

Parish Bulletin

Župni Vjesnik

December 8, 2013 - 8. 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 9 - *Ponedjeljak, 9. prosinca*
 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Bezgrešno začeće Blažene Djevice Marije

7:30 a.m.

† Nick LoCoco *family*
 † Margaret Loscalzo *daughter Ellen*

Tuesday, December 10 - *Utorak, 10. prosinca*

7:30 a.m.

† James Gurgone *wife*
 † Marija Galović *suprug Ante*

Wednesday, December 11 - *Srijeda, 11. prosinca*

7:30 a.m.

† Lucille Bekavac *Mario i Mare Romanović*
 † Mary Somen *Joe and El Grzetich*

Thursday, December 12 - *Četvrtak, 12. prosinca*
 Our Lady of Guadalupe – Gospa Guadalupska

7:30 a.m.

† Alex Mohovich *Charles and Patricia Marino*
 † Margaret Loscalzo *daughter Ellen*

8:05 a.m.

PRO POPULO – For all Parishioners – Za sve župljane
 7 – 9 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*

Friday, December 13 - *Petak, 13. prosinca*
 St. Lucy - sv. Lucija

7:30 a.m.

† Rose Krolo *Diane Krolo*
 † Mile Kodžoman *Debbie*

Saturday, December 14 - *Subota, 14. prosinca*
 St. John of the Cross - sv. Ivan od Križa

7:30 a.m.

† Julia Frigan *Cathy and Andrew*
 †† Marko i Tona Čondić *Duško*

5:30 p.m.

† Carmen Balestri *John and Laura Perseghin*
 † Grace Gusich *Matt and Anna Babich*
 † Chester Bazan Sr. *Rose and Bob Bazan*
 † Bertha LaMantia *Joe and Lisa Amoroso*
 † Barry Babich *Mom, Dad, Lisa and Chris*
 † Stanley Szatkowski *Szatkowski family*
 † Mike Iozzo *Iozzo family*
 † Mile Kodžoman *Mary Tadin*
 † Zvonko Čabo *Maria and Miriam Rodriguez*
 †† iz obitelji Galić *obitelj Bešlić*

Sunday, December 15 - *Nedjelja, 15. prosinca*
 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 3. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠĆA

7:30 a.m.

† Marty Kraslen *Andy and Patricia Sperando*

† John Kraslen *Charles and Patricia Marino*
 †† Diane and Marlene *Maryann*
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine, Jojo Čondić *Duško*
 9:30 a.m.

† Ruža Zeba *Ivan and family*
 † Filip Majić *Majić family*
 † Louie Zaninovich *Fran Sabbia*
 † Mary Somen *Katie Ferro*
 † Carmen Balestri *Michael and Alice Kamenjarin*
 † Grace Gusich *Liz Horvath*
 † Hipolito Ellazar *John and Paulette Nowacki*
 †† August and Bernadette Walters (70th wedding anniversary)
 *family*
 †† of Zaninovich and Vulich families *Toni Zaninovich*
 11 a.m.

† Ivan Guvo *Bože i obitelj*
 † Josip Armić *obitelj*
 † Frano Brajković *Neva Zelić i obitelj*
 † Karmila Knezović *Ante i Brigita Sivrić*
 † Ivan Cvitanović *Vinc Armić i obitelj*
 † Miško Dragušica *Dinko Dragušica i obitelj*
 † Mila Cvitković *Olga Puljić*
 † Zvonko Čabo *Joe and El Grzetich*
 † Milan Žolo *Mate i Mira Mulac*
 † Hrvoje Pečuvčić *Mario i Mare Romanović*
 † Mara Pezerović *Luca Grgić*
 † Augustin Grgić *Darko Grgić i obitelj*
 † Brankica Šalković *brat Darko Grgić i obitelj*
 † Iva Erkapić *obitelj Erkapić*
 †† Slavko i Angela Kadić *obitelj Penavić*
 †† Ante i Vinka Kraljević *Božo i Stoja Kosir i obitelj*
 †† Marijan i Iva Knezović *Marko Knezović i obitelj*
 †† Mate i Ana Popović *kći Milka Lisnich*
 †† iz obitelji Miličević *obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*
 Na nakanu *Bože Guvo*

LECTORS - ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Eva Mossman
 7:30 a.m. – Matt Pesce
 9:30 a.m. – MaryBeth Insalaco
 11 a.m. – Nikolina Mađer, Deni Grgić, Perica Dušević

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI

5:30 p.m. – Jan Ferro
 7:30 a.m. – Matt Pesce
 9:30 a.m. – MaryBeth Insalaco
 11 a.m. – Perica Dušević

ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. – Michael Passarelli, Olivia and Isabella Wroblewski
 7:30 a.m. – Francesca Bertucci, Jasmine Esparza
 9:30 a.m. – Monica Matual, Lucas Mizera, Zach Sandoval
 11 a.m. – Ante Ledić, Luka Kosić, Emilijan Kosić,
 Darko Grgić, Jr., Lorin Draženović, Kristijan Kosić

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Repent! This is such a strong word for all people. Yet it only means to change course. It is admission that our lives are off course and we must correct our course. Sometimes that repentance is a total change of course and sometimes it is just a slight correction of our course.

What is our course? Always and at every moment: to do what God wants of us. So to repent for us is to seek God's will and to attempt to do God's will. Advent invites us always to deepen our awareness of the ways in which God comes into our lives and to seek to live according to God's will. The best example of such following of Jesus is the example of Mary, His mother.



The Prophet Isaiah recognized many centuries ago that we are unable to change our course by ourselves. We need to have God. We need to have a Savior. With his gift of prophecy, given by God, he foresaw the Peaceable Kingdom, recognizing the child who would come and be the Savior. In Advent we are invited to look with the Prophet Isaiah at our world and to recognize that even though the Savior has come, we are personally still in need of that Savior. We can also recognize that the world as a whole has not accepted the Savior.

Yet so many people yearn for the Peaceable Kingdom, where all is peace and all is harmony and where there is no fear but only love and care for one another.

The Letter to the Romans puts it this way: Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. How different our world would be if each one of us welcomed everyone else as Christ has welcomed us! It is really difficult to believe that God wants us to do this. Yet it is the heart of the Gospel and the heart of following Jesus as Lord.

So we return to repentance in the Gospel of Matthew today and realize that we are being called by God to this repentance. We are being asked personally by God to change our course into the course of God. We will be given all power and strength to do this if only we set out to do it. Jesus Himself assures us in His life, death and resurrection that we will have life if we follow Him daily.

2. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠĆA

Druga nedjelja došašća pravi prijelaz s buduće eshatologije na pripremu za utjelovljenje. Starozavjetno čitanje sadržava jedno od najvećih mesijanskih proročanstava proroka Izaije. Opisuje idealnog kralja iz loze Davidove. Na njemu će počivati Duh Gospodnji, i bit će obdaren mnogim darovima. On će biti obdaren "mudrošću i umnošću (intelektualnim sposobnostima), savjetom i jakošću (praktičnim sposobnostima), znanjem i strahom Gospodnjim" (darovima pobožnosti). Kraljevska vladavina opisana je na idealistički način. Takvo poimanje idealnog kraljevstva je starije od samog mesijanskog očekivanja. Ono izražava ono za čime su težile generacije Izraelaca, i što su očekivale od svog kralja. No, taj se ideal nikad nije ostvario, tako da su ta očekivanja prebačena u bolja, mesijanska vremena. Iako taj ideal nije ostvaren, ljudi nisu pribjegli pesimizmu. Kršćani su to ispunjenje vidjeli u dolasku Isusa Krista.

U evanđelju je u prvom planu lik Ivana Krstitelja, koji u prvi plan stavlja Isusa Krista – i baš zato je Ivan prorok. Ukazuje na "jačeg od sebe". Kažiprst je koji kazuje o onom kome "nije dostojan nositi obuće". Ivan je tu da pripravi put, poravna staze, ispuni doline, a snizi bregove. Poziv je to i kršćaninov: biti prorok, prst, putar, bager koji prokrčuje put Kristu. Snizuje bregove svoje oholosti, a ispunja doline svojih slabosti snagom Božjom. Kao i Ivan on je "glas koji viče u pustinji". Glas, a ne Riječ. Jer Riječ je Krist. Glas koji omogućuje Riječi da se po njem čuje. Čamac koji donosi Riječ svijetu. Kršćaninov glas je stil njegova života, mišljenja i djelovanja. Kroz prorokov glas progovara Krist u ime bezglasnih, obespravljenih, ušutkanih.

Zdravlje društva i Crkve ovisi o prorocima. Oni su ti koji u Božjem svjetlu tumače sadašnjost, kritička su svijest zajednice. Nemir su za uspavani ljudski duh. Provokacija za one koji kunjajući zrače porukom "ne strši". Baš zato su trnu u oku. Na zubu su onima koji su od Riječi Božje učinili mrtvo slovo na papiru, omamili je anestezijom. Ne daju joj da ona njih tumači, već oni nju. Groze se od proroka jer im pred lice stavljaju ogledalo u kome vide svoje prijekore. "Ukloni ga iz naše sredine, jer je utjelovljeni prijekor našim djelima." Prorok, jer misli svojom glavom, o glavi si radi. Progon i šikaniranje, njegova je sudbina. Makar su mu život i karijera trajno na kocki, on ne sustaje. Prorok uvijek ide naprijed.

SECOND COLECTION

Today we are having a second collection for the RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS. Your contribution will greatly assist nearly 34,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests in Chicago area and across the USA who benefit from this Fund.

ADVENT TREE

Youth of our parish is organizing The Advent Giving Tree (gifts for poor or sick children) in the entrance of the church. Please, read the cards carefully to see the due date and whether gifts should be wrapped or not.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers, please, see Mary and Louis Scalise or Jan and Kenny Zekich.

**CHRISTMAS MAILING**

Soon we will send out our Christmas mailing which will contain the St. Jerome's Christmas card and Christmas Season schedule of services.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS

On Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m., please, come and help us to clean our church to look nice for Christmas. We ask all who can help to come! The more people come, the sooner we are going to be done.

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS**TO OUR PARISHIONERS DOING WELL**

Trinity High School - The Dominican College Preparatory School For Young Women

First Honors Nicolina Balazs
Adriana Kraljević
Rianna Meo

Second Honors Francesca Gaudio

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Aldo J. Piscitelli Jr., 59. Husband of Diane; father of Joseph (Stacy) LaMantia, Crystal (Ryan) Zaukas and Dianna "Baby" LaMantia; grandfather of Marriana LaMantia and Sophia Zaukas; brother of Sara Ann (Joseph) Caruso, Rocco (Lori) LaMantia and Denise "Neicy" (Casey) Szaflarski; uncle of many nieces and nephews. May he rest in peace.

WEDDING BANNS NAJAVA VJENČANJA

Michael D'Adamo III & Lisa Ann Moroko

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.

JOIN US IN OUR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

WEIGHTWATCHERS - If you want to get in shape than join Weightwatchers. They come together on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Lower Small Hall.

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.

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 or call 312-504-8099.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, December 8
Club Poljica Party
- Tuesday, December 10
Midway Airport Concert by St. Jerome Children's Choir (11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- Thursday, December 19
Christmas Confessions for children (9 a.m.)
- Saturday, December 21
Kardinal Stepinac Croatian School
Chistmas Program
- Sunday, December 22
Christmas Confessions for all (6 p.m.)
- Monday, December 23
Christmas Confessions for sick and homebound
- Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Children's Mass (5 p.m.)
- Wednesday, December 25
NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS

- Thursday, January 9
Fr. Častimir Majić's 100th Birthday Celebration
- Sunday, January 12
Bishop Rohas - Instalation Mass of Fr. Ivica

DOŠAŠĆE – VRIJEME PRI PRAVE ZA BOŽIĆ

Nalazimo se u došašću, liturgijskom vremenu pripreme za Božić - svetkovinu Isusovog rođenja. U ovom razdoblju vas potičemo da još aktivnije sudjelujete u otajstvima našega spasenja i to molitvom te pristupanjem sv. sakramentima pomirenja i euharistije.

DRUGA KOLEKTA

Današnja druga kolekta ide za potrebe MIROVINSKOG FONDA ZA REDOVNIKE I REDOVNICE. Svojim doprinosom uvelike pomažemo oko 34.000 umirovljenih časnih sestara, braće i svećenika redovnika u Chicagu i diljem SAD-a koji će dobiti pomoć iz ovoga fonda.

BOŽIĆNA PRIREDBA HRVATSKE ŠKOLE

U subotu 21. prosinca Hrvatska škola priređuje Božićnu priredbu u velikoj dvorani s početkom u 6 sati navečer. Ulaznice su već u prodaji. Generalna proba će biti u subotu 14. prosinca za vrijeme nastave Hrvatske škole.

PREDBOŽIĆNO ČIŠĆENJE CRKVE

Molimo sve koji mogu doći i pomoći u uređivanju crkve da dođu u utorak 17. prosinca u 6:30 sati navečer. Što nas bude više to će svima biti lakše i prije ćemo obaviti što je potrebno.



ADVENTSKI BOR

Na ulazu u našu crkvu možete vidjeti adventski bor i na njemu kartice s imenima stvari potrebnih djeci u bolnici. Molimo, uzmite kartice, kupite dar koji je napisan i vratite ga za dva tjedna u našu crkvu ili župni ured. Bollesnoj djeci ćemo tako uljepšati ovogodišnji Božić.

BOŽIĆNO CVIJEĆE

Želite li darovati cvijeće za Božić, molimo, javite se Louisu ili Mary Scalise, Kenu ili Jan Zekich te Ivanu ili Vesni Jureta. Hvala unaprijed.

BOŽIĆNO PISMO

Uskoro ćemo poslati našu božićnu poštu. U njoj će biti naša božićna čestitka te raspored sv. misa i ostalih događanja u našoj župi u božićne dane.

ČINI MO DOBRO U OVE HLADNE DANE

I dalje želimo pomoći beskućnike našega grada. Molimo, donesite toplu odjeću i pokrivače u naš župni ured.

TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS KAMPANJA

Započinjemo kampanju *To Teach Who Christ Is* - nastojanje da bismo ojačali župe, škole i obrazovne programe u nadkupiji 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.

PREDBOŽIĆNA PRIGODA ZA SV. ISPOVIJED

Najbolja priprema za Božić svakako je sakrament ispovijedi. Biti katolik znači barem se jednom godišnje ispovijediti i pričestiti. Blagdani su prigoda da se osvrnemo na svoj život, i po sakramentu pomirenja s Bogom i ljudima, istinski doživimo susret i zajedništvo s Bogom i bližnjima. Župna ispovijed s više svećenika na raspolaganju će biti u nedjelju 22. prosinca u 6 sati navečer.

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 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.

PRINOS DAROVA NA OLTAR

Ukoliko želite prinijeti darove na oltar (kalež, vino i vodu, knjigu molitvenih nakana) javite se redarima prije početka sv. mise. Bilo bi lijepo da svake nedjelje imamo drugu obitelj ili pojedince koji će prinijeti euharistijske darove na oltar, osobito ako se sv. misa slavi za vaše pokojne ili na vašu osobnu nakanu.

NOVO RADNO VRIJEME GENERALNOG KONZULATA RH U CHICAGU

Generalni konzulat Republike Hrvatske se nalazi na adresi: 737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1030, Chicago, IL 60611. Telefon: (312)482-9902; fax: (312)482-9987; e-mail: chicago@mvep.hr. Novo radno vrijeme: ponedjeljkom i srijedom od 1 do 4 sata poslije podne, utorkom, četvrtkom i petkom od 9 sati prijepodne do 12 sati (podne). Sve informacije možete naći na: www.mvep.hr.

For Rent – iznajmljuje se

► Apt. 2 bdrm house, 27th St. & Princeton area, washer/dryer, central heat & AC, lovely yard, garden, porch. Call 708-567-1591.

► Apt. in Bridgeport, 33rd and Lowe, 312-520-3066.

► Apt. 1st fl. rear, 3 rooms: 1 large bdrm., roomy front rm., 1 medium kitchen, fridge, stove, finished bathroom, closed-in porch. Seniors preferred, no smoking, no pets. Available Feb. 1st. Call after 5 p.m. – 773-254-2836.

DECEMBER 13 - ST. LUCY

Every little girl named Lucy must bite her tongue in disappointment when she first tries to find out what there is to know about her patron saint. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian and she was executed in Syracuse (Sicily) in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer, geographical places are named after her, a popular song has her name as its title and down through the centuries many thousands of little girls have been proud of the name Lucy.

One can easily imagine what a young Christian woman had to contend with in pagan Sicily in the year 300. If you have trouble imagining, just glance at today's pleasure-at-all-costs world and the barriers it presents against leading a good Christian life.

Her friends must have wondered aloud about this hero of Lucy's, an obscure itinerant preacher in a far-off captive nation that had been destroyed more than 200 years before. Once a carpenter, he had been crucified by the Roman soldiers after his own people turned him over to the Roman authorities. Lucy believed with her whole soul that this man had risen from the dead. Heaven had put a stamp on all he said and did. To give witness to her faith she had made a vow of virginity. What a hubbub this caused among her pagan friends! The kindler ones just thought her a little strange. To be pure before marriage was an ancient Roman ideal, rarely found but not to be condemned. To exclude marriage altogether, however, was too much. She must have something sinister to hide, the tongues wagged. Lucy knew of the heroism of earlier virgin martyrs. She remained faithful to their example and to the example of the carpenter, whom she knew to be the Son of God. She is the patroness of eyesight.

If you are a little girl named Lucy, you need not bite your tongue in disappointment. Your patron is a genuine, authentic heroine, first class, an abiding inspiration for you and for all Christians. The moral courage of the young Sicilian martyr shines forth as a guiding light, just as bright for today's youth as it was in A.D. 304.



13. PROSINCA - SV. LUCIJA

Datum 13. prosinac je vrlo bitan u božićnom krugu hrvatskih narodnih običaja. U Dalmaciji i na otocima djeca se nisu darivala na Sv. Nikolu, već na blagdan Sv. Lucije. U čarapama, papučama ili ispod jastuka dočekali bi ih slatkiši i suho voće. Osim toga, uz ovaj blagdan vezani su i drugi stari običaji.

Sveta Lucija, zaštitnica vida, krojača i kovača, živjela je u 4 st. u Siracusi na Siciliji u vrijeme cara Dioklecijana. Bila je iz bogate porodice i bila je zaručena. Jednom je hodočastila grob mučenice Agate u Kataniji da bi izmolila ozdravljenje za svoju bolesnu majku. Tada joj se ukazala mučenica Agata i predviđjela joj vrlo skoro mučeničku smrt. Odmah po povratku u Siracusu je otkazala zaruke i podjelila sav svoj imetak siromasima. Uvrijeđeni zaručnik ju

je prijavio vlastima sa optužbom da je kršćanka. Takva optužba, po Dioklecijanovim zakonima, je bila smrtno opasna. Zatvorili su je u tamnicu, mučili su je poljevajući je vrelom smolom i vrelim uljem, ali svoju vjeru nije zatajila. Osudili su je na smrt odrublivanjem glave. Prije toga uspjela je primiti euharistiju i predviđjela je skoro smrt Dioklecijana kao i prestanak progona kršćana. Njeno predviđanje se vrlo brzo ostvarilo. Svetu Luciju su počeli štovati već u 5. stoljeću i vrlo brzo su je štovali u svom zapadnom kršćanskom svijetu. U narodu je sirakuška djevica vrlo poštovana. U tradiciji narodne i crkvene pobožnosti je sveta Lucija zaštitnica vida i vrlo često je prikazuju s pladnjom i parom očiju na njemu.

U mnogim hrvatskim krajevima se na dan sv. Lucije sije pšenica, kako bi ozelenila do Božića, a zelenilom se prizivala plodnost i obilje u nadolazećoj godini. Narasla se pšenica po tradiciji vezala crvenom trakom koja je štitila od uroka, i stavljala, ovisno o području, u kut sobe, na stol ili pod bor. U sredinu božićne pšenice, koja se sijala i u izdubljenu repu, negdje se stavlja jabuka, a negdje jedna ili čak i tri svijeće. 12 dana od svete Lucije do Božića prepuni su folklornih elemenata kao što su predviđanje uspješnosti godine: sljedeće će godine biti u pojedinom mjesecu takvo vrijeme, kakvo je u odgo-varajući dan od Lucije do Božića.