

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, March 10, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Mary Harzich Dr. Lori Marasovich  
 Nick Barbieri Mary & Tony Dorio  
 Frank "Scully" Scalise Mr. & Mrs. Pete Schurla

**Tuesday – Utorak, March 11, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Jeanne Zekich Rita & Chris Johnston  
 Angie Modrich nephew Ronald Modrich  
 Catherine Caruso Frank & Luanne Munizzi  
 Božo Antuničević Evica Vukotić

**Wednesday – Srijeda, March 12, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Milka Kotarac Kotarac family  
 Jeanne Zekich Stretch & El  
 Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Ana Krijan Debby  
 Rose Crispo Debby

**Thursday – Četvrtak, March 13, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Christopher Mileta Toni Alfirevich  
 John Pascente Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Mary & Angelo Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Frank Scalise Barbara Gusich Novicki

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

**Friday – Petak, March 14, 2008  
 Observance of St. Patrick's Day – Sv. Patrik**

7:30 a.m. Kata Botica John & Gen Botica  
 Fr. Marko Kozina Mary Fratto  
 Marinko Klarić ob. Ljubica Rogić  
 Danny Halloran Perisin family

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday – Subota, March 15, 2008  
 Observance of St. Joseph's Day – Sv. Josip**

7:30 a.m. Jeanne Zekich Peter & Connie Polacek  
 Monda & Mondo Rizzo Perisin family  
 Štefa Šego ob. Mijo i Zdenka Barun

5:30 p.m. Frank Szatkowski Kenny family  
 Carmen & Eva Butera family  
 Biserka Marušić ob. Tomica Marušić  
 Fr. Marko Kozina William & Michael  
 Frank "Scully" Scalise Cannatello family  
 Bruno Wisniewski Ana Maria Vasilj

**Sunday – Nedjelja, March 16, 2008  
 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion -- Cvjetnica**

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško  
 Catherine Caruso James Bertucci family

9:30 a.m.  
 Marty Miloslavich Martin & John Kraslen  
 Mary Harzich Joan Bozich  
 Jeanne Zekich Patricia & Andy Sperando  
 Angie Modrich nephew Robert Modrich  
 Donna Byers Rick & Marilyn  
 Al Power Frank Meo & family  
 Health of Allen Gović Drury Lane

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

Josip Lišnić Petar Jurčević  
 Sr. Anđela Komadina ob. Perica i Marija Dušević  
 Kata Draženović Irene & Warren Novak  
 Danica Maroš ob. Ilija Pavljašević  
 Žarko Ostojić Kathy & David Škaro  
 Lenny Bajić ujak Tomislav Lišnić i ob.  
 Marko i Josip Barač ob. Ružica Golub  
 Iva Dugandžić ob. Kikaš  
 Štefa Šego Juliana Perisin  
 Ivo i Sofija Antuničević Evica Vukotić  
 Luce i Andrija Lišnić Hostička family  
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško  
 Pok. iz ob. Barun ob. Mijo i Zdenka Barun  
 Pok. iz ob. Šumera ob. Jerko Šumera

**Lectors**

Sat., March 15, 5:30 p.m. Robert Cannatello Jr., Jan Ferro, Joe Magyar, Michael Passarelli

Sun., March 16, 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce, Mary Vujic, Luanne Munizzi

Sun., March 16, 9:30 a.m. Domingo Rodriguez, Diane Krolo, Brianna Babich

**Altar Servers**

Sat., March 15, 5:30 p.m. Babich, Bova, Ferro

Sun., March 16, 7:30 a.m. A. Insalaco, R. Insalaco

Sun., March 16, 9:30 a.m. Balazs, Rudmin, Wroblewski

Sun., March 16, 11:00 a.m. D. Grgic, O. Paraga, M. Brajkovic, E. Ljevar, S. Adjaip,

**For Rent:**

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

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Gospel story presents us with a scene which is all too familiar to us—people weeping over the death of a loved one.

When death came for Lazarus, his sisters Martha and Mary were plunged into grief. It is natural and healthy that people should grieve when death robs them of a loved one. Jesus came to them and shared their grief, but he didn't leave it at that.

He challenged them to have faith

in him, saying to them, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live. ... Do you believe this?"

Martha said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

It can't have been easy for them to believe, because all the evidence was



against them. Faith isn't easy for us either, especially when death tests our faith. Death

doesn't overwhelm those who believe. What sustains us is our faith in Jesus — who is the resurrection and the life.

Eternal life is not something that begins when we die — it continues when we die, but eternal life begins the moment we hear the voice of Jesus and believe in him.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Death, a part of Life

I believe in death.

I believe that it is part of life

I believe that we are born to die, to die that we may live more fully; born to die a little each day to selfishness, to pretense, and to sin.

I believe that every time we pass from one stage of life to another, something in us dies and something new is born.

I believe we taste death in moments of loneliness, rejection, sorrow, disappointment, and failure.

I believe that we are dying before our time when we live in bitterness, in hatred, and in isolation.

I believe that each day we are creating our own death by the way we live.

Those with faith know that death is not "extinguishing the light"; it is "putting out the lamp because the dawn has come."

## 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:

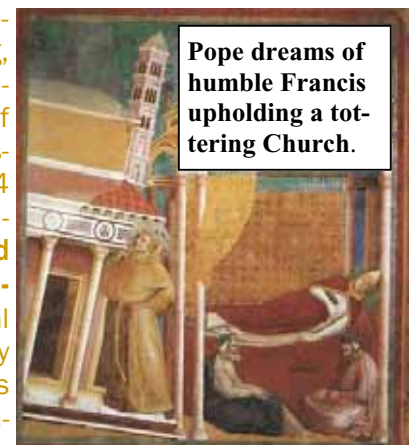
**St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226).**

*Francis & followers have Papal audience* (a continuation)

In 1209, Francis and his 11 followers (dressed as the beggars that they were after giving up all their worldly possessions) went to Rome to beg to see the Pope. Francis had some Bible passages he wanted to use as guiding principles, and he wanted the Pope's approval of their way of life so that his new group might always stay close to the Church that Jesus founded on the rock of Peter.

There are differing accounts of Francis's reception by Pope Innocent III. Apparently, the Pope at first somewhat rudely rejected Francis's attempt to meet. It seems, however, that the Bishop of Assisi, Bishop Guido, who was then in Rome, spoke in favor of the rejected Francis to Cardinal John of St. Paul, who then in turn persuaded the Pope to call Francis back for a papal audience. Even so, some Cardinals were highly skeptical that such a radical way of life such as Francis's could lead to a proper Religious Order — they predicted that this total embracing of poverty was unsafe and impractical.

But the Pope recalled a dream that he had had, in which the Pope beheld Francis, the Poor Man of Assisi, upholding a magnificent but tottering Cathedral of Rome. The Cathedral was actually not physically tottering, but in the dream its shakiness was symbolic of how the human dimension of the Church in Francis's time was in desperate need of repair. (Recall how 4 years earlier, the Crucifix spoke to Francis in a vision, saying: "Go, Francis, and repair My House, which as you see is falling into ruin.") The Pope gave an oral approval to the way of life submitted by Francis and granted the saint and his companions authority to preach repentance everywhere... *(To be continued...)*



**Pope dreams of humble Francis upholding a tottering Church.**



### Come join us for:

◆ **Stations of the Cross** every Friday at 7 p.m. in our church. Come to meditate spiritually upon the sites and events of the Way of the Cross.

◆ **LIVING STATIONS:** St. Jerome

School and the parish invite you to see the Living stations Thursday, March 13 at 7p.m. in church. Presented by students in grades 4 through 8. All are welcome.

### 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 breakfast itself, the St. Jerome Home and School Association 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 breakfast. 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.



**Book Lovers at St. Jerome's:** **CHANGE OF DATE** for the Book Club this month will be this Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the small hall. This month's book is **Water for Elephants** by Sara Gruen. Newcomers always welcomed. Call Juliana at 312-909-8434 with any questions.

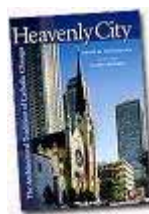
**Hrvatska Žena / Croatian Woman** invites you to its traditional Palm Sunday luncheon on **Sunday, March 16**, at the Croatian Cultural Center at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00, with children 12 & under \$10.00. Proceeds will help the needy in Croatia.

**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 questions, call the School Office at 312-842-7668.

## Towards Easter

- ◆ **Our regular parish Easter letter and Holy Week schedule was recently mailed.** We hope that you received it. If not, please notify us immediately. We thank you in advance for all that you give to our parish, and for the deep love you show for our parish community of St. Jerome. God bless you!
- ◆ As Easter approaches, a **general cleaning of our church** will take place on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. We ask all who can give of their time to come and help us prepare our church for the holy days of the Easter Triduum. Thank you for your kind cooperation and assistance!
- ◆ **EASTER FLOWERS...** Those wishing to make contributions for Easter flowers that will adorn our sanctuary should contact our parishioners: Louis & Mary Scalise, Ken & Jan Zekic, and Ivan & Vesna Jureta. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.
- ◆ **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.

### Just to let you know...



**"CATHOLIC CHICAGO"** is the first exhibition 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 opened the exhibit for members on March 8 and will continue the display through May. Call 312-799-2003 or visit [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org) for more information.

### '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. Reservations are being taken by: Jan Ferro at 312-225-9751, Cathy Amato at 312-326-3805, and Joan Sipich at 312-326-3205. We hope to see you at the first of many enjoyable evenings to come.

