

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 3, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Jack Zidek Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Mary Harzich Morse & Lynn (Marasovich) Shankman
 Na nakanu Jela Kutleša

Tuesday – Utorak, March 4, 2008

7:30 a.m. Mile Rak family
 Angie Modrich Eugene Modrich
 Milorad Janković Evica Vukotić
 Marino family family

Wednesday – Srijeda, March 5, 2008

7:30 a.m. Dominik Velčić sestre
 Jean Zekich St. Jerome Parish Council
 Violet Farej (Punda) Joe & El Grzetich

Thursday – Četvrtak, March 6, 2008

7:30 a.m. Donna Byers Frank & Sophie Nardi
 Jeanne Zekich Laura & John Perseghin
 Frank Scalise Club Poljica

8:05 a.m. Pro populo Mass with school children

Friday – Petak, March 7, 2008

7:30 a.m. Rose Capinegro Ann Brcich
 Katie Caruso Charles & Patricia Marino
 Štefa Šego Jan & Rich Ferro
 Marko Vukotić Evica Vukotić

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday – Subota, March 8, 2008

7:30 a.m. Bruno Wisniewski Caroline Markovich
 Jack Zidek Perisin grandchildren
 Chuck Tomiyama Meo family

5:30 p.m. Frank Szatkowski Kenny family
 Connie Fratto John Zekich
 Peter Plepel Dorothy Plepel
 Sigismundo & Sigismunda Rizzo Pete & Sandy Schurla
 Robert Carter Gerard Fratto
 Paul Stasiak family

Sunday – Nedjelja, March 9, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško
 Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić Mary Fratto
 Deceased of Kraslen family Kraslen family
 Deceased of John Mladinov family family
 Deceased of Bozinovich family Bob

9:30 a.m.
 Marty Miloslavich Cathi & Pete Wilkie
 Mary Harzich Joan Bozich
 Catherine (Katie) Caruso Mamie & Frank Balestri
 Louis Cerino Patricia & Charles Marino
 Sam & Ann DeGregorio family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Lišnić ob. Frankie Hrvojević
 Kata Draženović ob. Marija Banić
 Danica Maroš ob. Stipe Tokić
 Dominik Velčić sestre
 Leonard Bajić John i Venessa Krpan
 Stipan Bajić John i Venessa Krpan
 Marko Karačić obitelji
 Marta i Josip Zdunić Ankica Došen
 Milan Došen Ankica Došen
 Miljana Rozić Stojan Maslač
 Iva Knezović Ivan Karačić i ob.
 Marijan Knezović Ivan Karačić i ob.
 Luca Guvo ob. Bože Guvo
 Pok. iz ob. Karačić obitelji
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško

Lectors

Sat., March 8, 5:30 p.m. Michael Passarelli
Sun., March 9, 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce
Sun., March 9, 9:30 a.m. Domingo Rodriguez
Sun., March 9, 11:00 a.m. Mate Žaper, Antonia
 Kraljević, Andjela Bajić

Altar Servers

Sat., March 8, 5:30 p.m. A. Insalaco, R. Insalaco,
 Bova
Sun., March 9, 7:30 a.m. Ferro, Mossman
Sun., March 9, 9:30 a.m. Nowacki, Rudmin,
 Wroblewski
Sun., March 9, 11:00 a.m. D. Jureta, I. Jureta, M.
 Kosir, M. Šego, K. Šego

For Rent:

► Vicinity 25th Place: 6-room apt., 3 bdrms. Enc. sun porch. Remodeled. Washer, dryer & fridge. 312-608-5947

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

There is a frightening amount of darkness in the world today, but today's Gospel contains the great words of Christ: "I am the light of the world."

It is not only with the eyes that we see. We also "see" with the intellect and the heart. A narrow mind and a closed heart can both lead to a loss of vision and darken our lives.

Today's Gospel is essentially about the eyes of faith — the story of a man born blind but who is able to

see with the eyes of faith, professing to Jesus, "Lord, I believe."

The man's journey from physical blindness to sight underlines his spiritual journey from unbelief to faith, from darkness to Light. Physical sight is a wonderful gift, but faith is a deeper and better kind of seeing.

In the Gospel we see that the hearts of some of the Pharisees were in darkness. They, though physically sighted, became progressively more

spiritually blind. As for the man born blind, not only his eyes became bright, but his heart was filled with light as a result of his encounter with Jesus.

Those who have been enlightened by Jesus can never again live in darkness. Faith helps us to find our way through the chaos, confusion and darkness of our modern world.



WISDOM'S CORNER

Blind to the ordinary

One night there was a total eclipse of the moon. Everybody was talking about it. Many stayed up till the small hours of the night in the hope of witnessing it.

One person not caught up in the enthusiasm over the lunar eclipse wondered why there was all this interest simply because the moon was *disappearing*. That person felt confident that most of those "disappearing moon"-gazers wouldn't notice a *full* moon in the sky, much less stop to admire it. Most people are "blind" to the beauty of a full moon, that person mused, and many other forms of blindness came to mind:

Selfishness blinds us to the needs of others.

Insensitivity blinds us to the hurt we're causing others.

Snobbery blinds us to the equal dignity of others.

Pride blinds us to our own faults.

Prejudice blinds us to the good of others.

Hurry blinds us to the beauty of the world around us.

Materialism blinds us to God.

Superficiality blinds us to a person's true worth — we can't see every person's sacredness if we judge by appearances.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The most important eyes of all are the eyes of faith."

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 & followers go to the Pope (a continuation)

It was 1209, and Francis had 11 followers. As his religious group was growing, Francis saw the need for guiding principles that had the formal approval of the Roman Catholic Church.

Francis had his reasons for seeking formal Church approval.

Even though he had discovered his guiding principles in the Bible (for example, Jesus told His disciples to "take nothing for the journey but a walking stick" and "sell what you have and give to the poor"), Francis knew that an unbalanced following of one or two principles from the Bible can lead to spiritual disaster. Whenever we follow one principle so rigidly that we violate other basic principles in the Bible, we invite disaster. Francis knew this instinctively because of his great love for the whole Bible, and he knew this also due to the obviously bad examples of some extremist religious groups in Italy at that time. The extremist groups had holier-than-thou attitudes that caused them to splinter away from the Church.

Francis definitely did not want to create a fanatical splinter group. He wrote down his principles and gathered his 11 followers, and they all went to Rome (about 120 miles away) to gain the approval of Pope Innocent the Third for their way of following Christ, "living in obedience without anything of our own, and in chastity." Soon they were kneeling before the Pope, asking him to declare their way of life worthy of Church approval...



Francis & his friars kneel before Pope Innocent III in 1209

(To be continued...)

Baptism

Our parish welcomes its newest member:
Daniel John Planinic,
 son of John & Nicole (nee Augustine)
 Planinic. The Godparents are Jim and
 Michelle Leffelman. *Congratulations!*



**Come join us for
 Stations of the Cross
 every Friday at 7 p.m. in our
 church.** Come to meditate spiri-
 tually upon the sites and events
 of the Way of the Cross.

St. Jerome' School annual Palacinka Breakfast on Sunday, March 16

Breakfast will be served
 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
 Cost is \$6.00 for adults, and
 \$3 for children. Pictures
 can be taken with the
Easter Bunny from 8:30
 a.m. to 12 noon.

In addition to the break-
 fast itself, the St. Jerome
 Home and School Associa-
 tion is also sponsoring a **\$13,000 Raffle**. Only 250
 tickets will be sold, and the **grand prize is \$10,000!** Raffle
 tickets are still available for \$100. Drawing will be at break-
 fast. There will also be craft tables, and raffle prizes. For
 more info, contact Joan Wroblewski at 773-847-1866.



HELP THE ST. JEROME YOUTH SERVICE CORPS HELP FEED THE POOR THIS LENT

Please come help make sandwiches for the poor
 in the School Hall on Monday, March 10, 7 p.m.

**If you would like to register your child
 at St. Jerome School**, please complete the one-
 page form in the back of the church. If you have any ques-
 tions, call the School Office at 312-842-7668.

St. Joseph Table at Santa Lucia's: Santa Maria
 Incornata-Santa Lucia Church invites you to a St. Joseph's
 Table feast **next Sunday, March 9, noon to 3 p.m.**, in the
 School Hall, located at 3017 S. Wells. *The St. Joseph Novena*
will be Tuesday, March 4 to Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

Please remember in your prayers our beloved deceased and all of us who mourn for them

John Catezone, age 83, our parishioner who
 was buried from our parish this Saturday.
 Our deepest sympathy go out to John's wife,
 Marion, and their family and friends.

Caroline "Dolly" Basso, age 75, our pa-
 rishioner whose wake will be at Coletta's,
 544 West 31st St. this Sunday from 2 to 9
 p.m. Dolly's funeral will be in our church this
 Monday at 9:30 a.m. Our parish extends its
 heartfelt prayers for Dolly, her husband,
 John, and their family and friends.

Augustin "Gus" Rodich, age 71, our pa-
 rishioner whose wake will be at Modell Fu-
 neral Home, 5725 S. Pulaski Road, this Sun-
 day from 3 to 9 p.m. Gus's funeral will be in
 our church this Monday at 11:00 a.m. Gus
 joined our parish in 1960 on arriving here
 from Croatia, and was married to Agnes in
 our church in 1961. Gus was long a leader in
 our Club Poljica. Our parish's sympathy and
 prayers go out to Agnes, their family and all
 their friends.

St. Jerome's Marian Society will meet **Sunday, March
 9**, at 12:30 p.m. in the Small Hall. All members and those who
 wish to become members are invited.

Hrvatska Žena / Croatian Woman invites you to its
 traditional Palm Sunday luncheon on **Sunday, March 16**, at the
 Croatian Cultural Center at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00, with chil-
 dren 12 & under \$10.00. Proceeds will help the needy in Croatia.

Palm Sunday Communal Penance Service at St.
 Jerome's will be March 16, at 6 p.m. Many priests
 will be available for private confessions.

"CATHOLIC CHICAGO" is the first exhibi-
 tion in the Chicago History Museum's "Faith in the City of
 Chicago" series, and a historical picture of a St. Jerome
Velika Gospa celebration from the 1930s should be a
 part of the display. The Museum, at 1601 N. Clark St., will
 open the exhibit for members on March 8 and will continue
 the display through May. Call 312-799-2003 or visit
www.chicagohistory.org for more information.