



## WEEKLY MEDITATION — Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

People's beliefs and convictions are almost always acquired second-hand, from some authority. This is especially true of religious beliefs. Those of us who are "cradle Catholics" obviously learned the faith from our elders.

A second-hand faith that remains only a second-hand faith is an impoverished faith. It needs to grow and mature. As we go through life, things happen to us that cause us either to mature in the faith and to try to live it

with conviction, or to drift away from it. For some, the transformative experiences may be quiet and non-dramatic. Others have their beliefs transformed by painful experiences such as addiction, war, divorce, or the death of a loved one.

We need to make the faith our own by developing a personal commitment to the person of Jesus. Jesus' question to his apostles in today's Gospel is addressed to us too: "Do you also

want to leave?"

We need to make St. Peter's profession of faith our own—the fruit of a personal decision: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

It is the Lord himself who strengthens our faith, but we also need to confirm one another. Our presence at Mass strengthens us and one another.



We continue to be full of gratitude to all who honored Our Lady on her great day

Our 100th Velika Gospa is now history, but we continually thank God for those whose generosity made this a Velika Gospa to remember.

Out of love for God, good people peeled potatoes, good people donated (or greatly discounted) needed items, good people marched in the magnificent Procession, staffed our booths, made our 100th anniversary souvenirs, created our awesome and artistic fireworks display, and performed a multitude of other acts of love and generosity!

*May our parish family continue to be inspired to love & be generous by Velika Gospa in the coming 100 years!*

From Pope Benedict's lips to our ears:

*The Vatican recently issued a question-and-answer format book that teaches the truth about Jesus & the Catholic Church.*

**Question: In what ways does Apostolic Tradition (the transmission of the message of Christ from the beginnings of Christianity) occur?**

**Answer:** Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the word of God (also simply called "Tradition") and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation *in written form*.

**Question: What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture?**

**Answer:** Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine well-spring and together make up one sacred deposit of faith from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### The builder and the architect

An attorney was cross-examining an architect and was trying to diminish the weight of his testimony. "You're a builder, I believe," the attorney said to begin.

"That's not so. I'm not a builder, I'm an architect," was the reply.

"Well, builder or architect, they're much the same."

"Excuse me, sir, but I can't go along with that. I consider them to be totally different."

"Indeed! Perhaps you could tell us what the difference is?"

"An architect, sir, prepares the plans, conceives the design, draws up the specifications—in short, supplies the mind. The builder is merely the carpenter or the bricklayer. The builder, in fact, is the machine and the architect is the power that puts the machine together and gets it going."

"Fine, Mr. Architect. Now, after this very ingenious distinction, perhaps you can inform the court as to who was the architect for the Tower of Babel?"

"There was no architect, sir. That's why there was so much confusion!"

*Lord God, Our Creator, confirm our decision to stay with your designs. Draw us closer to your plans for us so that we may follow your Will in love and in freedom.*

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## THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"We are not free when we can do whatever we want.  
We are free when we can do what is right."**

## WEDDING BANNERS

Salvatore 'Sam' Ricobene Jr. & Janet Mireles (III)  
Ivica Krpan & Venessa Bajic (I)

## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Last year's highly successful **Football Mania fundraiser** returns to St. Jerome School for the 2006-07 football season.

**Tickets are on sale now for \$20.00 each** and are good for the ENTIRE 17 week regular season. That breaks down the cost of a ticket to **\$1.17 per week!** Your \$20 ticket gives you the chance to win one of 6 weekly prizes totaling \$900 per week.



Two grand prizes will be awarded at the end of the season as well.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets can call either Jan Ferro at 312-225-9751 or Pauline Dengler at 773-268-3859.

**Incentives** are being offered for anyone that SELLS 50 or more tickets. Contact Jan or Pauline for details. **Time is running out so get your tickets before the season kicks off.**

Congratulations to our Velika Gospa Raffle winners

Grand Prize	\$5,000.00	Corpus family
Second Prize	\$1,000.00	Nick Spazio
Third Prize	\$500.00	John & Paul Marasovich

*CCD (Religious Education)*

*Registration & start of classes*



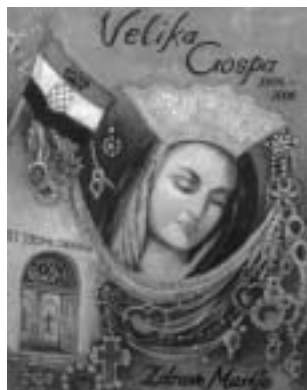
Registration for catechism classes for children in grades 1 through 8, who do not attend Catholic school, will be held on **Sunday, September 10, from 9:30 a.m. until NOON in the school hall.** Weekly classes begin on Sunday, September 24 from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Fee: \$60 (plus \$10 for books); \$75 for 2 or more students. A late fee of \$25 will be added for those registering after September 10.

*St. Jerome's 'Card. Stepinac' Croatian School Kicks Off School Year with Picnic at Drexel*

A picnic on the grounds of the Croatian Franciscans will mark the beginning of the School Year for St. Jerome's Cardinal Stepinac Croatian School. The Picnic will be Saturday, September 9, starting at 10 a.m. **Registration** for Croatian School (which meets Saturday mornings) **begins this Sunday, Aug. 27.** See Nevenka Jurkovic in the Small Hall behind the church after the Croatian Mass to register.

Let us show our children how they can love their language, roots, and all that is our cultural and historical heritage!

100 Years of Velika Gospa Commemorative Poster (8 by 11) is available at Rectory for \$5. (Commemorative **Candles** are \$6 each.)



DVD "VELIKA GOSPA MEMORIES" — This video scrapbook of a century of Velika Gospa memories is available at Rectory for \$22.

To see WLS ABC 7's excellent TV report on **Velika Gospa** on the internet: **Google** the words "**abc jerome croatian**"

## Meeting on Velika Gospa is to be scheduled as soon as bills are paid

Please consider what worked well, what can be improved and bring your constructive criticism for improvement to this meeting. Collection figures will be reported soon as well.

## WELCOME BACK TO ST. JEROME SCHOOLCHILDREN, TEACHERS!

We missed you during the summer! We look forward to a fresh year of growth, maturing both our smarts and our hearts!

We also look forward to everyone helping take care of our school through fundraisers and any other way that your help can be given.

We begin with the Sacrament of **Confession** at 8:30 a.m. Monday August 28th for the eligible schoolchildren.