

# Parish Bulletin

## Župni Vjesnik

January 26, 2014 - 26. siječnja 2014.



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

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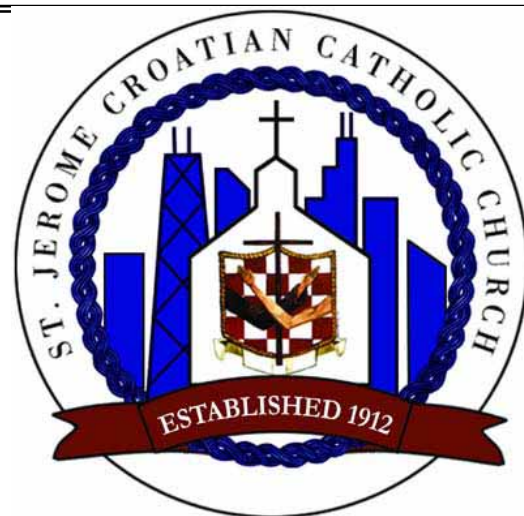
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Croatian Franciscan Friars

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

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 Monday, January 27 - *Ponedjeljak, 27. siječnja*


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7:30 a.m.

† Lena Marino ..... *family*  
 † Donald Ecklund ..... *Patricia and Charles Marino*  
 † Margaret Marcello ..... *Pace and Marcello and family*

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 Tuesday, January 28 - *Utorak, 28. siječnja*  
 St. Thomas Aquinas – *sv. Toma Akvinski*


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7:30 a.m.

† Mary Somen ..... *John and Laura Perseghin*  
 † Vinka Turčinović ..... *Matt and Chris Pesce*  
 † Anto Golub ..... *sestra*

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 Wednesday, January 29 - *Srijeda, 29. siječnja*


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7:30 a.m.

† Lena Marino ..... *family*  
 In honor of Our Lady of Međugorje ..... *N. N.*

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 Thursday, January 30 - *Četvrtak, 30. siječnja*


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7:30 a.m.

† Sarah Phillips ..... *Chris and Matt Pesce*  
 † Grace Gusich ..... *Santa Lucia Senior Club*

8:05 a.m.

PRO POPULO – For all Parishioners – Za sve župljane

7 – 9 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*


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 Friday, January 31 - *Petak, 31. siječnja*  
 St. John Bosco – *sv. Ivan Bosko*


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7:30 a.m.

† Fr. Warren McCarthy ..... *Ellen O'Donnell*  
 †† John & Margaret Sobocan, Angelo & Mary Pesce  
 ..... *Chris and Matt Pesce*

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 Saturday, February 1 - *Subota, 1. veljače*


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7:30 a.m.

† Zvonko Čabo ..... *Adria Team*  
 † Rose Quirino ..... *Perisin family*

5:30 p.m.

† Tony Alfirević ..... *Joan Sipich*  
 † Chester Bazan Sr. .... *Angelina Szatkowski*  
 † Adam Beckman ..... *SJS Staff*  
 † Maria Gazzi ..... *Gazzi family*  
 † Ivan Badrov ..... *Nevenka Badrov*  
 † Slavka Buškain ..... *Nevenka Badrov*  
 † Marko Mišerda ..... *Nevenka Badrov*  
 Na čast Gospe Sinjske ..... *Yvonne Mangiaračina*  
 Intentions of Maria Lozančić ..... *Pete and Sandy Schurla*

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 Sunday, February 2 - *Nedjelja, 2. veljače*


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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

PRIKAZANJE GOSPODINOVO (SVIJEČNICA)

7:30 a.m.

† Joe Čubelić ..... *Catherine*  
 † John Kraslen ..... *Cannatello family*  
 † John Ish Botica ..... *Gen and family*  
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine i Jozo Čondić ..... *Duško*

9:30 a.m.

† JoAnn Passarelli ..... *Joice Hess*  
 † Mary Somen ..... *Carol and Frano Marasovich*  
 † Grace Gusich ..... *Rose Marie Sestito*  
 † Filip Majić ..... *Majić family*  
 † Joe Čubelić ..... *partner*  
 † Jack McClain ..... *Cathy Amato*

11 a.m.

† Karmila Knezović ..... *Ante i Ljiljana Rogić*  
 † Ivan Cvitanović ..... *Domagoj Paraga i obitelj*  
 † Samantha Penavić ..... *obitelj Penavić*  
 † Milan Žolo ..... *Anđelko i Ivanka Šušnjara*  
 † Zvonko Čabo ..... *Matt and Anna Babich*  
 † Mirko Jurković ..... *obitelj Erkapić*  
 † Mate Morich ..... *Ante Sipich*  
 † Gento Milas ..... *Nikola Planinić i obitelj*  
 † Kata Paulić ..... *obitelj Žigniće*  
 †† Frank i Maria Cecchini ..... *Bruno i Jasna*  
 †† Ljubo i Dumica Tanfara ..... *djeca*  
 †† Ivo i Mara Đebro ..... *obitelj Đebro*  
 †† Stipe i Lenny Bajić ..... *Ivan Bajić i obitelj*  
 †† iz obitelji Šego ..... *Stanko i obitelj*  
 †† iz obitelji Čondić ..... *Duško*  
 Na nakanu ..... *Bože Guvo*

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 LECTORS - ČITAČI
 

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5:30 p.m. – Joseph Magyar; 7:30 a.m. – Emmett Turney  
 9:30 a.m. – Michael Passarelli; 11 a.m. – po dogovoru

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 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION  
 IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI
 

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5:30 p.m. – Joe Magyar; 7:30 a.m. – Matt Pesce  
 9:30 a.m. – Juliana Perisin; 11 a.m. – Tomislav Šulentić

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 ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI
 

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5:30 p.m. – Luna, Isabella Wroblewski, Olivia Wroblewski  
 7:30 a.m. – Manuel Esparza, Jasmine Esparza  
 9:30 a.m. - Francesca Bertucci, Monica Matual, Natalia Ruich  
 11 a.m. - Ante Ledić, Adriana Hostička, Emilijan Kosić,  
 Kristijan Kosić

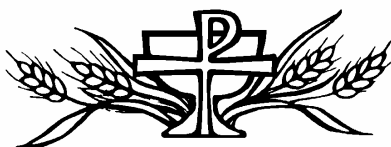
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### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The reading from the Prophet Isaiah takes us back to the celebration of the Birth of the Lord. The focus of this Sunday is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. This ministry has its source in the birth of Jesus, when God takes on our humanity. It is wonderful to see the compassion of God at work in the Lord Jesus.

Jesus' message is very clear: repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. This sounds very serious and difficult, but Jesus' actions always tells us more about what His words mean. His actions, in terms of demonstrating what "repent" means, show us that to repent means to change our way of thinking and acting. What we need to do is to teach about the deeds of God, proclaim the good news that God's kingdom is actually here in our midst and we need to cure disease and illness.

Perhaps many of us are ready to acknowledge the deeds of God and some are uneasy even doing that much. All of us need to take time to think about history and about God. Only when we can come to understand why Isaiah's writes as he does can we be truly able to teach about God's role in history and in our own lives.

As we listen to the Scriptures and let them form our lives, we realize more and more deeply:

God is present now! The kingdom is here in Jesus Christ. We are invited to live in the kingdom. That means that we are invited to live from the knowledge of God's love and forgiveness for us and to share that love and forgiveness with others. We can become aware of whether we are living in God's love and living in such a way that God's love is the source of our actions. That is kingdom living!



### 3. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

Prvo čitanje donosi opis različite sudbine Izraela. Prethodno su Izraelci podnosili nevolje, a sada je došlo vrijeme spasenja. Čitanje se podudara s onim na božićnoj misi polnoćki a počinje spominjanjem "zemlje Zebulonove i zemlje Naftalijeve" te "Galileje poganske". Isti se ulomak citira i u današnjem Matejevu evanđelju kao uvod kojim se označava početak Isusova djelovanja u Galileji. To samo pokazuje kako se isti ulomak može primijeniti na različite situacije. U božićnoj noći ulomak se odnosi na Kristovo rođenje; svjetlo je rasvijetlilo tamu. U današnjem nedjeljnom čitanju odnosi se na početak Isusova javnog nastupa. Isusovim dolaskom u Galileju i početkom njegova naviještanja to svjetlo je počelo još žarče sjati. A zapravo, Isusovo rođenje i javno djelovanje niti se mogu niti smiju odvojeno gledati, zato što su oba događaja samo razni vidici jedinstvenog događaja - događaja Isusa Krista, tj. dolaska svjetla u tamu ovog svijeta.

Najava uhićenja Ivana Krstitelja ponukala je Isusa da ide u Galileju, no ne iz straha da se i njemu nešto slično ne dogodi, čak suprotno. Ivanovo utamničenje je bilo znak prestanka Ivanova djelovanja, ali i početak Isusova djelovanja. Isusova namjera nije bila nastaviti ondje gdje je Ivan stao, nego je on počeo djelovati da bi se ispunila proroštva. Da Isus nije radi osobne sigurnosti otišao u Galileju, potvrđuje i činjenica da je on djelovao iz Kafarnauma, a ne iz Nazareta gdje je mogao imati sigurnije utočište.

Matej počinje opisivanje Isusova javnog nastupa sažimajući opis jednog Isusova dana u Kafarnaumu. Radi se o sažetku Isusova djelovanja: on je naviještao dolazak kraljevstva, pozivao je sljedbenike i činio čudesna ozdraviteljska djela. Sve je to uokvireno oko citata iz Izaijina 9. poglavlja, tj. iz današnjeg prvog čitanja. Postojala je tradicija da će prvi okupirani krajevi od strane Asiraca ujedno biti i prvi krajevi koji će iskusiti otkupljenje Božje, a to su upravo krajevi Zebulonovi i Naftalijevi. Ljudi koji su u tim krajevima živjeli u nedaćama i tami bit će prvi kojima će zasjati svjetlo spasenja. Pomoću tog citata Matej naglašava univerzalnost evanđelja: ono ne počinje na judejskom (vjerničkom) području, nego u Galileji poganskoj, i stoga je namijenjeno svima.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2013

We mailed out our annual collection financial recap for 2013. We are grateful to all of you for your generosity to our parish community year after year. 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 Parish Office.

## ST. BLAISE FEAST (FESTA SV. VLAHA)

Dubrovnik Club is organizing the celebration of their patron saint - the feast of St. Blaise, on Saturday, February 1. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. in Croatian. Blessing of the throats will take place close to the end of Mass (as well as on all Sunday Masses on February 2). Following the Mass there will be a celebration in Parish Hall. Welcome!

## CARDINAL STEPINAC DAYS



Mark your calendars for Cardinal Stepinac days which will be held on February 8 and 9. Join us as we honor the Bl. Alojzije Stepinac. Cardinal Stepinac annual concert will be on Saturday, February 8, at 3 p.m. at Whitney Young High School (211 S. Lasflin St.). Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office or from the members of Club Stepinac. On Sunday, February 9, there will be program and lunch in our Parish Hall at 12:15 p.m. All are welcome.

## MARDI GRAS

*Laissez les bon temps roulez. Let the good times roll.*

Please join in the revelry as St. Jerome celebrates Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 22 at 7 p.m. in the School Hall. Popular Cajun delicacies will be served along with Hurricane's, the classic New Orleans Cocktail. There will be music, dancing, raffles and lots of fun! Tickets are \$50 each (cash bar) and can be purchased by contacting the School Office at 312-842-7668. Babysitting service will be available on the premises for a nominal fee.

## PLANNING - DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

We are forming a planning committee to discuss the development of our parish property. We are looking for dedicated parishioners that would want to volunteer their time to serve on this committee. This will take some time and will be done in different phases. If this is something that you would be interested in working on, please, contact Fr. Ivica at 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.

## WEDDING BANNS NAJAVA VJENČANJA

I) Donald Fritz & Karen Rosales

## MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULING

If you would like to have certain Masses scheduled for the anniversaries of your deceased, please, let us know as early as possible so that we can avoid scheduling problems, and give you the dates you wish.

## INTRODUCTORY ADULT ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES

Do you remember your "Nonna" or "Nonno" speaking to you in Italian? Now, do you often think, "I wish I had learned some Italian." Now is your chance! A 10 course series of Beginning Italian Classes is offered. The 10 courses will feature an introduction to the Italian language as well as a weekly segment on Italian culture.

Books will be provided by the National Italian American Foundation ([www.niaf.org](http://www.niaf.org)). The cost is \$175. The classes will be held in the Small Hall on Mondays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., starting on January 27. Contact Maurizio Malfeo at [Italian@StJeromeSchool.net](mailto:Italian@StJeromeSchool.net).

## 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 (Airfare and All Inclusive). [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com).

## JOIN US IN OUR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

**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

- Monday, January 27  
Start of Adult Italian Language and Culture Classes

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- Saturday, February 1  
Festa Svetog Vlaho - St. Blaise celebration
- Saturday - Sunday, February 8 & 9  
Dani kardinala Stepinca - Bl. Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac celebration
- Saturday, February 22  
St. Jerome School Mardi Gras banquet

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- Saturday, March 1  
Bakalar dinner - bakalarska večera



## NOVČANI IZVJEŠTAJ

Ovih dana ćete poštom dobiti novčani izvještaj o darovima u godini 2013. Hvala od srca za sve što ste učinili za našu župnu zajednicu. Ako postoje pogreške u bilo kojem dijelu izvještaja, molimo, obavijestite nas. Hvala.

## FESTA SV. VLAHA

U subotu 1. veljače klub Dubrovčana organizira proslavu spomendana sv. Blaža (festu sv. Vlahe). Sv. misa će biti u 6:30 sati navečer a potom slijedi svečanost u Velikoj dvorani. Blagoslov grla će biti na kraju sv. mise u subotu kao i na nedjeljnim sv. misama 2. veljače. Svećenik izgovara riječi: "Po zagovoru sv. Blaža, biskupa i mučenika, neka te Gospodin oslobodi od bolesti grla i od svakog drugog zla."



## SVIJEĆNICA

Slijedeće nedjelje 2. veljače slavimo Isusovo prikazanje u jeruzalemskom hramu - Svijećnicu. Starac Šimun je tom prilikom za Isusa rekao da je *Svjetlost na prosvjetljenje naroda*. Blagoslov svijeća će biti pod sv. misom. Možete donijeti svoje svijeće, a bit će ih i u crkvi te ćete ih moći ponijeti svojim kućama. Neka blagoslovljena svijeća u svačijem domu predstavlja Krista – Svjetlo svijeta koji će odagnati svako zlo i svaku tamu.

## SV. MISA U ROCKFORDU

Jednom mjesečno okuplja se hrvatska zajednica u gradu Rockfordu i okolici. Sv. misa se slavi u crkvi sv. Brigite (600 Clifford Avenue in Loves Park, Rockford) u 4 sata poslije podne. Slijedeća sv. misa će biti u nedjelju 2. veljače. Pošto je to vrijeme blagoslova obitelji, organizirat ćemo i pohod svećenika obiteljima i zajedničku molitvu za Božji blagoslov. Za sve pojedinosti možete se javiti Josipu Matoševiću (815-298-8218).

## DANI KARDINALA STEPINCA: 8. I 9. VELJAČE

Godišnji koncert će biti u subotu 8. veljače u Whitney Young High School (211 S. Lasflin St.) s početkom u 3 p.m. Dolaze nam i posebni gosti iz Kanade za ovu prigodu - kolo grupa Kralj Zvonimir iz Norvala. Karte možete dobiti u župnom uredu i kod članova Kluba Stepinac. U ovu kartu uključen



je banket, ples i zabava u našoj župnoj dvorani. Također nabavite i karte za godišnji banket koji će se održati u nedjelju 9. veljače. U nedjelju ćemo svi biti na sv. misi u 11 sati. Nakon sv. mise slijedi program i ručak u Velikoj dvorani. Za zabavu će se pobrinuti grupa Noćni Raj iz Kanade.

## BLAGOSLOV OBITELJI

Škropljenje stanova i kuća prigodom blagoslova obitelji je vanjski znak da se u obitelji želi živjeti kršćanskim životom, po načelima Evanđelja. Zahvaljujemo vam na srdačnim susretima i zajedničkoj molitvi.



U dogovoru s našim voditeljima, planirat ćemo raspored za naredne dane te ćemo vas obavještavati i zvati unaprijed. Molimo, javite nam ako želite da dođemo i k vama, osobito, ako kod vas nismo bili duže vremena.

## ODBOR ZA PLANIRANJE I RAZVOJ

Osnivamo *Odbor za planiranje i razvoj* da bismo pronašli što bolje rješenje za budućnost naše župe, osobito što se tiče izgradnje i poboljšanja župnih nekretnina. Planiranje i sam razvoj će biti u nekoliko faza. Pozivamo sve koji mogu doprinijeti ovome cilju da nam se jave.

## 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 pomoći u ostvarivanju planova naše hrvatske župe i zajednice.

## ŽUPNI ADRESAR - UPIS U ŽUPNU ZAJEDNICU

Župni adresar obnavljamo redovito. Ako ste promijenili svoju adresu ili telefon, nazovite naš Župni ured da bismo tako mogli imati vaše ispravne podatke. Hvala.

Molimo nove obitelji ili pojedince koji se još nisu učlanili u našu župnu zajednicu da to učine ovih dana da bi tako mogli biti članovi naše župe sa svim pravima i dužnostima. Hvala.

## MLADI FEST 2014

Mladifest je susret hrvatske katoličke mladeži SAD-a i Kanade od 4. do 6. srpnja na Hrvatskom franjevačkom središtu Kraljice mira u Norvalu, Ontario, kako bi podijelili i proslavili svoju vjeru u Isusa Krista. Tema susreta će biti *"Hrabri budite, ja sam pobijedio svijet!"* (Iv 16:33). Voditelj susreta će biti don Damir Stojić, studentski kapelan u Zagrebu. Više o susretu na: [norvalmladifest.com](http://norvalmladifest.com).



## FOR RENT — IZNAJMLJUJE SE

- ▶ Apt. in Bridgeport, 33rd and Lowe, 312-520-3066.
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## JANUARY 28 - ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of Divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At 5 he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239 he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy. By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the Gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.



## 28. SIJEČNJA - SV. TOMA AKVINSKI

Sv. Toma pripada u red jednog od najvećih crkvenih umova. Rođen je 1225. g. u dvorcu Akvino u južnoj Italiji. Od malena je pokazivao veliku želju za znanjem a završavajući visoke škole u Napulju upoznao se s dominikanskim redom. Roditelji su se protivili da on kao plemićki sin stupi u prosjački red. Unatoč protivljenjima postao je dominikanac a poglavari vidjevši njegove ogromne intelektualne sposobnosti šalju ga učenjaku sv. Albertu Velikom.

Već s 23 godine života sv. Toma je postao profesor. Predavao je u Parizu, Rimu i Napulju. Kraj sve svoje velike učenosti ostao je uvijek jednostavan i ponizan redovnik. U poniznosti je postojano odbijao sve ponuđene mu crkvene časti. Njegov bistri duh dobro je shvatio da je poniznost evanđeoska krepost i da više vrijedi od sve učenosti, slave i počasti. Zato je uvijek htio ostati malen.

Napisao je mnoštvo filozofskih i teoloških djela, a najslavnije mu je bez sumnje djelo "Teološka suma" u tri dijela u kojoj je sustavno obradio svu teologiju. Djelo je prevedeno na sve svjetske jezike te u teološkoj književnosti zauzima sve do danas jedinstven položaj. Bio je mistik. Žarko je štovao Presveti Sakrament te o njemu ispjevao najljepše himne kao što su: "Hvali Sion Spasitelja", "Klanjam ti se smjerno, tajni Bože naš", "Usta moja uzdižite preslavnome tijelu glas"! Kad je jednom klečao pred raspelom, sam Isus mu je progovorio: "Ti si o meni tako lijepo pisao, što želiš kao nagradu?" Toma je odgovorio: "Samo tebe, Gospodine!"

Umro je relativno mlad, u dobi od 49 godina. Bilo je to 7. ožujka 1274. g. Bio je tada na putu u Lyon na opći sabor, ali je klonuo i zaustavio se u samostanu Fossa Nouva kraj Rima i ondje preminuo. Tijelo mu je kasnije preneseno u Toulouse. Proglašen je svecem, a g. 1567. i crkvenim naučiteljem. Proglašen je i zaštitnikom škola i studenata. On je, doista, sjajan primjer svima koji se bave umnim radom. U otajstva vjere se prodire to dublje što je srce čistije. Njegov lik to najbolje svjedoči.