

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday – Ponedjeljak, May 14, 2007
St. Matthias – Sv. Matija

7:30 a.m. Grace Borovina C. Borovina
 Rose Polacek John & Gen Botica
 Jozo Maslač Stojan Maslač
 In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje N.N.

Tuesday – Utorak, May 15, 2007

7:30 a.m. Bill & Mary Loughran friend
 Sr. M. Bernardine Condich Yvonne Mangaracina
 Ann Sexauer Mr. & Mrs. Joe Serio
 Frankie Marasso Mr. & Mrs. DiVito
 Josephine Dragozetich friend

Wednesday – Srijeda, May 16, 2007

7:30 a.m. Connie Fratto Vlado Kraljević & family
 Nino Ujčić Maria Diacci
 Mike Brcich Dan & Theresa Bujas
 Dolores Montesano Giggie

Thursday – Četvrtak, May 17, 2007

(Bishops transferred Ascension Thurs. to Sunday)

7:30 a.m. Joseph Bozich wife & children
 Jocko Becich Katie Ferro
 Barry Babich Judith & William Babich
 Vica Sekso Mile Krnić

Friday – Petak, May 18, 2007

7:30 a.m. Ana Vidović Marasovich family
 Nino Ujčić Ana Radovich
 Dorothy Rogulich Janetzke family
 Josip Lišnić Ivan i Vesna Mlinarich

Saturday – Subota, May 19, 2007

7:30 a.m. John Marasovich family
 Ann Sexauer Giggie Cortese
 Charles Knetl Josephine Hanson
 Monica Donovan (God's blessings) Jon Weber

5:30 p.m. Joseph Bogetich family
 Barry Babich Mom, Dad, Lisa & Christine
 Angelo & Mary Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce
 Walter Wagner Wagner family
 Ivan Babić Valerie Babić
 Eva Butera Kay Siani
 James Gurgone wife Rose Ann

Sunday – Nedjelja, May 20, 2007
Solemnity of the Ascension

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško
 Michael Brcich Frank & Luanne Munizzi
 Lucy Fiscella Debby & Mary
 Carlos Iglesias St. Jerome Bingo
 Nikolina, Ana & Darijo Grubisić-Čabo Ellen O'Donnell

9:30 a.m. Carol Diver Louis & Mary Scalise
 Mildred & Anthony LoCoco daughter-in-law
 Jocko Becich Millie & Sam Leodoro
 Mike Brcich Richard Catizone
 Ann Sexauer Josephine Hanson

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Anton Mora David & Katica Škaro
 Frano Rogić Jadre Rogić i ob.
 Milan Došen Ankica Došen
 Niko i Kata Šesto ob. Pave Badrov
 Josip Joko Lišnić ob. Stipe Tokić
 Ana Vidović ob. Pudar
 Jozo i Ana Pervan ob. Ljuba Pervan
 Josip, Mande i Marko Obranović ob. Marko Obranović
 Anica Kovačević ob. Perić
 Petar i Joza Zelić ob. Ilija Zelić
 Janja, Pero i Damijan Puljić ob. Borko Puljić
 Pok. iz ob. M & T Čondić sin
 Za Hrvatske branitelje Križa Ostojić i ob.

LECTORS

Sat., May 19, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto
Sun., May 20, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce
Sun., May 20, 9:30 a.m. Giggie Cortese
Sun., May 20, 11:00 a.m. Perica Dušević, Mario Ivančić, Zrinka Jureta

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., May 19, 5:30 p.m. Ferro, Kenny, Wilkie
Sun., May 20, 7:30 a.m. L. Rubio, M. Rubio
Sun., May 20, 9:30 a.m. Nowacki, Rudmin, Sarkauskas
Sun., May 20, 11:00 a.m. CJ Bušljeta, I Jurković, D Jurković, A Kraljević, I Babić, M Kosir

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

John Crnković & Milenka Pervan (III)

Help Wanted: Full-time babysitter needed for three children (ages 10, 8, and 20 months); must have driver's license & transportation, references required, bilingual Croatian a plus; call Jo Ann at 708-699-6074.

Available for Rent: 29th & Princeton, 3 room apt, 1 bedroom – w/ heat, washer & dryer, stove & refig in apt. 312-842-5166.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to the apostles, "Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you." He assured his disciples that he would not leave them orphans. Despite his leaving, he and they would not be apart. If they kept his word they would be drawn into the love of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit would remind them of his words.

It was a strange time to talk about peace because everything was in turmoil around him. How then was he able to speak of peace? He could do this because peace is communion, and

as part of the Holy Trinity, Jesus was in perfect communion. He was able to talk about peace and offer it even as his enemies were closing in on him.

Peace is not the same as tranquility. Tranquility is external. Peace is essentially internal. Peace is a state of inner calm, and designates right relationship with God and with others. An essential component of peace is goodness. Hence, there is no peace for those who do evil.

Peace results when one trusts in God, and when the desire to please

him is the dominant thing in one's life. This is something that we can have even in the midst of terrible turmoil, conflict, and unresolved problems.

Jesus offers his peace to us, but it is not the illusory peace of escape from reality. It is something deep and independent of outer circumstances. It is the peace which surpasses all understanding, the peace which this world cannot give, and a peace that no one can take away from us. The Christian has a vocation to peace. Fortunate are we if we taste the peace of Jesus.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Letting go in order that good may occur

One day a young boy found a shivering little bird under a nest. He took it home, built a cage and took loving care of it. The little bird soon began to thrive and fly around the cage. Next, it began to sing. The boy was thrilled. Then one day it started to beat its wings against the sides of the cage. The boy asked his grandfather what this meant.

The grandfather said, "Your little bird is not happy." "I don't understand," the child said, "hasn't it got everything it needs in the cage?" Grandfather gently told the boy, "It has everything except the one thing every bird longs for." "What's that?" asked the boy. "Freedom," replied grandfather.

"You mean, after all I've done for it, it wants to leave me? How can I let it go? It knows nothing about the dangers that lie in wait for little birds out in the world. It might get killed or starve to death." "That's a risk you'll have to take," said grandpa. "But I love it too much to let it go," cried the boy. "If you love it, you will let it go, my boy," grandpa told him.

The little boy grew silent. He looked at the bird. It continued to beat its wings against the cage. With every beat it seemed to be saying, "Set me free!" Unable to endure it any longer, he decided to let the bird go. As it flew out the window, it took a piece of his heart with it, and he stared out the window for a long time. Then, all of a sudden he heard the bird's song coming from a nearby tree. For the first time in months, the boy felt free, happy, and at peace.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Peace is God's gift to us,
it can also be our gift to one another."

When God Created Mothers

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, he was into his sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have 180 moveable parts ... all replaceable, run on coffee and leftovers, have a lap that disappears when she stands up, a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair, and six pairs of hands."

The angel shook his head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands ... no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"Is that on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' yet already knows. Another in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't, but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "It's time to rest. Tomorrow you can..."

"I can't rest now," said the Lord. "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick ... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger ... and can get a 9-year-old boy to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother slowly: "It's too soft."

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but reason and compromise," said God.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran a finger across the cheek. "It's leaking," he exclaimed. "I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model!"

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's that for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

"You are a genius, Lord!" said the angel.

The Lord looked very serious and replied, "I didn't put it there."



90 years ago today: On May 13, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima first appeared to the three Portuguese shepherd children. *To celebrate this, pray a Rosary today for peace and for reparation for sins.*

Mother's Day, May 13, after the 11 a.m. Mass, we thank our mothers through a **banquet and program in our School Hall**. Tickets available at door: \$25 for adults and \$10 children 12 & under. All are welcome.



A special Mother's Day treat:

At 6 p.m. in the Chicago Cultural Center hear the world-renowned "**Zagreb Guitar Quartet**" in concert (78 E. Washington). Free.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

Help the Archdiocese of Chicago's Catholic Charities in their 2007 **Mother's Day Appeal**. Thank you for 90 years of help and hope to mothers and their children in need! Envelopes are in the back of church.

After the Masses this Mother's Day weekend, the **Knights of Columbus** will be selling **flowers** to raise funds for the Women's Center, which helps pregnant mothers give birth to and care for their children in difficult circumstances.

First Holy Communicants of 2007

Joseph Amoruso	Nancy Moreno
Joseph Arredia	Andrew Nero
Maximino Castillo	Claudia Nieto
Enriq DeAsis	Alyana Nieves
Andrew Duarte	Bernadette Nowacki
Emily Ecklund	Sasha Ortiz
Kayla Goravica	Joseph Palacios
Sam Gurgone	Francesca Pusateri
Erika Holding	Gabriel Reyes
Ricardo Herrera	Adara Rutherford
Kristian Hosticka	Kristina Segó
Nicholas Lozano	Stefani Tabar
Nicolas Mahmoud	Noah Vander Zanden
Dylan Miles	Elise Velez
Joseph Moreno	Mary Wilkie

Thanks be to God for all the parents, teachers of all grades, and those who assisted them in preparing our children for Holy Communion and for Confirmation. True preparation takes many years of growth.

We especially thank the teachers of our 2nd Graders — **Nicolette Bernardi** and, for CCD, **Miriam Rodriguez** — and of our 7th and 8th Graders — **Mary Lu Dukic, Carm Parrilli** and, for CCD, **Gerard Fratto** — for shepherding their young people through the final months of their movement toward meeting Jesus in these two sacraments.

ST. JEROME WHITE SOX TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY

Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m., is our second "**St. Jerome Night**" at **Sox Park**. The 2005 World Series champs take on 2003's champions, the Florida Marlins. *This year we all can sit together! Cost per ticket: \$16.*

St. Anthony's Day is one month away. This year's June 13 celebration at our St. Anthony Friary on Ellis Avenue will feature a procession, followed by a solemn blessing of our new statue of St. Anthony and finally the outdoor Mass. Please plan on attending this special 7 p.m. celebration. Call the rectory or the friary for more information.

Come and support our Bishop Gustavo as he leads a peaceful and prayerful "Vigil for Life." This Vigil on Saturday, **June 2nd** starts with a Pro-Life Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Church (14327 Highland Ave. in Orland Park, 3/4 miles west of LaGrange Rd. on 143rd) and continues with a Vigil procession at 9:30 a.m. to a Planned Parenthood Express.

Be there, or be there in spirit with your fervent prayers for the vulnerable mothers and their babies.

TEXAS HOLD'EM: In preparation for their trip to Zagreb, Croatia this summer to compete in the Amateur World Soccer Championships, the Croatian Soccer Club "Zrinski Chicago" will be hosting a Texas Hold'em fundraiser on Saturday May 26th at 3 p.m. For more information, go to www.hnkzrinskichicago.com or contact Phil Lisnich at 773-818-4479.

DVDs of the April 21 "Four Stepinac" concert at I.I.T. are available at the rectory for \$20.