



## WEEKLY MEDITATION 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

No two people are alike. God has given each of us special gifts and talents. If used well, these gifts will enrich our own lives and the lives of others, but which of us can say that we have made full use of the gifts of grace and nature that God has given us? Have we not at times left them unused, or worse, mis-used them?

Some people have done great things in their public lives but failed in

their private lives. Many people who are successful in their careers leave their personal lives a long way behind. Indeed, their successes are often achieved at the expense of their personal lives.

In today's Gospel, Christ talks about three people who were given different talents. He commends the first two because they used their talents, and censures the third because he buried his.

When Christ talks about talents, he does not mean a musical talent or a sports talent. Such talents are important, but they are often over-valued and over-rewarded in our times. Christ's parable goes a lot deeper. Talent is important, but the character we develop with our talent is even more important. Talent is a responsibility and a gift from God. We are merely the custodians of those gifts and must use them wisely.

### How Can I Find More Time for Prayer?

The more time we spend in prayer, the stronger our relationship with God will be. Try these tips for working more prayer into your daily routine.

**SET GOALS:** For example, trying for 15 decades of the Rosary each day or intercessions for ten people each week can be a good trigger to help you to remember to pray.

**FIND A PRAYER PARTNER:** Is there someone at work or in your neighborhood or parish with whom you can spend time each day in prayer? A partner will help you stay focused and make it more likely that you take that time.

**USE A REFERENCE:** There are a number of prayer resources designed to be used throughout the day. The most well-known is the *Liturgy of the Hours* used by many priests and religious sisters. You can find a guide at any Catholic book store.

**WRITE THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR:** "Appointment with God."

**Please remember in your prayers George Bozich, 78, who was buried from our church this past week. He grew up in our parish and always considered it his home. We extend our sympathy to his four sons, and the rest of his family and friends.**

Food Drive runs  
through  
Thanksgiving



Members of the St. Jerome Youth Service Corps will continue to collect bags of non-perishable groceries for local food pantries through Thanksgiving weekend. Please deliver your donations to the back of the church or rectory, and thank you!

### WISDOM'S CORNER

#### 'I also want to give'

Mother Teresa told a story of how one day she was walking down the street when a beggar came up to her and said, "Mother Teresa, everybody is giving to you. I also want to give to you. Today, for the whole day, I got only thirty cents. I want to give it to you."

Mother Teresa thought for a moment: "If I take the thirty cents, he will have nothing to eat tonight, and if I don't take it, I will hurt his feelings. So I put out my hands and I took the money. I have never seen such joy on anybody's face as I saw on the face of that beggar man at the thought that he too could give to Mother Teresa."

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#### THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Life is God's gift to us.  
What we do with life is our gift to God."

NEXT SUNDAY CONTRIBUTE TO

**The Catholic Campaign  
for Human Development**

**Next week's  
second  
collection**

*You will help the Church transform the lives of poor and low-income people across the U.S.*

## HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY, MARY!

**Tuesday, November 15 will be Mary Harzich's 100th birthday!**

Mary is the oldest parishioner at St. Jerome's Croatian Parish. She was born Mary Velčić on Nov. 15, 1905 in Beli, on Croatia's island of Cres. She had one brother. When Mary was 3, her mother passed away at the age of 31. Several years later, her father went to America, and Mary and her brother were raised by their grandfather and their aunt.

When Mary was 15, she came to America by boat, and joined her father, who lived on 25th Place, near Princeton Avenue. Mary's father en-

rolled her in Ward School to learn English. Her father died a couple of years later at the age of 51.

On Jan. 19, 1924, Mary and John Harzich, also from Beli, were married in St. Jerome's Church at its new location: 2823 S. Princeton Ave. They moved into their first home at 26th and Princeton.

Mary and John had six children: Elizabeth, Mary (Pavela), John, Eleanore (Bedalow), Joanne (Sipich), and Joseph. Elizabeth, the eldest, passed away at the age of 3 from diphtheria. In 1934 they went into the tavern business, which they operated for more than 26 years. Then

in 1962, John died of a heart attack.

At the age of 79, Mary was chosen as the Grand Marshall of St. Jerome's parade on "Velika Gospa", and led the parade on foot the entire route. She has been a member of St. Theresa's Altar Society, the Croatian Catholic Union Lodge 13, and is a member of St. Jerome's Ladies Auxiliary.

In addition to her six children, Mary has been blessed with many grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Mary has been a very faithful and active parishioner. We wish her many years to come.

## THANKS BE TO GOD!

**St. Jerome Property Fund**

Mortgage Debt from New Parking Lot:	\$ 400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 156,436
November Donations Thus Far:	\$ 1,500
Needed for monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 11,900

*Thank you to all who have contributed and to all who are considering a contribution!*



### *St. Jerome School Skating Party at Fleetwood Roller Rink*

Families of St. Jerome School students are invited to a skating party on **Thursday, Nov. 17** from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at Fleetwood Roller Rink, 7200 W. Archer Ave. Tickets are \$5.00. **Please have your ticket orders in to the school by Wednesday, Nov. 16. Skate rental is extra.**

**Football Mania Winners**

**Here are the winning numbers for Week 9:** \$350 - 2668 & 963; \$75 - 3157; \$50 - 4190; and \$25 - 2440, 3425 & 3640.

**HAPPY ST. NIKOLA TAVELIĆ DAY—THIS MONDAY.** St. Nikola was the first Croatian canonized as a Saint. He was a Franciscan martyr in Jerusalem in 1391.

**Dear Parishioners,**

The end of the calendar year is quickly approaching. At year's end we compile and analyze our parish records and plan next year's projects. Also in this time we check our parishioner addresses and telephone numbers, because we are about to order our new boxes of contribution envelopes for our parishioners. We ask that if you are worshiping regularly with us, but have not yet become parishioners, please consider joining us now. And if your address or telephone number has changed in the past year, please contact us immediately before the new envelopes are printed. Thank you for your cooperation, generosity and love toward this community that is all of our spiritual home.

Still Point Theatre Collective presents:

***The Hermit in New York***

The Hermit in New York brings to life the life and work of Trappist monk and American author **Thomas Merton**. Merton was an outspoken political figure as well as a contemplative man deeply devoted to monastic life. Finding balance between the public and private is the inspiration for this play. Taken largely from Merton's journals, essays, and other writing, *The Hermit in New York* promises to examine the life of a remarkable person of faith, complete with the personal struggles that mark any human spiritual journey.

*3504 N. Elston, Chicago*

*November 13th, 26th and 27th at 3 p.m.*

*December 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th at 3 p.m.*

*For info. and to make reservations for the limited seating, please call (773) 267-6660. Tickets are \$15.00 or pay what you can.*