

# Parish Bulletin

## Župni Vjesnik

December 7, 2014 - 7. prosinca 2014.



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

2823 S. Princeton Ave.  
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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 8 - Ponedjeljak, 8. prosinca**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
*Bezgrješno Začeće Blažene Djevice Marije*

**7:30 a.m.**

†† Marko and Tona Čondić ..... *Duško*  
†† of Ćorić family ..... *Jagoda Ćorić*

**7 p.m.**

For intentions of Blessed Virgin ..... *Diane Krolo*

**Tuesday, December 9 - Utorak, 9. prosinca****7:30 a.m.**

† Nick LoCoco ..... *family*  
† Marilyn Scardino ..... *Debbie Kodzoman*

**Wednesday, December 10 - Srijeda, 10. prosinca****7:30 a.m.**

† James Gurgone ..... *wife*  
† Margaret Ferdon ..... *Ellen O'Donnell*

**Thursday, December 11 - Četvrtak, 11. prosinca****7:30 a.m.**

†† Nick, Marinko and Pauline Vladovich  
..... *Mila Morić and family*  
Private intention ..... *Vicko Glunčić*

**8:05 a.m.**

PRO POPULO – For all Parishioners – Za župljane

**7 – 9 p.m.** Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*

**Friday, December 12 - Petak, 12. prosinca**

Our Lady of Guadalupe – *Gospa Guadalupska*

**7:30 a.m.**

† Sofija Pastuović ..... *St. Jerome Parish Council*  
For intentions of Blessed Mother ..... *D.*  
Private intention ..... *Ankica Golub and family*

**Saturday, December 13 - Subota, 13. prosinca**

St. Lucy – *sv. Lucija*

**7:30 a.m.**

† Rose Krolo ..... *Diane Krolo*  
† Julia Frigan ..... *Cathy and Andrew*  
† Mile Kodzoman ..... *Debbie*

**5:30 p.m.**

† Mary Doria ..... *Rose, Bob, Andrea and Christine Bazan*  
† Barry Babich ..... *Terri and Sam Babich*  
† Stanley Szatkowski ..... *Szatkowski family*  
† Theresa Bujas ..... *Terri and Sam Babich*  
† Barbara Laconte ..... *Terri and Sam Babich*  
† Ralph Valentino ..... *Madeline Perseghin*  
† John Basso ..... *Louis and Mary Scalise*  
† Ray Sanchez ..... *ONIA Women's Alliance*  
† Jimmy Bagnola ..... *Patricia and Charles Marino*  
In honor of Gospa Sinjska ..... *Maroš family*  
In honor of St. Lucy ..... *Albina Pauletć*

**Sunday, December 14 - Nedjelja, 14. prosinca****3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 3. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠĆA****7:30 a.m.**

†† Marko and Tona Čondić ..... *Duško*  
†† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić ..... *Duško*

**9:30 a.m.**

† Marilyn Scardino ..... *Katie Ferro*  
† Lillian Geoghegan ..... *John and Laura Perseghin*  
† Don Sodora ..... *Rose Marie Sestito*  
† John Basso ..... *Stretch and El and family*  
† Sam Bova ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*  
† Mary Doria ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*  
† Jimmy Bagnola ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*  
† Nandino Fratto ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*  
† Emmanuel DiCaro ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*  
†† Curt, Carm and Joy Beckett ..... *family*

**11 a.m.**

†† iz obitelji Čondić ..... *Duško*  
† Frano Brajković ..... *Ante i Neva Zelić*  
† Karmila Knezović ..... *Zdenko Žovko*  
† Ane Skukan ..... *Tomo i Nevenka Mulc i obitelj*  
† Ivan Guvo ..... *Bože Guvo i obitelj*  
† Josip Armić ..... *obitelj Armić*  
† Mare Žgela ..... *Mate i Mira Mulac*  
† John Pauletć ..... *Maria Dragozetich*  
† Sofija Pastuović ..... *Cathy Amato*  
† Vinka Bradarić ..... *Agnes Rodich i obitelj*  
† Pere Marčinković ..... *Marko i Ivka Zeba*  
† Marko Šulentić ..... *obitelj Šulentić*  
† Miško Dragušica ..... *Dinko Dragušica i obitelj*  
† Luka Markotić ..... *Mary Ann and Michael DiVito*  
† Mate Crnjac ..... *Hrvatska žena - grana br. 1*  
† Klara Pervan ..... *Nediljko Čubelić i obitelj*  
† Marko Perić ..... *supruga Marija i obitelj*  
†† iz obitelji Stiglić ..... *obitelj*  
†† iz obitelji Majerović i Milković ..... *obitelj Milković*  
U zahvalu za uslišane molitve ..... *Bože Guvo i obitelj*  
Na nakanu ..... *N. N.*

**LECTORS - ČITAČI**

5:30 p.m. – Vincent Kenny

7:30 a.m. – Luanne Munizzi; 9:30 a.m. – Family Mass

11 a.m. – Deni Grgić, Darko Grgić, Kristina Hrvojević

**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. – Eva Mossman; 11 a.m. – Domagoj Paraga

**ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI**

5:30 p.m. – Robert Ruiz, Isabella and Olivia Wroblewski

7:30 a.m. – Francesca Bertucci, John Zekich

9:30 a.m. – Angelina Caruso, Jasmine Esparza,  
Molly McCormick

11 a.m. – po dogovoru



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

To go into the desert is to leave behind the normal props of life on which we tend to depend. Such life props we often find in our job, in relationships and in routine religious practices. God cannot do much with us as long as we hope and trust in these things as the first things that give meaning to our lives. When the heart is full no one can come into it, not even God. You have first to let go of what your heart is holding on to before you can embrace God. This letting go is symbolized by a journey into the barren desert.

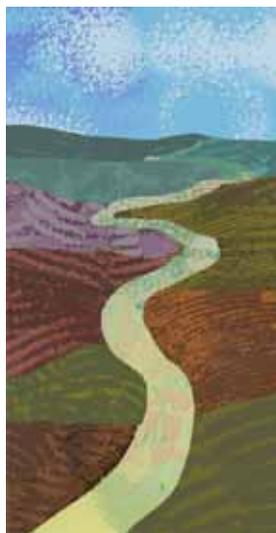
In the Bible the desert has come to mean a place of encounter with God. It was in the desert that the people of Israel met God and learnt the ways of God. There they became God's own people and the Lord became their God. But first they had to give up all the things that make for the good life that they were enjoying in Egypt: "the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic" (Numbers 11:5). Jesus, before beginning his public ministry, spent 40 days and nights in the desert. By calling the people into the desert John was calling them to let go of their false hopes and securities and learn to hope and trust in God alone.

In the season of advent the church extends to us the call of John the Baptist to repent and confess our sins in preparation for the One who is to come. It is an opportunity to rediscover our total dependence on God. God has made us for Himself, as St Augustine discovered, and our hearts are restless till they rest in God. When we realize this and make room for God in our lives, then we are on the way to true repentance after the example of John the Baptist.

## 2. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠĆA

Kroz čitavu biblijsku povijest bilo je pojedina- ca koji su znali čitati znakove vremena i pomoću njih upućivati na buduća zbivanja. Među hebrejskim zarobljenicima u Babilonskom carstvu bio je, pomognut Božjim nadahnućem, čovjek kasnije nazvan Drugi Izaija. S narodom je teško podnosio zarobljeništvo. Ljudima je izgledalo kako iz te potlačeno- sti i tame nema svjetla za izlaz, za put u slobodu. Čovjek Duha Božjega je počeo naslućivati pad Babilona a uspon novoga perzijskog kralja Kira, koji je bio tolerantan prema religijama drugih naroda. U tome je Izaija naslućivao mogućnost oslobođenja i povratka u zemlju svojih djedova. To se i dogodilo. Kralj Kir je 538. pr. Kr. dopustio izraelskim zaroblje- nicima povratak u svoju zemlju. To oduševljenje je prorok opisao pjesničkim slikama i simbolima. Izai- ja je svom narodu govorio kako će Babilonci, koji su njih, zarobljene Izraelce, prisiljavali trasirati ces- te kroz neprohodne krajeve, uskoro sami morati graditi cestu za njihov povratak jer će ih na to prisi- liti kralj novoga perzijskog kraljevstva. Upućivao ih je na Božju dobrotu koja dolazi do izražaja ne samo kroz riječi utjehe već i kroz konkretno oslobođenje.

Bibličari ne isključuju mogućnost da je Ivan Krstitelj pripadao kumranskoj zajednici koji su se povukli u pustinju da na svoj poseban način čekaju Mesiju. Ta se zajednica pročišćavala, usavršavala, ali i odviše zatvarala u sebe. Ivan, vjerojatno, nije mogao izdržati tu zatvorenost jer je po Božjem na- dahnuću osjetio kako i narod očekuje dolazak Bož- jeg kraljevstva pa mu je u tome želio poslužiti. Osobno je bio duboko svjestan kako je njegovo djelovanje samo znak one temeljite promjene koja će se događati po snazi Duha Mesije koji ima doći,



koji je jači od njega, koje- mu on nije dostojan odrije- šiti remenje na obući. Ivan je bio "glas koji više u pus- tinji: Pripravite put Gospo- dinu, poravnite mu staze!". Pustinja u prenesenom smi- slu je mjesto gdje te, ako višeš, nitko ne sluša; ako ležiš iznemogao, nitko ti se ne primiće; ako te napadne neko nečovječno biće, nitko te ne brani; ako osjetiš veli- ku radost ili muku, nema nikoga s kim bi to podijelio.

**BAPTIZED**

Last Sunday in our church was baptized

• **Lola Marie Shields**

Gregory and Laura (DiNaso)

May God's abundant blessing be always with our newly baptized, her parents and sponsors.

**LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

**Marie Bajic (nee Carlo), 87.** Wife of +Stanley Bajic, and +Sam Cannatello; mother of Bob (Tina), Sam (Daisy), Diane, Danny, Cheryl (James) Vittori, Steve (Teresa), Laurie, Dawn (Art) Brazeau, and +Bruce (Maryann), and +Stan "Dolly" Bajic; grandmother of 26; great-grandmother of 40; great-great-grandmother of 6; sister of +Josephine Isenegger; aunt and great-aunt of many. She was buried on Monday, December 1, at St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. May she rest in peace.

**THANK YOU**

*We want to thank all of our parishioners and friends for attendance and participation at the Marian Society Bake Sale on Sunday, November 23. It was through involvement and support of many members of the Marian Society that the bake sale was successful. We raised \$1,233. Thanks to all who gave their contribution in any way.*

St. Jerome Marian Society Board

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

On Monday, December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patron feast of the United States. Because of the importance of this Solemnity, which celebrates the saving work of God in preserving Our lady from the stain of original sin, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. There will be no vigil Mass on Sunday.

**ST. JEROME CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT AT CITY HALL**

On Thursday, December 11, 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Next Sunday, December 14, we will have a second collection for the RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS. Your contribution will greatly assist senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests in Chicago area and across the USA who benefit from this Fund.

**ADVENT TREE**

Our parish is organizing The Advent Giving Tree (gifts for poor or sick children). 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 in our church, 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 16, 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.

**LET US HELP THOSE IN NEED**

**CLOTHES DRIVE FOR HOMELESS** - Let us help homeless stay warm. Bring blankets, coats, socks or any winter clothes. Bring your donation to the Parish Office.

**FOOD DRIVE FOR POOR** - Bring your non-perishable food to the box at the church entrance or to the Parish Office. We will take it to those who are in need.

**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.

**JOIN US IN OUR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES**

**ZUMBA** - 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** - Learn Croatian - join Croatian School every **Tuesday** in the Upper Small Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info contact Miro at miromarcikic@gmail.com or at 224-436-0255.

**AA** - Meetings are held every **Wednesday** at 7:30 p.m. in Upper Small Hall.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every **Thursday** from 7 to 9 p.m. It is a time of prayer and reflection.

**SAVE THE DATE**

- Thursday, **December 11**  
City Hall concert by the St. Jerome Children's Choir
- Saturday, **December 13**  
Kardinal Stepinac Croatian School  
Christmas Program
- Tuesday, **December 16**  
Church cleaning for Christmas
- Sunday, **December 21**  
Christmas Confessions for all (6 p.m.)
- Monday, **December 22**  
Christmas Confessions for sick and homebound
- Wednesday, **December 24**  
Christmas Eve Children's Mass (5 p.m.)

## ZAHVALA

*Svim župljanima i prijateljima koji su sudjelovali u prodaji kolača, u nedjelju 23. studenoga, neka je velika hvala. Hvala članicama Marijinog društva koje su ispekle i donijele domaće kolače. Također, hvala svima koji su kolače kupili ili dali svoj dar. Prihod je bio \$1,233. Hvala svima.*

Odbor Marijinog društva

## SVETKOVINA BEZGRJEŠNOG ZAČEĆA BDM

U ponedjeljak 8. prosinca slavimo zapovjednu svetkovinu Bezgrješnog začeca Bl. Djevice Marije, zaštitnice SAD-a. Sv. mise ćemo slaviti u 7:30 sati ujutro te u 7 sati navečer. Kronicu ćemo moliti u 6:30 sati navečer a bit će i prilike za sv. ispovijed.

## KONCERT DJEČJEG ZBORA SV. JERONIMA

Engleski dječji zbor naše župe održat će koncert adventskih i božićnih pjesama u gradskoj vijećnici Chicaga u četvrtak 11. prosinca u 12 sati (u podne). Svi koji ćete tog dana biti u gradu ili raditi u centru grada, pridružite nam se na tom svečanom događaju.

## BOŽIĆNA PRIREDBA HRVATSKE ŠKOLE

U subotu 13. prosinca Hrvatska škola priređuje Božićnu priredbu u Velikoj dvorani. Vrata se otvaraju u 6 sati navečer, božićni program počinje u 6:30 sati navečer a potom slijedi večera.

## DRUGA KOLEKTA

Sljedeće nedjelje 14. prosinca imamo drugu kolektu za MIROVINSKI FOND ZA REDOVNIKE. Vaš dar će pomoći starije sestre redovnice, braću i svećenike redovnike diljem SAD-a koji dobijaju pomoć iz ovoga fonda.

## ČINIMO DOBRO U OVE HLADNE DANNE

BESKUĆNICI - I ove jeseni želimo pomoći beskućnike našega grada. Donesite čarape, toplu odjeću i pokrivače u naš župni ured. Hvala.

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

## PRINOS DAROVA NA OLTAR

Želite li 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.

## ADVENTSKA PRODAJA KOLAČA U HRVATSKOJ ŽUPI PRESVETOG TROJSTVA

U nedjelju 14. prosinca se priređuje prodaja kolača u Hrvatskoj župi Presvetog Trojstva (1850 S. Throop St.) od 9 sati ujutro do 1 sat poslije podne. Bit će na ponudi raznih domaćih kolača pripremljenih na hrvatski i američki način. Kolači se mogu i naručiti unaprijed. Za više pojedinosti nazovite Sherry na 312-720-6830.

## DOČEK NOVE GODINE

HRVATSKI KULTURNI CENTAR – CHICAGO poziva na doček nove 2015. godine u srijedu 31. prosinca. Za dobru zabavu će se pobrinuti glazbeni sastav Noćni Raj iz Kanade. U cijenu od \$110 je uključeno piće, predjelo, otmjena večera, šampanjac za zdravicu, zakuska u ponoć. Ulaznice su u pretprodaji a na ulazu će biti \$130. Rezirvirajte svoj stol već sada. Dođite sa svojim prijateljima i dočekajte Novu Godinu u prostorijama Hrvatskog Centra. Za više informacija nazovite Hrvatski kulturni centar (773-338-3839).

HRVATSKA ŽUPA SRCA ISUSOVA UZ HRVATSKU ŠKOLU I KOLO GRUPU poziva na doček nove 2015. godine u župnoj dvorani na 96. ulici. Za ples će svirati DJ. Ulaznice su \$60 za odrasle a za studente \$25. Večera počima u 7 sati navečer. Ulaznice se mogu nabaviti kod članova Hrvatske škole i kolo grupe ili u župnom uredu. Za više informacija nazovite župni ured (773-768-1423).

## IZBORI ZA PREDSJEDNIKA RH

Raspisani su izbori za predsjednika Republike Hrvatske. Prvi krug izbora će se održati **u nedjelju 28. prosinca 2014.**, a eventualni drugi krug 11. siječnja 2015. Kao hrvatski državljani dužnost nam je izaći na izbore i dati svoj glas onom kandidatu za kojeg smatramo da će nas, Hrvate i vjernike katolike, najbolje predstavljati u sljedećih 5 godina. Izbori će se održati u Generalnom konzulatu RH u Chicagu (737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1030) u nedjelju 28. prosinca od 7 do 19 sati.



Glasovati mogu hrvatski državljani stariji od 18 godina koji borave u SAD-u i svi oni koji žele glasovati u Generalnom konzulatu RH u Chicagu. Potrebno je prethodno se registrirati bilo pismeno, telefonom, ili osobnim dolaskom u Generalni konzulat, i to sve **do 17. prosinca**, radnim danom od ponedjeljka do petka u vremenu od 9 do 15 sati. Za prethodnu registraciju potrebno je znati matični broj građana, a ukoliko glasač nema MBG, Konzulat će u tome pomoći. Lista kandidata za predsjednika RH bit će objavljena na stranici izbori.hr.

Za više informacija nazovite Generalni konzulat RH na 312-482-9902.

## MLADIFEST 2015

Mladifest je susret hrvatske katoličke mladeži SAD-a i Kanade od 3. do 5. srpnja na Hrvatskom franjevačkom središtu Kraljice mira u Norvalu, Ontario, kako bi podijelili i proslavili svoju vjeru u Isusa Krista. Tema susreta će biti "I znamenje veliko pokazalo se na nebu..." (Otk 12,1). Voditelj susreta će biti don Damir Stojić, studentski kapelan u Zagrebu. Očekuju se i gosti iz Hrvatske, Kanade i SAD-a. Više pogledajte na: norvalmladifest.com.



**DECEMBER 8**  
**- THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
**PATRONAL FEASTDAY OF THE USA**

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the 7th century. It came to the West in the 8th century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless – either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace". In that context this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life. The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.



**8. PROSINCA**  
**- BEZGRJEŠNO ZAČEĆE**  
**BLAŽENE DJEVICE MARIJE**

Crkva nas uči da je jedno stvorenje ostalo savršeno na svom mjestu usred općeg nereda. Taj je nered prouzročio grijeh naših praroditelja koji je prešao na sve ljude a zove se izvorni grijeh. To je stvorenje ostalo nepokolebljivo jer ga nije pokolebao istočni grijeh kao druge smrtnike i koji su prema tome potrebni da budu ponovno postavljeni u stanje prije izvornoga grijeha - u stanje milosti Božje. To je stvorenje ostalo netaknuto od sveopće zaraze i nije bilo potrebno liječenje; ostalo je na ispravnom putu i prema tome nije ga trebalo popravljati. Ono nije poznavalo nikakav nered. To je stvorenje Blažena Djevica Marija. Ona je među nama jedina ostala netaknuta, u tijelu, ali posve čista, u vremenu, ali ipak u vječnoj istini.

Dogmu o bezgrješnom začecu proglasio je papa Pio IX. 8. prosinca 1854. Drugi vatikanski sabor govori o Marijinu bezgrješnom začecu: "Nije čudo da je kod svetih Otaca (sv. Germana, Anastazija Antiohijskog, sv. Andrije Kretskog, sv. Sofronija) nastao običaj po kojemu su Bogorodicu nazivali svu svetom i slobodnom od svake grješne ljage, oblikovanu od Duha Svetoga i učinjenu novim stvorenjem. Urešena već od prvog časa svoga začeca sjajem sasvim osobite svetosti, nazaretska je Djevica po Božjoj zapovijedi bila pozdravljena od anđela navještenja kao milosti puna..." Naša pučka popijevka pjeva:

*Začće bezgrješno tvoje mi štujemo,  
 buduć da od Crkve utješno čujemo  
 da ti si jedina od sveg svijeta ljudi  
 začeta nevina!*