

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 28, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Toma Botica                      John & Gen Botica  
 Mary Harzich                                  Marian Segvich  
 Na nakanu                                      Luca Šego

**Tuesday – Utorak, January 29, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Lena Marino                                  family  
 Eva Balich    family  
 Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić                      Mary Čondić  
 Kathy Uremović                                  roditelji (za rođendan)  
 Anthony Marcello                                  Marcello family  
 In honor of Our Lady of Međugorje      John & Gen Botica

**Wednesday – Srijeda, January 30, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Thomas Walenty                                  Ross  
 Rose Capinegro                                  Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 All holy souls in purgatory                      John Bogovic

**Thursday – Četvrtak, January 31, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Marty Miloslavich                                  Ruane family  
 George Bubla    Gene & Emily Dengler  
 Damjan Puljić    Stojan Maslač  
 Marge & John Sobocan                                  Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Mary & Angelo Pesce                                  Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Ken Mays    Mel

**8:05 a.m.** Vanessa Cote                                  Amoruso family

**Friday – Petak, February 1, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Vivian Sexton                                  Kay Catanzara  
 Donna Byers    Frances Sabbia  
 Angie Modrich    Bob & Kathy Cannatello

**Saturday – Subota, February 2, 2008  
 Presentation of the Lord – SVIJEČNICA**

**7:30 a.m.** Mirko Kosić                                  ob. Katica Kosić  
 Mary Aiello    Mary Vujic  
 Na nakanu    Zdenka Barun

**5:30 p.m.** Frank Szatkowski                                  Poulos family  
 Jim Cordovano (25<sup>th</sup> anniversary)                      family  
 Mathilda Mathis    niece Vonnie  
 Chester Brodlo    wife Ann  
 Jean Zekich    Mary Fratto

**Sunday – Nedjelja, February 3, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.**  
 Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić                      Duško  
 Edward Marasovich    family  
 Mrs. Riley    Mary Ann & Michael

**9:30 a.m.** Donna Byers                                  Joan Sipich  
 Marty Miloslavich                                  Cathy Amato  
 Joseph Kish    Joseph & Nicholas  
 Mary Harzich                                  Rosemary & Michael Zeledon  
 Catherine (Scalise) Madia                      daughter Eleanor  
 For intentions of J. Zekich      Peter & Connie Polacek

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

Josip Lišnić    Mirko Dukić  
 Kata Draženović    Ankica Lukać  
 Tomislav Hostička                                  John & Venessa Krpan  
 Robert Jurlina    Jurlina family  
 Mara i Ivo Đebro    ob. Pero Đebro  
 Iva Knezović    ob. Božo Kosir  
 Martin Punda    ob. Jakelja  
 Tomislav Falak    šure Ivce i ob.  
 Slavka Buškain    sestra Zdenka Sičić  
 Štefa Šego    ob. Kikaš  
 Pok. iz ob. Pehar    David & Kathy Škaro  
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić    Duško  
 Duše u čistilištu    Anica Ostojić

**Lectors**

**Sat., Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m.** Mary Fratto  
**Sun., Feb. 3, 7:30 a.m.** Rosemary Brcich  
**Sun., Feb. 3, 9:30 a.m.** Brianna Babich  
**Sun., Feb. 3, 11:00 a.m.** Josip Novak, Antonia Jurković, Petra Mamić

**Altar Servers**

**Sat., Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m.** Racinowski, S. Garcia, C. Garcia  
**Sun., Feb. 3, 7:30 a.m.** Olague, Wilkie  
**Sun., Feb. 3, 9:30 a.m.** Iglesias, Mangan, M. Perseghin  
**Sun., Feb. 3, 11:00 a.m.** Ante Krajlević, T. Čuvalo, S. Ivezic, Adriana Kraljević, A. Kosić, A. Puljić

**For Rent:**

- ▶ Apt 28th/Princeton, Quiet 2 bdrm, clean, sunlight, non-smoking bldg. No pets. Central air/heat, stove top, oven, fridge incl. Free laundry facility in bldg. \$800 mo. plus 1 mo. sec. dep. Credit check & ref. a must. Leave message 9 AM-7 PM 312-501-0918.
- ▶ 29<sup>th</sup> & Shields area, newly remdld 5½ rms, 1½ bdrm, w/d, non-smkg bldg, new applnces, no pets, 1 mo. sec., cr. chk, refs, \$650 w/o utils., 312-802-0238.
- ▶ 29<sup>th</sup> & Princeton, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew's Gospel reading today compares the arrival of Jesus on the scene to the coming of a great light to a people who had been living in deep darkness. Jesus was fulfilling the great prophecy of the prophet Isaiah: "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light..."

In order to truly appreci-



ate light, one must be conscious of one's darkness, and desire to escape from it. Indeed, it is often after people have experienced the darkness of sorrow and disappointment that they finally become sensitive enough to see the Light, the Light of Jesus.

Jesus began his preaching with the enlightening mes-

sage: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." To repent is to turn away from the darkness in our lives — the sin and uncharitableness that can creep into every person's life. "To repent" includes open ourselves to the kingdom, to accepting Jesus' lordship. We show our repentance by a new way of living, turning from sin, embracing love of God and neighbor. And then each of us can bring Christ's light to a darkened world.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Let Christ's Light enter

Mother Teresa gives us a beautiful example of a man who was brought out of darkness into the Light, who is Jesus. One day in Melbourne, Australia, she visited a poor man whom nobody knew existed. The room in which he was living was in a terrible state of untidiness and neglect. There was no light in the room. The man hardly ever opened the blinds. He hadn't a friend in the world.

She started to clean and tidy the room. At first he protested, yet she continued. Under a pile of rubbish she found a beautiful oil lamp, but it was covered with dust. She cleaned and polished it. Then she asked him why he never lit the lamp.

"Why should I light it?" he replied. "No one ever comes to see me. I never see anybody." "Will you promise to light it if one of my sisters comes to see you?" "Yes, if I hear a human voice, I'll light the lamp."

Two nuns began to visit him on a regular basis and things gradually improved for him. Then one day he told them he would be able to manage on his own, but asked them a favor. "Please tell that first sister who came to see me that the Light she lit in my life is still burning."

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"There is great joy in being in the Light.  
There is an even greater joy in being a  
source of that Light to others."**

## 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).

#### *Francis rebuilds his life, and 3 churches* (a continuation)

In 1205, seeking God's will for him, Francis miraculously heard the Crucifix in the old and broken-down St. Damian's Chapel say to him: "**Go, Francis, and repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin.**" A year later, at the age of 25, Francis and the broken-down chapel he sought to repair had **both** undergone major reconstruction. At length, the chapel had been rebuilt by Francis, and in the mean time, he too was being rebuilt — from being a wealthy merchant's glory-seeking son to being a son of Our Father in Heaven, dedicated to the poor so fully that he had given up all things from his earthly father, embracing a life of poverty, going about begging dressed as a hermit, learning to care lovingly for the needs of lepers.

After finishing his repairs on St. Damian's Chapel, Francis moved on to repairing two more churches: **St. Peter's** and **St. Mary of the Angels**.

It is worth noting that the great metropolis of **Los Angeles** would centuries later be named in connection with the humble church of St. Mary of the Angels repaired by Francis. In the mid-1700s, Franciscans originally from Spain named several new mission settlements in California. One mission settlement was named for Francis's St. Mary of the Angels church, in Spanish of course: "Santa Maria de Los Angeles." As this settlement grew and grew, its name would be shortened to "Los Angeles"! Another tiny mission-settlement was named for St. Francis of Assisi: "San Francisco de Asis," which later became the great city of **San Francisco**. Little did humble Francis dream of the great impact that the rebuilding of his life would have on the future!

*(To be continued...)*



**BAPTISM:**

**GABRIELLA LYNN JANUS** will be baptized this Sunday. She is the daughter of Mark and Mary (nee Rodich) Janus. Gabriella's Godparents are Thomas Rodich and Anna Heil. Congratulations to her family and friends! Through the intercession of St. Gabriel the Archangel, may God bless little Gabriella Lynn!

**AN INTERESTING LECTURE**

Today, Sunday, January 27, 12:30 p.m., at the upper small hall, behind St. Jerome's church, Prof. Ante Cuvalo, Ph.D. will give a presentation on the history of the **Croatians in Chicagoland at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century**. As a side treat, he will present a few interesting statistics from the history of our St. Jerome Parish.

**35th Anniversary Concert by our Croatian School will be the major event at the opening weekend of UIC's new Forum theater**

**Two weeks from now**, St. Jerome's "Cardinal Stepinac" Croatian School will be celebrating 35 years of successful education and promoting Croatian culture and language. In honor of this anniversary, we invite you to join our celebration by attending our **35th Anniversary Concert**, which will be held on **Sat., Feb. 9, at 5 p.m.** in the Univ. of Ill.-Chicago's new **Forum theater**, at Roosevelt & Halsted.

In addition to our Croatian School children, we will have several local performance groups, and one group coming all the way from Los Angeles.

Obtain your \$20 tickets at the rectory or from parents. After the concert at the Forum, we will continue our celebrating late into the night in St. Jerome's School Hall, with food and with entertainment, provided by the famous Canadian group **VIS Croate**.

**Come enjoy an evening at the Forum to remember! And bring your friends and family to this major event in a grand setting!**

**GIFTS IN MEMORY OF JEAN ZEKICH**

Our parish is grateful for several donations in memory of our recently deceased parishioner Jean Zekich. **Alan and Cara Young** donated \$500.00, **Sam and Hiba Cali** donated \$50.00, and **Cynthia and Greg Alcorn** donated \$50.00. May God reward their generosity

**St. Jerome School begins 'Catholic Schools Week'**

To kick off the celebration of "Catholic Schools Week" in a charitable fashion, a "Hats and Gloves" collection for the needy will be held today, Sunday, Jan. 27, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Boxes for the donations will be in the back of the Church.

**Catholic School Week activity:** After 9:30 a.m. Mass today, visit our Parish School to enjoy seeing many student projects which display the quality of our Catholic school. Refreshments provided.

**St. Jerome Open House Tues., Jan. 29:** Open House will occur from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. Enrollment for 2008-2009 is open. Check out the school's website at [www.stjeromeschool.net](http://www.stjeromeschool.net) for more.

**Las Vegas "Getaway" Raffle extends to next weekend:** St. Jerome School is raffling a 4 day-3 night trip for 2 to Las Vegas! Donation \$10. Raffle will be held next weekend. Winner need not be present. Tickets are available at the school office, the rectory and from Jan Ferro. For tickets or info, call Jan at 312-225-9751.

**This weekend, every Catholic Church in the Chicago Archdiocese will have a pre-recorded homily by our archbishop, Francis Cardinal George.** He will speak to us about the Gospel, about Jesus as the Light of the World, and he will invite us to share Christ's Light in a dark world by making a **financial pledge** to help the Archdiocese in its mission.

*We received brochures last Sunday detailing how our contributions will help many people.*

After the homily, we will conduct a pledge-making procedure that the Archdiocese has asked us to follow. Thank you for your patience and for your generosity.