

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 22, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Janja Grbeš Mary Fratto
 Augustin Rodich M/M Peter Gusich
 Carmie Abate Rosemary Brcich

Tuesday – Utorak, December 23, 2008

7:30 a.m. Scully Scalise Helen Rak & family
 Michael Sablich Therese Mannix
 Dr. Anthony J. Batina Norene & Frank Vinci
 Tomislav Hostička Catherine & Nick Perisin

Christmas Eve – Wednesday – Srijeda, Dec. 24, 2008

7:30 a.m. Rose Polacek John & Gen Botica
 Anthony Tadin Rodriguez-Kozina family
 Deceased of Marasovich family family
Children's Mass 6:00 p.m. Peter Perisin wife & family
 Mary Jean & Donald Gillespie family
 Helen Rose & Lucky Olson family
 LeRoy Caputo niece Karli
 Joanne Harraka Insalaco family
 Marie Crosby Insalaco family
 Bobbie Jean Bova Insalaco family
 Frank Bologna Linda
 Angelique Rubio Linda
 John Foley Sr. & John & Alice Insalaco family
 Ralph Ferro granddaughter Karli
 Andrew Parachinni family
 Midnight Mass / Misa polnoćka Michael Roscich family
 Fr. Marko Kozina Marasovich girls
 Joseph & Millie Bogetich family
 Tomislav Hostička ob. Hostička
 Josip Lišnić Marija i djeca
 Pok. iz ob. Zelić Ante Zelić sa ob.
 Pok. iz ob. Brajković Neva Zelić sa ob.

Christmas – Božić – Thursday – Četvrtak, Dec. 25, 2008

7:30 a.m. Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
 James Gurgone wife & children
 Visko & Clara Cecich family
 Peter & Mary Mandić Mandić family
 Carlos Iglesias Jr. Iglesias family
 William & Mary Catizone children & grandchildren
 Joann Harris Joe & Nadia DiFazio
 Anthony Tadin Rose Ann Gurgone
 John Mladinov family family
 Deceased of Bozinovich family Bob
9:30 a.m. Nick LoCoco wife
 Mark Bozich Vera & family
 Tom & Mary Byrnes Gazzini family
 Maria Gazzini Gazzini family
 Gene & Ruth Gazzini Gazzini family
 Linda Reed Gazzini family
 Ivan Babić Valeria Babić
 Tony Tadin Gene & Ann Marie Gazzini
 John & Mary Harzich family
 Jozo & Jakica Becich Giggie
 Corich, DeGregorio & Senerchia families family
 Souls in Purgatory Diane Krolo
11:00 a.m. Robert Jurlina Jurlina family
 Boja Kovačević ob. Marko i Marija Perić
 Petar Aleksić kći Željka i ob.
 Ivo Lijović ob. Josip i Anđa Novak
 Tomislav Hostička sister
 Rosendo Marquez friend Mary
 Antun Beritić Liljana Beritić
 Pok. iz ob. Lončar ob. Ante i Anica Lončar

Friday – Petak, December 26, 2008 – St. Stephen's

7:30 a.m. Marion Curran Millie Balich
 Julie Costas Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Tony Tadin Giggie

Saturday – Subota, December 27, 2008 – St. John's

7:30 a.m. John Roscich family
 Tony Contino Ann Contino
 Howard Thome Wally & Grace Gusich
 Marion Curran Mary Vujic

5:30 p.m. Barry Babich Mom, Dad, Lisa & Chris
 Tony Doria Bazan family
 Wanda Alinovich Mossman family
 Ante Kraljević ob. Duško Kraljević
 Margaret Marcello Pace family
 Mary DiPasquale Georgia Apostolas
 Marion Curran Jim & Mary Ann Saracco

Holy Family Sunday – Nedjelja, December 28, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Marion Curran Luanne & Frank Munizzi
 Tony Tadin Charles & Patricia Marino
 Joseph Cubelic friend
9:30 a.m. Carlos Iglesias Iglesias family
 Marty Miloslavich Chris Inqlima
 Jimmy Gusich Mark Gusich & family
 Alex Guerrieri Michael & Mary Ann DiVito
 Barry Babich M/M William Babich
 Marija Mišetić Maria E. Sipich
 Lee Ficht Dan & Julie Madon
 Donna Byers Rodriguez-Kozina family
 Babich & Iozzo families Terri, Sam & family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Lišnić kumovi Tomislav i Milenka Lišnić
 Jago Soldo ob. Soldo
 Fra Ivan Bradvica ob. Josip i Anđa Novak
 Jokan Bilonić ob. Jakov Bilonić
 Dr. Ante i Mara Pavelić Božo Guvo
 Drago Troščan Petar Vučić
 Ante Barun ob. Mijo i Zdenka Barun
 Anka Uremović ob. Ivan Uremović
 Lucija Prša Josip i Kata Bajzec
 Ante Gović Nediljka Gović
 Mile i Zlatko Đebro ob. Đebro
 Tomislav Hostička Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Nediljko Marić ob. Puđar
 Žarko Ostojić kći Kathy Škaro
 Andrija i Luca Lišnić ob. Hostička
 Ante Žaper ob. Stipe Tokić
 Fra Vendelin Vasilj ob. Andrija Vasilj
 Dr. Ante Pavelić Neda i Hrvoje Pečuvčić
 Dragan Šubašić i Dragica Horvat ob. Brnjić
 Rafo Rogić ob. Spahija
 Milka i Ante Čačić ob. Spahija
 Ob. Primorac Ivan i Ivica Karačić
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško

LECTORS:

CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00 p.m. Schoolchildren, Rosemary Brcich
MIDNIGHT MASS Matt Pesce, Antonia Jurković, Anita Kosir
CHRISTMAS DAY 7:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi, Diane Krolo
9:30 a.m. Kica DiVito, Mary Vujic
11:00 a.m. D. Toromanović, A. Bajić, D. Grgić
Sat., Dec. 27, 5:30 p.m. Robert Bazan.
Sun., Dec. 28, 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce **9:30 a.m.** Jan Zekich
Sun., Dec. 28, 11:00 a.m. I. Đebro, K. Jurković, D. Grgić

ALTAR SERVERS:

CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00 p.m. Bova, Iglesias, Perseghin
MIDNIGHT MASS: K. Cikoch, S. Adjaip, A. Kraljević, A. Barun, M. Šego, M. Brajković
CHRISTMAS DAY 7:30 a.m. C. Garcia, S. Garcia
9:30 a.m. Balazs, Carrasco, Nowacki
11:00 a.m. D. Paraga, M. Golub, M. Kosir, D. Jureta, I. Paraga, I. Jureta
Sat., Dec. 27, 5:30 p.m. Mossman, Perseghin, Racinowski
Sun., Dec. 28, 7:30 a.m. Bova, Carrasco
Sun., Dec. 28, 9:30 a.m. Nowacki, Passi, Rudmin
Sun., Dec. 28, 11:00 a.m. K. Cikoch, M. Kosir, A. Šušnjara, I. Babić, N. Brčić, M. Brajković

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WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fourth Sunday of Advent



Today many seek fulfillment and happiness through "doing their own thing." They believe that happiness lies in having no commitments, no one to answer to, and no one whose needs or problems will forever tie them down.

Of course it is good and necessary to find and do what we believe we are called to do, but we have to be on our guard. There can be much selfishness in the "do your own thing"

approach. It often means taking the easiest path in the belief that this is where freedom, happiness and fulfillment are to be found, but this approach is *more likely* to lead to the unhappiness of slavery to selfishness.

Here is an important truth: freedom, happiness and fulfillment are more likely to be found *in the acceptance of duty*. However, a grim acceptance of duty is not good enough. It has to be

a loving acceptance of duty. The more difficult the task to

which we devote ourselves out of love, the more it will exalt us.

In this Mary gives us a great example. She didn't tell the angel, "Sorry, I have my own plans." Mary made a complete gift of herself to God, and accepted the task he gave her. She let God define her life. Do we?

WISDOM'S CORNER

*Free gifts to give for Christmas ...
no shopping necessary*

1. The gift of *listening*.....Why not give this valuable gift to someone who lives alone? Really listen! No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your responses. Just be there and just listen.
2. The gift of *signs of affection*.....Be generous with your hugs, kisses, and gentle squeezes of the hand. Let these tiny actions demonstrate the love inside of you.
3. The gift of *a note*.....It can be as simple as "I LOVE YOU!" or as creative as a sonnet. Put your notes where they will surprise your loved ones.
4. The gift of *laughter*.....Just cut out a cartoon, or save a clever article. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."
5. The gift of *a compliment*.....A simple "You look good in blue," or "I like your hair," or "Good supper, Honey," can be of great value to those who might feel they are being taken for granted.
6. The gift of *a favor*....Help with the dishes, clean out the basement, mow the yard, shovel the walks, clean out the garage, fix the light, etc.
7. The gift of *leaving alone*....There are times in our lives when we may want nothing better than to be left alone. Become more sensitive to those times and give solitude without interruptions.
8. The gift of *a cheerful disposition*....Try to be cheerful around those you love. Don't add to the burdens of the day.
9. The gift of *a game*.....Offer to play your loved one's favorite game. Even if you lose, you'll be a winner.
10. The gift of *prayer*....Pray for those on your Christmas list and let them know that you pray for them. Praying for someone is a way of saying, "You are so special to me that I talk to God about you."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"In every human heart there is an empty chamber waiting for a guest. That guest is God!"

Why I was born
the way
I was born

I was born naked, God says, so that you could renounce in yourself all that is unworthy.

I was born poor so that you could find your wealth in me.

I was born small so that you would not wield power over others. I was born in a stable so that you would learn to bless all places. I was born in the open countryside so that everyone of good will would have access to me.

I was born weak so that you would never fear me. I was born without weapons so that you would trust my goodness. I was born at night so that you would believe that I could enlighten every reality. I was born a human being so that you would never be ashamed to be what you are.

I was born the son of Mary so that you too could have her as your mother. I was born in simplicity so that you would not be complicated. I was born in solitude so that you could find relief for your stress. I was born an infant so that you could learn to be as unpretentious as a child. I was born for you so that all of us could enter the house of Our Father

—L. Noben

And all this for us! Yes, for us! May Christmas be for you and your loved one an encounter with joy and an occasion of peace.

Fraternally yours,
Fr. Joe
JGrbes@gmail.com



Happy Birthday, Fr. Ivan!

Today, Dec. 21, is Fr. Ivan's birthday. We wish him much health and happiness as he turns 51. May God bless and protect him in the days and years to come. We are fortunate that we can share our time and spirituality with him!

Church envelopes for 2009 are now available.

Please take your box from the tables in the rear of church. We thank you, dear parishioners, for your support and donations during 2008. Let us not forget: *it is not an obligation to belong to St. Jerome Parish, it is an honor!*

The Christmas Mailing has been sent to all our parishioners. It contains the schedule for the Christmas season Masses and events. Please consult it.

Enjoy or give as a gift a beautiful Christmas DVD of a performance in our church by the singer **Tatiana!** Copies of ***The Christmas Concert Special*** are available in the rectory for \$20.

Thank You

Our Advent giving Tree was a wonderful success. We received nearly 400 gifts for needy children who are poor or sick. Thank you so much for participating in this special project.

THANK YOU to all those who came this past Tuesday evening to clean our church and prepare it for the Christmas season. Thanks for your love so nicely demonstrated in this way!

Letter of thanks for Thanksgiving food:

"Thank you very much for your generous donation of food we received during the month of November. Your donation helped us to provide food for low-income families, seniors and the homeless. The number of needy families have been rising steadily over the past several months. In October alone, the pantry served 2,075 families. Without your support we would not be able to help."

Sincerely, St. James Food Pantry

Donations for Christmas Flowers

Please contact Louis & Mary Scalise, Kenny & Jan Zekich or Ivan & Vesna Jureta if you wish to donate flowers to decorate our church for Christmas.

Calendar of December Events:

Sunday, Dec. 21

Evening of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas holy days. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at 6:00 p.m. in our church.

Monday, Dec. 22

Visits to the sick of our parish will be made by Fr. Ivan and Fr. Joe. Please let us know of anyone who is in a hospital, nursing home, or confined to his or her home who would like to receive the sacraments.



Wednesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

Children's Mass at 6:00 p.m. Come see our schoolchildren re-enact the events of the first Christmas.

Midnight Mass begins at 12 midnight
Wednesday night.



Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25

The Masses are as on Sundays: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.



Invitation to Prayer All parishioners are invited to participate in our Family Prayer Hour each evening in your home between 6 and 7, or as your schedules allow. We began this movement on Oct. 1st! JOIN US TODAY! MAKE A PLEDGE!

Reminder: We, your Franciscan fathers, are available for consultations, advice, spiritual direction, family matters. We are here for you! You may just come in, or give us a call or send us your e-mails.

A Time to Speak, a special book for our women friends and family healing from the tragedy of abortion, is available in the rear of church. There is no charge.

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