

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 18, 2006**

7:30 a.m. Theresa Hill	Marion
James Cordovano	family
Jennie & Nick Salerno	daughter Roseann
Duke Sabbia	family
Na čast Gospi	Ankica i ob.

Tuesday – Utorak, December 19, 2006

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremović	Mr. & Mrs. Hostička
Tomislav Hostička	Ivan i Marija Bilonić
Margaret Peggy Imbo (1 st anniv.)	Marcello fam.
Dec. of Malvan, Klasnja & Rodman fam.	Diane & Dina

Wednesday – Srijeda, December 20, 2006

7:30 a.m. Joann Harris	Marion Roti
John Mikicich	Maria Bandera
Tom Kotarac	Kotarac family

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 21, 2006

7:30 a.m. Antoinette DeFelippis	Marion Roti
Tomislav Hostička	Ivan i Marija Bilonić
Deceased of Vulich family	Mary Hrvol

Friday – Petak, December 22, 2006

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremović	Ljubica Bajić
Joann Harris	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Nick Cantanvespi	Mike & Maryann DiVito

Saturday – Subota, December 23, 2006

7:30 a.m. Barry Babich	Ann Sutera
Sonny Mazutis	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Ana Vidović	Božo i Stoja Kosir

5:30 p.m. Nick LoCoco	wife & children
Paul Stasiak (2nd anniv.)	family
Mike Iozzo	Iozzo family
Connie Fratto	Mike & family

Sunday – Nedjelja, December 24, 2006

7:30 a.m. Frank Bartuca	son
Rose Polacek	John & Gen Botica
Mary Pesce	Scully Scalise
Jerome Popovich	Mary Vujic

9:30 a.m. Josephine Odo	Joanna Moskal
Ivan Marasovich	family
Jackie Scumaci	Catherine & Nick Perisin

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Fra Hrvoslav Ban	ob. Ivan Mišetić
Mila Tomić	ob. Ivan Mišetić
Ljuba Ivančić	Jela Kutleša
Ante Kraljević	ob. Vlado Kraljević
John Roscich	family
Dragica Mišura	Milenka Bilonić
Josip i Ana Bajzec	Josip i Kata Bajzec
Ilija i Kaja Šakić	Dragica Blažević
Blaž Bilonić	ob. Hostička
Ana Vidović	Hrvatska Žena
Ilija Bubalo	ob. Filipović
Za Hrvatske borbe	Križa Ostojić i ob.

Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. (Children's Mass)

JoMarie B. Scott	Gail
Helen Rose & Lucky Olson	family
Mary Jean & Donald Gillespie	family
Peter Perisin	wife & children
Angelique Rubio	Lauren & Michael
Frank Bologna	Mossman family
Andrew Parachinni	family
Nick Perisin family & friends	Perisins

Midnight Mass For parishioners, living & deceased



Sat., Dec. 23, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto
 Sun., Dec. 24, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce
 Sun., Dec. 24, 9:30 a.m. Carl Segvich



Sat., Dec. 23, 5:30 p.m. Ferro, Kenny, LoCoco
 Sun., Dec. 24, 7:30 a.m. Olague, Perseghin
 Sun., Dec. 24, 9:30 a.m. Rubio, Rudmin, Racinowski
 Sun., Dec. 24, 11 a.m. I. Jurković, M. Kikaš, I. Babić

FOR SALE

- ▶ 34 units in NW Indiana, best property in town! Please call 219-322-8702 for details.
- ▶ 2818 S. Wells, house for sale, 773 704 7302.

FOR RENT

- ▶ 1st flr. apt. 31st Princeton, 4 rms (2 bdrms), redecorated. 312-842-6176.
- ▶ 3253 Wells, 2½ bdrm aptmt, 1 bath, remodeled 4 yrs, new appliances, laundry on premises. 312-388-0357.
- ▶ 31st Princeton, 2nd fl., 6 rms, 3 bdrm, central air & heat, no pets. 773-582-8255.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — Third Sunday of Advent

There is a clear note of rejoicing in today's liturgy. On this Advent Sunday God invites us to rejoice because Jesus is very near. He is close at hand, in our midst, even as we prepare to celebrate his birth next week.

We can sing praise because by Christ's death on the cross, he has offered to us forgiveness of our sins, allowing us to become pleasing to the Father. He has also strengthened us

against our enemies: fear, jealousy, anger, infirmity of all kinds, hatred, envy, idolatry, strife — these are our enemies, and we can have victory over them in Christ.

Rejoice as well because we can always turn to the Lord in prayer. He is always near. He knows our every thought, our every tear, our every desire. He sympathizes with our weaknesses, and lavishes us with mercy and the

grace to help us in what we truly need.

We can live a new life with his love filling our hearts and overflowing to all around us. We can share his good news with others and live in peace, honesty and integrity.

Every day the Holy Spirit can renew our spirits and give us hope. Every day the love of God can abound in our hearts and lift us up to heaven. The Lord is in our midst indeed!



ADVENT MEANS WAITING... Some waiting is anxious, agonizing, keeping us awake and disturbing our sleep. But there's also a trusting, serene waiting. The sort that counts the days, the hours, the minutes. This waiting is when we know that he is coming, the one whom our heart loves. It's you, Lord, that we're waiting for — calmly, joyfully. Don't delay. Come! We need you to be with us. Already, just knowing that you're coming, our heart is dressed for feasting.

Our Lord comes in surprising ways — even while we're waiting for an appointment or waiting in line. During Advent we have to discipline ourselves to see Christ in everyone and in every situation. Our waiting will then not be one of frustration, but of readiness and anticipation.

Please remember in your prayers our parishioner Jerome Popovich, 83, whose funeral was in our church recently, and also pray for his loved ones as they mourn and heal.

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: **How did the Virgin Mary pray?**

Answer: Mary's prayer was characterized by faith and by the generous offering of her whole being to God. The Mother of Jesus is also the new Eve, the "Mother of all the living." She prays to Jesus for the needs of all people.

WISDOM'S CORNER

I Am In Your Midst

A cobbler by the name of Martin lived and worked in a basement room in his small village. Its one window enabled him to see just the feet of the passers-by on the street above, but since there was hardly a pair of boots or shoes that had not been made by his hands, he was able to identify almost everyone.

Life had been hard on him. His wife and young son fell ill and died, leaving him devastated. An old friend advised him to read from the Gospels each day so that light and hope would eventually come back into his life.

He took his friend's advice and slowly hope crept back into his life and things began to change for the better. One night as he read from the Bible, he thought he heard someone calling him. Since he was alone, he understood it that the Lord himself was calling him. So he prepared to meet the Lord..

The next day he kept a close watch on the window, looking for the Lord, but all he saw was an old veteran standing in front of the building, blocking Martin's view. Martin wished that he would move on, fearing that he would not see the Lord when he passed by, but the old veteran just stood by the window trying to keep warm.

Finally Martin invited him to come in for warmth, and offered him something to eat. He even gave him his old overcoat. The entire time he continued to watch through the window for the Lord. By evening the old veteran had left and Martin reluctantly closed the shutters, and picked up his Bible. Suddenly he understood that the Lord had indeed come to him that day: in the person of the cold and hungry old veteran. His heart was suddenly flooded with joy because he had welcomed him into his home.

THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The way to find peace and happiness is to forget oneself and love others."

Thank you for showing even greater generosity to sick and poor children this Christmas Season!

St. Jerome's Youth Service Corps is completing delivery of gifts purchased by you, our parishioners, for sick and/or needy children at LaRabida Children's Hospital, at Franciscan Port Ministries, and at St. James on Wabash. This is our second year of the Christmas Giving Tree, and the number of gifts has increased more than 25% over last year's great success. This chance for us to be generous was made possible by the creativity and activity of our Youth Service Corps, composed mainly of young adults in their 20s. Thank you to Ivanka, Ozana and Dario Paraga, Mark and Janel Sedevic, Ana Maria Vasilj, and David and Vicky Czuprynski for their ideas and hard work on this project. *Thank you all for remembering the kids.*

Parish offertory envelopes for 2007 are in the back of church

If you have moved recently and changed your address, or if you desire to register as an envelope-holding parishioner of St. Jerome, please do so as soon as possible. (By the way, starting with these envelopes, your envelope number will never change.)

Flowers for Christmas: The cost of the poinsettia flowers for Christmas to decorate the church are: \$25.00, \$35.00 and \$50.00. If you are interested in donating flowers for the church, please see: Lou or Mary Scalise, Ken or Jan Zekich, or Ivan or Vesna Jureta.

Have you noticed the newly cleaned Church?

This past Wednesday, a highly dedicated crew of parishioners gave of themselves in this busy season and scrubbed our church clean, top to bottom. We all owe them our gratitude for making our house of prayer literally shine for the great feast of Christmas!

MOVIE REVIEW: After a group of St. Jerome parishioners saw "The Nativity Story" movie, it can be recommended as doing a fine job of showing a glimpse of the challenges and joys encountered by Mary and Joseph as they put together the Holy Family with God's help. The three Wise Men offer a humorous touch. Be sure to see this on a big movie screen—some scenes are breathtaking.

Visits to the Sick/Homebound on Monday, Dec. 18

Please call the Rectory to tell us of the homebound, the sick and those in nursing homes who desire the sacraments from their priests. With joy we want to help them prepare for the joyful celebration of Christmas.

As we come to the end of the year, we are filled with gratitude for your gifts to our parish community. It is indeed good to remember the needy and to remember one's parish. Soon we will be sending information about your monetary gifts to St. Jerome's. Hopefully it will reflect the situation of your heart and your means. Thank you and thanks be to God!

Advent Event Calendar

THIS Sunday, Dec. 17, the Croatian school kids of Chicagoland will be performing at the Museum of Science & Industry's "Christmas Around the World" at 2:45 p.m.

THIS Sunday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m. at St. Jerome's: several priests will be here to hear Advent confessions.



THIS Thursday, Dec. 21, St. Jerome School Mass & Christmas show, 7 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 24: The usual Sunday (and Saturday evening) Schedule. Please note: Christmas is on Monday this year. This means we need to go to 2 Masses next Saturday to Monday: 1 for the 4th Sunday of Advent, and 1 for Christmas.

Christmas Eve Schedule: Children's Mass at 6 p.m.
Croatian and English Midnight Mass at 12.

Christmas Day Schedule: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

FOOTBALL MANIA Winners for Week 14: 1st place tie - # 2495 & # 586; 3rd place- # 2486; 4th place - # 2867; 6th place tie - # 1431, # 1871 & # 3046.

Test your Bible I.Q.

The Book of Exodus (the Bible's second book) has 2 main topics:

- A) the creation **and** end of the world.
- B) the Garden of Eden **and** the sin of Adam & Eve.
- C) Moses leading the Chosen People out of Pharaoh's Egypt **and** the Chosen People's covenant with God at Mount Sinai.
- D) the Exile in Babylon **and** a prophecy that God would send the Messiah.

See the Bulletin next time for the answer!

Last time's answer was:

The Book of Genesis describes: (B) the creation of the world.

The Christmas mailing was completed in the past week. If you haven't received your letter from the parish by Tuesday, let us know at 312-842-1871 to check if we have your correct address.