

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, May 7, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Frank Narel family
 Emil Rogosich Bogetich nieces
 In honor of Our Lady of Međugorje N.N.
 Special Intentions Gusich family

Tuesday – Utorak, May 8, 2007

7:30 a.m. Vica Sekso Tomo & Nevenka Mulc
 Ivan i Tada Topić Mr. & Mrs. Ivica Penavić
 Michael Brcich Laura & John Perseghin
 Za zdravlje ob. Pudar

Wednesday – Srijeda, May 9, 2007

7:30 a.m. Jocko Becich Dolly Camponigro
 Michael Brcich Joseph & Mary Brcich
 Barry Babich Judith & William Babich

Thursday – Četvrtak, May 10, 2007

7:30 a.m. Peter Perisin family
 Ann Sexauer Marian Segvich
 Carol Diver Frank Scalise
 Christine Overholser Albina Marasovich

Friday – Petak, May 11, 2007

7:30 a.m. Felica Contino Ann Contino
 James Bertucci Debby Kodzoman
 Connie Pesce Mary Fratto
 Meda (Marion) Bellan Catherine & Nick Perisin

Saturday – Subota, May 12, 2007

7:30 a.m. Charles Knetl Josephine Hanson
 Phyllis Gillis Mary Vujic
 Michael Brcich Frank & Luanne Munizzi

5:30 p.m. Maria Gazzi Gazzi family
 Connie Fratto children
 Sr. M. Bernardine Condich Vera Bozich
 Charlie Biocic Wagner family
 Eva Butera Kay Siani
 Frances & Tony Fratto family
 Josip Lišnić Ivan i Vesna Mlinarich
 Na odluku Iva Prša
 Breast Cancer Survivors (for God's blessings, health)
 Chris & Matt Pesce

Mothers Day Sunday – Nedjelja, May 13, 2007

7:30 a.m. Visko & Clara Cecich family
 James Sutera (3rd anniversary) Sutera family
 Evelyn Čondić Duško
 Michaelleen Kudulis family
 Mary Basso family
 Angie Pudar children
 Deceased of Kraslen family brothers
 Deceased of John Mladinov family family

9:30 a.m. Claire Narel family
 Catherine (Scalise) Madia daughter Eleanor
 Sam & Ann DeGregorio Senerchia family
 Alice Insalaco Insalaco family
 Jonas Jasas Bernice Tobar
 Mike Brcich wife Ann
 Carol Ann Herrera family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Augustin Mišetić ob. Rodich
 Robert Jurlina ob. Jurlina
 Joko Tokić ob. Pudar
 Josip Joko Lišnić ob. Stipe Tokić
 Marija Braovac Jela Kutleša
 Miško i Luca Bradarić ob. Ljuba Pervan
 Anica Perić i Jure Perić ob. Marka Perić
 Ankica Bubljić kćerke Ana Marija, Vicki, Elizabet
 Anđa, Mirko i Stanko Marasović obitelj
 Pok. iz ob. M&T Čondić sin
 Pok. iz ob. Badrov ob. Pave Badrov
 Pok. iz ob. Barun ob. Mijo i Zdenka Barun
 Pok. iz ob. Valentić ob. Žignić
 Za Hrvatske branitelje Križa Ostojić i ob.

LECTORS

Sat., May 12, 5:30 p.m. Michael Passarelli
Sun., May 13, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce
Sun., May 13, 9:30 a.m. Briana Babich
Sun., May 13, 11:00 a.m. Petra Mamić, Snježana Šego, Antonia Jurković

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., May 12, 5:30 p.m. L. Rubio, M. Rubio, Racinowski
Sun., May 13, 7:30 a.m. C. Garcia, S. Garcia
Sun., May 13, 9:30 a.m. Perseghin, Wroblewski, Passi
Sun., May 13, 11:00 a.m. A. Kraljević, A. Barun, K. Cikoch, M. Kikaš, M. Šego, E. Ljevar

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Michael Schury & Jennifer Lisnich (III)
 John Crnković & Milenka Pervan (II)

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.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — Fifth Sunday of Easter

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel.

Yet, people tend to see the Problem of Love as *being* loved rather than being a loving person. Hence, all their efforts go into making *themselves* loveable (through being successful, or glamorous, or powerful, or rich). Often, they end up without True Love, for they are loved for something they possess, or something they achieved, instead of being truly loved for themselves. On the other hand, if they were

to become loving people, they would be loved for themselves, not for their status, looks, or possessions.

In the end, all of us want to be loved for ourselves. Those who are not loved seek to be admired.

There are three possibilities with True Love: not to love and not to be loved; to love but not to be loved in return; and to love and be loved.

The first condition can be very sad. The second, though painful, is far better than the first. The last state is the blessed state Jesus enjoys and

speaks of in today's Gospel.

Without love what are we? A doctor, who has shared the most profound moments of people's lives says that people facing death don't think about what degrees they have earned, or what positions they have held, or how much wealth they have accumulated. What really matters is who they love.

Love brings out the best in the one who loves. People are at their best when they love. Love is a choice, not a feeling. This is where True Love begins.

WISDOM'S CORNER

By This Will They Know...

A man once planted a fruit tree in a forest. At first the fruit tree felt lost and insignificant in the midst of so many great trees. Soon it set about gaining a place and standing for itself in the forest.

How hard it worked and how well it succeeded! In time its head reared up into the sky so that it was able to hobnob with the tallest trees of the forest. Its branches spread outwards like a giant umbrella, claiming more and more space for themselves.

Then one day the man who planted it made an unexpected appearance in the forest. Looking at the tree he said, "How you've grown! Why, you have the most wonderful branches I've ever seen, and your trunk is like the outer wall of a castle." Hearing this, the tree began to glow with pride.

Then the man said, "However, there is one thing I'm not happy with." The tree suddenly became defensive, complaining about how hard it worked to secure the important standing it enjoyed among the other trees.

But the man persisted, saying, "I don't doubt for one minute that you worked hard, but the one thing I hoped to find in you is missing. You've neglected the most important thing of all—the one thing necessary—fruit! I was depending on you to provide wholesome fruit for the many little creatures who roam the forest, but you have failed to do so because you have forgotten what you are. You have become just another tree in the forest."

And for Christians, the fruit to produce is Love.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Love makes us instruments of God's providence in the lives of others."



First Holy Communion Day

The Little Round Guest

You have come to my heart, dearest Jesus,
I am holding You close to my breast.
I am telling You over and over,
You are welcome, O Little Round Guest.

I love You, I love You, my Jesus.
O please do not think I am bold.
Of course, You must know that I love You,
But I'm sure that You like to be told.

I whisper, "I love You, my Jesus,"
And ask that we never may part.
I love You, O kind, loving Jesus,
And press You still nearer my heart.

And when I shall meet You in heaven,
My soul then will lean on your breast,
And *You* will recall our fond meetings,
When You were my Little Round Guest.

Congratulations First Communicants!

This Sunday afternoon's special 1:30 Mass will be a milestone for many of our Second Graders in our School and our Second Graders in the Sunday Religious Education program: **First Holy Communion!** *(The official list of First Communicants will be published in next week's bulletin.)*

Keep them all in your prayers. And hopefully they will remember all of us today in their deeply pure prayers. May they focus upon their deepening relationship with Jesus above all other things.

THIS Friday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is the 2007 **"Croatian American Day on Daley Plaza."** There will be a musical cultural program performed (from 11:30 to 1) by the **young people from all 3 Croatian parishes in Chicago** plus the world-renowned **"Zagreb Guitar Quartet."** Check out the various booths featuring Croatian arts and crafts. Enjoy fresh cevapci, palacinkas and Kras chocolates! Enjoy seeing the Croatian flag flying beside the U.S. flag in our city's most important public square. And pray for no rain — though performances *can* be moved indoors.

This Mother's Day, May 13, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass enjoy a Mother's Day banquet and program in our School Hall. Tickets available at rectory and at door.

Also on Mother's Day, at 6 p.m. in the Chicago Cultural Center hear the world-renowned "Zagreb Guitar Quartet" in concert (78 E. Washington). Free.

Celebrating Major Wedding Anniversaries!

60TH — LUCY & JOE CIACCIO

50TH — JOHN & GEN BOTICA

25TH — FREDDIE & DENISE BERTUCCI

RICOBENE'S NIGHT VERSUS BREAST CANCER: Come to Ricobene's, Wednesday, May 9, from 5 - 8 pm and raise money to fight breast cancer. Carry out and Delivery count too! Just mention RACE TO EMPOWER when placing your order. All proceeds go to: Race To Empower, Mothers Day at Grant Park. Join our local team "Cure Couture" as they walk May 13 to ensure that no one faces breast cancer alone. For more information, call Jan Ferro 312-225-9751, Julie Pesce Marcus 312-218-3787, or Chris Pesce 773-847-6914. Flyers are in the back of the church.

Next Week'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.

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 sit together! Cost per ticket: \$16.*

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased

Carlos Iglesias, who was buried from our church after valiantly attending Mass during Holy Week, despite his long illness. He was the husband of Maria, son of Emiliana, and father of Carlos, our parishioner **Pablo (Connie)**, Ryan, and Lisa (Rafael) Acevedo. He was grandfather of one of our altar servers (Pablo), as well as for 7 others, and was great-grandfather of one.

Andrija Mrzljak, 89, a former parishioner who returned to Croatia about 7 years ago. He was the husband of the late Marija, and he was father of our parishioner Katica Kosic (as well as Cene in Croatia). He was grandfather of our parishioner John (Marija) Kosic (and others in Croatia) and great-grandfather of 13, including 5 St. Jerome parishioners.

May Carlos and Andrija rest in God's peace. We extend our prayers and sympathy as well to their loved ones.