

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, May 5, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Mary Harzich	Maria Bandera
Jean Zekich	Peter & Connie Polacek
Toddy Wantroba	Julia Granato
Louis P. Scalise	Scalise family
Our Lady of Medugorje	John & Gen Botica

**Tuesday – Utorak, May 6, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Gus Rodich	Julia Paljetak
Ivan Kosić	Josipa Belan
Jeanne Zekich	Bob, Kathy, Bobby Cannatello
Lil Stolfe	Perisin grandchildren
Scully Scalise	M/M Anthony Senerchia
Dec. of Bozinovich family	Bob

**Wednesday – Srijeda, May 7, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Frank Narel	family
Louis Cerino	M/M Frank Louzon
Marijana Cubelic	ob. Krpan
Our Lady of Medugorje	John & Gen Botica

**Thursday – Četvrtak, May 8, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Kata Botica	Josephine Hanson
Louis Cerino	M/M Frank Louzon
Caroline Basso	Marilyn Lestarczyk
Ankica Public	daughters
Joe Cubelic	Marion Roti

8:05 a.m. Pro populo Mass with schoolchildren

**Friday – Petak, May 9, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Angie Modrich	Eugene Modrich
Scully Scalise	Carm Parrilli
John Catezone	Laura & John Perseghin
Marie DiVito	Carol & Frano Marasovich

**Saturday – Subota, May 10, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Peter Perisin	family
Mom Ange	daughter Beverly
Fran & Tootie Quattrochi	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Na nakanu	ob. Zdenka i Mijo Barun

5:30 p.m. Eva Butera	Nancy & Bob Link
Frank Szatkowski	Dorothy & Mike Corich
Connie Fratto	Mary Fratto
Maria Gazzi	Gazzi family
Charles Biotic	Wagners
John Bedalow	Darleen White
Marie DiVito	Mike & Joann Passarelli
Maria & Rosario Scalise	Pasqualina Crotolo

**Sunday – Nedjelja, May 11, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić	Duško
Felicia Contino	Ann Contino
Claire Narel	family
Michaeleen Kudulis	family
Visko & Clara Cecich	family
John Mladinov	family
Regine Crespin	Elizabeth Dmitriew
Angie Pudar	children
Deceased of Kraslen family	Kraslen brothers
Deceased of Bozinovich family	Bob

9:30 a.m. Jean Zekich	family
Mary Harzich	daughter Joanne
Marty & Evelyn Miloslavich	Bruno & Gael Bertucci
Sophie Ciombor (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv.)	Cimaglia family
Angeline Dicarolo	children
Corich, DeGregorio, Senerchia families	family

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

Josip Lišnić	Joe Martincic
Štefa Šego	family
Augustin Rodić	ob. Pudar
Mrs. Ljuba Zlatko (sp. int.)	Yolanda Surath
Kriza i Iva Ostojić	Kathy & David Skaro
Ljuba Kralj	ob. Ivan i Ljubica Belan
Robert Jurlina	Jurlina family
Danica Brkić	kcer Marija sa ob.
Rudolf Arapović	Tomo Mandic
Biserka Marušić	Jure i Milka Kutlesa
Dragica Horvat	ob. Kikas
Jaka Mlinarević	Blage i Ivanke Planinic s ob.
Cvijeta Puljić	Chris & Matt Pesce
Stanko, Anđa, Mirko Marasović	ob. Slavko i Beverly Marasović
Pok. iz ob. Čondić	Duško
Pok. iz ob. Karačić	ob. Karačić
Pok. iz ob. Erceg	Pero Erceg

**LECTORS**

Sat., May 10, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto

Sun., May 11, 7:30 a.m. Rosemary Brcich

Sun., May 11, 9:30 a.m. Brianna Babich

Sun., May 11, 11 a.m. Klub Stepinac

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat., May 10, 5:30 p.m. A. & R. Insalaco, Mossman

Sun., May 11, 7:30 a.m. Bova, Nowacki

Sun., May 11, 9:30 a.m. LoCoco, Mangan, Olague

Sun., May 11, 11:00 a.m. D. Paraga, M. Kikaš M. Kosir, M. Golub, K. Cikoč, K. Šego

**For Rent:** ► Apt at 2701 Princeton. Spacious, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, w/ hardwood floors & appliances. 5 rms, 2 bdrms. \$750/mo. Available June 1, 2008. Call 708-567-1591. References & security deposit required.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Ascension of the Lord

The ascension of Jesus is the climax of his victory over sin and death. It is a day of joy and hope. Jesus wants us to share in his victory. It's important to realize that he hasn't left us, but is still with us, helping us in our struggles.

Jesus was no longer physically present, but he hadn't left entirely. He had simply taken on a new role. The Ascension of Jesus does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth.

A sense of the presence of Christ with us doesn't change the world for us, but it can give us the courage to face it. God's closeness shields us against a sense of abandonment and despair.

In spite of the grave failings of his followers, and terrible persecutions, the Gospel has come down to us across two thousand years. This is because of Christ's promise: "I will be with you always, to the very end of time."

Jesus now depends on us. We are his witnesses before the world. It's a daunting task but a great privilege too. When we witness to truth, justice, love and peace we are witnessing to Jesus.



## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Returning to God

We are born in exile and die there too.

As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return.

We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen.

Like homing birds that are released in a strange country and know no rest until they return home, so it is with us.

When we die, we do not so much go to God as return to him.

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his Helper is Omnipotent."**

## 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 look at another aspect of the Franciscan Friars founded by St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226).

### The Rule / 1209 AD

The worldwide Franciscan family is preparing to celebrate in April 2009 the 800th anniversary of Pope Innocent III' approval of the Rule of Life that Francis wrote. This Rule, which marks the founding of the Franciscan movement, also influenced the growth of the Poor Clares (The Second Order of Franciscans) and the Secular Franciscans (The Third Order) as well as men and women living in religious communities of the Third Order regular tradition. These groups from the Franciscan family within the Catholic Church. It is an important date to celebrate Franciscan charisma and Franciscan way of Life. St. Francis remains the central inspiration to the Franciscans and the world.



Meeting and kissing a leper was part of St. Francis conversation. When he had 11 followers, Francis went to Rome, St. John Lateran, the pope's cathedral in Rome, and there in 1209 received verbal approval for this new way of life. Pope Honorius III approved in writing Francis' longer Rule of 1223.

Francis of Assisi may be the best-known Catholic saint, admired by Christians and members of other world religions. In 1993, the editorial staff of Time magazine ranked him first among the 10 greatest people of the second millennium. As we are approaching this important 800th anniversary, may it be a simple inspiration to you.  
(To be continued...)



### Dear Friends!

Last week we began a conversation about negative attitudes toward Mass attendance. If we change our attitude toward Mass from a negative to a positive one,

then we can begin to think of Mass as an opportunity to draw closer to God. It is also a time to draw closer to others in faith, and a time to see what is good and worthwhile in our parish. Attending Mass is not only salvational, it is also good for you. Scientific research has shown that people who attend Mass will...

- ◆ suffer less from depression
- ◆ be less inclined to drug and alcohol addiction
- ◆ have a better, more sincere regard for what is right and wrong
- ◆ be more likely to lead a longer, happier life.

We must be convinced that it is the most important truth for us. The encounter and bond with God and our fellow parishioners is vital. Speak about this with your children, your spouse, your friends. Try to be more active in spreading this good, joyous news. Your heart will be comforted. You will feel happier.

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*Fr. Joe*

### First Communion Sunday

Today at 1:30 p.m. Mass, our children will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations to our First Communicants! We are grateful to God for the gift of their lives and we hope that their parents will continue to raise these children in closeness to Christ.

**MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL for CATHOLIC CHARITIES** in the Archdiocese of Chicago will take place next weekend on May 10 and 11. Catholic Charities is the social service arm of our archdiocese. Its safety net programs help the poor and vulnerable in our midst. Support for this appeal has built a powerful path of hope. Last year, this organization touched the lives of 1,1 million people. Please offer what you can to support this mission of charity.

**Help fight Breast Cancer** by attending a fund raiser evening at Ricobene's on Wednesday, May 7 from 5-9-p.m. See flyer in back of church for more information.

**St. Jerome's Youth Corps** is sponsoring another new event in our parish community: a clothing drive to help the needy. They're teaming up with the Chicago Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society to collect the following: clothing: men, women, children, all types and sizes; clothing accessories, shoes (all kinds); all bedding items; draperies and curtains; houseware; and glassware. Please drop off your tied bags in the school hall on the following **Sundays from 8 to 12:30 on May 18, June 1 and June 8**. Tax receipts will be distributed.

### Come and celebrate with us 'May Crowning,'

Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.

### CULTURAL EVENTS — May 8 to May 11 ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

**Thursday, May 8, Opening of Croatian Lighthouse Art Exhibition**, at 5:00 p.m., in the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Suite 112

**Friday, May 9, Croatian-American Day on Daley Plaza**, (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) with St. Jerome's Club Stepinac, the Sacred Heart Kolo Group, the Croatian Cultural Center's Croatian Vines group, and Special Musical Guests, Klapa Grdelin. Also Food, Pastries, Art and Tourist Information (10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.) Daley Plaza (50 W. Washington St.)

**Saturday, May 10**, Presentation by Prof. Ivo Šoljan "Five Centuries of Croatian Poetry Inspired by the Croatian Adriatic Sea," 6:00 p.m., in St. Jerome's Small Hall.



**Sunday, May 11**, Concert in downtown's Chicago Cultural Center, by the musical group Klapa Grdelin, 6:00 p.m., in the Cassidy Theater, 78 E. Washington St.

*For more information, please call 312-482-9902.*

◆ **Our Book Club** meets Wednesday, May 14, so begin reading the following two items: ● the novel "Kite Runner," and ● the first chapter of the great spiritual classic: "The Confessions of St. Augustine." Free used copies of *Confessions* are available from Julie at 312-791-1389.

◆ **Sox tickets:** St. Jerome's White Sox evening is Tuesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. Tickets for our group are \$26.00 per person. This year our seats are in a good section on the lower level. This special event promises to be another fun and exciting parish activity. Join us!

◆ **ATTENTION GOLFERS:** **St. Jerome's 1st Annual Golf Outing is Monday, June 30, 2008**, with a Shotgun start at Silver Lakes Country Club, 14750 S. 82nd Avenue, Orland Park, IL. The \$130.00 Registration includes Golf Cart, Lunch, Dinner & Open Bar. Call us to make your reservation or for sponsor information: Denise Bertucci (312) 636-8551 or Leslie Kish (312) 907-0240. **Have fun while supporting our parish school!**

