

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 3, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Lena & Dom Marino family
 Katarina Draženović ob. Božo Kosir
 Petar i Joza Zelić ob. Ilija Zelić
 Na čast Sv. Katarini ob. Tomić
 Na odluku Božana Ilić

Tuesday – Utorak, December 4, 2007

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško
 Dominik Velčić sestre
 Guadalupe Ostiguin Anna Novak
 John Davis (health) Yvonne Mangiaracina
 Na nakanu ob. Penavić

Wednesday – Srijeda, December 5, 2007

7:30 a.m. Barbara Wilkie family
 Michael Wilkie Perisin grandchildren
 Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce
 Mary Perkovich Mary Fratto
 Sidney Feldman (25th Anniv.) Feldman & Ryan fam.

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 6, 2007**ST. NICHOLAS – SVETI NIKOLA**

7:30 a.m. Michael Sablich sister Theresa
 Marija Bon Marija Diacci
 Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić Cathy Grcevic
 All holy souls in purgatory John Bogovic
 Na čast Sv. Obitelj ob. Tomić

Friday – Petak, December 7, 2007

7:30 a.m. Tony Contino Ann Contino
 Stephen Truth Joseph Rozman
 Mary Perkovich Luanne & Frank Munizzi
 Jocko Becich (*birthday*) Carm, Joey, Danny Abat

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception
 For parishioners, living and deceased

Saturday – Subota, December 8, 2007
Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Immac. Conc. 7:30 a.m.
 Marko & Tona Čondić family
 Julia Frigan Cathy & Andrew
 Gay Gay LaMonica Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Ed McDermott Diane Krolo

Immac. Conc. 5:30 p.m. Mary Radetic Antoinette
 Frank & Connie Fratto Mary Fratto
 Stanley Szatkowski family
 Frank Szatkowski Bazan family
 Andrija Mrzljak Mary Fratto
 Ralph Bonello Baldo & Georgeann
 Dec. of Sutera family Sutera family

Sunday – Nedjelja, December 9, 2007

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško
 Al & Millie Mucenski family
 Dec. of Kraslen family brothers

9:30 a.m. Theresa Mandl family
 Nick LoCoco wife & children
 John Foley Kay Foley
 Diane Bozich Frank & Luanne Munizzi
 Williamae Versetto George Ferro & family
 All holy souls in purgatory John Bogovic

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Boško Obradović ob. Šumera
 Venka Boras ob. Karlo i Dragica Karačić
 Mario Boras ob. Karlo i Dragica Karačić
 Duja i Kata Pudar ob. Pudar
 Marija Škalić ob. Pavletić
 Stipe Zebić sin Šime i supruga
 Jure i Manda Mulac Tomo i Nevenka Mulc
 Josip Lišnić Zvonko Brezak
 Petar Badrov kći Margaret Badrov
 Marijan Knezović ob. Živko Knezović
 Kata Draženović Ankica Došen
 Rade Jovanović obitelj
 Božo Krešić ob. Pavljašević
 Stipe Pervan obitelj
 Petar i Joza Zelić ob. Ilija Zelić
 Jozo i Iva Erkapić ob. Tomislav Erkapić
 Ante Dragnić Sanja i Katarina Dragnić
 Luca Guvo ob. Anđelka Šušnjara
 Milka Grašić Ankica Došen
 Marko Barać ob. Ružica Golub
 Pok. iz ob. M. i T. Čondić sin
 Pok. iz ob. Brkić ob. Marija Perković

LECTORS

Sat., Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m. Joseph Magyar
Sun., Dec. 9, 7:30 a.m. Rosemary Brcich
Sun., Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
Sun., Dec. 9, 11:00 a.m. Mate Žaper, Antonia Kraljević, Andjela Bajić

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m. C. Garcia, S. Garcia, Wilkie
Sun., Dec. 9, 7:30 a.m. L. Rubio, M. Rubio
Sun., Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m. Insalaco, Meo, Nowacki
Sun., Dec. 9, 11:00 a.m. D. Jureta, I. Jureta, A. Rogić, M. Kosir, M. Šego

For Rent: Vicinity 25th Place: 6-room apt., 3 bdrms. Enc. sun porch. Remodeled. Washer, dryer & fridge. 312-608-5947

► 29th & Princeton, 2nd fl rear, 3 rm apmt, 1 bdrm, newly renovated. New cabinets, appl., incl. microwave. H/W floors. Patio outside your door. Credit chk req., 1 mo. sec. dep. No pets. \$850/mo. includes ht. 773-485-3870

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

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the First Sunday of Advent

Advent issues a spiritual wake-up call to us, and has an awakening power. Unless we are spiritually awake, we are only half alive. In this respect some people are little better than sleep walkers. They have eyes but do not see, and ears but do not hear. Their minds are narrow and closed. Their hearts have become hardened. To be awake spiritually means to be open to Jesus, receptive, vigilant, and active.

Spirituality is about waking up to

Jesus. It is about understanding, seeing, hearing. It is necessary to reflect, to have the will, and to be wide awake. To be spiritually awake means to be attentive to God and to others. It means living in love.

We have two options: we can be a watcher or a sleeper. It is easy to be a sleeper. Much of the world sleeps. But sleepers are wasting their lives. It's harder but very much more rewarding



Advent

WATCH FOR
THE LORD'S
COMING!

from answering Advent's wake-up call.

to be a watcher. To watch means to be awake, to be alert, to be concerned, to be active, to be interested, to care. Jesus urges us to stay awake, to be on our guard, to be on the watch. We have nothing to fear and everything to gain

WISDOM'S CORNER

The night is over

One day a wise and learned rabbi asked his pupils, "How can you tell when the night is passed and the day is on its way back again?"

One pupil replied, "When you see an animal in the distance, and you can tell whether it is a sheep or a goat."

Another answered, "When you see a tree in the distance, and you can tell whether it is a fig tree or a peach tree."

"When you can see someone in the distance, and you can tell whether they are a friend or a foe," yet another answered.

There were a number of other such answers, but the rabbi was not at all impressed. Then his students asked him what was his answer. He replied.

"It is when you can look at the face of any human being and see there the face of a brother or sister, because if you cannot do this, then no matter what time it is, for you it is still night."

We are a people on whom the light of Christ has shone and still shines. We must strive to walk in the light of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"Circumstances may be beyond our control,
but our conduct is always in our own power."**

Franciscan Friars: 1209-2009, and beyond...

Continuing our gradual look at the Franciscan Friars as they approach their 800th birthday as a Religious Order, we focus our attention on the life of the man who started it all:

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226).

Young Francis tries to hear God (a continuation)

Francis, 24, was possessed by a yearning for the life of the spirit after seeing the emptiness of the glories of knightly life. After a short period of uncertainty, he began to seek in prayer and solitude to hear what God was calling him to. Francis first sensed that he was called to give up his fancy manner of dressing and his other wasteful ways. He did so. He stopped loving rich things. He began to love the poor.

One day, likely during this time of discernment, while crossing a vast plain on horseback, Francis unexpectedly drew near a poverty-stricken leper. The sudden appearance of this repulsive sight filled him with disgust and he instinctively retreated into himself, but soon overcoming his instinctive repulsion he dismounted, lovingly embraced the poor human being, and gave him all the money he had.



Francis embraces the leper

About the same time Francis made a pilgrimage to Rome. Pained at the miserly offerings he saw at the tomb of St. Peter, he again emptied his purse. Then, as if to put his old fancy-dressing nature to the test, he exchanged clothes with a beggar and stood for the rest of the day fasting among the horde of beggars at the door of the basilica.

Not long after his return to Assisi, while Francis was praying before an ancient crucifix, he miraculously heard a Voice finally answering his search for his calling in life...

(To be continued...)

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

**THE FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY
IS THIS COMING SATURDAY**



Masses will be Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and a vigil Mass Friday at 7 p.m.

This means that the Mass at 5:30 p.m. will be for the Immaculate Conception Mass obligation, not for the Sunday Mass obligation.

This weekend please welcome Fr. Bryan O'Rourke, who comes to us on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach. Parishes in underdeveloped countries represent more than an important source of spiritual truth for their own parishioners; these parishes in poor countries also stand as a beacon of hope for horribly impoverished families who have absolutely nowhere else to turn for help. Listen to Fr. Bryan and see how to make a difference in the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Third World.



Relevant Radio, Chicago's Catholic Talk Radio, had to change its frequency recently.

No longer 820 AM, it's now 950 AM. If you've never sampled this unique station, try it now, or the next time you're stuck in traffic. This is the only place on the Chicago area radio dial where you can hear discussions of catechesis, family ministry, pro-life issues, matters of social justice and other faith-related topics throughout the week.

A favorite for moms and dads is **"Dr. Ray,"** Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to noon. Dr. Ray has an uplifting and engaging way of building up the confidence of parents trying hard to raise their kids in a world of negative influences.

For informative and engaging shows about your Catholic faith, **listen to Relevant Radio 950-AM, Monday to Friday, from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.** (Alas, no nighttime broadcasting.)

A group of St. Xavier University students are trying to help an orphanage with art supplies (colored paper, crayons, markers, colored pencils, etc.) or simply monetary donations. You may drop them off at the rectory.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE WOMEN'S CENTERS:

St. Jerome Parish collected a total of **\$3,678.76** in this year's **Baby Bottle Project!** This is an incredible blessing to *The Women's Centers* and the women and babies that we serve. These funds allow us to provide real, practical assistance to women in crisis pregnancies, helping them to choose life for their babies, and assisting them in coming to a place of confidence and self-respect. Due to your support, and that of numerous other churches in the area, we will be able to reach our dream of offering free ultrasounds to our clients at two of our locations starting in the next couple of weeks! We want to express to you, the staff, the youth group, and all of the parishioners at St. Jerome our sincere appreciation.

Our Advent Giving Tree is the back of the church: Help a needy child by picking up a gift suggestion hanging on our Advent Giving Tree in the back of the church.

Breakfast with Santa is next week: Sunday, Dec. 9. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, and \$3 for children. Pictures can be taken with Santa from 8:30 a.m. to noon. There will also be a craft table, and raffle prizes. For more, especially about craft booths, contact Joan Wroblewski at 773-847-1866.

The St. Jerome's Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 6 p.m.

needs: candleholders, angels, shepherds, 3 kings, 3 gift bearers, 4 readers, 1 Mary, 1 Joseph, 1 drummer boy, 1 star, and 2 of each of the following animals: cow, camel, donkey and sheep. All parishioner schoolchildren from preschool to 8th grade are invited to participate. For your child to participate, please fill out the form distributed through the school, which is also in the back of the church and return it in the collection basket **by next Sunday, Dec. 9.**

Football Mania Winners: Here are the winning numbers for week 12: \$500—#2266; \$200—#978; \$75—#1370; \$50—#3278; \$25—#3144; and \$50—#2508.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION:

The Religious Retirement Fund

The religious sisters and friars who served St. Jerome's and parishes across the U.S. gave without counting the cost for themselves. Our social conscience, however, leads us to be concerned for their well-being now that they are retired and weighing down their religious communities with ever-mounting costs for care, medicine and the other medical expenses of old age. At next week's second collection, we can contribute to a fund that helps religious communities care for the needs of their retired members.