

**MASS INTENTIONS****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
**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 25, 2006**  
**Christmas Day – Božić**

7:30 a.m. Peter & Mary Mandic	Kay Catanzara
Visko & Clara Cecich	family
William & Mary Catizone	children & grandchildren
Augustine & Agnes Salamone	daughter Frannie
Mary Pesce	Ann Sutera
James Gurgone	wife Roseann & children
Mary & Louis Basso	family
Deceased of John Mladinov	family

9:30 a.m. Mark Bozich	Vera & family
Joseph & Millie Bogetich	family
Fr. Marko Kozina	Marasovich family
Maria, Ruth & Gene Gazzi	Gazzi family
Mary & Tom Byrnes	Gazzi family
Sam & Ann DeGregorio	Senerchia family
Angela "Snooky" Valenti	family
Deceased of Marasovich	family

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

Ilija i Šima Lončar	ob. Ante i Anica Lončar
Robert Jurlina	ob. Jurlina
Ivan Babić	Valeria Babić
Rafael Rogić	supruga Željka i sinovi
Petar Aleksić	kći Željka Rogić i ob.
Ivan Guvo	Bože Guvo i ob.

**Tuesday – Utorak, December 26, 2006**  
**St. Stephen, first martyr – Sv. Stjepan**

7:30 a.m. Mary Pesce	Michael Vladovich
Frank Palmisano	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Stipe Zebić	Petra i Ankice Žaper

**Wednesday – Srijeda, December 27, 2006**  
**St. John the Evangelist – Sv. Ivan, evangelist**

7:30 a.m. Ante Kraljević	ob. Kraljević
Margart Marcello	family
Ivan Batinić	family

**Thursday – Četvrtak, December 28, 2006**  
**Holy Innocents – Nevina djeca**

7:30 a.m. Marija Vranković	Theresa Manl
Peter Trumlay Sr.	Snježana Šego & family
Kathy Uremović	Mr. & Mrs. Petar Dušević

**Friday – Petak, December 29, 2006**

7:30 a.m. Mary Ann Roti	Marion
Jerome Popovich	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Mary Basso	Marcello family
U zahvalu	Iva i Josip Prša

**Saturday – Subota, December 30, 2006**

7:30 a.m. Josephine Odo	Angie Lowisz
Ana Vidović	Kay Siani
Nick Zekich	Mary Vucinic
5:30 p.m. Bill Lattyak	John & Marge Piegari
Connie Fratto	Rose Ann Gurgone
Edward Zydek	Joe & Bernadette Serio
Frank Bologna	Eva Levas
Sam & Sima Babich	Terri & Sam Babich

**Sunday – Nedjelja, December 31, 2006**  
**Feast of the Holy Family – Sveta Obitelj**

7:30 a.m. Mary Pesce	Charles & Patricia Marino
Demetrio Bellan Jr.	Catherine & Nick Perisin
9:30 a.m. Ana Vrdoljak	Cathy & Andrew
Sr. Bernardine Condich	Louis & Mary Scalise
11:00 a.m. u spomen	
Kathy Uremović	Jure i Linda Žgela
Jerko Jerry Zovko	Mama, Tata, brat, obitelj
Jago Soldo	ob. Nevenka Soldo
Ted Rembalkowski	family
Blaž Bilonić	Neda Dragušica sa ob.
Ante i Mara Pavelić	Bože Guvo
Manda Kulaš	ob. Milković
Stana Erceg	kći Nevenka Jurković
Ana Vidović i pok iz ob. Grbeš	ob. Karačić
Pok. iz ob. Karačić	ob. Karačić
Pok. iz ob. Novak	ob. Novak
Pok. iz ob. Lijović	ob. Novak
Sve sestre i braća Župe Sv. Jeronima	ob. Ilija Miletić
Za Hrvatske branitelje	Križa Ostojić i ob.
<b>New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m.</b>	
Maria Gazzi (25th anniversary)	Gazzi family

**LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. School children; Rose Brcich  
 Midnight Mass Nino Folino, Matt Pesce  
 Christmas Day 7:30 a.m. Carl Segvich, Mary Vujic; Rose Brcich  
 9:30 a.m. Diane Krolo, Mike Passarelli; Bernadette Serio  
 Sat., Dec. 30, 5:30 p.m. Robert Bazan  
 Sun., Dec. 31, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce  
 Sun., Dec. 31, 9:30 a.m. Diane Krolo  
 Sun., Dec. 31, 6:00 p.m. Jan Ferro, Mary Fratto, Mike Passarelli

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. Insalaco, Passi, Wilke  
 Midnight Mass SVA DJECA U NOŠNJI  
 Christmas Day 7:30 a.m. Meo, Iglesias  
 9:30 a.m. C. Garcia, S. Garcia, Rudmin  
 11:00 a.m. SVA DJECA U NOŠNJI  
 Sat., Dec. 30, 5:30 p.m. Kenny, C. Garcia, S. Garcia  
 Sun., Dec. 31, 7:30 a.m. LoCoco, Rubio  
 Sun., Dec. 31, 9:30 a.m. Insalaco, Passi, Olague  
 Sun., Dec. 31, 11:00 a.m. D. Bajić, A. Barun, T. Čuvalo  
 Sun., Dec. 31, 6:00 p.m. Meo, Perseghin, Racinowski

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- ▶ 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.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION — Advent—Christmas

What a wonderful day—the fourth Sunday of Advent, the last day of waiting. We are filled with anticipation of the arrival of Christmas. We sense it all around us. As we end the season of Advent on this, its last Sunday, we also enter into a new season, Christmas.

The Christmas season is the season of joy, awareness, fellowship, renewal, remembrance, and tenderness. This helps explain why everyone can

perceive that this is a holy, sacred time! This sacred time of remembering Christ's humble entrance into our world is made visible to today's world by the events and the encounters that take place during this season. These events and encounters give birth in us to a new outlook, a new enthusiasm, new decisions, and new paths.

We rejoice. We are joyful because we are Christians. We are joyful be-

cause we are ready to open the door to Christ who sets us free, who forgives, who understands, who offers us a new path, who gives new perspective to the ordinariness of life, and who infuses our lives with meaning!

We enter into this season prepared by the spirit of Advent: the spirit of solitude and prayer, the spirit of challenge, the spirit of encountering Our Lord!

### Dear Friends!

Already told Santa and his helpers what you want this Christmas? Yes, we all have.

Now it is time to settle down and quietly pray to Jesus, and tell Him what you want *from Him* this Christmas. What *one gift* from Him do you truly need most? More trust? Hope? Strength? ... Pray — to find out what supernatural gift you truly need from Him.

Then pray some more, and tell Him what it is that you want to give Him this Christmas. What act of love? What turning away from sin? What gift of yourself when it is difficult to sacrifice?

Amid all the busy-ness and commercialization of Christmas, amid the family highs and lows, we truly need to make time to contemplate what gifts we will exchange with Jesus, on His birthday.

May you and all your loved ones be generously touched by the spirit of Christmas, and may you all be filled with lasting joy in the coming New Year!

Your brothers, *Fr. Joe and Fr. Ivan*

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: **Is there a prayer spoken by Mary in the Gospel?**

Answer: Along with the prayer of Mary at Cana in Galilee ["*They have no wine*"], the Gospel gives us the Magnificat ("*My soul magnifies the Lord...*" - Luke 1:46-55) which is the song both of the Mother of God and of the Church, the joyous thanksgiving that rises from the hearts of the poor because their hope is met by the fulfillment of the divine promises.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Come, Lord Jesus!

Lord, Jesus, / come into our weakness.

Come into our fears. / Come into our anxieties.

Come into our failures. / Come into our divisions.

Come into our grieving. / Come into our loneliness.

Come into our darkness. / Come into our doubting.

Come into our despair / Come into our poverty of heart

Come into our searching.

Come into our joys and hopes.

Come into our dying.

Come, Perfect Peace! / Come, Infinite Love!

Come, Eternal Joy! / Come, Lord Jesus, come!



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## THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The first gift of Christmas was the Christ child."

## MARY, DID YOU KNOW?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with his hand?

Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?

When you kiss your little baby, you've kissed the face of God.

The blind will see. The deaf will hear. The dead will live again.

The lame will leap. The dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy is Heaven's Perfect Lamb?

This sleeping child you're holding is the great **I AM!**

—Lyrics by Mark Lowry. Sung by Kenny Rogers, Reba McEntire and a galaxy of country music stars.

(And, yes, Mary did know that her baby boy was Lord! (see Luke 1:43))



## In the back of the church you can get:

—A free copy of the latest Croatian Franciscan Herald, with pictures and stories about our parish and much more.

—The free parish wall calendar, courtesy of Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home.

—Your box of offertory envelopes for 2007. If you do not have envelopes and wish to receive envelopes, or if you are a non-parishioner and wish to register as a parishioner, please contact the Rectory as soon as you can. By the way, these new envelope numbers won't change year to year!

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** This year Christmas falls on Monday, the day after the Fourth Sunday of Advent, which is Dec. 24. This weekend's usual Masses (at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday) satisfy the Sunday obligation. The extra Christmas Masses (at 6 p.m. and Midnight Sunday and 7:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Monday) satisfy the Christmas obligation.

**Congratulations to St. Jerome alumni at Mount Carmel High School** on making the Honor Roll:

Anthony Ciaravino and Joseph Segvich.

Also noteworthy is that Mount Carmel's freshman footballers were Chicago's Catholic Champs for 2006, with Joe as starting tackle.

### THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

**Christmas Eve Children's Mass, Sunday, Dec. 24:**  
6:00 P.M.

**Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, Sunday, Dec. 24:**  
12 midnight

**Christmas Day Masses, Monday, Dec. 25:** 7:30 A.M.  
9:30 A.M.  
11:00 A.M.

**New Year's Eve, Mass of Thanksgiving for 2006:**  
6:00 P.M.

**New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1, 2007:**  
7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.



**As the sun sets upon another 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 be a good reflection of the situation of one's heart and one's means. Thank you and thanks be to God!

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Christmas 2006

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, it is my privilege to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas season and a New Year filled with peace, good health, and happiness.

The birth of a baby is always a cause for joy; the birth of the Savior of the World, the Prince of Peace and King of Kings, all the more so. It is my prayer for each of you that you will personally experience the joy of Christmas in a way that will increase your desire to know and serve the Lord more intensely in the year to come.

This past year for me was one that drew me closer to the Lord, in ways that I never could have predicted last Christmas. Because of my surgery for cancer, I came to appreciate in a new way how closely this world touches the next. It also made me much more aware that, in this world and the next, life is a network of relationships that are connected through our prayers for each other and have their foundation in God. I am grateful for your prayers.

Let us continue to pray for each other and for all those areas in our world that so badly need the peace that only Christ can bring. You and all of your needs and concerns will be in my own prayers. Thank you for your life of faith, and may God bless you abundantly in 2007.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago