somen *Maria and Miriam Rodriguez*
 † Grace Gusich *Capra family*
 † Leo Siwek *Marian Segvich*
 † Jesse Barajas *Lee Chapman*
 †† of Frane Aljinović family *Frank and Donna Louzon*
 11 a.m.

† Karmila Knezović *Slavko i Ankica Vojvodić*
 † Ivan Cvitanović *Mate i Mira Mulac*
 † Frank Crnković *Josip i Iva Prša*
 † Zvonko Čabo *Bob, Kathy and Bobby Cannatello*
 † Ivan Lerotić *Josip i Albina Pauletić*
 † Jure Dugandžić *Kata Žigniće i obitelj*
 † Milan Žolo *Božo i Stoja Kosir*
 † Brankica Šalković *Boris i Jasna*
 † Frano Grepo *sin Ivica Grepo i obitelj*
 † Marko Perić *Jure i Milka Kutleša i obitelj*
 † Jozo Beritić *Maja Dugandžić i obitelj*
 †† Ljubo i Dumica Tanfara *djeca*
 †† Frank i Maria Cecchini *Bruno i Jasna*
 †† Grgo i Ana Bilonić *kći Ana Bajić i obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*
 Na nakanu *Bože Guvo*
 Na nakanu *Albina Pauletić*
 Na nakanu *obitelj Penavić*

LECTORS - ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Robert Cannatello

7:30 a.m. – Matthew Pesce; 9:30 a.m. – Sonia Antolec

11 a.m. – Ivana Jureta, Tomislav Kikaš

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI

5:30 p.m. – Jan Ferro; 7:30 a.m. – Matthew Pesce;

9:30 a.m. – Pablo Iglesias; 11 a.m. – Tomislav Šulentić

ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. – Natalia Ruich, Isabella and Olivia Wroblewski

7:30 a.m. – Manuel Esparza, Lucas Mizera

9:30 a.m. – Angelina Caruso, Zach Sandoval, John Zekich

11 a.m. – Nikola Brčić, Darko Jr. i Dominik Grgić,
Lidija Kutleša

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

It may sound like a story line from a bad situation comedy, but how many of you parents out there have gone to one of those parent-teacher meetings, only to come away shaking your head in wonder. "Was that our kid she was talking about?" Little Junior who can't find the clothes hamper, talks with his mouth full, and slugs his sister at home is one of the most delightful young students in Mrs. Smith's class. Sometimes, are we standing too close to our children to really see them for who they are?

According to ancient Jewish laws, a woman who had given birth was not allowed into the temple for 40 days, where she was then given "purification" as described in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Most new mothers would also offer a lamb and a dove for a sacrifice, or if the family was very poor, two doves or pigeons, as was the case for Joseph and Mary.

It was Simeon and Anna, two faith-filled individuals from outside the family, who recognized with joyful exclamations that the child Jesus was the Messiah. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary "were amazed at what was said about him."

In today's seemingly secular world, where those of faith are greeted with disdain and even hostility, the faithful family stands even more importantly as a center of life itself. The Second Vatican Council even recognized that parents are "by word and example the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child." Today is the feast of the Holy Family; look at the children around you, perhaps for the first time, with amazement at these young gifts from God.



SVETA OBITELJ ISUSA, MARIJE I JOSIPA

"Poštuj oca i majku!" Da su to jedine riječi u cijelom Svetom pismu koje se odnose na obitelj, bile bi dovoljne. No ta 4. Božja zapovijed govori o obiteljskim vrijednostima koje su bile dio standarda izraelske zajednice. Matejevo evanđelje govori o Isusovoj obitelji i njegovu ranom djetinjstvu. Kao i kod Luke, Sv. obitelj boravi u Nazaretu, no Matejev Isus je došao iz Egipta, kao drugi Mojsije, koji novi Izrael vodi prema spasenju. Kršćani su pozvani slijediti primjer Sv. obitelji. No kultura smrti ima tako velik utjecaj na suvremene kršćanske obitelji. Sv. obitelj poziva na kulturu života koja ima svoj temelj u vrijednostima koje veličaju Sirah i Pavao.

Važne životne lekcije počinju u obitelji; uzajamna ljubav, strpljivost, poštivanje. Te vrijednosti ujedanju članove obitelji. O tome govori Sirah u prvom čitanju. Taj ulomak je dio većeg odsjeka u kojem se obrađuju problemi obiteljskog života, i čini se da komentira zapovijed iz knjige Izlaska "Poštuj oca svoga i majku svoju". Ta zapovijed, kao jedna od 10 Božjih zapovijedi, ustvari je sveta dužnost. Kršenje te zapovijedi je kršenje saveza. Nepoštivanje roditelja je nepoštivanje Boga. S druge strane, Sirah ističe da oni koji se budu brinuli za roditelje da će biti blagoslovljeni dugim životom, bogatstvom. Pitanje je koliko ljudi slijede tu zapovijed? Koliko ima staraca i starica za koje djeca nemaju vremena? Koliko se kao društvo brinemo za ostarjele očeve i majke? Svatko je odgovoran za drugoga, a posebno za one koje nazivamo obitelj.

Matejev opis bijega Sv. obitelji u Egiptu podsjeća na Mojsija i njegov život. U oba slučaja, zli upravitelj (faraon, Herod) pokušava ubojstvo dok su još bili malena dječica; u oba slučaja spas od takve tiranije dolazi smrću vladara. Matej je u svom evanđelju često pravio paralele između Isusa i Mojsija. Poput Mojsija koji je donio zapovijedi sa Sinaja, i Isus donosi zapovijedi u svom govoru na gori. Kao što je Mojsije nahranio ljude u pustinji, tako će i Isus nahraniti ljude u pustinji čudesnim umnažanjem kruhova, a kasnije i sama sebe dati kao hranu za život svijeta. Kao što je Mojsije bio posrednik saveza na Sinaju, Isus obnavlja savez, i to u svojoj krvi. Kao što je Mojsije izveo ljude iz egipatskog ropstva, i Isus izvodi ljude iz ropstva, ali ropstava grijeha, i to svojom mukom, smrću i uskrsnućem.

THANK YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART

Dear friends, thank you for all the moments we have been together in Advent and Christmas season!

Thank you for making it a priority to participate in our celebrations, concerts, programs and events.

Thank you for all of your gifts to our parish with which you unselfishly help the life of our parish. May the good God abundantly reward you!

Thank you for your prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts to us, your priests, during this holy season, and for your generous love!

A special thanks to everyone who in this busy past weeks found time to help in the cleaning that prepared our church for these glorious days. Thank you for your time, effort and devotion.

Our particular gratitude goes out to Louis Scalise and Kenny Zekich for decorating our church. Their devotion helps lift up all our hearts to give glory to God!

Thanks to all of you who donated for the lively flowers adorning our church these Christmas feast days.

Thank you for responding so generously to the invitation to buy gifts for needy children in the weeks before Christmas.

Thanks to all who donate winter clothing and blankets for the homeless! Your response to this undertaking has been gratefully received.

We are especially grateful for your Christmas witness of love and faith in Christ our Lord. Together we go forward in that faith into 2014!

*Christmas blessings with love
from your Franciscan friars*

Fr. Ivica and Fr. Stipe

INSTALLATION MASS FOR OUR NEW PASTOR

Alberto Rojas, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, will install Fr. Ivica Majstorović OFM as our new pastor on Sunday, January 12, 2014. All are cordially invited for Mass and reception in our School Hall. Entrance is free. Please, let us know if you are coming and how many members of your family would attend.

PLANNING - DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

We are forming a planning committee to discuss the development of our parish property. We are looking for dedicated parishioners that would want to volunteer their time to serve on this committee. Meetings will begin in the early January. This will take some time and will be done in different phases. If this is something that you would be interested in working on, please, contact Fr. Ivica at the Parish Office.

TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS CAMPAIGN

We are about to start a campaign *To Teach Who Christ Is* - an effort to strengthen the parishes, schools and education programs of the Archdiocese of Chicago for years to come. This campaign will greatly help our parish in fulfilling our mission. More info to come.

WEDDING BANNS NAJAVA VJENČANJA

III) Cristian Nogalo & Natalie Czech

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Bruce J. Cannatello, 66. Husband of Maryann (nee Versetto); father of Gina (Bruno) Mancari, Jennifer Benavides and Joseph; grandfather of Dario, Mia and Andrew; brother of Robert (Tina) and Samuel (Daisy) Cannatello, Diane Skirvin, Daniel Bajic, Cheryl (James) Vittori, Steven (Theresa) Bajic, Laurie Perez, Dawn Breaju and the late Stanley "Dolly" Bajic.

May he rest in peace.

INTRODUCTORY ADULT ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES

Do you remember your "Nonna" or "Nonno" speaking to you in Italian? Now, do you often think, "I wish I had learned some Italian." Now is your chance! A 10 course series of Beginning Italian Classes is offered. The 10 courses will feature an introduction to the Italian language as well as a weekly segment on Italian culture. The instruction of the Italian language will be at an introductory level, no previous knowledge is required. Each week Italian culture will be explored as well. One class will be devoted to Italian cuisine.

Books and materials will be provided by the National Italian American Foundation (www.niaf.org). The cost is \$175. The classes will be held in the Small Hall on Mondays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., starting on January 27. Deadline for enrollment is January 20. For more info contact Maurizio Malfeo at Italian@StJeromeSchool.net.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

- Tuesday, December 31
New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving (6 p.m.)

- Wednesday, January 1
New Year's Day - Mary, the Mother of God
(Masses at 7:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m.)
- Thursday, January 9
Fr. Častimir Majić's 100th Birthday Celebration
- Sunday, January 12
Bishop Rojas - Installation Mass of Fr. Ivica
- Sunday, January 26
Marian Society all member meeting
- Monday, January 27
Start of Adult Italian Language and Culture Classes

ZAHVALJUJEMO OD SRCA

Hvala, dragi župljani i prijatelji, za sve radosne susrete koje smo imali prilike doživjeti ovih adventskih i božićnih dana.

Hvala za vaše darove našoj župi kojima uvijek nesebično pomažete život i poslanje naše župe.

Hvala svima vama koji ste velikodušno darivali i nas svećenike o Božiću.

Hvala svima vama koji ste sudjelovali na našim slavljinama, koncertima, priredbama i događanjima.

Osobito hvala svima vama koji ste se odazvali za čišćenje i uređivanje naše crkve. Hvala vam za vaš trud, rad i darovano vrijeme.

Hvala našim dragim Louisu Scaliseu i Kennyu Zekichu što su svečano okitili našu crkvu. Hvala im jer oni ovo mjesto uvijek učine tako posebnim i lijepim.

Hvala svima vama koji ste darovali za cvijeće za Božić kako bi naša crkve bila svečana.

*Sretan Božić od srca vam žele
vaši franjevci*

fra Ivica i fra Stipe

ŽUPNE OMOTNICE

Župne omotnice za 2014. godinu nalaze se na dnu crkve. Molimo, uzmite ih prije Božića. Ako postoje kakve tehničke pogreške ili još nemate svoje župne omotnice, javite se u naš župni ured.

KALENDARI ZA 2014. GODINU I VJESNIK

Zahvaljujemo pogrebnoj kući "Michael Colleta Sons" na sponzorstvu zidnih kalendara za 2014. godinu.

Hrvatski zidni kalendari i Hrvatski franjevački vjesnici se nalaze na dnu crkve. U njima se nalaze mnoge zanimljivi izvještaji iz naše župe kao i iz drugih hrvatskih župa Kanade i SAD-a.

MISA ZAHVALNICA

U utorak 31. prosinca slavimo svetu misu zahvalnica u 6 sati navečer. Želimo se Bogu zahvaliti za dobročinstva koja smo primili u protekloj godini.

SRETNA NOVA 2014. GODINA!

Dragi župljani, približavamo se kraju 2013. godine. Bila je obilježena mnogim promjenama i novostima. Neka novorođeni Kralj nad kraljevima našoj župnoj zajednici i svakoj hrvatskoj obitelji donese svoj nebeski blagoslov da bi nam i nova 2014. godina bila blagoslovljena u duhovnom i svakom drugom pogledu.

SVETA MISA U ROCKFORDU

Jednom mjesečno okuplja se hrvatska zajednica u gradu Rockfordu. Sv. misa se slavi u crkvi sv. Brigite (600 Clifford Avenue in Loves Park, Rockford) u 4 sata poslije podne. Slijedeća sv. misa će biti u nedjelju 5. siječnja. Pošto je to vrijeme blagoslova obitelji, pohodit ćemo naše obitelji i zajednički moliti za Božji blagoslov. Za detalje se javite Josipu Matoševiću (815-298-8218).

ZAHVALA

Hvala svim darovateljima za program Hrvatskog katoličkog radija: Ivo i Marijana Elezović (\$100); Ivan i Ruža Grbavac (\$100); Marija Zovko (\$50); Jadranka Čolak (\$100).
Hvala na daru, potpori i slušanju!

**PROSLAVA 100. ROĐENDANA
FRA ČASTIMIRA MAJIĆA**

Najstariji član naše Hrvatske franjevačke kustodije, fra Častimir Majić, će u četvrtak 9. siječnja proslaviti svoj 100. rođendan. Sv. misa će biti u 6 sati navečer a potom slijedi proslava i zakuska. Molimo, javite nam ako ćete biti na častitanju u Velikoj dvorani radi lakše organizacije.

**INSTALACIJA - UVOĐENJE U SLUŽBU ŽUPNIKA**

Alberto Rojas, pomoćni čikaški biskup, će uvesti u službu župnika fra Ivicu Majstorovića OFM u nedjelju 12. siječnja 2014. godine. Sve smo srdačno pozvani na sv. misu u 10:30 sati prije podne te na ručak u Velikoj dvorani. Ulaz će biti slobodan. Molimo, javite nam da dolazite te koliko će vas biti.

ODBOR ZA PLANIRANJE I RAZVOJ

Osnivamo *Odbor za planiranje i razvoj* da bismo pronašli što bolje rješenje za budućnost naše župe, osobito što se tiče izgradnje i poboljšanja župnih nekretnina. Planiranje i sam razvoj će biti u nekoliko faza. Susreti i planiranje će početi u prvoj polovici siječnja 2014. Pozivamo sve one župljane koji mogu doprinijeti ovome cilju da se jave i pristupe u ovaj odbor. Molimo, javite se župniku fra Ivici.

KAMPANJA TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

Započinjemo kampanju *To Teach Who Christ Is* - nastojanje da bismo ojačali župe, škole i obrazovne programe u nadiskupiji Chicago za mnoge godine koje su pred nama. Ova kampanja će u slijedeće 3 godine puno pomoći u ostvarivanju planova naše hrvatske katoličke župe i zajednice. Više informacija ćemo objaviti uskoro.

PRIKLADNI DAR ZA NOVU GODINU

U Župnom uredu možete nabaviti prikladan lijepi dar za svoje prijatelje prigodom nove 2014. godine: knjiga Marije Dugandžić-Pašić "St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church: an authentic Chicago story for over 100 years..." u dvije veličine; karta "Historic Croatian Landmarks of Chicagoland" prikazuje najznačajnija hrvatska mjesta u Chicagu i okolici.

**JANUARY 1ST - SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**

On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. The divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular salvific event: for Our Lady it was the foretaste and cause of her extraordinary glory; for us it is a source of grace and salvation because "through her we have received the Author of life".

The solemnity of January 1, an eminently Marian feast, presents an excellent opportunity for liturgical piety to encounter popular piety: the first celebrates this event in a manner proper to it; the second lends joy and happiness to the various expressions of praise offered to Our Lady on the birth of her divine Son, to deepen our understanding of many prayers, beginning with that which says: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners."

January 1 is an inaugural day marking the beginning of the civil year. The faithful are also involved in the celebrations for the beginning of the new year and exchange "new year" greetings. We should try to lend a Christian understanding to this custom making of these greetings an expression of popular piety. The faithful, naturally, realize that the "new year" is placed under the patronage of the Lord, and in exchanging new year greetings they implicitly and explicitly place the New Year under the Lord's dominion, since to him belongs all time.

New Year greetings include an expression of hope for a peaceful New Year. This has profound biblical, Christological and incarnational origins. Peace has always been invoked throughout history by all men, and especially during violent and destructive times of war. The Church shares the profound aspirations of man for peace. Since 1967, 1 January has been designated "world day for peace." In the light of the new born Prince of Peace, it reserves this day for intense prayer for peace, education towards peace and those values inextricably linked with it, such as liberty, fraternal solidarity, the dignity of the human person, respect for nature, the right to work, the sacredness of human life, and the denunciation of injustices which trouble the conscience of man and threaten peace.



**1. SIJEČNJA - SVETKOVINA BLAŽENE
DJEVICE MARIJE BOGORODINCE
SVJETSKI DAN MIRA**

Na dan koji je u kalendaru stavljen kao prvi, susrećemo više isprepletenih sadržaja: svetkovinu Bogorodice Marije, davanje imena Isusu, Nova godina, Dan mira. Liturgijski tekstovi govore o blagdanu pod imenom Natale Sanctae Mariae (Rođenje Svete Marije). Taj je blagdan naročito odisao duhom

Efeškoga sabora (431. g.) koji je Mariju nazvao Bogorodicom ili grč. Theotokos te od tada otvorio čašćenje Bogorodice Marije u novom ozračju. To je najstariji marijanski blagdan na Zapadu. Osim toga, Bogorodica s Djetetom najčešći je motiv kršćanske umjetnosti. Theotokos, govoreći o Mariji, govori o Kristu. Kalendariski gledano, otvaramo novi niz dana porredanih u tjedne i mjesec.

Na početku smo nove godine i zaokupljaju nas različite misli i osjećaji. Pona najprije pitanje: Što nosi nova godina? Imamo osjećaj da je jedno vrijeme

prošlo, a s njim i sve zlo i ono neugodno i da novo vrijeme počinje s nadom u bolje. Stoga si srdačno čestitamo, izražavajući sebi i drugima najbolje želje. A sve te želje, možemo reći, slijevaju se u jednu: živjeti, živjeti sretno, živjeti vječno! Zatim se pitamo: Što će se novoga dogoditi u našem malom životu i na velikoj svjetskoj sceni? Dan u kojem slavimo početak nove godine potiče nas na razmišljanje o vremenskom karakteru našeg ljudskog postojanja. Vrijeme nezaustavljivo prolazi, a s njime i mi sami.

Božić je blagdan početka, započinjanja novog vremena, nove ere. Na Božić je rođen Bog u obitelji ovoga svijeta. Tjedan dana nakon Božića okrećemo se na Rođenje u betlehemsnoj štalici i čujemo poruku toga događaja: „Svjetlo svijetli u tami i tama ga ne obuze!“ Za nas kršćane nema značajnije poruke na početku nove kalendarске godine. Samo ime Isus, hebr. „Ješuah,“ sadržava i program i obećanje. Rodio nam se Bog: „Jahve, naš Bog spašava!“