

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 31, 2008****Feast of the Annunciation** (moved here from Easter week)

<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Stana Maslač	Stojan Maslač
Mary Harzich	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zic
John Pascente	Perisin grandchildren
Josip Štefanac	Evica Vukotić

**Tuesday – Utorak, April 1, 2008**

<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Connie Fratto	John Zekich
Katie Caruso	Giggie
Marija i Cjelimir Stanić	Evica Vukotić
Regine Crespin	Elizabeth

**Wednesday – Srijeda, April 2, 2008**

<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Jean Zekich	Cathi & Pete Wilkie
Ante i Kata Punda	Mila Morić
Monda Rizzo	Kish family
John Catezone	Joan Sipich

**Thursday – Četvrtak, April 3, 2008**

<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Katie Caruso	Giggie
Stana i Marija Vukotić	Evica Vukotić
John Pascente	Mary Fratto
Na nakanu	ob. Penavić

**8:05 a.m.** Pro populo Mass with schoolchildren**Friday – Petak, April 4, 2008**

<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Grace Borovina	C. Borovina
Angie Modrich	nephew Eugene Modrich
John Catezone	Ann Contino
Marie DiVito	Jan & Rich Ferro

**Saturday – Subota, April 5, 2008**

<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Katie Caruso	Giggie
Martin Punda	Mila Morić
Dolly Basso	Laura & John Perseghin
Jocko Becich	Barbara Gusich Novicki

<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Frank Szatkowski	Kenny family
Carmen & Eva Butera	family
Connie Fratto	Mary Fratto
Millie Trovato	daughter & family
James Gurgone	wife & children
Iozzo & Thompson families	Iozzo family
Margo Weiser (health)	Antonia Bucci

**Sunday – Nedjelja, April 6, 2008**

<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić	Duško
Marty Miloslavich	Charles & Patricia Marino
Connie Pesce	Chris & Matt Pesce
John Catezone	Carmen & Carmella Catizone family
Dolly Basso	Charles & Patricia Marino

**9:30 a.m.** Mary Harzich  
Jean Zekich  
Frank "Scully" Scalise  
Mundo Rizzo  
Lill Stolfe  
Health of Allen Govic

Juliana Perisin  
Cathy Amato  
Cathy Amato  
Rose Marie Sestito  
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Drury Lane

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

Josip Lišnić	Peter Komar
Kata Draženović	Mirko i Olga Soldo
Danica Maroš	Mila Modrić
Štefa Šego	ob. Žignić
Dominik Velčić	sestre
Zora Šego	ob. Kikaš
Mate i Dragojka Badrov	Pave i Anica Badrov
Bariša Šipić	Ante Sipich
Augustin Rodich	ob. Jakov Bilonić
Marko, Mara i Dane Karačić	ob. Karačić
Ivan i Anica Mlinarić	ob. Ivan Mlinarich
Toni Diacci	N.N.
Pok. iz ob. Čondić	Duško
Pok. iz ob. Zelić	ob. Ilija Zelić
Pok. iz ob. Kosić i Belan	ob. Ivan i Ljubica Belan
Desetotravanjski borci	ob. Penavić
Na čast sv. ocu papi Ivanu II	ob. Bešlić



**Sat., April 5, 5:30 p.m.** Jan Ferro  
**Sun., April 6, 7:30 a.m.** Luanne Munizzi  
**Sun., April 6, 9:30 a.m.** Family Mass  
**Sun., April 6, 11 a.m.** Petar Dušević, Anita Kosir,  
Darko Grgić



**Sat., April 5, 5:30 p.m.** Ferro, A. Insalaco,  
Mossman  
**Sun., April 6, 7:30 a.m.** LoCoco, Nowacki  
**Sun., April 6, 9:30 a.m.** Balazs, Mangan,  
Wroblewski  
**Sun., April 6, 11:00 a.m.** A. Rogić, A. Puljić, A.  
Barun, I. Babić, A. Šušnjara

**For Rent:**

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

## WEEKLY MEDITATION Second Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel we meet "Doubting Thomas." Each of us has something in common with him, because at times we too are troubled by uncertainty. We must do what Thomas did—bring our uncertainty to Jesus.

It seems that after Good Friday Thomas had somewhat distanced himself from the other apostles, not sharing a Sunday meal with them. This was a big mistake, but he was grieving and people in grief often iso-

late themselves. Eventually, he did rejoin the apostles, but then was uncertain about what they said about seeing the Risen Christ. Yet, it was by returning to his community of apostles that

Thomas would himself encounter Jesus, and he recovered his faith.

To be a believer in today's world can be a lonely business. We need support. It is only with the help of our



Christian community that we can resolve our own uncertainties and deepen our faith. We support one another by praying together and by loving service of each other.

Christian faith is essentially a faith in a Somebody, a Somebody who loves us—Jesus. At the heart of that faith is not only the love we have for God, but the love he has for us.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### A benefit of faith

Some people think that if you have enough faith, life will always be clear sailing.

Of course, this is not so.

The fact that we can swim doesn't prevent us from being knocked about by the waves.

In the same way faith doesn't shield us from the hard knocks of life.

What, then, does faith do?

Among many other things that faith does, it gives us our bearings from the God who made us

and thus enables us to live in this topsy-turvy world without getting lost or giving in to despair.

Much as swimmers trust that if they don't panic, and if they do a few simple things, then the power of the sea will uphold them; so too, do believers entrust their lives to the power of God, a God who is greater than themselves, greater than us all put together.

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**“Feed your faith with the Sacraments, the Bible and prayer, and your doubts will starve to death.”**

## 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).**

***For Francis & followers, the world was their cloister (a continuation)***

Jesus once said: "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but **the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.**" Francis and his followers strained to follow the life of Jesus in every manner, and this lack of a place of their own to "rest their heads" was no exception. As noted previously, when they numbered just a dozen friars in 1209, they all lived for a time in a deserted hut as squatters until a peasant and his donkey desired the lodging and the friars chose to make way by leaving. They gradually discovered that as they let go of living in any one place in particular, the whole world—nature in all its glory—became their home. This was very different from the cloistered life led by most religious orders at that time, when large communities of monks or nuns would live in an enclosed environment, a convent, a monastery. Francis's way of life gave his followers an intimate closeness to the people they helped. About 1211 the friars obtained a permanent foothold near Assisi, through the generosity of the Benedictine monks, who gave them the little chapel of St. Mary of the Angels, which Francis had earlier repaired. Adjoining this humble sanctuary, the first Franciscan convent was formed by the erection of a few small huts, or cells, made of poles, branches, straw, and mud, and enclosed by a hedge. From this settlement, which became the cradle of the Franciscan Order and the central spot in the life of St. Francis, the Friars Minor went forth two by two exhorting the people of the surrounding country. Like children "careless of the day," they wandered from place to place singing in their joy, and calling themselves the Lord's minstrels. The wide world was their cloister — sleeping in haylofts, grottos, or church porches, they toiled with the laborers in the fields, and when none gave them work, they were not too proud to beg.

***(To be continued...)***



**The chapel of St. Mary of the Angels now has beautiful art on its exterior and sits inside a large church built around it, and yet its tiny size tells what a humble church it always was.**

## Jesus, I trust in You

This Sunday is "Divine Mercy Sunday," and it is dedicated in a special way to remembering the Mercy of Jesus. We will prayerfully express our gratitude for Divine Mercy at a prayer service at 3 p.m.



**Help save a life through our Blood Drive,** Sunday, April 13. Our St. Jerome Youth Service Corps is sponsoring its second annual Parish-wide Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in our School Hall — please see the poster in the back of the church for more details or call Janel at 773-510-4792. Appointments preferred, but walk-ins are welcome too.



**PICTURES** taken in the School Hall with the **Easter Bunny** are available for pickup in the Rectory.

**'ON THE TOWN' group:** Please join us for our first outing-dinner at Franconello's at 1301 S. Halsted, on Thursday April 17 at 7 p.m. We will have a set menu costing about \$25 a person, without cocktails. **Please let us know if you would like to join us by Monday, March 31,** so that we can secure enough seating. For reservations, call: Jan Ferro at 312-225-9751, Cathy Amato at 312-326-3805, and Joan Sipich at 312-326-3205.

### A request for understanding:

Last Sunday, on Easter, amid all the joys and crowds, there was unfortunately some difficulty caused by people entering early for Mass before the previous Mass was completed. On Easter, on Palm Sunday, and on other special Masses when there is not the usual space between Masses, we heartily invite that people wait outside for the previous Mass to finish, allowing the people inside to freely exit. We apologize on behalf of our parish for any blockage or other difficulties experienced.

**John Paul's 3rd Anniversary:** Wednesday it will be 3 years since Pope John Paul II passed away, completing a papacy of more than 26 years. Please remember him and his intentions in your prayers. How quickly time passes.

**Pick up the new issue** of the *Croatian Franciscan Herald* in the back of church. In English & Croatian.

**This weekend we complete the Octave of Easter,** the eight first days of the 50-day Easter Season. The climax of Easter is passed. Father Joe, Father Ivan and our deacon, Brother Joe, want to thank God again from our hearts for the uplifting engagement of everyone during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. Thank you to all who donated Easter flowers,



and thank you especially to Louis Scalise and Kenny Zekich for the beautiful, ever-changing decoration of our church during Holy Week and on Easter. Thank you, dear parishioners, for your gifts to our parish community this Easter. Thank you to the family of Ken & Jan Zekich for the gift of three statues seen on Good Friday and Holy Saturday—Christ in the Tomb and two adoring angels. And thank you for remembering us, for your concern for our parish, and for your concern for your Franciscan friars. We appreciate it.

We wish to offer particular thanks to those who remembered our parish community with special donations in March.

Stipan Mišetić	(\$1,000.00)
Estate of Frank Scalise	(\$1,000.00)
Joe Cubelic	(\$1,000.00)

Please receive our heartfelt gratitude for these gifts and all you have done for our community. Be assured that you are in our prayers.

### Please mark your calendar:

- ◆ Sunday, May 4 — **First Communion** Mass at 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ Friday, May 9 — **Croatian-American Day on Daley Plaza** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, May 31, St. Jerome School **Graduation Mass.**
- ◆ Tuesday, June 3 — **St. Jerome Night at White Sox Park.** Tickets available soon and are on the lower level of the stadium. Catch a foul ball!
- ◆ Friday evening, June 6 — **Ordination to the Priesthood** of our deacon, Brother Joe, and fellow Franciscan, Brother Velimir, will be at our Croatian Franciscan mission parish Blessed Stepinac up North, at Devon & Ridge.
- ◆ Monday, June 30 — First St. Jerome Parish **School Golf Outing.**