

**MASS INTENTIONS**
**Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 19, 2007**  
**Solemnity of St. Joseph**

**7:30 a.m.** Ann Sexauer Ann Contino  
 Joe LoCasto wife Carm & sons  
 Marijan Mlikotić M/M Ivica Penavić  
 Michael Brcich Charles & Patricia Marino  
 Na odluku Josip i Iva Prša

**Tuesday – Utorak, March 20, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Kathy Uremović M/M Martin Žignić  
 Ante Rodić Tokić family  
 Ivo Korski ob. Galić  
 Williamae Versetto Mark Gusich

**Wednesday – Srijeda, March 21, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Lucille Arado family  
 Fr. Marko Kozina Ann Contino  
 Louis Storino Michael & Lena Marino  
 Anđela Kadić Frida & Ivica Penavić  
 Na nakanu ob. Perić

**Thursday – Četvrtak, March 22, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Louis Basso family  
 Sr. Bernardine Condich Ann Contino  
 Jerry Popovich Augustin & Agnes Rodich  
 Rose Crispo Debby Kodzoman

**Friday – Petak, March 23, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** JoMarie Scott mom & dad  
 Josephine Gr. Cabo John & Gen Botica  
 Dr. Ivo Korsky Frida & Ivica Penavić  
 Slavko Kadić Frida & Ivica Penavić

**Saturday – Subota, March 24, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Jocko Becich Caroline Markovich  
 Michael Brcich John & Martin Kraslen  
 Dorothy Di Paolo Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Na čast Sv. Ante Mate Tomić

**5:30 p.m.** Mike Iozzo Iozzo family  
 Connie Fratto Luanne & Frank Munizzi  
 Barry Babich Sandy & Peter Schurla  
 Rose Sledge Jan Ferro  
 Jean Gattone Dorothy Plepel  
 Carol Ann Herrera Catherine & Nick Perisin

**Sunday – Nedjelja, March 25, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Al & Millie Mucenski family  
 Evelyn Čondić Duško  
 Mary Pesce Toni Zaninovich  
 Dec. of John Mladinov family family

**9:30 a.m.** Jocko Becich Kay Siani  
 Charles Marino Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Peter 'Bush' Caruso Ross  
 Joseph Zekich Ken, Jan, & John Zekich  
 Ann Budich Sexauer Lou & Mary Scalise  
 Poces family Alfirevich family

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

Roditelji Ilija i Kata Uremović obitelj  
 Kathy Uremović Ivan i Iva Maroš  
 Vlado Škaro David & Katica Škaro  
 Stipe Pervan ob. Pervan  
 Tomislav Hostička Danica Maroš  
 Mila Tomić i Luca Čuvalo Dragica i Karlo Karačić  
 Ana Vidović Dragica i Karlo Karačić  
 Marija Vranjković Roscich family  
 Robert Jurlina ob. Jurlina  
 Anica i Ivan Mlinarić ob. Filipović  
 Jerina Lišnić Jure i Milica Lišnić  
 Branko Jurković Nevenka sa djecom  
 Ante Dukić sestra Ivanka  
 Ivan Plivelić ob. Zora i Marko Obranović  
 Pok. iz ob. Šimatić i Milanez ob. Šimatić  
 Pok. iz ob. M & T Čondić sin  
 Za Hrvatske branitelje Križa Ostojić i ob.

**LECTORS**

**Sat., March 24, 5:30 p.m.** Mary Fratto  
**Sun., March 25, 7:30 a.m.** Matt Pesce  
**Sun., March 25, 9:30 a.m.** Family Mass  
**Sun., March 25, 11:00 a.m.** Petra Mamić, Zrinka Jureta, Mate Žaper


**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat., Mar. 24 , 5:30 p.m.** S. Garcia, Kenny, M. Rubio  
**Sun., Mar. 25, 7:30 a.m.** C. Garcia, S. Garcia  
**Sun., Mar. 25, 9:30 a.m.** Perseghin, Sarkauskas, Wroblewski  
**Sun., Mar. 25, 11:00 a.m.** D. Bajić, D. Jureta, A. Kraljević, E. Ljevar, A. Rogić, M. Kosir

**FOR RENT**

- ▶ One bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312-225-7959.
- ▶ Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312-671-2160.
- ▶ 1st flr. apt. 31st Princeton, 4 rms (2 bdrms), redecorated. 312-842-6176.
- ▶ 29<sup>th</sup> & Shields area, newly remdlid 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.
- ▶ 3253 Wells, 2½ bdrm aptmt, 1 bath, remodeled 4 yrs, new appliances, laundry on premises. 312-388-0357.
- ▶ 1st flr. 29th Shields, 5 rms, recently remodeled, hrdwd flrs, central ac & ht, \$600, utilities not incl., 312-593-2864.

**FOR SALE**

- ▶ 2818 S. Wells, house for sale, 773 704 7302.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION — Fourth Sunday of Lent

The story of the "prodigal son" is a story about hearts: selfish hearts and generous hearts, closed hearts and open hearts, cold hearts and warm hearts, broken hearts and joyful hearts, unrepentant hearts and repentant hearts, unforgiving hearts and forgiving hearts, resentful hearts and grateful hearts.

It reveals so much about the mystery of the human heart. When all is said and done it is the heart that matters. But how can one sum up the

heart? The heart is what you are deep down. It is the real you. "Darkness of the heart" is the blackest night of all. "Emptiness of heart" is the greatest poverty of all. "A heavy heart" is the most wearisome burden of all. "A broken heart" is the deepest wound of all.

But Jesus' parable reveals how steadfast is the heart of God. When the father saw his lost son coming toward him, his heart went out to him, and the next minute they were in each other's arms. It is an extraordinary

experience to be loved despite being a sinner. Such love is like a breeze to a dying fire, or like rain falling on parched ground. Those who have experienced this kind of love, know something about the heart of God.

Our Father's heart doesn't blow hot and cold. God never closes his heart to any of his children. No matter how far from home they may wander, no matter what they do, *if they return home*, the one thing they can be sure of is a warm and generous welcome from the Father.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Revelation of Love

Gandhi told the story of how, when he was fifteen years old, he stole a little piece of gold from his brother. However, he felt so bad about it that he made up his mind to confess it to his father. He wrote out his sin on a piece of paper, asking for forgiveness and punishment, while promising never to steal again.

At the time his father was in bed, sick. Gandhi handed him the note and sat by the bedside waiting for his judgment. His father sat up in bed and began to read the note. As he read it, tears came into his eyes. Gandhi himself also cried. Instead of getting angry and punishing him, the father hugged his repentant son, and that was the end of the matter.

*The experience of being loved while he was in sin had a profound effect on Gandhi. He said later, "Only the person who has experienced this kind of love can know what it is."*

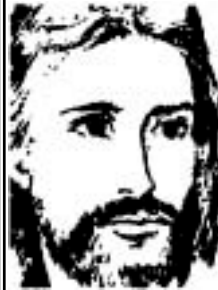
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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Every human being is a sign of God's love; a trace of God's glory."

## A PRAYER for Confidence in God's love

My God, I want to trust in you, but so many things seem to hold me back: past wounds, past sins — mine and others'. Open my eyes. Open my heart. Enable me to take the leap of faith that is needed. Loving you shouldn't be put off until tomorrow when I might be closer to being perfect. To love you, I don't have to wait until I become perfect. I trust in your



*mercy today, imperfect as I am.* You showed this mercy to the saints; I too trust in you, and give me a spirit of great confidence. I ask this through Jesus, your beloved Son and our merciful Savior. Amen.

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: **What is the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer?**

Answer: **Since the Holy Spirit is the interior Master of Christian prayer and "we do not know how to pray as we ought" [Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:26], the Church exhorts us to invoke the Holy Spirit and implore Him on every occasion: "Come, Holy Spirit!"**

### H o l y W e e k i s n e a r !

For us Christians, the most profound days of the spiritual year are coming soon! Holy Week, without which Christianity would be empty. Holy Week, the days when we enter into the suffering, death and Resurrection of Our Lord. Let us all plan on coming to church for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

**THIS MONDAY come see our schoolchildren** present the LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS on March 19 at **7:00 p.m.** in our church.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed in English **every Lenten Friday at 7 p.m.** in our church.

**Every Thursday evening drop in to visit with Jesus** in our church any time from 7 to 9 p.m. Our adoration of the Body of Christ begins with devotions at 7 p.m., which are followed by a long period of profound silence. Just before 9 p.m. we have Benediction. *This Lent, try to learn the joy of adoring Our Lord in contemplative silence.*

**Please remember Mary Iser, 93, in your prayers.** She was buried from our church this past week. Our sympathy goes out to her loved ones.

### **Make sandwiches for hungry—or buy the food**

Join the **St. Jerome Youth Service Corps on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.** in the School Hall kitchen. This year we're making PB&J as well as meat and cheese sandwiches. We donate to the Port Ministry's mobile unit which travels the city distributing sandwiches to the homeless, homebound and poor. All are welcome! **Pre-teens, teens and young adults especially invited!** Likewise, if anyone would be willing to monetarily help the sandwich project, please contact one of our priests. Money will be used to purchase the food as well as juice boxes, condiments and boxes of hot chocolate. For more, call Ivanka at 708-424-2997.

**Healy School Alumni Reunion Dinner** will be **THIS Saturday evening, March 24** at the Crystal Sky Banquets, 7941 W. 47th, tickets \$40 per person. Call 773-534-9190 for more.

### **Palacinka Breakfast on April 1, with Easter Bunny pictures, arts and craft sales booths & HSA's \$13,000 Raffle**

St. Jerome's Home School Association is sponsoring its annual Palacinka Breakfast on Sunday, April 1 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost is \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children. You will be given the choice of palacinka's or pancakes. Pictures can be taken with the Easter Bunny from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. There will also be craft tables and raffle prizes.

The \$13,000 Raffle tickets are already on sale for \$100 each. **The grand prize is \$10,000.00 and only 250 tickets are being sold.** This drawing will be held on April 1 at 12:30 p.m. For raffle tickets, please contact Cathi Wilkie 312-808-0641 or Joan Wroblewski 773-847-1866. You can also get tickets from the school office or the rectory.

Anyone interested in selling their crafts, the cost for a table is \$25. Please contact Joan at the above number to reserve your spot.

**Please make time to help our church shine for Easter.** On Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. we will give the interior of our church a good cleaning. Our cleanup coordinator knows how to find the right job for every pair of willing hands, so please come join us. The more, the merrier, the faster.

### **All Aboard the "Holy Thursday Bus"!**

Join St. Jerome's pilgrims journeying from church to church on Holy Thursday evening, visiting Jesus in a variety of beautiful churches. Bus departs after St. Jerome's Holy Thursday evening Mass. Call Laura at

773-254-0010 for more.



### **The Annual Palm Sunday Benefit**

sponsored by the **Croatian Woman / Hrvatska Žena** organization will be held April 1 in the Croatian Cultural Center. Contact members, including Nevenka at 773-525-8571, to purchase tickets for this worthy event. Proceeds this year go toward a chapel at Bleiburg.