

Parish Bulletin Župni Vjesnik



December 27, 2015 - 27. prosinca 2015.



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

find us on 

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

Posjeti 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 Chicago

subotom od podne do 1 poslije podne
na 750 AM

Croatian Catholic Radio Chicago

Saturday: noon - 1 p.m.
on 750 AM

Monday, December 28 - Ponedjeljak, 28. prosinca
The Holy Innocents – *Nevina Dječica*

7:30 a.m.

† Andy Gumps Ratkovich *Club Sinj*
†† Jacko and Lucille Brekalo *niece*

Tuesday, December 29 - Utorak, 29. prosinca

7:30 a.m.

† Sally Sperando *family*
† Linda Suarez *Ellen O'Donnell*

Wednesday, December 30 - Srijeda, 30. prosinca

7:30 a.m.

† Jago Soldo *family*
† Mike Burazin *Club Sinj*

Thursday, December 31 - Četvrtak, 31. prosinca
St. Sylvester, Pope – *sv. Silverstar, papa*

7:30 a.m.

† Katica Jazvo *Penavić family*
†† Ivan and Ana Vrdoljak *Cathy and Andrew*

6 p.m.

Mass of Thanksgiving – Misa zahvalnica

† Maria Ann Gazzi *Gazzi family*
†† John and Johnny Grubisic *Irene Grubisic and family*
†† Frank Bologna and Angelique Rubio ... *Lauren and Michael*

Friday, January 1 - Petak, 1. siječnja
MARYM THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
BDM BOGORODICA

7:30 a.m.

For intentions of Fr. John Gallagher *George Rozman*

9:30 a.m.

†† of Botica and Hanson families *Michelle and Brian*
For intentions of Blessed Mother *D.*

11 a.m.

† Robert Jurlina *obitelj Jurlina*
† Iva Šušnjara *sin Anđelko i obitelj*
† John Pauletić *Mirjana Šušnjara i obitelj*
†† Rafo Rogić, Jerina Lisnić i John Zelić *obitelj Spahija*

Saturday, January 2 - Subota, 2. siječnja
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
sv. Bazilije Veliki i Grgur Nazijanski

7:30 a.m.

PRO POPULO – For all Parishioners – Za župljane

5:30 p.m.

† John Segvich (birthday remembrance) *wife Helen*
† Bruno Bertucci *Mary and Jim Pritikin*
† Dan Bakovich *Pete and Sandy Schurla*
† George Berndt *Linda Rubio and Kathy Cudzich*
† Sharon Arredia *Sabbia family*

Sunday, January 3 - Nedjelja, 3. siječnja
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
BOGOJAVLJENJE (TRI KRALJA)

7:30 a.m.

† Bernardette Zito *Mary Tadin*
†† Mike and Carol Marano *Romano family*
†† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jojo Čondić *Duško*
For intentions of Don McLaughlin *Wally Gusich*

9:30 a.m.

† Caroline Markovich *Cimaglia family*
† John "Ish" Botica *Jen and family*
† August Walters *Book Club*
† Mara Majić *Majić family*
† John Tiardovic *Mark Gusich and family*
† Josipa Lovrinović *Ivo and family*

11 a.m.

† Sofija Pastuović *Božo i Mirela Jurlina*
† Nevenka Mulc *Đurđica i Zlatko Žiman*
† fra Nikola Jureta, OFM Conv *Mirko i Mira Bartolić*
† fra Vendelin Vasilj, OFM (45. godišnjica)
..... *Andrija Vasilj i obitelj*
† Milan Erkapić *Ruža Bronzović i obitelj*
† Dragica Jureta *John i Laura Perseghin*
† Ivan Babić *Valerija Babić*
† Jozo Dugandžić *Zdravko i Luca Šego*
† Ante Alfirević *Zdenka Sičić*
† Ive Biandić *Linda Krolo i obitelj*
†† Ljubo i Dumica Tanfara *djeca*
†† Frank i Maria Cecchini *Bruno i Jasna*
†† Mirko i Mara Šušnjara *Dujo Šušnjara i obitelj*
†† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*
Na čast bl. Alojzija Stepinca *Bože Guvo*
Na nakanu *Vicko Glunčić*
Na nakanu *Ivanka Šušnjara*
Na nakanu *Luca Šego*

LECTORS - ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Joseph Magyar
7:30 a.m. – Matthew Pesce
9:30 a.m. – Sonia Antolec
11 a.m. – Mario Ivančić, Tomislav Jerković, Darko Grgić

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI

5:30 p.m. – Joseph Magyar
7:30 a.m. – Matthew Pesce
9:30 a.m. – Pablo Iglesias
11 a.m. – Tomislav Šulentić

ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. – Victoria Luna, Matthew and Molly McCormick
7:30 a.m. – Francesca Bertucci, Lucas Mizera
9:30 a.m. – Monica Matual, Natalia and William Ruich
11 a.m. – Marina Hostička, Tomislav Jerković,
Frano i Marija Kraljević



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Adolescents are often characterized in American culture as moody, rebellious, unresponsive to adults, secretive, addicted to text messaging, and generally disconnected from their families. The caricature carries over into films, television shows, and comic strips like "Zits." Television sitcoms often garner great laughs by pitting younger, wittier children against adolescents to the delight of onlooking parents. Such views only serve to separate the members of a family rather than unite them as one household.

While we may laugh at the humor, letting culture define family life is not the direction offered by Christian experience. For starters, Christians begin with baptism, recognizing that each member of the family shares in the gift of the Holy Spirit that dwells in our hearts. As the writer of the First Letter of John says, "We are God's children now." In the family, each member is a precious gift with talents given by God.

The adolescent Jesus slipped away from Mary and Joseph in Sunday's Gospel. (Has it ever happened to you where one of your older kids slipped away because they wanted to stay out a little longer?) In the end, his actions were seen as part of God's larger plan. It remains a delicate balance in helping children to discern their gifts as they grow older, while at the same time providing the discipline and structure that will protect and guide them. This feast that we celebrate today reminds us that the balance comes from seeing ourselves as a family with God in our midst. With that as the starting point, rather than the culture of the day, we can all learn how to be about our heavenly Father's business.

SVETA OBITELJ ISUSA, MARIJE I JOSIPA

Srce se naše danas puno zahvalnosti. U okrilju svete obitelji Isusa, Marije i Josipa, slavimo dan svih onih ljudi koji su morali u tuđini proboraviti dane kao stranci, kao prognanici. Zahvaljujemo Bogu na svakom koraku našeg hodočašća prema onoj nebeskoj domovini. Josip i Marija znaju u hladnoj betlehemskej noći pronaći nebesku toplinu. Muž pravednik i njegova blagoslovljena Zaručnica znaju primiti Dijete Isusa usprkos zatvorenim vratima i tvrdoći ljudskih srdaca.

Koji su temelji zdrave obitelji? Povrh svega ljubav, osjetljiva i nježna poput malog djeteta Isusa. Svu skrb očekuje od nas. S velikom pažnjom treba ga njegovati. Ljubav je kao Isus. Odgoj počiva na dvije noge. I roditelji i djeca imaju svoju ulogu. Samo oni roditelji koji u svojoj vlastitoj djeci prepoznaju Božju svojinu, ne svoj posjed, na pravom su putu. Djeca su Božja baština povjerena na upravljanje. Djeca su sveti vinograd Božji koji treba rasti i napredovati. Ako otac ne ogorčuje svoje djece, ona neće klonuti duhom. Odgajatelj može biti samo onaj tko i sam napreduje u mudrosti kod Boga i kod ljudi. Ohrabren snagom Duha, on će potražiti izgubljenog sina. Neće ga ostaviti. Pronaći će ga i sretan primiti, makar ga i ne razumio. Pravi roditelj, usprkos žalosti, neće biti bez ponosa i zadovoljstva kad otkrije svoje dijete gdje boravi u onome što je Oca nebeskoga. Isto tako, samo onaj sin koji je blag s ocem svojim, koji ga ne žalosti i ne grdi ima svetu računicu kod Boga. Tko na pravi način časti i razveseljuje majku, sabire blago. Dijete koje zna slušati, koje prepoznaje i razumije što mu to roditelji doista iz dubine srca žele kazati, čini Bogu ugodna djela – svjedoči sv. Pavao.



THANK YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART

• *Dear friends and parishioners, thank you for all the moments we have been together in Advent and now in 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 community. May the good God abundantly reward you!*

• *Thank you for your thoughts, 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 dedication.*

• *Our particular gratitude goes out to Louis Scalise and Kenny Zekich for festively 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 beautiful flowers adorning our church these holy days.*

• *For all of charitable works you have done in the weeks before Christmas. Thank you for responding so generously to the invitation to buy gifts for needy children.*

• *Thanks to all who donate food for the poor and winter clothing and blankets for the homeless! Your response to this undertaking has been truly impressive and 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 2016!*

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS WITH LOVE FROM YOUR FRANCISCAN FRIARS

Fr. Ivica and Fr. Stipe

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxes of offertory envelopes are in the entrance area of the church. Please, pick up your boxes as soon as possible. Thank you for your financial support through the year. Please, let us know if you are regular parishioner but without offertory envelopes.

CALENDARS FOR 2016

St. Jerome wall calendars for 2016 are available in the entrance area of the church. We thank Michael Colletta Sons Funeral Home for sponsoring our calendars this year.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Wednesday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Parish Council meeting at the Parish office.

“KUNA” DINNER

Members of Croatian Hunters Club “Kuna” are organizing their traditional annual dinner in our Big Hall on Saturday, January 23, at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance from members of club or by calling Zdravko at 773-908-2364.

CROATIAN FRANCISCAN APPEAL

Dear friends! In addition of all donations for Croatian Franciscan Appeal we received so far, there were two more acts of generosity expressed towards us. On December 11, Marian Society donated \$3,000, and on December 17, Club Hercegovina donated \$5,000 to our Appeal. We are grateful for your generous love.

Fr. Jozo Grbeš, Custos

FUNDRAISER FOR ST. JEROME SCHOOL

On Sunday, February 21, there will be a Blackhawks Stadium Series viewing party at Rocky's. All proceeds to benefit St. Jerome School.

JOIN US IN OUR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

ZUMBA - Every Tuesday and Thursday in the Big Hall from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

BOOK CLUB - No meeting in December. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, at 7 p.m. with “Breaking Out of Bedlam” by Leslie Larson.

AA - Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Small Hall. They follow the 12 step program.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Every Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. we pray and reflect with the Lord.

SAVE THE DATE

- Thursday, **December 31**
 - New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving (6 p.m.)
 - New Year's Eve Celebration at Croatian Cultural Center (2845 W. Devon Ave.)
 - New Year's Eve Celebration at Sacred Heart Croatian Parish Hall (2864 E. 96th St.)
- Friday, **January 1**
 - New Year's Day - Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.)
- Wednesday, **January 6**
 - Paris Council Meeting
- Saturday, **January 23**
 - Croatian School Roller skating party
 - “Kuna” Croatian Hunters Club Dinner
- Saturday, **January 30**
 - Festa sv. Vlaha - St. Blaise Celebration
- Sunday, **January 31**
 - Health Fair by Mercy Hospital

KRŠTENI

Ovih su dana u našoj crkvi kršteni:

Elizabeth Marušić

(Mile i Sanja r. Cokoja)

Nikola Planinić

(Zoran i Marina r. Knezović)

Novokrštenike, njihove roditelje i kumove
neka prati Božji blagoslov!

ZAHVALJUJEMO OD SRCA

Hvala, dragi župljani i prijatelji, za sve radosne susrete koje smo imali prilike doživjeti ovih adventskih i božićnih dana.

Hvala za vaše darove našoj župi kojima uvijek ne-sebično 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 slavljinama, koncertima, priredbama i događanjima.

Osobito hvala svima vama koji ste se odazvali za čišćenje i uređivanje naše crkve. Hvala vam za vaš trud, rad i darovano vrijeme.

Hvala našim dragim Louisu Scaliseu i Kennyu 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 crkve bila svečana.

Sretan Božić od srca vam žele vaši franjevci

fra Ivica i fra Stipe

**ŽUPNE OMOTNICE**

Župne omotnice za 2016. godinu nalaze se na dnu crkve. Molimo, uzmite ih prije Božića. Ako postoje kakve tehničke pogreške ili možda još nemate svoje župne omotnice, javite se u naš župni ured.

KALENDARI ZA 2016. GODINU

Zahvaljujemo i ove godine pogrebnoj kući "Michael Coletta Sons" na sponzorstvu zidnih kalendara za 2016. godinu. Možete ih uzeti na dnu crkve.

SV. MISA ZAHVALNICA

U četvrtak 31. prosinca u 6 sati navečer slavimo svetu misu zahvalnicu. Želimo se Bogu zahvaliti za dobročinstva koja smo primili u protekloj godini.

DOČEK NOVE GODINE

HRVATSKI KULTURNI CENTAR - CHICAGO poziva na doček nove 2016. godine u četvrtak 31. prosinca. Za dobru zabavu će se pobrinuti glazbeni sastav Matko i Brane iz Hrvatske. U cijenu od \$130 je uključeno piće, predjelo, otmjena večera, šampanjac za zdravicu, zakuška u ponoć. Za mlade od 13 do 18 godina te za studente s iskaznicom - cijena je \$60. Za djecu od 6 do 12 godina cijena je \$30, a za djecu mlađu od 6 godina ulaz je besplatan. Za više pojedinosti zovite 773-338-3839.

HRVATSKA ŽUPA SRCA ISUSOVA, HRVATSKA ŠKOLA I KOLO GRUPE TE LOVAČKO DRUŠTVO „SRNA“ pozivaju na doček nove 2016. godine u župnoj dvorani na 96. ulici. Za ples će svirati grupa Galama. Ulaznice su \$60 za odrasle a za studente \$25. Večera će početi u 7 sati navečer. Ulaznice se mogu nabaviti kod članova Hrvatske škole i kolo grupe, kod članova lovačkog društva „Srna“ ili u župnom uredu (773-768-1423).

SRETNA NOVA 2016. GODINA!

Dragi župljani, približavamo se kraju 2015. godine. Neka novorođeni Kralj nad kraljevima našoj župnoj zajednici i svakoj hrvatskoj obitelji donese svoj nebeski blagoslov da bi nam i nova 2016. godina bila blagoslovljena u duhovnom i svakom drugom pogledu.

SV. MISA U ROCKFORDU

Jednom mjesečno okuplja se hrvatska zajednica u gradu Rockfordu i okolici. Sv. misa se slavi u crkvi sv. Brigitte (600 Clifford Avenue in Loves Park, Rockford) u 4 sata poslije podne. Slijedeća sv. misa će biti u nedjelju 3. siječnja. 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).

SOLIDARNOST S HRVATSKIM FRANJEVCIMA

Marijino društvo je 22. studenoga priredilo ručak i prodaju kolača s nakanom da uputi dar za fond solidarnosti s Hrvatskim franjevcima. Dar od \$3,000 je uručen 11. prosinca prigodom Adventske zabave Marijinog društva.

Hercegovački klub je 12. prosinca održao svoj prvi godišnji banket. Bila je to vrlo uspješna večer hrvatskog zajedništva i sjećanja na korijene Hercegovine. Odluka organizatora je bila da prihod od toga događaja ide za fond solidarnosti s Hrvatskim franjevcima. Iznos od \$5,000 darovan je 17. prosinca.

I jednom i drugom društvu od srca zahvaljujemo na iskazanoj ljubavi. Ostajemo s vama na istom putu služenja i zajedništva.

fra Jozo Grbeš, kustos

THE FACE OF MERCY IN CALCUTTA'S GUTTERS: MOTHER TERESA TO BE PROCLAIMED A SAINT



"God doesn't
call you to be
successful,
He calls you
to be
faithful."

- Blessed Mother Teresa

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta will be proclaimed a saint in 2016. Pope Francis authorized the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate a decree regarding a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Teresa (nee Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu).

Blessed Teresa, known around the world as Mother Teresa, was born August 26, 1910, in Skopje, then part of the Kosovo Vilayet in the Ottoman Empire, into a Kosovar Albanian family. She was founder of the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity and the Missionaries of Charity. It's been 18 years since Mother Teresa suffered a heart attack and died at 87 years old on September 5, 1997, in Calcutta. The day after she died, she was set to lead an interfaith memorial prayer service in Calcutta for her friend, Diana, Princess of Wales, who had been tragically killed in a car accident one week earlier.

The pomp, precision and somber majesty of Princess Diana's London farewell one week earlier were hardly visible in the chaotic scenes of Mother Teresa's simple wooden casket riding on a gun carriage through the mobbed and chaotic streets of Calcutta for her State funeral.

Mother Teresa's life was not a sound byte, but rather a metaphor for selfless devotion and holiness. Her most famous work began in 1950 with the opening of the first home for the dying and destitute in Calcutta. Her's words remain inscribed on the walls of that home: "Nowadays the most horrible disease is not leprosy or tuberculosis. It is the feeling to be undesirable, rejected, abandoned by all."

Some criticized Mother Teresa for her relentless condemnation of abortion. Some have said that in Mother Teresa, there was no element of prophetic criticism in her teachings and her lifestyle. Instead of acting sensibly by applying for government grants to create programs to eliminate poverty, Mother Teresa and her sisters moved into neighborhoods and befriended people. Their houses often become oases of hope and peace. When Mother Teresa speaks of 'sharing poverty,' she defies the logic of institutions that prefer agendas for the poor, not communion with individual poor people. Agents of communion are often called irrelevant by the world.

Though Mother Teresa left this world scene 18 years ago, this tiny nun made the news big time several years ago with the publication of her letters. Many journalists, magazine editors and bloggers completely distorted the story with sensational headlines: "Mother Teresa's secret life: crisis and darkness," or "Calcutta's Saint was an atheist," or even "Mother and the Absent One." Some wrote: "She lost her faith and the Church rewards her for it." They seem unaware that those who prepared Mother's Beatification in 2003 cited the letters as proof of her exceptional faith and not the absence of it.

Mother Teresa tells us in those deeply personal messages that she once felt God's powerful presence and heard Jesus speak to her. Then God withdrew and Jesus was silent. What Mother Teresa experienced thereafter was faith devoid of any emotional consolation. In the end Mother Teresa had to rely on raw faith, hope and charity. These are the virtues of all Christians, not just the spiritual elite. She was one of us after all.

What the Church looks for in saints is not just good works (there are Nobel Peace Prizes and other such awards for that) but solid evidence that the candidate for canonization was transformed, inwardly and outwardly, by God's grace and embodied a deep love of God and neighbour.

