

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 5, 2005**

**7:30 A.M.** Joseph Bozich Giggie Cortese  
 Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Roy Hargrove (for God's blessings) Jon Weber

**Tuesday – Utorak, December 6, 2005  
St. Nicholas Day**

**7:30 A.M.** Luka Botica Pauline Bogetich  
 Mary Pinotti family  
 Frank Fratto family

**Wednesday – Srijeda, December 7, 2005**

**7:30 A.M.** Margaret Gore Simon Čondić  
 Joseph Bozich Kay Siani  
 Ester Flores Carol & Frank Marasovich

**Thursday – Četvrtak, December 8, 2005  
Immaculate Conception of Mary  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**7:30 A.M.** Dobra Balich Millie Balich  
 Ivan Dlačić Maria Diacci  
 Marko & Tona Čondić family  
 Deceased members of Sutera family Sutera family

**10:30 A.M.** Fra Kamilo Milas, O.F.M.

**7:00 P.M.** Frank Vulich Vince Covelli

**Friday – Petak, December 9, 2005**

**7:30 A.M.** John Kapularić Jerome  
 Nick LoCoco wife  
 Za duše u čistilištu ob. Zorka Zeba

**Saturday – Subota, December 10, 2005**

**7:30 A.M.** Joseph Zekich wife & children  
 Julia Frigan Cathy & Andrew  
 Deceased members of Vulich family Mary Hrvol

**5:30 P.M.** Stanley Szatkowski Szatkowsky family  
 Carmella "Mayme" Senese (10th anniv.) niece Cathy  
 John Foley Insalaco family  
 Mate Martinčić ob. Hobar  
 Dec. of Iozzo & Thompson families Iozzo family

**Sunday – Nedjelja, December 11, 2005**

**7:30 A.M.** Linda Humbert husband Robert  
 Al & Millie Mucenski family  
 Dec. members of Kraslen family Kraslen brothers

**9:30 A.M.** Sr. Imelda Velcich M/M Charles Miller  
 Štefa Vehabović friends  
 Frank Vulich Aunt Barb

**11:00 A.M. u spomen**

Robert Jurlina obitelj  
 Boško Obradović ob. Ruža Šumera  
 Andrija i Luca Lišnić sin Tomislav i ob.  
 Andrija i Luca Lišnić ob. Hostička  
 Frane Brajković Neva Zelić sa ob.  
 Jozo Rodić ob. Rodić  
 Tomo Fuček i roditelji ob. Rodić  
 Slavica Blažević sup. Mato, sinovi Ivica i Petar  
 Mile Markić Nikola Planić  
 Rafael Rogić ob. Marta Spahija  
 Ivan Pavao II. Blagica  
 Na čast Sv. Anti Nikola Čosić

**Lectors**

**Saturday, Dec. 10, 5:30 P.M.** Rosemary Bricich

**Sunday, Dec. 11, 7:30 A.M.** Matt Pesce

**Sunday, Dec. 11, 9:30 A.M.** FAMILY MASS

**Sunday, Dec. 11, 11:00 A.M.** Nediljko Babić,  
 Mate Žaper

**ALTAR  
SERVERS**

**Thursday holy day, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.** Ferro, LoCoco

**Sat., Dec. 10, 5:30 P.M.** Ferro, Insalaco, Rubio

**Sunday, Dec. 11, 7:30 A.M.** Gonzalez, Segvich

**Sunday, Dec. 11, 9:30 A.M.** Miloslavich, A.

Sarkauskas, R. Sarkauskas

**Sunday, Dec. 11, 11:00 A.M.** A. Bušljeta, O.

Paraga, D. Jureta, D. Paraga, K. Cikoč

**FOR RENT**

► 29th Shields, large 7 rms, great condition, appl. included, \$675/mo. w/heat 773 523 1069

► Apt. 31st & Wells, 6 rms, 3 bdrms, Central air & heat, Hrdwd frs, appliances included. 312 326 3805

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Second Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” This Advent, we can renew our efforts to make smooth the way for the Lord’s coming. If all the rough spots in our world are to be made smooth so that nothing stands as an obstacle to humanity’s total renewal in Christ, we will have many, many important choices to make. St. John the Baptist in today’s Gospel

called the people from his own time—and he calls us as well—to make smooth the paths for the Lord by turning from our sins and weaknesses and turning toward God, seeking his saving forgiveness and salvation.

We shouldn’t need an extraordinary revelation from God to see that we ought to help our needy brothers and sisters, that our resources and

talents are not meant to serve only us as individuals, and that we are meant to share with others. We know this without extraordinary revelations because God is speaking this to us in our hearts — through ordinary revelations of the Holy Spirit. Let us hear the Holy Spirit urging us — as John the Baptist did: prepare the way of the Lord.

## BAPTISMS

Today we welcome into our faith community through the sacrament of baptism:

### Jacob Ryan Magura

son of Jeannie (nee Hobar) & David Magura.  
His Godmother is Rosemary Hobar.

### Alessandro Benedetto Calderone

son of Nelica (nee Cokarić) & William Joseph Calderone.  
His Godparents are Anthony Calderone and Lena Ciannamea.

*Congratulations to the families,  
and God bless Jacob and Alessandro!*

## CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

The sacrament that reconciles each one of us with God needs to be an important part of every Catholic’s life. We will celebrate this sacrament in a special way on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m., with 8 priests available for private confession after a communal penance prayer service. Please plan to come to this significant spiritual event.

*As always, of course, confessions will be heard before every weekend Mass in the confessional.*

### Next week’s second collection

Looking back at our lives, we can recall many religious sisters and friars who helped us or our children grow into mature and capable adults. Some of us can even recall sisters who cared for us as hospital nurses. Next weekend’s second collection is an opportunity to say thanks to those many religious sisters and brothers whose addresses we no longer have. Your contribution to the Retirement Fund for Religious takes care of the needs of many elderly and sick who made a vow of poverty in order to be freer to serve us. One example of how this nationwide collection helps is its 2004 allocation of \$191,915 to the Adorers of the Precious Blood sisters, who until recently served in our school.

## WISDOM’S CORNER

### NEEDS AND WANTS

Sometimes we don’t know the difference between what we need and what we want. We want so much, but God gives us what we truly need. The following story came from the TV show, *St. Elsewhere*.

One sunny summer day, a grandmother and her grandson were walking along the ocean. The little boy, the apple of his grandmother’s eyes, was dressed in his Sunday best from hat to shoe. Suddenly a huge wave broke onto the shore and swallowed the boy up, and he disappeared from sight. The old woman prayed fervently that the Lord would send back her grandson unharmed. She pledged to be eternally in his service if he would do that. Miraculously, the little boy was returned to shore unharmed and safe, although thoroughly soaked, and with his hair messed up. The grandmother looked up to heaven and said, “You know, Lord, he did have a hat.”

*When we remember how we felt in our times of greatest difficulties, we can value better what really matters in life — and we can worry ourselves less about what is non-essential.*

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## THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**“We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give.”**



**Thank you for opening your hearts to the suffering kids at La Rabida hospital!**

Due to an overwhelming response, all of the ornaments with Christmas gift requests were gone before the 9:30 Mass last Sunday. We apologize to those attendees of the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Masses who had no ornaments to pick up, but we're making up for it this weekend by adding more ornaments. This time they include clothing articles as well as toys, with the donations going to children served by **Franciscan Port Ministries**. If you'd still like to participate, please do. **Reminder:** all gifts need to be **brought to church by next weekend**, Dec. 10 & 11, **unwrapped**. Thank you — from the St. Jerome Youth Service Corps.

St. Jerome's Parish will be mailing you our Christmas letter in the coming week. We hope that we have your current address if you have moved in the past year. Alert us if we don't have your current address.

Many thanks be to God for all of your love and gifts given to our parish, a place where our hearts and souls can feel and know that they are at home.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** — WE WILL NEED MANY CHILDREN to make this "Live Nativity" a success. These days you will be receiving more information regarding the program for this special Mass. Practice will be held on Thursday, Dec. 22. *If you have any questions or ideas, please call Laura at 773-254-0010.*

**Football Mania Winners:**

**Here are the winning numbers for Week 12:**  
 \$258.33 - 312, 3011 & 4414, \$50 - 409, \$25 - 3616, and \$16.67 - 4341, 2532 & 4754.

BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are on tables at the entrance of the Church. Please correct for us any mistakes with names and addresses. Thank you.

**St. Jerome Property Fund**

Mortgage Debt from New Parking Lot:	\$ 400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 162,706
December Donations Thus Far:	\$ 0
Needed for monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 11,900

"Pope John Paul II" — Acclaimed 4-hour miniseries on CBS airs Sunday at 8 p.m. & continues on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

*Mark your calendars:* **TEXAS HOLD'EM: SAT. JAN. 14, COME AT 3.**  
**AND FIRST-EVER LADIES-ONLY HOLD'EM: FRI. JAN. 13, COME AT 3.**



**COMING EVENTS:**

**THIS WEDNESDAY, 7 P.M.**

Klapa Sinj brings its extraordinary vocal harmonies and melodies to the Chicago Cultural Center's Preston Bradley Hall, 78 E. Washington Street. Free admission.

**THIS THURSDAY**

The Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 7:30, 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

**THIS SATURDAY, 1:30 P.M.**

St. Jerome's Croatian School performs in the Museum of Science & Industry's annual "Christmas Around the World" series.

**NEXT WEEKEND, AFTER ALL MASSES**

Blessed Art will be selling olive-wood carvings of crucifixes, nativity sets, rosaries, angels, statues, figurines and more—all made by 600 Christian artisans in Bethlehem. Help save the economic situation of these Christians in the Holy Land.

**NEXT SUNDAY, 8 A.M. TILL 12 NOON**

**Breakfast with Santa**—sponsored by the HSA—cost for adults is \$6 and for children \$3. Pictures with Santa will be taken from 9 till noon. There will be a raffle table, a table with baked goods for sale, and tables where you can start or finish your Christmas shopping. Hope to see you there!



**DEC. 15, THURSDAY, 7 P.M.**

St. Jerome Parish School will hold its annual Christmas program in the church.

**DEC. 17, SATURDAY, 6:30 P.M.**

St. Jerome's "Cardinal Stepinac" Croatian School will hold its annual Christmas program in the school hall.