

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

**7:30 a.m.** Charles Knetl                      John & Gen Botica  
 Scully Scalise                      Georgeann & Baldo Savarino  
 Gene Sajko                                      Mary Vujic  
 John Fratto                                      nieces & nephews

**Tuesday – Utorak, July 29, 2008  
Feast of St. Martha**

**7:30 a.m.** Mary Harzich                      George Bon  
 Rose Capinegro                                      Marion  
 Ted Haptas                                      Marjorie Ann Carmody  
 Jenny Peso    family

**Wednesday – Srijeda, July 30, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Dolly Basso                      Jadi Jurić & sons  
 Lorry Stubitsch                                      The Perisins  
 Michael Sablich                                      Therese Mannix  
 Connie Fratto (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary)                      Mary

**Thursday – Četvrtak, July 31, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Augustin Rodich                      Theresa Nagy  
 Joe Cubelic                                      Giggie Cortese  
 Carmella Beckett                                      Dorothy Frankovich  
 Recovery of Robert Galdo Jr.                      Maria Saludo

**Friday – Petak, August 1, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Ange                                      sister Lucy  
 Ted Haptas                                      M/M Romanovich  
 Dec. of Luca Blašković Babić family  
    Nicholas & Mary Cavallo Babich  
 U čast Gospi Sinjskoj                                      Ivan Kutleša

**Saturday – Subota, August 2, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Ana Vidović                      Albina Marasovich  
 Jean Howard                                      Louis & Mary Scalise  
 Larry Girlich                                      Louzon family  
 Na nakanu                                      ob. Nikola Planinić  
 Special Intention of Felicito Abaob                      Maria Saludo

**5:30 p.m.** Rosetta Granato                      Cathy LoCoco  
 Tonka, Jean, Josephine                                      Rosemary  
 Slavka Buškain                                      Frank & Tina Cannova  
 Lorraine Arrigo                                      Perisin grandchildren  
 Ted Haptas                                      Kish family  
 Dina Mohovich                                      Debbie & Mary

**Sunday – Nedjelja, August 3, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Joe Cubelic                      Mary & Debbie  
 Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić                      Duško  
 Mike Iozzo                                      Iozzo family  
 Cvijeta Puljić                                      St. Jerome Parish Council

**9:30 a.m.** Tony & Katie Senerchia                      family  
 Marty Miloslavich                      George Ferro & family  
 Filip Majić                                      Majić family  
 Mary Harzich                                      Rose Matas  
 Jean Zekich                      John & Paulette Nowacki family  
 Scully Scalise                      Rodriguez-Kozina family  
 Dolly Basso                                      family  
 Deceased of Gusich family                      Wally & Grace  
 In thanksgiving                                      Gerard Fratto

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

Josip Lišnić                                      ob. Louis Scalise  
 Robert Jurlina                                      Janko Miočić i ob.  
 Augustin Rodich                                      ob. Stipe Tokić  
 Štefa Šego                                      ob. Jozo i Ljilja Ilić  
 Zorka Dušević                                      Dragan i Janice Subašić  
 Ive Krnić                                      Vlado i Janja Mulc  
 Rina Matković                                      ob. Ivan i Vesna Mlinarić  
 Josipa Lovrinovic                                      obitelj  
 Ilija Golub                                      sin Milan i ob.  
 Joko Marić                                      Mara Zovko i ob.  
 Tomo Marić                                      ob. Maroš  
 Ljuba i Stipe Lucić                                      ob. Lovrinović  
 Ivo i Mare Lovrinović                                      ob. Lovrinović  
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić                                      Duško  
 Mrs. Tereza Kordic (special int.)                      Yolanda V. Surath

**LECTORS**

**Sat., Aug. 2, 5:30 p.m.** Mary Fratto  
**Sun., Aug. 3, 7:30 a.m.** Rosemary Brcich  
**Sun., Aug. 3, 9:30 a.m.** Giggie Cortese  
**Sun., Aug. 3, 11 a.m.** Mario Pehar, Mario Ivancic,  
 Snjezana Šego

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat., Aug. 2, 5:30 p.m.** M. Meo, R. Meo, Rubio  
**Sun., Aug. 3, 7:30 a.m.** Balazs, Passi  
**Sun., Aug. 3, 9:30 a.m.** Bova, Perseghin, Racinowski  
**Sun., Aug. 3, 11:00 a.m.** D. Grgić, K. Šego, M.  
 Šego, M. Golub, M. Kosir

**For Rent:** ► Apt 29<sup>th</sup>/Canal, 5 rooms, modern,  
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► Vicinity Canal & 30th: 2nd floor, 2-bdrm + fam.  
 rm w/deck, sep. LR & DR, large kitchen, garage  
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 bdrm, w/d, non-smkg bldg, new applnces, no  
 pets, 1 mo. sec., cr. chk, refs, \$650 w/o utils.,  
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 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.  
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 7 PM 312-501-0918.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

Today's parable from Jesus (about giving all we have to buy a buried treasure) might remind us of the saying: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be."

What or who do we hold dear? What or who is our treasure? Will

our dearest treasure be gone in a couple of years, or decades? Or is our treasure Jesus?

It is easy to take Jesus for granted. He whispers invitingly. He doesn't yell. He doesn't force himself upon us. He seeks our freely given response of love. Love cannot be compelled or forced. He wants our love. And he wants our time. In the parable, the person sells *all* he has to buy



the field with the treasure. We can ask ourselves: do we give time for prayer, for going

to Mass (to give our thanksgiving every week), do we love Jesus by following his teaching and that of the church he founded to teach in his name, do we love our most vulnerable neighbors?

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Receiving the Word

The Word of God is to the human heart what a seed is to the earth.

Just as a seed needs soil, so the Word needs a receptive heart.

The earth responds to the rain and sun so that even a desert can bloom.

But a hard and dry human heart has the power to resist responding, so that it can remain barren if it resists stubbornly.

So we need to pray, in order to soften our hearts and make them more receptive.

*Lord Jesus, soften our hearts  
with your grace.*

*Open them with your gentle  
love,*

*so that the precious seed of  
Your Word may take root  
in our hearts*

*and bear fruit in our lives.  
Amen.*

### This coming Saturday is special Franciscan feast day: The Feast of Our Lady of the Portiuncola

Because St. Jerome's is a Franciscan parish (since its 1912 founding, only Franciscan priests have been assigned here), we can receive the famous Portiuncola Plenary Indulgence for oneself or for a departed soul. It is very simple to receive. **Simply VISIT our church ON SATURDAY, AUG. 2**, and say the Creed (the profession of faith), as well as an Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be for the Pope's intentions this month. To complete the indulgence, go to Sacramental Confession (during the eight days before or after Aug. 2) and receive Communion at Mass.

### St. Francis's great love for Our Lady and his love for her chapel of Our Lady of the Angels, nicknamed the Portiuncola

St. Francis of Assisi, who had previously repaired the chapels of San Damiano and St. Peter's in Assisi, was enraptured by a third chapel that he would repair: Our Lady of the Angels, with its humble nickname "the Portiuncola," which means "the little portion." Away from the town of Assisi, the tiny chapel's isolation gave it peace and silence, and it was close to the leper hospitals where Francis cared for the lepers.

On February 24, 1208, the Feast of St. Matthias, while hearing Mass at the Portiuncola, Francis recognized his life's calling in that day's Gospel reading: Preach the Gospel; take nothing for the journey; stay with those who are worthy in the towns you visit.

On August 2, 1216, Francis announced great news to the people at the Portiuncola that day: "I desire to send you all to Paradise by announcing to you the indulgence which has been granted me by Pope Honorius! Know then that all those present, and those who shall come after in the future to this church to pray, will receive the remission of their sins. I should have liked to have had this indulgence granted for a week, but I have only succeeded in getting it for one day." Later, the Plenary Indulgence was extended to all Franciscan churches around the world. If the conditions required for the full indulgence are not met, then the indulgence is partial.

Francis would make the Portiuncola the headquarters of his Franciscan Order. On October 3, 1226, after blessing his friars, Francis died at the Portiuncola after recommending the chapel to the faithful protection and care of his brethren.



The humble  
Portiuncola

By now almost all parishioners should have received the **Velika Gospa mailing**. Please call the parish office if you are a registered parishioner and didn't receive a mailing. Also, please buy or sell the two enclosed raffle tickets, and pick up more to buy or sell at the parish office. Win the **gigantic prizes: \$20,000.00, \$7,500.00 and \$2,500.00!**



### **Mark Your Calendars:**

The spiritual preparation for our great celebration begins with our **VELIKA GOSPA NOVENA**. The nine evening Masses at 7 p.m. begin on Aug. 6 and continue through Aug. 14, the vigil of our great feast day. Please make the Novena and hear a different priest talk about Our Lady every night. Bring your friends, your family and your intention for the Novena.



**We also need volunteers.** Please consider helping our parish family as follows:

- ▶ Setting up. ▶ Cleaning. ▶ Helping at the booths.
- ▶ Helping at the bar. ▶ Selling tickets. ▶ Miscellaneous tasks

*Sign your name on the lists to be provided in the back of the church.*

- ◆ **Flowers!** If you wish to donate flowers in memory of a loved one for Velika Gospa, please contact Ivan & Vesna Jureta, Louis & Mary Scalise or Ken & Jan Zekich.
- ◆ If you wish to order a **whole lamb or half a lamb**, please call our Parish Office.

### **Please pray for our beloved deceased:**

**Drago Troscan**, 86, husband of the late Kata, passed away Friday morning. Our sympathy goes out to his children Ivo (Mary) Troscan and Milkica Julia Vucic, Drago's grandchildren, and all of his friends and family. The wake for Drago will be at Coletta's funeral home Sunday, July 27, from 3 to 9 p.m., 544 W. 31st St. The Funeral Mass will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. in our church. May he rest in God's peace.

**ST. JEROME SCHOOL tuition** is now being collected for the 2008-09 year. You should have received your statement in the mail with other info about the new year. You may pay tuition during office hours: **Tuesday to Thursday between 9 and 12**, or call the school to make alternate arrangements.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Through baptism we have new members of our community:

### **Nina Jelica Mrcela,**

daughter of Mario & Mary (nee Perajica) Mrcela and God-daughter of Diane Perajica.

### **Sofia Christine Sabo,**

daughter of Michael & Barica (nee Miocic) Sabo and God-daughter of Jonathan Sabo and Katica Dusevic. Sofia was baptized last Sunday.

***Congratulations to the family and friends and may God bless little Nina and Sofia!***

## **The Fifth Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

will be held by St. Jerome Parish, in conjunction with the Velika Gospa feast day, and by the Croatians of Chicagoland.



As in the previous four years, the proceeds of this annual event benefit suffering children in Croatia.

We will be playing a shotgun round on 18 holes. Driving range time with complementary balls is included. A raffle with sports memorabilia and other items will take place at a luncheon beforehand. Prizes for best players.

**When:** Sunday, **August 24** (*this date is correct*)

**Where:** Highland Woods Golf Course, 2775 N. Ela Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 847-359-5850.

<b>Time:</b> Registration:	12 noon
Lunch and Raffle:	12:30 p.m.
Range:	1:30 p.m.
Shot Gun Start:	2 p.m.

Reservations made only upon receipt of \$150 payment, which includes lunch, golf, gifts.

**Please Contact:** Miro Planinic (773-983-9818), Ivan Kutlesa (312-315-1746), Marko Karacic (773-716-7400) or Mark Pavljasevic (773-456-9400).

**Countdown continues: 2 weeks & 5 days till 102<sup>nd</sup> Velika Gospa celebration!**