

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 7, 2013**

7:30 a.m. Luis Cacho Chris & Matt Pesce
Luka Zivkovic Lisa Nordmeyer
Debbie Thome family

Tuesday – Utorak, January 8, 2013

7:30 a.m. Josip Armić ob. Jure i Milka Kutleša
Svi poginuli u domovinskom ratu ob. Brnjić

Wednesday – Srijeda, January 9, 2013

7:30 a.m. Mary Bentivegna daughter Dee Dee
Anthony Rodich Stipe Tokić family

Thursday – Četvrtak, January 10, 2013

7:30 a.m. Sam F. Madia Michael & Theresa DiStasio
Nediljka Vladušić Scalise family

Friday – Petak, January 11, 2013

7:30 a.m. John Fallon Pam Munizzi
Michael & Mariano Coletta family
Chuckie Cortese wife Giggie

Saturday – Subota, January 12, 2013

7:30 a.m. Stash Sorich Catherine & Nick Perisin
Lawrence Stark Debbie

5:30 p.m. James Caruso Joe & Lisa Amoruso
Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
Ann Salimine Judee

Sunday – Nedjelja, January 13, 2013

7:30 a.m. Ed Mucenski Cannatello family
Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško
Anthony LoCoco sister-in-law
Dolores Cerney Donna DeGrazia
Dec. of Kraslen family Kraslen Brothers

9:30 a.m. Geraldine Consolo Rose Marie Sestito
Ann Solimine Andy & Patricia Sperando
Ivan Ivanko Vesna Krišto

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Štefa Šego Zdravko i Luca Šego i ob.
Josip Armić ob. Stipe Tokić
Iva Dragušica Iva Šipić i ob.
Mara Jurčević Božo i Dragica Blažević
Ruža Zeba Predrag Zeba
Dragica Mandac Ljiljana Dragušica i ob.
Marijan i Iva Knezović ob. Marko Knezović
Luka i Biserka Tomić ob. Tomić
Marija Uremović kći Višnja i obitelj
Mara Šušnjara ob. Dujo i Mirjana Šušnjara
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
Pok. ob. Jenjić ob. Drobinić

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto / Jan Ferro
Sun., Jan. 13, 7:30 a.m. Emmett Turney / Rosemary Bricch
Sun., Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass / Mary Beth Insalaco
Sun., Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m. Davorka Toromanović,
Anela Kosić

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m. J. Esparza, Passarelli, Yarus
Sun., Jan. 13, 7:30 a.m. Mangan, Passarelli
Sun., Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m. Bertucci, Mizera, Nowacki
Sun., Jan. 13, 11:00 a.m. J. Dugandžić, M. Karačić,
L. Kutleša, N. Brčić, M. Kraljević

For Rent

- ▶ **Apt.** Lovely Bridgeport apartment, **33rd and Lowe** (312) 520-3066
- ▶ **Apt. 30th Emerald**, 2 bdrms, newly remodeled, washer & dryer on location, call 312 375 5323
- ▶ **Apt. 2-Bdrm**, Dining Rm, front rm, kitchen. 312-282-0097
- ▶ **Apt. 29th Shields**, 5 rms, 2 bdrm, just painted, new carpeting, central heat & a/c, ceiling fans, blinds. 312-593-2864.
- ▶ **Apt. 33rd Lowe**, 5-Rm, 3 Bdrm., h/w flrs, Appliances, \$975 plus utilities & sec. 773-852-4244.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 544 W. 32nd St. (was Martha Depeder's) Single fam. residence, 2-3 bdrms, 2 car garage, call Jean or Jerry 312-326-0027

WEEKLY MEDITATION for Epiphany Sunday

The Seekers

All of us must be seekers of truth throughout our lives. Jesus offers a radically different kind of wisdom, which declares that all forms of power must be in the service of love and that true success should



be measured in terms of who has been liberated by unselfish love from the bondage of sin, fear, guilt, low self-esteem and the like.

We find in today's Gospel the Magi, the Three Kings,

the wise men who sought the child in Bethlehem.

They were the seekers of the Truth, of the real King; they bypassed Herod and found a child.

Being a truth seeker is an act of wisdom that is to be followed like a guiding star.

RECOLLECTIONS

Dear friends, neighbors and parishioners,

Every day our lives create a new history filled with various events, encounters and experiences. As this old year comes to an end and the new one begins, I find myself reflecting on my many years spent here with all of you at St. Jerome's. I look back and share these memories with you... After my arrival here, I felt myself feeling at home very quickly. People were very accepting of me and I felt loved by everyone and I felt that same love towards everyone. Even then I realized that a person feels at home when he finds love, where love is real, where it is active, where it is shown, and where it is alive. I remember how so many of you accepted me immediately and did everything to make me feel comfortable and at home. I wanted to return those gestures of love and kindness from day to day, week to week and event to event. So many events, so many encounters, so much joy shared as your children were baptized, received their first holy communion, were confirmed, married, as we celebrated wedding anniversaries and birthdays. How much grief shared during times of sickness, sad news, deaths, funerals. How many times was I sad when I saw others sad and crying as they were going through a difficult time. It was a difficult time for me as well. I cried as well, alone in the car, on the way back from the hospital, retirement homes, a place of

tragedy, or your family's home... unfortunately, sadness is a part of our lives and it caused me to reflect on an old saying, "Shared joy is doubled joy, shared pain is only half the pain." I was truly affected by the experiences of so many of you here at St. Jerome's. I was never the same. I realized that life is a great gift, people are a gift, and it's worth it to spend our valuable gift of time in love, in giving, in unselfishness, and in total giving to the fullest. Many of those whom I met became an inspiration to me. People involved in our community, who always give of themselves, who ask for nothing in return, who give and keep on giving. Their hearts have become even bigger by giving, and their souls filled with peace. And they never complained to anybody about anything! That's where I gained in wisdom that our lives have the most meaning when we inspire others. That is a beautiful life. At the same time I was deeply saddened for the selfish people who kept to themselves, who stayed closed up in their own little worlds that revolved around their own interests and their own narrow views. I felt really bad for them. My soul was sad for them. When there was nothing I could do for these people I prayed for them. Maybe this will open their hearts, minds and souls. These are a few of the memories that stood out and that I wanted to share with all of you. Thank you for them... till next week...

Love, Fr. Joe

Financial statements for 2012

We will be mailing out our annual collection financial recap for 2012. We are grateful to all of you for your generosity to our parish community year after year. Your support of our parish, our Saturday radio program, our Velika Gospa Feast, Easter, Christmas, the homeless, and countless other support of events or drives that are a part of our parish community would not be successful without your generous support and kind hearts. We thank you for all that you do for St. Jerome's and for making it your home. If there are any errors in the report you receive, please contact the rectory. Once again, thank you!

An *a cappella* group "Cambi" in Chicago

A well-known *a cappella* group "Cambi" from Croatia will perform at the Harris Theater in downtown Chicago on **Saturday, January 26**. Tickets are available in the rectory or at the theater's box office on-line.

Fr. Joe & Fr. Ivan's Farewell

Mark Your Calendars: Parishioners and friends will have an opportunity offer their well-wishes to Fr. Joe and Fr. Ivan on Sunday, Jan. 20, at an afternoon Open House reception in our school hall as they leave for their new assignments. Fr. Joe will be moving to our Friary in Hyde Park to head the Croatian Franciscan Custody of the U.S. and Canada, and Fr. Ivan to be pastor of Sacred Heart Croatian Parish in Milwaukee, Wis. **More details to follow.**

► **DVD of FILM** on St. Jerome's 100-year journey can be obtained in the rectory for \$20 (if you buy 3, the 4th one is free). We hope every family will have it.

Save the date:

St. Jerome School's 90th Anniversary:
Saturday, February 2, 2013.

For more info, check
www.stjeromeschool.net/alumni/

MAJOR EVENTS AT ST. JEROME IN 2013

- January 26th:** The *a cappella* Klapa Cambi: Harris Theatre: Millen. Park
- February 1st:** St. Blaise celebration: St. Jerome Church (Mass at 7 p.m.) St. Jerome Hall (reception)
- February 2nd:** St. Jerome School: 90th Anniversary
St. Jerome Church (Mass at 5:30 p.m.)
Bridgeport Art Center (reception)
- February 9/10:** Stepinac Days
Concert: M.L.King High School
St. Jerome Hall: reception
St. Jerome Church: Mass
- March 2nd:** Club Poljica (100th Anniversary) - Bakalar Dinner
- March 24th:** Palacinka breakfast in St. Jerome Hall
Croatian Woman Palm Sunday Lunch
- March 28th-31st:** Holy Triduum, Easter
- March 24th:** Parish Confessions
- April 20/21:** 5 Stepinac Groups' Concert
- May 5th:** First Communion
- May 10/11:** Croatian Days at Daley Plaza
- May 12th:** Mother's Day program
St. Jerome Church Solemn Mass
St. Jerome School: Program
- May 19th:** Confirmation by Bishop Rojas, St. Jerome Church, 5:00 p.m.
- June 4th:** St. Anthony Novena starts
Every evening at 7 p.m.
- June 13th:** St. Anthony feast at St. Anthony Monastery in Hyde Park
- June 25th:** Medjugorje Anniversary
- August 6th:** Velika Gospa Novena starts. Every night at 7:00 p.m.
- August 15th:** Velika Gospa
- August 25th:** Velika Gospa Charity Golf Outing. *Etc., etc.*