

Parish Bulletin

Župni Vjesnik

October 19, 2014 - 19. listopada 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, October 20 - Ponedjeljak, 20. listopada
Saint Paul of the Cross - Sv. Pavao od Križa

7:30 a.m.

† Ann Contino *Marlene Salvato*
 † Grace Gusich (1st Anniversary) *family*
 † Ralph Bonaccorsi *Carol and John Segvich*

Tuesday, October 21 - Utorak, 21 listopada

7:30 a.m.

† Donny Byrne *Perisin grandchildren*
 Na nakanu *Nikola Čosić*

Wednesday, October 22 - Srijeda, 22. listopada
St. John Paul II, Pope – Sveti Ivan Pavao II, papa

7:30 a.m.

† Bill Ashley *Catherine and Nick Perisin*
 † James Wagner *Catherine and Nick Perisin*

Thursday, October 23 - Četvrtak, 23. listopada
Saint John of Capistrano/ Sv. Ivan Kapistranski

7:30 a.m.

† Carlos Iglesias Jr. *Iglesias family*
 † Joseph Arredia Jr. *Mary Fratto*

8:05 a.m.

PRO POPULO – For all Parishioners – Za župljane

7 – 9 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*

Friday, October 24 - Petak, 24. listopada

7:30 a.m.

†† Ivan i Matija Bagarić..... *Ranko i Tonka Igrić*
 †† Neda, John and Michael Roscich
*Anthony and Diana Roscich*

Saturday, October 25 - Subota, 25. listopada

7:30 a.m.

† Josie Bachleda *Catherine and Nick Perisin*
 †† Petar i Joza Zelić *Ilija Zelić i obitelj*

5:30 p.m.

† Ann Solimine *Condito family*
 † Ted Mossman *Cimaglia family*
 † Barry Babich *Mom and Dad*
 † Ann Contino *Blagica Bešlić*
 † Sofija Pastuović *Rich and Jan Ferro*
 † Theresa Bujas *Vera Bozich and family*
 † Mary O'Shea *Russ and Bev Pullano*
 †† iz obitelji Mrčela i Drmać *N.N.*
 Na nakanu *Vicko Glunčić*
 Na nakanu *obitelj Čosić*

Sunday, October 26 - Nedjelja, 26. listopada
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 30. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

7:30 a.m.

† Eugene Sullivan *daughters*
 † Eugene Dengler Sr. *wife*
 †† Joe Cubelic and Dominic Bruno *Chris and Matt Pesce*
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić *Duško*

9:30 a.m.

† Lillian Geoghegan *Cathy Amato*
 † Marilyn Scardino *Catherine and Nick Perisin*
 † Theresa Bujas *Cathy Amato*
 † Grace Gusich *Lucille King*
 † Mary Statkus *Sorich family*
 †† Osvaldo and Diego Torres *parents*
 Intentions of Mary Ann DiVito *kuma Fran*

11 a.m.

† Karmila Knezović *Pero Grbavac*
 † Jure Dugandžić *Petar i Ana Varvodić*
 † Samantha Penavić *obitelj Penavić*
 † Marko Perić *supruga Marija i obitelj*
 † Josip Armić *obitelj Armić*
 † Frano Subašić *Josip Krišto i obitelj*
 † Josip Martinčić *Stipe Tokić i obitelj*
 † Josip Uremović *Josip i Iva Prša*
 † Marija Galović *suprug Ante*
 † John Pauletić *Petar i Ana Varvodić*
 † Nada Pastuović *Jadranka Jurić i obitelj*
 † Milan Ivanović *Mira Schwab*
 † Marko Šulentić *obitelj Šulentić*
 †† Petar i Joza Zelić *Ilija Zelić i obitelj*
 †† Stipe i Matija Šušnjara *Mila Morić i obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Maroš i Tokić *Ivan Maroš i obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*
 †† iz obitelji Glunčić *Vicko Glunčić*
 Za uspješan rad Društva Hrvatska žena - grana br. 1.. *Društvo*
 U zahvalu za uslišane molitve *Bože Guvo i obitelj*

LECTORS - ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Eva Mossman
 7:30 a.m. – Rosemary Brcich; 9:30 a.m. – Family Mass
 11 a.m. – Anela Kosić, Darko i Deni Grgić

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. – Tomislav Šulentić

ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. – Jasmine Esparza, Olivia and Isabella Wroblewski
 7:30 a.m. – Molly and Matthew McCormick
 9:30 a.m. – Monica Matual, Natalia Ruich, Zach Sandoval
 11 a.m. – po dogovoru

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Despite their flattering words, Pharisees were trying to trap Jesus, to force him into a no-win situation.

Consider the circumstances. They are living under the iron boot of a brutal empire which filled the earth with its idolatry. Patriotic Jews longed to throw off the yoke of the tyrants. They prayed for an anointed king who would free them from the Romans as David had freed them from the Philistines. Anyone advocating collaboration with the invaders could not possibly be the hoped-for Messiah. No, he would appear as a traitor. But on the other hand, anyone preaching resistance to Rome would be branded an enemy of the Empire and would wind up suspended from a cross. So the Pharisees decided to put Jesus on the spot in front of the crowd. They asked him a question bound to get him into trouble one way or the other. "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Emperor or not?"

First of all, Jesus teaches us how to deal with a bogus theological question. He unmasks it for what it is, an effort to trip him up rather than an inquiry proceeding from a sincere desire to know the truth. And then, rather than letting himself be controlled and put on the spot, he takes charge of the conversation and puts the Pharisees on the spot. He answers a question with a question. "Whose head is on that coin that you have in your pocket, the coin that you are using to pay for the temporal necessities of life?" "Caesar's." Next Jesus says something that makes them think, much like he did with the men eager to stone the woman caught in adultery (John 8). "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar, but give to God what is God's." (Mat 22:15-21).

Jesus wins the battle. He transforms an attempt to make him look bad into a teaching moment recorded for all time, providing all peoples and ages with some very important food for thought.

Government is a fact of life. Rulers, laws, police, taxes. What should a worshipper of God make of it?

One thing Jesus points out to the Pharisees is that they participate in this societal infrastructure. They don't live on a deserted island but are dependent upon the imperial system for everything from the food in the marketplace to protection from thieves. *One rural community in the US recently celebrated their independence after seceding from the nearby township and its taxes. A few days later, they were unpleasantly surprised when the town trash trucks failed to show up.* Jesus says we can't have it both ways—if we benefit from secular society, we need to support the infrastructure of society. This can take the form of taxes, military service, jury duty, and informed, conscientious voting.

On the other hand, Jesus says that we need to give to God what is God's. This is the real punch line of the story. For God has given us everything. In fact, it is he who raises up kings and nations and through them provides for us.

But there are also times when political rulers overstep their authority. Sometimes, they demand to be worshiped, like Caesar did. Other times they attack human dignity, violating natural law which demands that innocent human life be respected and that liberty be protected. These are times when Christians have a duty boldly to insist that while Caesar is owed his due, we won't stand by and silently watch him step on God's toes.



Podaj Caru Carevo a Bogu Božje

29. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

Jedno od vječnih pitanja čovjeka kao moralnog bića koje ima sposobnost služiti se razumom, jest: kako razlikovati dobro od zla? Ovo pitanje, u današnjem vremenu, zahtijeva još jasniji odgovor, budući da su pojmovi s područja etike i morala u svijetu relativizma doživjeli znatne devalvacije. Ono što je nekoć bilo univerzalno dobro počinje se predstavljati kao „jedno od“ dobara, a zlo nerijetko biva označavano kao nečije „pravo na osobno mišljenje ili izbor“. U takvom ambijentu politika postaje plodno tlo za manipulacije koristeći se retorikom koja omogućava osobne interese prikazati kao općenacionalne prioritete. Suvremeni mas-mediji tada služe kao instrumenti kojima se ostvaruju ciljevi. Briga za konkretnog čovjeka, njegove svakodnevne probleme i zajednicu u kojoj živi jedna je od zadaća Crkve. No, veoma često izgleda kako se područja crkvenog i političkog djelovanja preklapaju pa stoga mnogi predbacuju Crkvi da se „miješa u politiku“. Međutim, „politička zajednica i Crkva su, svaka na svom području, neovisne jedna o drugoj i autonomne. Obje su, iako s različitih naslova, u službi osobnog i društvenog poziva istih ljudi“ (GS 76). Zato i crkvena vlast (počevši od župnika do pape) i politička vlast (od lokalnog načelnika do predsjednika) trebaju biti shvaćene kao služenje, a ne gospodarenje. Zato se nikada ne smije osobnu korist pretpostaviti općem dobru lako smo i u novijoj povijesti imali svijetlih uzora među crkvenim pastirima kako se odnositi prema civilnoj vlasti proročki lik blaženog Alojzija Stepinca ostaje svedremeni uzor. Zalagati se uvijek za katoličku vjeru i hrvatsku naciju u prevrtljivim vremenima zahtijevalo je salomonsku mudrost, jobovsku strpljivost i marijansku poniznost pred Bogom. Iako su ga mnogi rado vidjeli na svojoj političkoj strani Stepinac je bio nepokolebljiv: „Mi nismo bilo čija politička trublja. Uvijek naglašavamo principe vječnoga zakona Božjega, ali ne možemo nikoga prisiliti da ih vrši“ (propovijed 31. listopada 1943.). Montirani politički proces kojeg su komunisti vodili 1946. protiv Nadbiskupa Stepinca svjedoči o njegovoj veličini. Kako u knjizi „Mač a ne mir. Za pravnu sigurnost građana“ donosi Stepinčev tužitelj Jakov Blažević na mnoge optužbe Nadbiskup je proročanski odgovarao: „Kada jedanput budu objavljeni svi dokumenti i kada se bude moglo otvoreno, slobodno i ispravno pisati, sve će izaći na vidjelo“ Stepinčevu odanost Crkvi i hrvatskom narodu i njegov svetački život Crkva je prepoznala te ga je blagopokojni papa Ivan Pavao II. u Mariji Bistrici, 3. listopada 1998. u Mariji Bistrici proglasio blaženim. To je svjedočanstvo i poticaj današnjim vjernicima da nikad ne će pogriješiti ako se u svakom svom poslu budu ravnali po Isusovim riječima „Caru podajte carevo, a Bogu Božje!“ (Mk 12,17).

Josip Vajdner

BAPTIZED

Yesterday, Saturday Oct. 18. in our church were baptized:

- **Luka Milan Luburić**,
son of Ante and Renee (Cloud).
- **Enzo Ramon Bertucci - Vega**,
son of Ramon Vega and Christie Ann Bertucci

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

THANK YOU

We want to thank you for your attendance and participation at the Annual Marian Society luncheon last Sunday. It is through your involvement and support that makes the Marian Society a vibrant parish organization. Also thank you all who contributed in any way to the success of this event.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF MARY

The month of October is dedicated to Mary. We pray the rosary half hour before Sunday Masses. Join us!

OCTOBER MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

For the 4 Sundays in October, every Catholic parish is required to take a count of the number of people attending each Mass. This is an important source of information when the Archdiocese plans and makes decisions about the future.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH - BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

October is Respect Life Month. We participate in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial and spiritual support. Please, take home a baby bottle and use it to collect any change you may have. When the bottle is full return it to the church. Your contribution will help women in our area who are experiencing crisis pregnancies.

RIT/ACMT - STUDY IN DUBROVNIK OR ZAGREB

A representative of the American College of Management and Technology (ACMT) in Croatia will be visiting our parish on Sunday, October 19. ACMT is in partnership with Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). Presentation will start at 12:15 p.m. in the Upper Small Hall.

ST. JEROME HSA - GIRLS NIGHT OUT

St. Jerome HSA (Home and School Association) is sponsoring the Girls Night Out! Event will be on Friday, October 24, at 7 p.m. In our big school hall.

"MARTINJE" AND WINE TASTING COMPETITION

The Croatian folklore group Baština is hosting "Martinje" celebration on Saturday, November 8th 2014, in St. Jerome big hall. This event includes wine tasting competition, buffet dinner and entertainment. All are welcome. Bring a bottle of your own home made wine for tasting and competition. The first price is \$50, second and third prices are \$25 each.

**CROATIAN WOMAN 85TH ANNIVERSARY**

Croatian Woman organization is celebrating its 85th Anniversary on Saturday, October 25, at the Croatian Cultural Center (2845 W Devon Ave.), at 7.00 pm. Celebration includes dinner, Fashion Show, raffle and music by Bravo band. The Fashion Show will be presented by Arileo Studio from Split, Croatia. Have fun and at the same time help this wonderful organization raise funds to help families in need in Croatia, Bosnia and Hercegovina as well as in the USA. For tickets call 773-450-2811 or 773-350-5123.

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. Beginners are welcome! For more info contact Miro at 224-436-0255 or miromarcikic@gmail.com.

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

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

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS TO THE ALTAR

If you would like to present the gifts to the altar at any Mass, please contact our office few days in advance or see one of our ushers before the Mass. It would be beautiful if we would have different families at each Mass, so that all of our Parish families have opportunity to present throughout the year.

DO YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY WALKING TO THE ALTAR FOR HOLY COMMUNION?

Please, ask an usher to let the Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion know where you are so the Holy Communion can be brought to you. The ministers do scan the congregation, so if you forget to let an usher know, put your hand up so they can see you.

Catholic Financial Life Corner:

Many people ask me why they should get life insurance and what does it really do. My answer is that it is money to help you keep your home, educate your children, maintain your standard of living and eliminate debt, in the unfortunate premature death of a husband or wife. For just pennies a day - literally, you can protect your family and sleep at night, knowing they are protected if something happens to you. It's the only financial tool that pays exactly the right amount of money to the exact person at exactly the right time - **GUARANTEED!**



LISTOPAD – MJESEC POSVEĆEN MARIJI

Mjesec listopada je posvećen Blaženoj Djevici Mariji i molitvi krunice. U krunici od Marije učimo kako slušati Evanđelje, odnosno Isusa, te želimo da nas ona vodi na putu kroz otajstva Isusova života. Krunicu molimo u 10:30 sati prije podne tj. prije hrvatske sv. mise.

BOČICE ZA BEBE

Uzmite dječje bočice, napunite ih novcem te ih na kraju mjeseca vratite u crkvu. Na taj način ćemo pomoći The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Listopad je mjesec posvećen dostojanstvu života. Pomozimo majke koje su u nevolji, da se uz našu pomoć odluče za život.

POHAĐANJE SV. MISE U MJESECU LISTOPADU

U mesecu listopadu svaka župa treba prebrojiti koliko ljudi dolazi na sv. misu. To je vrlo bitan pokazatelj vitalnosti pojedine župe. U isto vrijeme, ovo je prigoda da iskreno razmislimo o svome sudjelovanju u sakramentima, osobito u sv. misi, te u životu naše hrvatske župe.

PREDSTAVLJANJE O STUDIRANJU U DUBROVNIKU I ZAGREBU

U nedjelju 19. listopada predstaviti će nam se Američka visoka škola za management i tehnologiju (American College of Management and Technology) sa sjedištem u Dubrovniku. ACMT je osnovan u suradnji Rochester Institute of Technology – RIT u SAD-u i Ministarstva znanosti RH. Studirati se može u Dubrovniku ili Zagrebu. Ponuđeni su akademski programi: International Business (Zagreb), International Hospitality and Service Management (Dubrovnik), Information Technology (Dubrovnik i Zagreb). Diplome ACMT-a su priznate u SAD-u, u Hrvatskoj i u cijeloj Europi. Predstavljanje će biti u Gornjoj maloj dvorani s početkom u 12:15 sati.

85. GODIŠNJICA DRUŠTVA HRVATSKA ŽENA - GRANA BR. 1, CHICAGO



Hrvatska Žena - grana br. 1, slavi veliku obljetnicu: 85 godina postojanja i rada. Tom prigodom svečani banket će se održati u Hrvatskom kulturnom centru u subotu 25. listopada. Valet parkiranje će biti besplatno. U 6 sati navečer započinje koktel, a večera će se posluživati u 7 sati. Nakon toga slijedi modna revija koju će održati *Arileo Studio* iz Splita. Za zabavu i ples će se pobrinuti grupa Bravo. Priređuje se i bogata lutrija. Prihod s proslave je namjenjen obiteljima u velikoj potrebi u SAD-u, Hrvatskoj i BiH. Ulaznice (\$75 za odrasle, \$50 za djecu do 14 godina) nabavite kod članica društva u svim hrvatskim župama. Također, možete nazvati 773-450-2811 ili 773-350-5123. Svi ste dobrodošli!

RADIO DAROVI

Ana Čabo — \$300

Hvala na potpori i slušanju!

PROSLAVA MARTINJA

KUD Hrvatska baština priređuje proslavu Martinja uz kušanje novih vina. Ako i vi pravite vino, donesite par boca za kušanje i ocjenjivanje. Tri najbolja vina će dobiti nagrade: Prva nagrada je \$50, druga i treća po \$25.

Vrata se otvaraju u 6:30 sati navečer.

Večera počinje u 7:00. a u 8:00 počinje program.

KUD Baština izvest će plesove iz Korduna.

Slijedi kušanja, ocjenjivanje i nagrađivanje najboljih vina.

Nakon programa zabavljat će vas grupa Rakija. Ulaznice su \$35 i mogu se nabaviti kod članova Odbora KUD-a Hrvatska baština.

MINISTRANTI - POSLUŽITELJI KOD OLTARA

Dragi roditelji, želite li da vaše dijete poslužuje kod oltara? Javite se u naš župni ured. Sva djeca koja su već primila prvu sv. pričest mogu posluživati kod oltara. Posluživati kod oltara je čast i milost.

Svečano primanje novih ministranata bit će u nedjelju Krista Kralja 23. studenog.

MOLITVE ZA POKOJNE

Početak mjeseca studenoga, na poseban način sjećamo se svojih pokojnih. Ove godine blagdan Svih svetih pada na subotu, a Dušni dan na nedjelju.

I ove godine odlazimo na groblja da se zajednički pomolimo. Molitve na grobljima bit će u subotu 1. studenog, na blagdan Svih Svetih;

- Holy Sepulchre u 10:00 ujutro, kod franjevačke grobnice.

- St. Mary u 10:00 ujutro, kod glavnog ureda groblja

- Ressurrection u 11:30 ujutro, kod kapelice

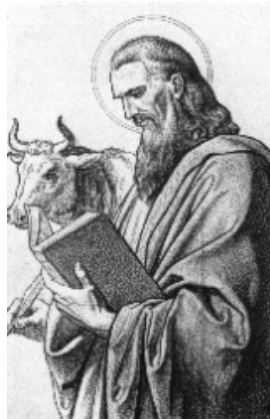
U nedjelju na Dušni dan, palit ćemo svijeće i molit za sve pokojne, osobito za one na čije grobove ne možemo otići i za čije se grobove ne zna.

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, **October 19**
RIT/ACMT - presentation about studying in Croatia
- Friday, **October 24**
St. Jerome HSA Girls Night Out
- Saturday, **October 25**
Croatian Woman 85th Anniversary celebration
- Sunday, **November 2**
- Marian Society All Soul's Day Prayer Service
- Susan Tassone: Purgatory (in Big Hall)
- Croatian Mass in Rockford, IL
- Wednesday, **November 5**
Parish Council Meeting
- Friday, **November 7**
Baroque concert in St. Jerome Church: Bach
- Saturday, **November 8**
-Martinje (organized by KUD Hrvatska baština)
- Sunday, **November 16**
- Health Fair, Mercy Hospital

St. Luke, Evangelist and Apostle, Oct. 18th

Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St. Paul's "Luke, the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). We know few other facts about Luke's life from Scripture and from early Church historians. It is believed that Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile. In Colossians 10-14 speaks of those friends who are with him. He first mentions all those "of the circumcision" -- in other words, Jews -- and he does not include Luke in this group. Luke's gospel shows special sensitivity to evangelizing



Gentiles. It is only in his gospel that we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, that we hear Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles such as the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian (Lk.4:25-27), and that we hear the story of the one grateful leper who is a Samaritan (Lk.17:11-19). According to the early Church historian Eusebius Luke was born at Antioch in Syria.

In our day, it would be easy to assume that someone who was a doctor was rich, but scholars have argued that Luke might have been born a slave. It was not uncommon for families to educate slaves in medicine so that they would have a resident family physician. Not only do we have Paul's word, but Eusebius, Saint Jerome, Saint Irenaeus and Caius, a second-century writer, all refer to Luke as a physician.

We have to go to Acts to follow the trail of Luke's Christian ministry. Luke first joined Paul's company at Troas at about the year 51 and accompanied him into Macedonia where they traveled first to Samothrace, Neapolis, and finally Philippi. Luke then switches back to the third person which seems to indicate he was not thrown into prison with Paul and that when Paul left Philippi Luke stayed behind to encourage the Church there. Seven years passed before Paul returned to the area on his third missionary journey. In Acts 20:5, the switch to "we" tells us that Luke has left Philippi to rejoin Paul in Troas in 58 where they first met up. They traveled together through Miletus, Tyre, Caesarea, to Jerusalem.

Luke is the loyal comrade who stays with Paul when he is imprisoned in Rome about the year 61: "Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers" (Philemon 24). And after everyone else deserts Paul in his final imprisonment and sufferings, it is Luke who remains with Paul to the end: "Only Luke is with me" (2 Timothy 4:11).

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

TJEDNI NOVČANI IZVJEŠTAJ

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| Oct 12 | Envelopes (191) | \$ 4,318 |
| | <u>Loose Donations</u> | <u>\$ 336</u> |
| | TOTAL | \$ 4,654 |
| | (average gift \$ 22.60) | |

Luke's inspiration and information for his Gospel and Acts came from his close association with Paul and his companions as he explains in his introduction to the Gospel: "Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus" (Luke 1:1-3).

Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. He is the one who tells the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man who ignored him. Luke is the one who uses "Blessed are the poor" instead of "Blessed are the poor in spirit" in the beatitudes. Only in Luke's gospel do we hear Mary's Magnificat where she proclaims that God "has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52-53).

Luke also has a special connection with the women in Jesus' life, especially Mary. It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth including the Magnificat, the Presentation, and the story of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem. It is Luke that we have to thank for the Scriptural parts of the Hail Mary: "Hail Mary full of grace" spoken at the Annunciation and "Blessed are you and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus" spoken by her cousin Elizabeth.

Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is also of first importance to Luke. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the Prodigal Son welcomed back by the overjoyed father. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the forgiven woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Throughout Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy.

The reports of Luke's life after Paul's death are conflicting. Some early writers claim he was martyred, others say he lived a long life. Some say he preached in Greece, others in Gaul. The earliest tradition we have says that he died at 84 Boeotia after settling in Greece to write his Gospel.

He is often shown with an ox or a calf because these are the symbols of sacrifice -- the sacrifice Jesus made for all the world.

Luke is the patron of physicians and surgeons.

Iz narodne baštine:

Sveti Luka u arbule lupa, za njim majka u ručice huka: Sine Luka, ne pomori puka.

(arbul - jarbol. Vjetrovito vrijeme u primorju.)

Do svetog Luke kud ti drago ruke, a od svetog Luke tur' u njedra ruke. Ne vadi ih vanka prije sv. Marka.