

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 1, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Patricia Witte	Ginny Vulich
Colleen Vickers	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Paul DiCaro	grandchildren
Scully Scalise	Louis Scalise family

Tuesday – Utorak, December 2, 2008

7:30 a.m. Augustin Rodich	Vera Bozich
Marija Dukić	ob. Jureta
Mile Lovrić	Vera Ćosić

Wednesday – Srijeda, December 3, 2008

7:30 a.m. Lena & Dom Marino	family
Marie Crosby	Eva & Sam Madia
Simeone Velcich	kćeri

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 4, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić	Duško
Marija Dukić	ob. Jureta
Štefa Vehabović	friends Angeline Smith & Catherine Pistoressi

Friday – Petak, December 5, 2008

7:30 a.m. Scully Scalise	Giggie
Barbara Wilkie	family
Marge & John Sobocan	Chris & Matt Pesce
Mary & Angelo Pesce	Chris & Matt Pesce
Stanley Katalinic	Josie Hanson
Iva i Marijan Knezović	ob. Marko Knezović

**Saturday – Subota, December 6, 2008
Feast of St. Nicholas**

7:30 a.m. Mary Pinotti	family
Nikola Mišetić	Maria E. Sipich
Marija Dukić	Božo i Stoja Kosir

5:30 p.m. Tony Doria	Bazan family
Stanley Szatkowski	Szatkowski family
Raul Calamante	Rodriguez-Kozina family
Frank & Connie Fratto	family
Grace Haptas	sister-in-law Jane
Dumica Tanfara	Sally Jo Courtney

Sunday – Nedjelja, December 7, 2008

7:30 a.m. Al & Millie Mucenski	family
Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić	Duško
Carlos Iglesias	Iglesias family

9:30 a.m. Iva Mišetić	Maria E. Sipich
Ted Haptas	sister Jane
Iva & Luka Majić	Majić family
Scully Scalise	Michael P. Bratich
Tony Doria	Kay Siani
Marty Miloslavich	Eleanor & Jerry Plisic
Elizabeth Woodham	Mark & Gina Gusich
Roberta Bova	Mossman family
Marion Curran	Giggie

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Andrija i Luca Lišnić	unuke Ljubica McCartney i Ankica Brčić
Boško Obradović	Ruža Šumera
Petar i Joza Zelić	sin Ilija i ob.
Janja i Andy Samardžić	Božo i Stoja Kosir
Frano Brajković	Neva Zelić sa ob.
Ante Anić	ob. Josip i Anđa Novak
Marija Dukić	ob. Žolo
Anka Uremović	ob. Dragica i Lovro Rudman
Lucija Prša	Josip i Kata Bajzec
Ivan i Anđa Miletić	Ilija i Ružica Miletić
Rafo Rogić	kumovi Krpan
Marijan i Iva Knezović	ob. Živko Knezović
Ivan Zeba	Luca Zeba
Goran Anušić	ob. Ankica Golub
Juraj Bralo	ob. Mijo i Zdenka Barun
Šima Pavković	sestra Anica Ostojić
Kata i Dragan Troščan	Ivan i Iva Mišetić
Pok. iz ob. Čondić	Duško
Pok. iz ob. Blažević	Slavica Blažević
Dec. of Bozich & Grzetich families	Joe & El
Dec. members of Club Poljica	Club Poljica

LECTORS

Sat., Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. Mary Fratto
Sun., Dec. 7, 7:30 a.m. Mary Vujic
Sun., Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
Sun., Dec. 7, 11:00 a.m. Mario Pehar, Milan Žolo i Anđela Bajić.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sun., Dec. 7, 11:00 a.m. D. Jureta, E. Ljevar, A. Barun, T. Čuvalo, I. Jureta

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the First Sunday of Advent

The focus of Advent is *watchfulness*.

And we truly need to be on the watch. We are of course waiting for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. We also await his coming to us at the time of our death. Since both times are hidden from us, we should maintain a state of watchfulness so that we are ready to meet the Lord at any moment.

Maybe that is the purpose of Advent. It gives us a jolt. It issues a wakeup call to us. It provides us with a chance

to start being watchful again. We can easily become Christians by habit only. We might just be going through the motions: praying, but not with our hearts, or "being Christians" without living our faith. So we might need to wake up.

Three times in today's Gospel passage Jesus tells his disciples to "stay awake." The call to *stay awake* is meant for us too. It is a very appropriate call for the beginning of the new



Advent

WATCH FOR
THE LORD'S
COMING!

liturgical year. It's an ideal opportunity to wake up to the grandeur of our God-given dignity, and to try to live accordingly.

Advent calls us to wake up. To shake off

the dust of neglect, and to let Christ come alive in our lives once more. Watch for him in the day-to-day moments of your life!

WISDOM'S CORNER

Pope John finished his watch

From the moment of his election, Pope John XXIII was aware that his reign would probably be short, once dryly remarking, "One who becomes pope at 77 does not have a great future." Then he added, "One who trusts in God has no reason to fear anything, not even the surprise of death."

To a delegation of seminarians who came to congratulate him on his 80th birthday he said cheerfully, "Any day is a good day to be born and any day is a good day to die. We have arrived at the start of our 81st year. Shall we finish it? It is no great matter."

Soon after, he was troubled by a recurrence of an old disorder. He told one of his doctors, "They say I have a tumor. Very well, then, God's will be done. You mustn't worry about me. My bags are packed and I am ready to go." When Communion was brought to him he said, "I have been able to follow my path step by step. Now I am going sweetly to the end." He died at the age of 81 on June 3, 1963, watchful for the coming of the Lord.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"It is not what we gain but what we give/
that measures the worth of the life we live."



PASTOR'S DESK

Interesting Encounters

What kinds of people do we meet? On the streets of our city we encounter a variety of people. They are all interesting in some way. Have you ever paused for a moment on any of our busy streets and watched people's various facial expressions—smiling, serious, harried, hurried? Have you, during the past few months, encountered any homeless people begging for money, and asked them how they are doing, or why they are in such a situation?

The other day, while walking along a busy street, I happened upon a young man who was singing. He was very spirited, entertaining and talented. I approached him and told him he was wasting his time on the street because, with his talent he should look for a job as an entertainer. To my surprise he told me that no one had ever said that to him, and that he would take my advice.

As I began to walk away, he stopped me and said, "Sir, I promise to take your advice. I think I have talent too." Then we parted company. I headed south and he headed west, each in his own direction.

Yes, it is interesting to observe and encounter the people around you. The season we begin today, the Advent season, is truly a time for encounters. It is a time for various encounters with different people, and a time to encounter God in our surroundings. He can be found in others!

Fraternally, Fr. Joe

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