

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, August 27, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Marin Babić	Nediljko Babić
Christine Maletic	Joseph Rozman
Margaret Marcello	family
In honor of St. Monica	Debbie

**Tuesday – Utorak, August 28, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Eva Butera	Marion Segvich
Frank R. Szatkowski	Joseph Bertucci
Donna Byers	Rosemary Zeledon
In honor of St. Augustine	Debbie

**Wednesday – Srijeda, August 29, 2007  
Martyrdom of John the Baptist**

7:30 a.m. Jesse Cortez	Ann Contino
Jakica & Jozo Becich	daughters
Vic & Mary Fire	Jim & Mary Ann Saracco
Larry Girlich	Joe and El Grzetic

**Thursday – Četvrtak, August 30, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Mary Iacullo	Marion
Eva Butera	Jim & Mary Ann Saracco
George Bamberger	Theresa Nagy

**Friday – Petak, August 31, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Jim Balestri	Ann Contino
Charlie Begich	Giggie & Marion
Georgiann Rozman	Joseph Rozman
Joanne Harris	Joe & Natia DiFazio

**Saturday – Subota, September 1, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Tonka Scalise	sisters Giggie & Marion
Bruno Roti	Marion

5:30 p.m. Connie Fratto	Marasovich family
Marija Vranjkovic	Augustin Rodic
Barry Babich	Mom, Dad, Lisa & Christine
Eva Butera	Nick LoCoco
Frank R. Szatkowski	Rosemary Renda
Rosemary Mavigliano	Vince & Antoinette Briglio

**Sunday – Nedjelja, September 2, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić	Duško
Sr. M. Bernardine Condic	Linda Strbich
Paul DiCaro, Sr.	Chris & Matt Pesce

9:30 a.m. Frank Rago	Mark Gusich
Ralph Passi	family
Carmen, Carmella & Tommy LaPapa	daughter
Adeline Szpara	Laura & John Perseghin
Emilio Locasto	Ann Contino

**11:00 a.m. u spomen**

Blaz Bilonić	necakinja Ljubica McCartney sa muzem
Josip Lisnić	Ana Bajić
Vlatko Čuvalo	Petar i Marija Dušević
Kathy Uremović	brat Mike i ob.
Marija Mišetić	ob. Rodich
Zvonko Banić	Marija Banić i ob.
Ante i Margaret Šipić	Marija Banić i ob.
Mate Vasilj	Marija Banić i ob.
Ana Bilonić	kci Ana Bajić i ob.
Blaž Bilonić	sestra Ana Bajić i ob.
Andrija Mrzljak	Rudolf i Anna Rozenich
Joso Vuković (10 godišnjica)	sestra Roza Hrvojević i ob.
Pok. iz ob. M & T Čondić	sin
Za Hrvatske branitelje	Križa Ostojčić

**LECTORS**

**Sat., Sept. 1, 5:30 p.m.** Robert Bazan  
**Sun., Sept. 2, 7:30 a.m.** Mary Vujic  
**Sun., Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m.** Giggie Cortese  
**Sun., Sept. 2, 11:00 a.m.** Milan Žolo, Davorka Toromanović i Antonia Jurković

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat., Sept. 1, 5:30 p.m.** C.Garcia, S.Garcia, Racinowski  
**Sun., Sept. 2, 7:30 a.m.** Olague, Wroblewski  
**Sun., Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m.** Iglesias, Passi, Perseghin  
**Sun., Sept. 2, 11:00 a.m.** Dario Paraga, Ozana Paraga, Antonia Puljić, Ivana Jureta, Ante Rogić, Dario Kikaš

**Work Wanted:** Baby sitting, elder-care and/or house-keeping. Call 312-225-5233.

**For Rent:** 1-bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312-225-7959.  
 ► Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312-671-2160.

**For Sale:** 2818 S. Wells, house for sale, 773-704-7302.

**Help Wanted:** Full-time babysitter needed for three children (ages 10, 8, and 20 months); must have driver's license & transportation, references required, bilingual Croatian a plus; call Jo Ann at 708-699-6074.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The man in today's Gospel who asked Jesus, "Will only a few be saved?" obviously thought that heaven was a select club to which only members are admitted. He was a Jew and believed that only Jews would reach heaven. Gentiles had no hope of getting in, and as for sinners — forget it!

Jesus' answer blew his assumptions to bits. He turned everything upside down when he said, "The first will be last, and the last will be first." He befriended sinners and outcasts de-

claring that he came to seek out and save people such as these. He told those who thought they could enter the Kingdom as a matter of course to produce the fruits of repentance, otherwise their privileged position would benefit them nothing.

Jesus said that conversion was a necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom. Those who resisted his call to conversion excluded themselves from the Kingdom.

Salvation is not something we can

earn. It is a gift from God, yet this doesn't mean we should not try to make ourselves worthy of it. We must endeavor to produce the fruits of the Kingdom, namely, goodness, right living and truth.



## WISDOM'S CORNER



### The Last Question

Jimmy was very devoted to his mother and father. One thing made him unhappy. His father was a fallen-away Catholic. This was a heavy burden on the heart of his mother. She brought up her son in the fear of God, but could do nothing to help her husband. The father would drive them to church, but never go inside. He never prayed at home either. When both mother and son tried to persuade him, he would remark coldly, "What difference does it make? When death comes, everything is over!"

Jimmy became very ill. His father was deeply grieved to see his little son in great pain. When the doctor told him that there was no hope for the boy, the father began to despair.

As Jimmy's parents stood at his bedside, he asked his father, "Daddy, I won't live anymore. Tell me, should I believe what you say or what mommy says?" That question pierced the father's heart. He could not stand to gaze into those innocent eyes of his dying son. He hid his face in his hands and wept. Then he said, "My Jimmy, believe everything your mommy told you. She is right."

**This summer we will offer 30 ways to live a holier life.** Holiness is for everyone who wants to be *more effective* at spreading the Light of Christ to loved ones. Holiness isn't just for monks and nuns; it's for everyone.

**#23: Share the Faith.** Talk about God's presence in your life with other people, especially the Eucharistic presence of Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity that we have the privilege of intimately receiving at Mass every weekend.

**#24: Pray for others.** Pray for those involved in an accident, or in a funeral procession passing by, or whenever you hear a police or fire siren. Make the Sign of the Cross and ask God to help all those who are ill or in pain — and those who help heal them.

**#25: Travel plan should include seeing churches.** Look for Mass times at your travel destination via the internet: [WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG](http://WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG) And enjoy touring a city's beautiful and historic Catholic churches even if it's not on a Sunday — for example, see a big-city Cathedral, or see the old Spanish mission churches in the West and Southwest.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Christian living should be our *steering wheel*, not our *spare tire*."

Together  
at Baptism



## Baptism

Today we welcome Nikolina Mara Grlica, daughter of Joseph Grlica and Diane (Dujak) to our parish community. She will receive the sacrament of baptism. We congratulate her parents and Godparents, Ivica and Ann Marie Hosticka.

**Dear friends,**

As I am sure you also do, I continue to think about our major feast of Velika Gospa, a special event not only for our parish but for the entire Bridgeport community and throughout the city of Chicago. Even though each year we strive to make this event greater, more beautiful, better, and prouder, I feel that there is one specific reality that is catching up with us.



It is wonderful to see how various clubs, societies, schools, the mayor, other government leaders, dignitaries, police officials, and many others participate in our special event. It is remarkable to know that people who have special spiritual and traditional ties to Velika Gospa, come to celebrate on exactly that day from California, Florida, Arizona, New York, Minnesota, and other states because they wish to be a part of such an important celebration, gather with their families and friends, and worship God together with people they know.

But, in spite of all this there is a part that I always think about...the part that gets in the way and that is those who are not there to celebrate with us...those who go to work rather than taking the day off to continue a part of their tradition...everyone has a right to this...other religions respect their traditions and take time to celebrate them...this is a tradition to pass on...why don't we choose to do the same? Please send your thoughts and comments to [Velikagospa@gmail.com](mailto:Velikagospa@gmail.com). You can also check out the photos from our celebration at [www.stjeromecroatian.org](http://www.stjeromecroatian.org).

**FOOTBALL MANIA selling is under way**

**Please sell early and sell easier!** It's that time of year again: our Football Raffle has begun.



**Football**

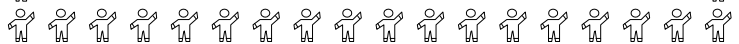
Our school parents have their tickets, so get ready to buy. For more information and/or tickets, call Jan Ferro (312-225-9751) or Pauline Dengler (773-268-3859). With your help, this will be our most successful fundraiser ever!



**Short announcements:**

◇ VELIKA GOSPA COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 8 P.M.

◇ Fr. Joe is away this weekend (Fri/Sunday). He is one of the guest speakers at the Medjugorje Peace Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.



**Interesting mail...**

Dear Fr.

I was at St. Jerome on Wednesday, August 15. I always come to St. Jerome on the feast of Our Lady. I also always buy the best, delicious Lamb. I did the same this year. It was very good. But, I think they gave me a little bit more than I paid for. So, I am sending you \$100.00 donation. I hope to see you next year.

God bless you and your work. **J.M.**



**Save the date:**



St. Jerome school invites you to save the date for our school fundraiser in October:

Texas Holden game, Saturday October 13.

**Congratulations**

- We would like to say congratulations to our parishioner ALEXA VENDITTI for her exceptional academic achievement: she was named to the St. Ignatious Honors with Distinction Honor Roll. She maintained a GPA of 3.83 or higher for the second semester.
- Congratulations.