

# Parish Bulletin

## Župni Vjesnik

January 5, 2014 - 5. siječnja 2014.



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

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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, January 6 - *Ponedjeljak, 6. siječnja*

7:30 a.m.

† Robert Phillips ..... *Juliana Perisin and Charles Di Caro*  
 Na nakanu ..... *Luca Šego*

Tuesday, January 7 - *Utorak, 7. siječnja*

7:30 a.m.

† Rails Balestri ..... *Charles and Patricia Marino*  
 † Grace Gusich ..... *Perisin family*

Wednesday, January 8 - *Srijeda, 8. siječnja*

7:30 a.m.

† Sarah Phillips ..... *Rick and Marlene Pulciani*  
 † Toni Alfirevic ..... *Stretch, El and family*

Thursday, January 9 - *Četvrtak, 9. siječnja*

7:30 a.m.

† Mary Somen ..... *Louis and Mary Scalise*  
 † Grace Gusich ..... *Butch and Marlene Salvato*  
 † Ante Rodich ..... *Stipe Tokić i obitelj*

8:05 a.m.

PRO POPULO – For all Parishioners – Za sve župljane

7 – 9 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*Friday, January 10 - *Petak, 10. siječnja*

7:30 a.m.

† fra Mladen Čuvalo ..... *Karlo i Dragica Karačić i obitelj*  
 † Sam Madia ..... *Madia family*  
 Intentions of Nick Perisin ..... *Frank and Donna Louzon*

Saturday, January 11 - *Subota, 11. siječnja*

7:30 a.m.

† Elenor Mann ..... *Irene and John Grubisic*  
 †† Michael and Mariano Coletta ..... *family*

5:30 p.m.

† John Fallon ..... *Pam Munizzi*  
 † Adam Beckman ..... *Carm Parrilli*  
 † Chester Bazan Sr. .... *Rose and Bob Bazan*  
 † Lottie Mazur ..... *Theresa and Norm Kirkley*  
 † Tom Flanagan ..... *Pete and Sandy Schurla*  
 Intentions of Rosa Fratto ..... *Gene and Anna Marie Gazzi*

Sunday, January 12 - *Nedjelja, 12. siječnja*

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## KRŠTENJE ISUSOVO

7:30 a.m.

† John Kraslen ..... *Rich and Jan Ferro*  
 † Rose Quirino ..... *Charles and Patricia Marino*  
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine i Jozo Čondić ..... *Duško*

9:30 a.m.

† JoAnn Passarelli ..... *Helen Segvich*  
 † Carmen Rails Balestri ..... *Rose Marie Sestito*

† Jack Platt ..... *Platt family*  
 † Gene Dengler Sr. (3rd. Anniversary) ..... *family*  
 † Andrew Attar ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*  
 † Agnes Gusich Conversa ..... *Mark Gusich and family*  
 Intentions of Mary Ann DiVito ..... *kuma Fran*  
 Intentions of Marilyn ..... *mother*

11 a.m.

† Karmila Knezović ..... *Luka Beban Ilić*  
 † Ivan Cvitanović ..... *Tomislav i Marija Erkić i obitelj*  
 † Vinko Škrabo ..... *obitelj Penavić*  
 † Zvonko Čabo ..... *obitelj Pudar*  
 † Jure Dugandžić ..... *Stipe Tokić i obitelj*  
 † Milan Žolo ..... *Nevenka Jurković i obitelj*  
 † Gento Milas ..... *Nikola Planinić i obitelj*  
 † Iva Golemac ..... *obitelj Erkić*  
 † Jure Sučić ..... *obitelj*  
 † Jerina Lisnic ..... *Milka Lisnic*  
 † Karlo Galić ..... *Marijan i Maja Galić i obitelj*  
 † Milka Maras ..... *John and Mara Šuper*  
 †† Marion i Ana Oremović ..... *Albina Pauletić*  
 †† Nediljko i Neda Bajić ..... *sin Ivan i obitelj*  
 †† Mate i Šima Vasilj ..... *Andrija Vasilj i obitelj*  
 †† iz obitelji Čondić ..... *Duško*  
 Za svoje pokojne ..... *Albina Pauletić*  
 Na nakanu ..... *Bože Guvo*

## LECTORS - ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Brian Kenny

7:30 a.m. – Rosemary Brcich

9:30 a.m. – Family Mass

11 a.m. – Perica Dušević, Maja Kosić, Izabela Paraga

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. – Karen Mizera

11 a.m. – Domagoj Paraga

## ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. – Francesca Bertucci, Lucas Mizera,  
Michael Passarelli

7:30 a.m. – Monica Matual, Natalia Ruich

9:30 a.m. – to be announced

11 a.m. – Josip Dugandžić, Lorin Draženović, Luka Kosić,  
Adriana Hostička, Michael Karačić, Marija Kraljević

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The wonder and fascination implicit in the appearance of a star and of Magi with their exotic retinue and precious gifts usually overshadows the prophetic words that are found in today's Gospel. Matthew's mash up of Micah 5:1 and 2 Samuel 5:2 represents a method on his part to portray Jesus as the true Messiah and king who is born in accordance with the Scriptures. In alluding to the prophet Micah's oracle about Bethlehem, Matthew has the chief priests and scribes of the people respond to Herod's question with:

"from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

It is the last part of this quote that comes from 2 Samuel at the time David was anointed king of Israel.

We tend to think of kings as omnipotent rulers who are in charge of everything. But the biblical dimensions of kingship involve a different set of realities. The king is shepherd and protector of the people. His power - that is, the loyalty of his forces to him - is to be used to ward off enemies and to care for the tribes that the LORD has entrusted to him. When the king fails in this duty, especially when it comes to protecting the poor, it is then that the LORD pronounces judgment against the king. This newborn King of the Jews in Matthew's Gospel comes to shepherd and care for his people. He will save us from the enemy: sin and death.

Now comes the big leap! This day, the Epiphany, is one of the great baptismal feasts of the church (after Easter and Pentecost). The early church saw in this celebration its own call to put on Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king. When we were anointed at our baptism we were given that very charge: to be a king like Christ. So how will you care for the poor today? How will you shepherd God's people?

## BOGOJAVLJENJE (TRI KRALJA)

Svetkoinom Bogojavljenja Crkva zahvaljuje Bogu za dar vjere. Na tom su daru sudjelovali mnogi ljudi i narodi. Po predaji, upravo ona trojica ljudi s Istoka što su došli u Betlehem stoje na čelu povorke vjernika kao prvi svjedoci i nositelji toga dara. U njima vjera ima svoj najbistriji izražaj: vjera shvaćena kao nutarnje otvaranje čovjeka, kao odgovor Božjemu svjetlu, Božjem očitovanju. Zahvaljujući Bogu za taj dar, zahvaljujemo mu istovremeno i za *svjetlo*: za dar Bogojavljenja i dar otvorenosti našega duha božanskom svjetlu. To je također značenje ovoga blagdana kojim Crkva do kraja izražava svoju radost Božića, Božjeg rođendana.

Evandjelje govori o rođenju Isusa u Betlehemu judejskome, za vladavine rimskog kralja Heroda. *Tri mudraca* s Istoka se raspituju o novorođenom kralju židovskoga naroda. Tko su bili Mudraci? Oni su bili nositelji ljudskoga znanja – najvažniji savjetnici moćnih kraljeva onoga doba. Ta tri mudraca narod obično naziva „*Tri kralja*.“ Oni nisu bili kraljevi, nego su bili prvi savjetnici kraljeva, jer su prije svakog ratovanja, kao i drugih kraljevih potreba, kralju davali izvješće što oni o tom ratu vide u zvijezdama. Mudraci dolaze izdaleka, iz nepoznatog svijeta. Slijede *zvijezdu na nebu*. Ne vodi ih svijet, ni politika ni znanje.

U Isusu iz Nazareta Bog se objavljuje čovječanstvu. U Isusu prepoznajemo obećanoga *Mesiju*, *Spasitelja i Kralja* svega svijeta, pravoga *Boga* i pravoga *čovjeka*. Pokazuju to i prineseni darovi trojice mudraca: *zlato* se prinosi kralju, *tamjan* pripada Bogu, a *smirna je za ukop pravog čovjeka*. To je ujedno sažetak evandjelja u kome otkrivamo čitav Isusov život. Spasitelja ne nalaze oni koji znaju gdje je, nego oni koji ga traže. Rođen u siromaštvu, izaziva neprijateljstvo i nepriznanje političkih i vjerskih autoriteta, proglašen je varalicom i kao takav je smaknut. Kralj, Bog i Čovjek – Isus Krist, dolazi i donosi kršćanstvo. Kršćanstvo nije put ljudskoga traženja Boga. Ono objavljuje Božje traženje čovjeka. Dok su druge religije ljudski vapaj u nebo, kršćanstvo je vapaj neba na zemlju, krik Boga koji je započeo u jaslama i neće završiti do posljednjega daha na križu. Liturgijsko slavlje ove svetkovine upućuje nas da se otvorimo Zvijezdi - Kristu koji, kao „Svjetlo istinsko koje dođe na svijet,“ obasjava naš životni put i prosvjetljuje naš život. „Ustani, jer dolazi svjetlost tvoja i slava Božja sviće nad tobom!“

## THANK YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART

*Dear friends, thank you for all the moments we have been together in Advent and Christmas season!*

*Thank you for making it a priority to participate in our celebrations, concerts, programs and events.*

*Thank you for all of your gifts to our parish with which you unselfishly help the life of our parish. May the good God abundantly reward you!*

*Thank you for your prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts to us, your priests, during this holy season, and for your generous love!*

*A special thanks to everyone who in this busy past weeks found time to help in the cleaning that prepared our church for these glorious days. Thank you for your time, effort and devotion.*

*Our particular gratitude goes out to Louis Scalise and Kenny Zekich for decorating our church. Their devotion helps lift up all our hearts to give glory to God!*

*Thanks to all of you who donated for the lovely flowers adorning our church these Christmas feast days.*

*Thank you for responding so generously to the invitation to buy gifts for needy children in the weeks before Christmas.*

*Thanks to all who donate winter clothing and blankets for the homeless! Your response to this undertaking has been gratefully received.*

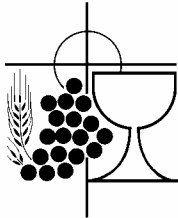
*We are especially grateful for your Christmas witness of love and faith in Christ our Lord. Together we go forward in that faith into 2014!*

*Christmas blessings with love  
from your Franciscan friars*

Fr. Ivica and Fr. Stipe

## INSTALATION 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.



## 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. Meetings will begin in the early January. 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.

## 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. The instruction of the Italian language will be at an introductory level, no previous knowledge is required. Each week Italian culture will be explored as well. One class will be devoted to Italian cuisine.

Books and materials 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. Deadline for enrollment is January 20. For more info 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 \$3,999.00 (Airfare and All Inclusive). For more information: [proximotravel.com](http://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.

**BOOK CLUB** - Book Club will have next meeting on Wednesday, January 8, at 7 p.m. in Lower Small Hall. They are reading "The Red Queen" by Philippa Gregory.

**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, January 9  
Fr. Častimir Majić's 100th Birthday Celebration
  - Sunday, January 12  
Bishop Rojas - Instalation Mass of Fr. Ivica
  - Sunday, January 26  
Marian Society all member meeting
  - Monday, January 27  
Start of Adult Italian Language and Culture Classes
- 
- Saturday, February 1  
Festa Svetog Vlaha - St. Blaise celebration
  - Sunday, February 9  
Stepinčevo - Bl. Cardinal Alojzije  
Stepinac celebration
  - Saturday, February 22  
St. Jerome School Mardi Gras banquet



## ZAHVALJUJEMO OD SRCA

*Još je jedna godina iza nas - naša prva godina službe u ovoj župi.*

*Hvala, dragi župljani i prijatelji, za sve radosne susrete koje smo imali prilike doživjeti ovih božićnih dana. Hvala za vaše darove našoj župi kojima uvijek nesebično pomažete život i poslanje naše župe. Hvala svima vama koji ste velikodušno darivali i nas svećenike o Božiću. Hvala svima vama koji ste sudjelovali na našim slavljima, koncertima, priredbama i događanjima. Hvala svima vama koji ste se odazvali na poziv za čišćenje i uređivanje crkve. Hvala vam za vaš trud, rad i darovano vrijeme. Hvala našim dragim Louisu Scaliseu i Kennyju Zekichu što su svečano okitili našu crkvu. Hvala im jer oni ovo mjesto uvijek učine tako posebnim i lijepim. Hvala svima vama koji ste darovali za cvijeće za Božić kako bi naša crkva bila svečana.*

*Sretnu novu 2014. godinu od srca vam žele  
vaši franjevci*

fra Ivica i fra Stipe

## ŽUPNE OMOTNICE, KALENDARI I VJESNIK

Župne omotnice za 2014. godinu nalaze se na dnu crkve. Ako postoje kakve tehničke pogreške ili još nemate svoje župne omotnice, javite nam se.

Zahvaljujemo pogrebnoj kući "Michael Colleta Sons" na sponzorstvu zidnih kalendara za 2014. godinu.

Hrvatski zidni kalendari i Hrvatski franjevački vjesnici se nalaze na dnu crkve. U njima se nalaze mnoge zanimljivi izvještaji iz naše župe kao i iz drugih hrvatskih župa Kanade i SAD-a.

## BOGOJAVLJENJE (TRI KRALJA)

Danas slavimo svetkovinu Bogojavljenja ili Tri kralja. Ova svetkovina povezuje tri događaja u kojima se Bog objavio po Isusu Kristu: poklon triju poganskih mudraca (kraljeva) malom Djetetu Isusu u Betlehemu, krštenje Isusovo na Jordanu i prvo Isusovo čudo u Kani Galilejskoj.

Danas blagoslivljamo vodu i sol na spomen Isusova krštenja vodom u rijeci Jordanu. Blagoslivljenu vodu ponesite svojim kućama, čuvajte s poštovanjem i u svećanim i važnim životnim prilikama tijekom godine s njome blagoslivljajte (škropite) ukućane, kuću, drugu svoju imovinu, radno mjesto i slično. Voda je znak očišćenja i ozdravljenja, a sol znak mudrosti.

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OBITELJI PARIZORČKI POKRETNOST

## BLAGOSLOV OBITELJI

Škropljenje stanova i kuća prigodom blagoslova obitelji je vanjski znak da se u obitelji želi živjeti kršćanskim životom, po načelima Evanđelja.

S blagoslovom započinjemo ovih dana. U dogovoru s našim voditeljima, obavještavat ćemo vas i zvati unaprijed. Molimo, javite nam ako želite da dođemo i k vama, osobito, ako kod vas nismo bili duže vremena.

PROSLAVA 100. ROĐENDANA  
FRA ČASTIMIRA MAJIĆA

Najstariji član naše Hrvatske franjevačke kustodije, fra Častimir Majić, u četvrtak 9. siječnja će proslaviti svoj 100. rođendan. Sv. misa će biti u 6 sati navečer a potom slijedi proslava i zakuska.

100  
years

## 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. Svi smo pozvani na sv. misu u 10:30 sati prije podne te na ručak u Velikoj dvorani.

## 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. Susreti i planiranje će početi u prvoj polovici siječnja 2014. Pozivamo sve one župljane koji mogu doprinijeti ovome cilju da se jave i pristupe u ovaj odbor.

## 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.

## LOVAČKE VEČERE

Hrvatsko lovačko društvo Srna organizira lovačku večer u dvorani župe Srca Isusova u subotu 18. siječnja.

Hrvatsko lovačko društvo Kuna priređuje lovačku večer i svoj godišnji banket u našoj dvorani u subotu 25. siječnja s početkom u 7 sati navečer.

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## NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: 10 RESOLUTIONS FOR CATHOLICS

It's a New Year, and time to get cracking on those resolutions. In addition to those vows to exercise regularly, eat better, save money, get organized, and call parents more often, make room on your list for spiritual growth. Some might manage to make good on this goal, but the rest of us would be wise to take some spiritual baby steps.

Instead of resolving to become a mystic by December only to abandon your promise before March, take a look at a list of practices that will stretch your soul in less than 10 minutes a day. If you adopt any one of them, you'll be in better spiritual shape at the end of this year than you were at the beginning.

### 1) MAKE YOUR SMARTPHONE MORE CATHOLIC

Surprisingly, you'll find plenty of smartphone apps to help you become a better [Catholic](#). Simply type "Catholic" in your phone's app store search index, and you'll find a long list of apps including prayers, Catholic radio stations, Confession guides, Bibles... Instead of texting or checking email during idle time, make use of those apps to learn more about your faith.



### 2) FIND A PATRON SAINT

If you don't have a patron saint, it's time to find one! Saints are our heroes in [faith](#) and are powerful intercessors for us in heaven. You might want to learn more about the saint you were named after, your Confirmation saint, the patron saint of your parish, the patron saint of your profession or hobby or any saint who interests you.



### 3) ATTEND DAILY MASS

Most parishes offer daily mass during the week in the morning, evening or during lunch. Since the group attending is usually small and there is often no singing, most daily masses will only take about

30 minutes of your day. In return, you'll receive extra graces and blessings for the small sacrifice.

### 4) GO TO CONFESSION EVERY MONTH

Yes, it's difficult to face your sins and say them out loud, but frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation gives you the grace to fight those sins and perhaps finally defeat them. If your parish's allotted time for the sacrament conflicts with your schedule, call the parish office to make an appointment.

### 5) READ THE BIBLE

If you don't own a [Catholic](#) Bible, invest in one and keep it out where you will see it every day. Attend a Bible study if your parish offers one or ask your priest to start one if it's not available. You'll also find helpful guides online or in a Catholic bookstore.

### 6) GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR PARISH

Volunteering as a lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, choir member or usher requires a very small time commitment but will pay off by helping you to experience of being an important part of your parish. For other ideas, call your parish office and ask for volunteer opportunities that will fit your schedule.

### 7) PRAY THE ROSARY

The Rosary has been hailed by saints and popes alike as a powerful weapon to defeat evil and a beautiful way to meditate on the gospels. There are many powerful blessings and promises granted to those devoted to the Rosary.

### 8) CHECK OUT CATHOLIC RADIO

[Catholic](#) radio stations are popping up all over America and you need not live near one to listen in. Most stations broadcast online or offer smartphone apps. Try a few different stations and programs to find one that interests you.

### 9) READ ABOUT YOUR FAITH

If all you do is go to mass every Sunday, you're missing out on many wonderful resources for your [faith](#). This year, resolve to read at least five books on Catholic topics. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance.



### 10) SPEND SOME TIME IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Many parishes offer Eucharistic Adoration, but you can stop by a [Catholic](#) church any time the doors are open and spend a little quality time with Christ. Even just 10-15 minutes on a regular basis will deeply improve your spiritual life.