

# Parish Bulletin

## Župni Vjesnik

December 15, 2013 - 15. prosinca 2013.



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

2823 S. Princeton Ave.  
Cardinal Stepinac Way  
Chicago, IL 60616

[www.stjeromecroatian.org](http://www.stjeromecroatian.org)

(this web site has an easy link to our  facebook page)

[www.stjermeschool.net](http://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 16 - *Ponedjeljak, 16. prosinca*

7:30 a.m.

† John Piegari ..... *Mary Fratto*  
 † na čast bl. pape Ivana Pavla II ..... *Mato Tomić*

Tuesday, December 17 - *Utorak, 17. prosinca*

7:30 a.m.

† Joe Bozich ..... *wife and family*  
 † Dominick Marino ..... *family*

Wednesday, December 18 - *Srijeda, 18. prosinca*

7:30 a.m.

† Frances Fratto ..... *Rose Ann*  
 † Lottie Mazur ..... *Judy and Bob Frederick*  
 †† of Sorich family ..... *family*

Thursday, December 19 - *Četvrtak, 19. prosinca*

7:30 a.m.

† Robert Phillips ..... *Patricia and Andy Sperando*  
 † Josip Barić ..... *Bože Guvo*  
 † JoAnn Passarelli ..... *children and grandchildren*

8:05 a.m.

PRO POPULO – For all Parishioners – Za sve župljane

7 – 9 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*Friday, December 20 - *Petak, 20. prosinca*

7:30 a.m.

† Theresa Ratchovsky ..... *Charles Oslakovic*  
 † Rails Balestri ..... *cousins Catherine and Nick*

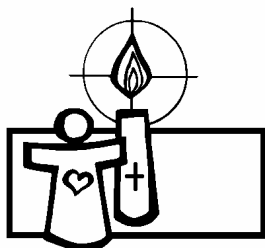
Saturday, December 21 - *Subota, 21. prosinca*

7:30 a.m.

† Vinc Briglio ..... *Charles and Patricia Romano*  
 † Sarah Phillips ..... *Mary Fratto*

5:30 p.m.

† Grace Gusich ..... *Sr. friendly club*  
 † Chester Bazan Sr. .... *Rose and Bob Bazan*  
 † Frances Fratto ..... *family*  
 † Nick Salerno ..... *Gerard*  
 † Vida Rose Reinhard ..... *3rd grade class*  
 †† Carmen and Eva Butera ..... *Cannatello family*  
 †† Krunoslav, Franca and Ruža Bašić ..... *Maja Bašić*  
 †† of Babich family ..... *Terri and Sam Babich*  
 †† of Iozzo family ..... *Terri and Sam Babich*  
 †† of Thompson and Iozzo families ..... *Iozzo family*

Sunday, December 22 - *Nedjelja, 22. prosinca*  
4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 4. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠĆA

7:30 a.m.

† Mary Somen ..... *Mario and Mare Romanović*  
 † Gene Dengler Sr. .... *wife*  
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine, Jozo Čondić ..... *Duško*

9:30 a.m.

† Hipolito Ellazar ..... *John and Paulette Nowacki*  
 † Catherine Tomljanovic ..... *Toni Zaninovich*  
 † Laverne Cortese ..... *Giggie*  
 †† John and Mary Harzich ..... *Joan Sipich and family*  
 †† Marko and Agnes Ratkovich ..... *Ann Komar*  
 †† Carmen, Carmella and Tommy LaPapa ..... *daughters*  
 †† of Zaninovich and Margarita families ..... *Zaninovich family*

11 a.m.

† Danica Špehar ..... *Janko Špehar i obitelj*  
 † Karmila Knezović ..... *Josip i Anđa Novak*  
 † Ivan Cvitanović ..... *Luka Bajić i obitelj*  
 † Frank Crnković ..... *Marinko i Božana Ilić*  
 † Jure Dugandžić ..... *obitelj Penavić*  
 † Mile Kodžoman ..... *obitelj Penavić*  
 † Marko Markica Dukić ..... *Ante Sipich*  
 † Josip Lisnich ..... *supruga Marija i obitelj*  
 † Marija Lisnich Stephens ..... *majka i obitelj*  
 † Milan Žolo ..... *Mate i Vesna Varvodić*  
 † Hrvoje Pečuvčić ..... *Neda i Dada*  
 † Zvonko Čabo ..... *Hrvatska žena grana br. 1*  
 † Ivan Žužić ..... *obitelj*  
 † Ivan Babić ..... *Albina Pauletić*  
 † fra Ljubo Čuvalo ..... *Karlo i Dragica Karačić i obitelj*  
 †† iz obitelji Čondić ..... *Duško*  
 †† iz obitelji Novak i Toromanović ..... *Jurica Toromanović i obitelj*  
 Na nakanu ..... *Zdenka Pervan*  
 Na nakanu ..... *Bože Guvo*

## LECTORS - ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Joseph Magyar

7:30 a.m. – Emmett Turney

9:30 a.m. – Jan Zekich

11 a.m. – Mario Pehar, Dario Paraga, Kristina Hrvojević

## 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. – Ivanka Paraga

## ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. – Manuel and Jasmine Esparza, Monica Matual

7:30 a.m. – Olivia and Isabella Wroblewski

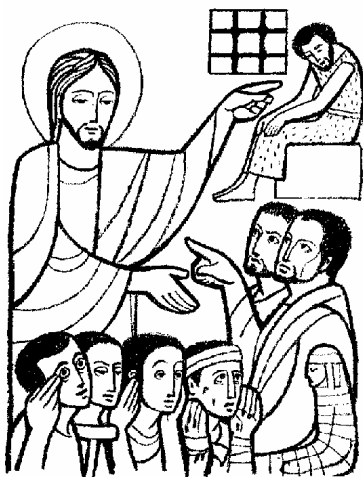
9:30 a.m. – Francesca Bertucci, Natalia Ruich,  
Zach Sandoval11 a.m. – Nikola Brčić, Josip Dugandžić, Darko Grgić, Jr.,  
Dominik Grgić

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Waiting can be a time of soul-searching. Today's liturgy invites us to ask ourselves whether we are ready to hear the call of the Saviour, whose birth we are preparing to celebrate. Helpless in Herod's prison cell, John the Baptist is puzzled and discouraged, as he faced a similar question. He has pointed Jesus out as the one who was to bring the realisation of Israel's hopes; why, he asks through his messengers, is God's prophet now suffering in prison at the hands of an unprincipled tyrant; why has the mission of Jesus not brought the time of Justice God's people long for?

A reading from Isaiah – a typical example of the message of hope announced by the prophets – helps us to understand why John is puzzled. This proclamation describes what can be looked forward to, as a New Exodus - a time of liberation, healing and boundless joy, as those who have been banished are brought back to Zion. But this triumph of God is also described as a time of 'vengeance' and 'retribution'. Having for centuries lived in bitterness under a series of occupying powers, the nation's expectations emphasised this part of the prophets' message. They looked forward to a vindictive triumph that would crush their hated enemies. This politicised interpretation of Israel's messianic hopes constituted one of the main obstacles to be overcome by Jesus, if he was to bring the people to enter into the inauguration of the final reign of God - about to take place in his own person.

God's triumph would not be the imposition of divine power. The coming of God's kingdom would involve collaboration on the part of our human freedom: inspired and sustained by the example of Jesus – who gave the needy a privileged place in all that he did in the name of his Father, and lived out the 'new commandment' of love he had proclaimed. The message of Jesus to John is, 'Do not lose faith in me; open your generous heart to the ways of God that define Israel's faith, and you will recognise that I am truly the one who was to come'. Jesus taught that in the present era the 'coming of the kingdom' is hidden and mysterious, overturning our human expectations.



### 3. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠĆA

Običnom čitatelju današnje evanđelje može izgledati čudno. Ivan je propovijedao pokoru i pozivao na obraćenje. Po njegovu shvaćanju samo radikalno odreknuće od svega zloga i priklanjanje Bogu može odvratiti od čovjeka Božji sud i kaznu. Njega je Isus koji se družio s carinicima i grešnicima zasigurno iritirao. Isus je, pretpostavljaju bibličari, barem neko vrijeme simpatizirao stroge asketske škole svoga vremena, ali se očito od njih distancirao. Njegove propovijedi i njegovo ophođenje s ljudima zasigurno nisu ulijevali strah. On budi povjerenje u Boga koji je dobar poput oca i oslobađa od straha koji su jednako propovijedali i asketi i farizeji. U susretu s Isusom ljudi doživljavaju spašenosť i zdravlje tijela i duše. Isus doduše pohvaljuje Ivana kao najvećeg između rođenih od žene, ali istodobno jasno daje na znanje da je njegovim dolaskom i propovijedanjem nastupilo novo vrijeme.

Kako je moguće da se Ivan čudi je li Isus taj koji treba doći kad je on sam to kod krštenja potvrdio? Je li Ivan tada bio u zabludi? Ili je Isus postao drugačiji nego li je Ivan očekivao - krotka i ponizna srca a ne onaj koji će pročistiti gumno vijačom suđa? Ivan je očekivao moćnog Mesiju koji će uspostaviti kraljevstvo Božje. Isus upućuje na učinke svojih propovijedi i čina: slijepi progledaju, hromi hode, gubavi se čiste, gluhi čuju, mrtvi ustaju, siromasima se navješćuje evanđelje. Svaki poznavalac starih proroka znao je da su upravo to stvarnosti po kojima je moguće prepoznati obećanog Mesiju. Vijesti o nekoliko ozdravljenja i oživljavanja mrtvih Ivana očito nisu mogle dovoljno uvjeriti i utješiti jer još uvijek je bilo dovoljno bolesnih i umirućih, a od samog evanđelja ljudi ne bivaju siti. I konačno, po ovome i ovakvome Mesiji ne događa se sud, sjekira nije stavljena na korijen drva, pljeva ne gori u plamenu. Nevjerojatno! Sigurno da onda nije čudo da Ivana muče sumnje. I onda još k tome primjedba: "I blago onom koji se ne sablazni nada mnom." A Ivan upravo to čini. Sablaznjava se. "Jesi li ti Onaj koji ima doći, ili drugoga da čekamo?" To je odlučujuće pitanje vjere u Isusa iz Nazareta.

Da Bog djeluje neprimjetno, skrovito, nenasilno - mnogima je, kao i Ivanu Krstitelju, teško razumjeti. Na Božić postaje jasno da Bog djeluje suzdržano, skrovito, nenametljivo, s ljubavlju, patnički. Njegovo se kraljevstvo ne uspostavlja revolucijom, već dolazi poput sjemena koje se stavlja u zemlju da bi se razvilo do bogate žetve.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ORNAMENTS**

If you would like to send Christmas cards featuring our church, you can obtain them in our Parish Office. Also, you can have a personalized ornaments that will make a great gift for your family and friends.

**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.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Boxes of offertory envelopes are in the entrance area of the church. Please, pick up your boxes as soon as possible. Thank you.

**CALENDARS FOR 2014**

St. Jerome wall calendars for 2014 are available in the entrance area of the church thanks to Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home.

**CLEANING  
OF THE CHURCH**

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.

**VISITING SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

We would like to visit our sick and homebound parishioners before Christmas. Please, let us know if there is someone at home, in hospital or other institution who desires the Sacraments, so that we can visit them.

**PARISH CONFESSIONS**

On Sunday, December 22, at 6 p.m. we will have several priests available for the sacrament of reconciliation. They will be in our church to hear confessions in a quiet peaceful atmosphere ideal for examining our conscience. Amid all our preparations for Christmas, we should not forget the priority of preparing our souls.

**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, call our Parish Office and let us know if you are coming and how many members of your family would attend so that we can prepare food for everyone.

**WEDDING BANNS NAJAVA VJENČANJA**

1) Cristian Nogalo & Natalie Czech

**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.

**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.

**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**

- Thursday, December 19
    - Christmas Confessions for children (9 a.m.)
    - All-School Christmas Program (7 p.m.)
  - Saturday, December 21
    - Kardinal Stepinac Croatian School
    - Christmas 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
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- Thursday, January 9
    - Fr. Častimir Majjić's 100th Birthday Celebration
  - Sunday, January 12
    - Bishop Rojas - Instalation Mass of Fr. Ivica
  - Sunday, January 26
    - Marian Society all member meeting



**BOŽIĆNE ČESTITKE I KUGLICE**

U Župnom uredu možete nabaviti čestitke i kuglice s božićnim motivima iz naše crkve koji mogu biti lijepi poklon rodbini ili prijateljima.

**BOŽIĆNO CVIJEĆE**

Želite li darovati cvijeće da lijepo ukрасimo crkvu 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.

**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**

Zahvaljujemo pogrebnoj kući "Michael Colleta Sons" na sponzorstvu zidnih kalendara za 2014. godinu. Možete ih uzeti na dnu crkve.

**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 sve što je potrebno.

**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.

**POHOD BOLESNIKA**

Prije Božića želimo pohoditi naše stare i bolesne župljane koji su u bolnici, staračkom domu ili kod kuće. Molimo, javite nam kada je najbolje da ih obiđemo.

**PREDBOŽIĆNA PRIGODA ZA SV. ISPOVIJED**

Najbolja priprava za Božić je po sakramentu pomirenja. Biti katolik znači barem se jednom godišnje ispovijediti i pričestiti. Župna ispovijed s više hrvatskih svećenika na raspolaganju će biti u nedjelju 22. prosinca u 6 sati navečer.

**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 u Velikoj dvorani.

**INSTALACIJA - UVODENJE 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 dođete te koliko će vas biti da bismo mogli lakše pripremiti sve što je potrebno.

**PREMINULI**

Ovih je dana u Chicagu preminuo:

- u 84. godini, Marko Perić. Za njim ostaju supruga Marija, sinovi Milan i Marinko (Teresa), unuci Alaina, Briana, Alyssa, Stefani i Nicole; prauunci Alexis, Anisa, Angelica i Ava; šestero sestara i troje braće; nećakinja Ana (Dinko) Jović te druga rodbina. Pokopan je u subotu 14. prosinca na groblju Resurrection u Justice, IL.

Neka ga Gospodin obdari svojim mirom.

**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.

**NAŠE REDOVITE AKTIVNOSTI**

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

HRVATSKA ŠKOLA ZA ODRASLE - Ako želite učiti hrvatski jezik a stariji ste od 18 godina pridružite se grupi u gornjoj maloj dvorani utorkom i petkom s početkom u 7:30 sati navečer. Za više detalja nazovite 312-504-8099 ili pošaljite upit na majabandalo@gmail.com.

VJERONAUČ - Vjeronauk se održava nedjeljom od 12 sati (podne) u prostorima škole.

**PRIKLADNI DAR ZA BOŽIĆ**

U Župnom uredu možete nabaviti prikladan lijepi dar za svoje prijatelje prigodom Božića: knjiga "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.

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup>. Call after 5 p.m. – 773-254-2836.

## RECONCILIATION AND HEALING

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Like all religious experience, it takes preparation.

Reconciliation is what God does. We prepare for it by opening ourselves up, by reflecting upon the areas of darkness in our lives into which God so deeply desires to shine a light. It might begin with the simple question: Where might God be offering me forgiveness and healing?

If my answer is, "I don't know," then I have some reflection to do. I can examine my life - what I have done and what I have failed to do - and see what graces are offered me there. If I've come through that "era" of saying that any guilt, anything that makes me feel bad about myself, is a bad thing, to be avoided at all costs, then I might have a difficult time coming to genuine sorrow for my sins. If this is the case, I need to "go to work" on my reflection, asking God to rouse a sense of embarrassment, leading to deep sorrow, for any way I may not have been faithful, honest, loving, self-less or generous - in my relationship with God, with my family, with others. I can look at each of my responsibilities - as a citizen of a city and a country and the world, a neighbor, an employee, a member of a parish, as a parent or a spouse or as a son or daughter. God will always shine light into these important parts of our lives, to help us experience remorse and a genuine desire for forgiveness and healing. The point here is not ultimately to focus on ourselves. God always reveals us to ourselves, so that God might reveal to us our need for a Savior. The focus is on God's reconciling, healing love. As John says, "*God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life. Real love isn't our love for God, but God's love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven.*" (1 John 4:9-10)



## POMOĆ ZA SV. ISPOVIJED

Osjećaš li se slab ili grešan?

Mnogi govore o utjecaju društva, tijela, podsvijesti i predaka na moralnost. Zbog ovih uvjeta čovjek može biti slabiji. Ipak za grijeh odgovoran je sam grešnik: ne svijet, ne tijelo, ne sotonna. Ako mislim: „nemam grijeha“, onda nemam ni Duha Svetoga, nemam osjećaj za Boga. Spoznaja grijeha ide zajedno sa spoznajom Boga. Zato u molitvi razmatram Božju Riječ, da spoznam pravu sliku Boga koji je milosrdna ljubav. Prihvatiti istinu o grijehu ali i prihvatiti spasenje, milosrđe - u tome je kršćanski optimizam, nada.



Mnogi misle da je grijeh u biti, nešto dobro. To je uživanje, ugodnost, udobnost. Postoji samo jedan problem - ne sviđa se Bogu... i zato ne smijemo grijehiti. A ako ipak grijehim - Bog će nas kazniti. To je pogansko gledanje! U biti, grijeh je otrov, koji ubija sreću čovjeka, njegovu nutarnju radost, harmoniju, osjećaj smisla života. Ako grijehim živim u tuzi, u nervozu, besmislenosti, na neki način, nisam više čovjek... Bog ne želi grijeh jer on, naš stvoritelj, najbolje zna što nam je potrebno da živimo u miru i sreći. Grijeh donosi duhovnu smrt.

Koliko se često ispovijedati?

Čim osjetim da sam sagriješio tj. prekinuo veze s Božjom ljubavlju i veze koje me sjedinjuju s ljudima. Nije zabilježeno da je Isus ograničio davanje oprostjenja samo za teške, smrtne grijeha. Svaki grijeh uvijek je materija za ispovijed. Svaki grijeh zahtijeva Božje milosrđe da bude oprostjen. Kršćani, koji se često ispovijedaju, uvijek imaju što reći na ispovijedi. Papa Pavao VI. potiče: Česta ispovijed poseban je izvor svetosti, mira i radosti. Postajem milosrdniji, otvoreniji na pogled Božje dobrote i poticajima Duha Svetoga, učvršćujem svoje veze s Crkvom, u meni raste ljubav prema braći i sestrama, sprječavam grijeh da ruši u meni Božje djelo, privlačim naklonost Božje ljubavi. Česta ispovijed je najbolje sredstvo da izbjegnem teške grijeha, a posebno je sredstvo da sve više rastem u ljubavi Oca nebeskoga - da sudjelujem u radosti Boga, koji je Otac kad oprašta, i primam njegov mir, sreću što sam pomiren po daru Duha Svetoga koji u meni kliče: Abba, Oče!