

Parish Bulletin

Župni Vjesnik

November 17, 2013 - 17. studenoga 2013.



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

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YEAR OF FAITH ²⁰¹²/₂₀₁₃



GODINA VJERE ²⁰¹²/₂₀₁₃

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, November 18 - *Ponedjeljak, 18. studenoga*

7:30 a.m.

† Paul Krstulovich *daughter Anna*
 †† Dominick and Lena Marino *Chris ans Matt Pesce*

 Tuesday, November 19 - *Utorak, 19. studenoga*

7:30 a.m.

† Judy Catris *Juliana Perisin*
 † Grace Gusich *Pavletich family*
 Special intention *N. N.*

 Wednesday, November 20 - *Srijeda, 20. studenoga*

7:30 a.m.

† Zvonko Čabo *Br. Michael Segvich*
 † Mary Somen *Cookie Roti*
 †† of Maroš and Tokić families *Ivan Maroš i obitelj*

 Thursday, November 21 - *Četvrtak, 21. studenoga*

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Prikazanje BDM (Gospa od zdravlja)

7:30 a.m.

† Anna Falco *Perisin grandchildren*
 Na čast Velike Gospe *obitelj Zeba*
 Na nakanu *Josip i Iva Prša*

8:05 a.m.

PRO POPULO - For all Parishioners – *Za župljane*

7 – 9 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*

 Friday, November 22 - *Petak, 22. studenoga*

St. Cecilia - *sv. Cecilija*

7:30 a.m.

† Mary Somen *Cathy Amato*
 † Br. Michael LaMantia *Perisin family*
 †† Grgo and Mara Grubišić *Irene and John Grubišić*

 Saturday, November 23 - *Subota, 23. studenoga*

7:30 a.m.

† Lucy Matković *friend*
 † Vinc Briglio *Perisin family*
 † Josip Barić *Bože Guvo*

5:30 p.m.

† Grace Gusich *Carmella Parrilli*
 † Ray Bensfield *Cimaglia family*
 † Joseph Amato *wife Cathy*
 † Dragica Mišura *Jozo i Milena Badrov i obitelj*
 † Carmela Radun Perno *family*
 † Stanley Szatkowski *Szatkowski family*
 † Russell Travato *daughter and family*
 † Mary Somen *Gen Botica*
 † Chester Bazan Sr. *Rose and Bob Bazan*
 † Sam Guardino *Perisin family*
 †† Frank and Connie Fratto *Mary Fratto*
 Na nakanu *Mare Žgela*

 Sunday, November 24 - *Nedjelja, 24. studenoga*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
 ISUS KRIST – KRALJ SVEGA STVORENJA

7:30 a.m.

† John Kraslen *Perisin family*
 † Robert Phillips *Mary Fratto*
 † Mary Somen *Giggie*
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić *Duško*

9:30 a.m.

† Br. Bernard Richard *Ellen O'Donnell*
 † Lottie Mazur *Edward Fornek*
 † Robert Phillips *Bob and Nancy Link*
 † Lucy Bekavac *Toni Zaninovich*
 † Mary Somen *Rose Marie Sestito*
 † Carmen Balestri *Cimaglia family*
 † Grace Gusich *John and Paulette Nowacki*

11 a.m.

† Anton Barun *Mijo i Zdenka Barun*
 † Ana Sekulić *Ivan i Anka Novak i obitelj*
 † Ante Tomić *Ivica Golub i obitelj*
 † Karmila Knezović *Zlatko Ziman*
 † Milan Žolo *obitelj Žolo*
 † Zvonko Čabo *Dangler family*
 † Ilija Pavljašević *obitelj Penavić*
 † Pavica Šimunić *Nediljko Šipić i obitelj*
 † Markica Dukić *Nediljko Šipić i obitelj*
 † Mara Bilonić *Milenka Lišnić i obitelj*
 † Maria Uremović *obitelj Šulentić*
 † Dragica Mišura *Petar Žaper i obitelj*
 † John Kalabich *Božo i Stoja Kosir i obitelj*
 †† Luka i Ivan Grbavac *Božo i Stoja Kosir i obitelj*
 †† Nick i Anica Špehar *Janko Špehar i obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Primorac *Ivan i Iva Karačić i obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*
 Na čast Gospe Sinjske *Ivan i Iva Maroš*
 Na nakanu *Bože Guvo*

 LECTORS - ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Robert Cannatello Jr.

7:30 a.m. – Emmett Turney

9:30 a.m. – Diane Krolo

11 a.m. – Ivanka Paraga, Damjan Karlović, Mariana Kikaš

 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
 IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI

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

9:30 a.m. – MaryBeth Insalaco; 11 a.m. – Ivanka Paraga

 ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. – Francesca Bertucci, Michael Passarelli,
John Zekich

7:30 a.m. – Lucas Mizera, Natalia Ruich

9:30 a.m. – Jasmine and Manuel Esparza, Zach Sandoval

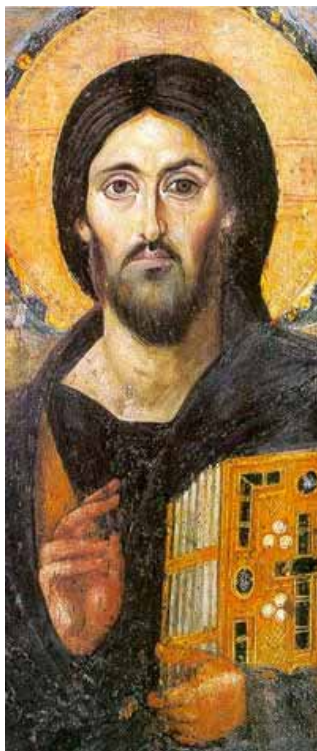
11 a.m. – Lorin Draženović, Lidija Kutleša, Josip Dugandžić,
Marija Kraljević

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are nearing the end of the Atlantic hurricane season. There are many people in this country who pay little heed to this designation, which typically runs from June 1 to November 30 each year. On the other hand, there are large segments of the populace for whom hurricane season is a time to follow the weather broadcasts more closely. For those who live in the affected areas of the country, being prepared for a hurricane's arrival is part of life. Long-range preparation includes things like having an evacuation plan, knowing where important documents are, and having some emergency cash. When a storm is close at hand, vigilance heightens as people board up windows, stockpile supplies, and stay tuned to weather forecasts. Local and state governments execute their disaster preparedness plans to ensure the safety of citizens,

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus encounters some people who were enamored of all the beauty of the Temple. For them, this was a sign of a certain permanence and blessing rendered by God. In Luke's Gospel, written after the Jerusalem Temple had been destroyed, the Gospel writer has Jesus describing the city's doom and the Temple's destruction. Just like the citizens of hurricane areas who pay close attention to weather reports when there is an approaching storm, the people in the Gospel ask Jesus for the sign that what he describes will happen.

Like folks who live in a hurricane zone, we need to be prepared. Our long-range preparation includes having an evacuation plan. The evacuation plan isn't about gathering up belongings and pulling out before the storm hits. The evacuation plan for a Christian is being prepared to leave this life when the time comes. That means that during our life on earth we have stayed close to God by being faithful to him and trying to live the kind of life Christ has taught us by loving our neighbor. Are you ready to go?



33. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

I u vjerničkom narodu može se pojaviti bezvoljnost i ravnodušnost. Kad zlikovci i bezbošci žive bolje od pravednika i vjernika tada se kod vjernika čuje pitanje: "Gdje je Božja pravda?" Narod koji se 536. g. pr. Kr. vratio iz babilonskoga zarobljeništva u zemlju svojih pradjedova, pošto su obnovili jeruzalemski hram, počeli su tonuti u vjerski i moralni nehanj. Svećenici nisu dolično vršili svoju službu, a koristili su se i raznim povlasticama. Narod k njima nije dolazio da bi čuo Božju riječ, jer kroz njih nije ni dolazila do izražaja. Takvo stanje odražavalo se na narod i na njegov moralni život, osobito u braku. Muškarci su se ženili strankinjama koje djecu nisu odgajale u Mojsijevoj vjeri. Rastave brakova bile su učestale. Izostajala je briga za održavanje hrama. Na probleme je, u Božje ime, nastojao odgovoriti prorok kojeg su nazvali Malahija - Jahvin glasnik (480.-450. g. pr. Kr.) Iz njegova spisa vidi se da se zauzimao za nutarnju, duhovnu obnovu naroda, jer mu je bilo jasno da prave promjene najbolje ne dolaze izvana nego iz ljudskoga srca. U liturgijskom ulomku Malahija opominje da će "Dan Gospodnji" neizostavno doći te da će nastupiti potpuna Božja pravda. Pravednici ne mogu od Boga biti zaboravljeni ni napušteni. Od njih se traži postojana vjera da će se Božja pravda neizostavno dogoditi, jer Bog ne može prevariti ni prevaren biti.

U Isusovo vrijeme u Jeruzalemu je stajao veličanstveni hram koji je nanovo sagradio kralj Herod Veliki (34.-4. pr. Kr.). Židovi su se njime ponosili. Evanđelist Luka podsjeća kako je tom krasnom zdanju Isus prorekao da će biti do temelja razrušeno. To je moralo šokirati slušatelje, ali je još jezivi je bilo kad se to 70. godine i dogodilo. Rimljani su tim činom samo naizgled ugušili židovsku pobunu. Ostvarenje Isusova proroštva Luka je zabilježio oko 80. godine. Evanđelist je zabilježio i Isusov govor o propasti svijeta svraćajući pozornost na zbivanja koja će se prije toga događati. Pošto su u prvim kršćanskim zajednicama postojala žarka iščekivanja "Dana Gospodnjega" kao da će kraj ovome svijetu uskoro nastupiti, evanđelist, vjeran Isusovim riječima kako je taj trenutak poznat samo njegovu Ocu, usmjerava prema toj samo Bogu poznatoj budućnosti, te apokaliptički piše o nastavku tijekom povijesti u kojem će se događati veliki poremećaji: ratovi, revolucije, pošasti, potresi i progonstva evanđeoskih graditelja novoga svijeta, ali sve to ipak ne znači da je došao kraj.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

On November 23 and 24 we will have a second collection for the Archdiocese of Chicago's CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. Your contribution will greatly assist efforts to spread Christ's love by helping to break the cycle of poverty in Chicago area and across the USA.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS AND NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

On Sunday, November 24, at 9:30 a.m. Mass, we will have new Altar Servers and new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion commissioned for their ministry. To serve at the altar is an great honor but also a big responsibility. Please, pray for our candidates that they will be diligent in their ministry of serving God through liturgy in our parish.



ST. JEROME CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

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. 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.

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.



FOOD DRIVE FOR POOR

Please, bring your non-perishable food to the box at the church entrance or to the Parish Office before Thanksgiving Day. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS TO THE ALTAR

If you would like to present 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.

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.

TYPHOON HAIYAN

PHILIPPINES EMERGENCY APPEAL

Millions of our brothers and sisters in the Philippines have been devastatingly affected by Typhoon Haiyan. As the country struggles amongst the devastation of this category 5 storm, please consider making a donation to assist local Catholic relief groups by visiting web site www.ChicagoPeaceAndJustice.org/haiyan/

KENNED AND CARL - A CONCERT OF SACRED AND INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC

Carl DeSanti and Kenned MacIver, organist and soloist at St. Lucy's, will be presenting a concert of sacred and inspirational music to benefit the Santa Lucia Parish. The concert will be held on Sunday, November 24 at 2 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10.

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, November 24
 - Feast of the Christ the King
 - Reception of the new Altar Servers and new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - Saturday, November 30
 - 40th Anniversary of the Cardinal Stepinac Croatian School Celebration
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- Sunday, December 1
 - 40th Anniversary of the Cardinal 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
 - Cardinal Stepinac Croatian School Christmas Program

DAN SJEĆANJA NA ŽRTVU VUKOVARA

Sutra, u ponedjeljak 18. studenoga, sjećamo se 22. godišnjice vukovarske tragedije. Vukovar je za sve nas više od simbola: on nas trajno podsjeća na žrtvu koju su mnogi dali za slobodu. Upalimo danas svijeću za sve poginule u Vukovaru i diljem Hrvatske i BiH.

SVETKOVINA KRISTA

- KRALJA SVEGA STVORENJA

Svetkovinu Krista - kralja svega stvorenja slavimo u nedjelju 24. studenoga. To je zadnja nedjelja u crkvenoj liturgijskoj godini. Godinu završavamo obnovom vjere u Kristov ponovni dolazak o svršetku svijeta. Time nas liturgija podsjeća da je ljudska povijest u Kristu raspetom i uskrsnom dobila nov smjer kretanja, jer joj Krist daje smisao u skladu s Božjim planom o spasenju ljudi.

PROSLAVA 40. GODIŠNJICE

HRVATSKE ŠKOLE KARDINAL STEPINAC



Hrvatska škola Kardinal Stepinac u subotu 30. studenoga slavi 40. godišnjicu postojanja i uspješnog rada. Proslava će započeti u 6:30 sati navečer. Pozivamo sve učenike i roditelje koji su u zadnjih 40 godina doprinjeli da se hrvatski jezik, kultura, pjesma i plesovi prenose na nove ge-

neracije Hrvata grada Chicaga i okolice. U nedjelju 1. prosinca na sv. misi u 11 sati prije podne Bogu ćemo zahvaliti za sve prijateljstva i darove koje smo primili kroz aktivnosti Hrvatske škole Kardinal Stepinac.

SVETA MISA U ROCKFORDU

Jednom mjesečno okuplja se hrvatska zajednica u gradu Rockfordu i okolici. Sv. misa se slavi u crkvi sv. Brigitte (600 Clifford Avenue in Loves Park, Rockford) u 4 sata poslije podne. Slijedeća sv. misa će biti u nedjelju 1. prosinca. Pošto je to vrijeme došašća (priprave za Božić), imat ćemo i sakrament pomirenja - sv. ispovijed. Prilika za sv. ispovijed bit će od 3 sata poslije podne.

KONCERT DJEČJEG ZBORA SV. JERONIMA

Engleski dječji zbor naše župe 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 DANJE

BESKUĆNICI - I ove jeseni želimo pomoći beskućnike našega grada. Molimo, donesite deke, odjeću, jakne, čarape, bilo što što bi moglo pomoći ljudima u novolji. Svoj dar donesite u Župni ured.

HRANA ZA SIROMAŠNE - Skupljamo konzerviranu i nepropadljivu hranu za siromašne. Svoj dar donesite u Župni ured ili ostavite u predvorju crkve.

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 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 - Vjeronauč se održava nedjeljom od 12 sati (podne) u prostorima škole. Dragi roditelji, molimo, svoju djecu redovito dovedite na sv. misu i vjeronauč.

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 pojedinca koji će prinijeti euharistijske darove na oltar, osobito ako se sv. misa slavi za vaše pokojne ili na vašu osobnu nakanu.

ŽUPNI ZBOR

Među darovima koje nam je Bog dao je i dar glazbe i pjesme. Radosna je dužnost svakoga tko je takav dar primio slaviti Gospodina glazbom i pjesmom, te uljepšati drugima misno slavlje i druge prigode. Sv. Augustin je rekao: *Tko pjeva, dvostruko moli!* Probe su nedjeljom u podne (nakon hrvatske sv. mise).

POMOĆ NASTRADALIMA U FILIPINIMA

Milijuni ljudi u Filipinima su nastradali zbog tajfuna Haiyan. Njima je hitno potrebna pomoć, hrana i voda i ostalo. Molimo, ukoliko ste u mogućnost, pošaljite svoj doprinos lokalnim katoličkim organizacijama. Pogledajte: www.ChicagoPeaceAndJustice.org/PhilippinesRelief.

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.

NOVEMBER 18 - VUKOVAR MEMORIAL DAY

History, memory, political legacy and national pride – for many of Croatian citizens, especially this time of year - these words amount to only one: **Vukovar.**

Vukovar is a town in Slavonia, eastern Croatia, which suffered greatly during the Croatian War for Independence 1991-1995. Vukovar was held under siege from the Serb paramilitary forces backed by the Yugoslav Army for 87 days, from August 25 until November 18 1991, after which it fell under the occupation by Serb forces. During the siege, the town was defended by some 1,800 members of the National Guard Corps, police, and volunteers organized as the 204th Vukovar Brigade.

According to the Vukovar General Hospital, 1,624 people had been killed and over 2,500 wounded before the fall of the town. About 7,000 prisoners of war and civilians were taken to Serb-run concentration camps, and some 22,000 Croats and non-Serbs were expelled from the town; 306 residents of Vukovar are still listed as missing.

The damage to Vukovar during the siege has been called the worst in Europe since World War II, drawing comparisons with the World War II-era Stalingrad. In 1999, the Croatian Parliament adopted a decision proclaiming November 18 the Vukovar Memorial Day.

Last year, the central part of the commemoration began at the Vukovar hospital by gathering of Vukovar citizens, veterans, families of killed and many coming from all over Croatia, after which the Convoy of Memories had been formed that went for a 3.5 miles memorial walk through the streets of Vukovar to Memorial Cemetery located outside the town. An estimated 50,000 people walked in this procession to light candles and lay wreaths in tribute to those killed or gone missing during the war. Of a particular interest is the fact that this tradition is upheld by many of young people in Croatia who haven't even been born at the time of the War for Independence. Memories that these young people have and honor are not their own memories; instead these are memories of their parents and grandparents, memories of a nation on a remarkably traumatic event in national history.

Many of the young people in Croatia say that Vukovar for them has a special meaning; for them it is a symbol of hardship and suffering, but also a symbol of glory, of national pride and unity. A young man from Vukovar said: *“Young people need to experience and feel the sadness of what happened, but not the hatreds, not the aggression”.*



18. STUDENOGA - DAN SJEĆANJA NA ŽRTVU VUKOVARA 1991. GODINE

Ovih dana će Vukovarci i cijela Hrvatska odati počast poginulima u Domovinskom ratu sjećajući se 18. studenoga 1991. godine, kada je srpska vojska okupirala Vukovar nakon višemjesečne opsade i žestokih borbi.

Pitamo se: Odakle zlo u svijetu? Bog nam je pobjedu nad zlom poslao u liku svoga Sina, Isusa Krista i njegovu križu. Ljubav je pobijedila ljudsku mržnju i zlo žrtvom Isusa Krista, ali ljubav je pobijedila i postala jačom od smrti i u Vukovaru. Vukovar je pao u onima koji su mu se s mržnjom približili i svom mržnjom bili protiv života. Međutim, mrziteljima su se hrabro suprotstavili hrvatski branitelji i njihova borba – ne PROTIV života, već ZA život, ZA obitelji, ZA obranu domovine, svojih ognjišta i svoje zemlje. Zbog žrtve koju su dali za život, obitelji i dom i mi smo dužni stati na stranu života i Vukovar je za nas veliki ispit savjesti. Pozvani smo na praštanje. Mržnja uvijek predstavlja čovjekovu nemoć a praštanje je sloboda. Oprostiti ne znači zaboraviti žrtve i zlo. Oprostiti znači pamtiiti onoga tko je žrtva zla čistim i nepomućenim srcem. Zato molimo za poginule, ali i za nutarnju slobodu praštanja i milosrđa da budemo tako veći od zla koje nas je ponizilo. Hrvatska slobodna u svima nama, našim srcima slobodnima od mržnje – to je naša najveća zahvalnost braniteljima.

