

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, September 22, 2008**

7:30 a.m. John Foley Kay Foley
 Mary Harzich Fabian Perovich
 Jim & Libra Balestri Ann Contino
 Leo & Jay Cosentino Ann Contino
 Nick Spata Wally & Grace Gusich

**Tuesday – Utorak, September 23, 2008
Feast of St. Padre Pio**

7:30 a.m. Mildred Zaffino Emily Dengler
 Augustin Rodich Mijo Barun family
 Joe Cubelic M/M Robert Humbert
 Margie Balzano Andrew Sperando
 Danica Brkić kći Marija sa djecom

Wednesday – Srijeda, September 24, 2008

7:30 a.m. Joe Bozich wife & family
 Ivan Babić Valeria Babić
 Lena Lascola Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Neda Roscich St. Jerome Parish Council
 Katarina Škaro (for health) Dr. & Mrs. Jules Last

Thursday – Četvrtak, September 25, 2008

7:30 a.m. Jean Zekich Mary Vucinic
 Scully Scalise ob. Ivan Jureta
 Catherine Dobek Juliana Perisin/Charles DiCaro
 Vilma Chapulis Giggie
 Jim Gusich (health) Wally & Grace Gusich

Friday – Petak, September 26, 2008

7:30 a.m. Tonka Scalise family
 Michael Sablich Therese Mannix
 Mamie Argentino Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Eugene Pinta Ana Novak
 Theresa Bujas (for health) Wally & Grace Gusich

Saturday – Subota, September 27, 2008

7:30 a.m. Elma Becker Jela Kutleša
 Grace Vizral Ann Contino
 Erik Igor Jones Louzon family
 Ann Sexauer sisters

5:30 p.m. Carmen & Eva Butera family
 Ann Marie Replogle Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Margaret Marcello Pace family
 Anthony Doria Angeline Szatkowski
 Carmella Beckett Bobby Cannatello Jr.
 John Ferro family
 Sam Nugara Catherine & Nick Perisin

Sunday – Nedjelja, September 28, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Ralph Ferro Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Mary DiPasquale Kay Siani
 Na čast sv. Anti ob. Kovačević
 Special Intention (35th wedd. anniv.)
 John & Marge Piegari

9:30 a.m. Mary Harzich M/M Valerio Vala
 Marty & Evelyn Miloslavich Kelly & John Molloy
 Jean Zekich Larry & Fran Pantera
 Scully Scalise John Bogovic
 Marie DiVito Laura & John Perseghin
 Jerry Montell Joe Amoruso family
 Margie Balzano Diane & Bernie Dalcamo family
 Fred Siani wife

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Lišnić Ana Vučić
 Ema Novak Josip i Anđa Novak
 Vilma i Stipo Pečuvčić Neda i Hrvoje Pečuvčić
 Šimun Dugandžić Luca Šego i ob.
 Niko i Kata Šesto Pave i Anica Badrov
 Zorka Dušević Napredak
 Ante Beritić ob. Pero Dugandžić
 Augustin Rodich Theresa Nagy
 Marko Tomljenović Ankica i ob.
 Rafo Rogić (4th anniv.) obitelj
 Ankica Jakovac Ivica Kučić
 Marko Radman-Livaja obitelj
 Blaž Bilonić sestra Ana Bajić sa ob.
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško

LECTORS

Sat., Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m. Robert Cannatello Jr.
 Sun., Sept. 28, 7:30 a.m. Rosemary Brcich
 Sun., Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
 Sun., Sept. 28, 11:00 a.m. Marko Mamić, Ana Ivezic, Zrinka Jureta

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m. A. Insalaco, R. Insalaco, Mossman
 Sun., Sept. 28, 7:30 a.m. Mangan, Rubio
 Sun. Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m. Iglesias, Passi, Rudmin
 Sun., Sept. 28, 11:00 a.m. D. Grgić, A. Puljić, A. Rogić, M. Kosić, S. Ivezic

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Stjepan Mišetić & Mary Fons (III)
 Danny Dorkin & Annette Pinkos (III)
 John Jakelja & Diana Gentcheva (II)

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WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is not the aim of today's Gospel parable to *downplay* the achievement those who labored the whole hot day in the vineyards. A point that is being made is: it's wrong for one person to get everything, while another gets nothing. Yet, this is often exactly what happens in our world.

What points did Jesus make? The story is not about fair-wage

practices. It is about generosity, but not ordinary generosity. It's about the generosity of God.

His generosity is a great comfort to us, but also a great challenge because we are called to imitate it by making our ways of dealing with one another more like God's way.

Which of us would like to be treated by God strictly according to the law? Do we not all long for



mercy rather than justice?

God is generous to a degree that far outstrips human generosity. All we have to do is open our hearts to God's generosity and allow it to serve as a model for our dealings with others.

WISDOM'S CORNER

First or last?

The final lap of the race was in sight. The eventual winner eased himself into the lead while another man fell back into last place after a desperate effort to keep up.

As the leader crossed the line, the spectators rose and applauded, bouquets of flowers were thrown to him, and reporters surrounded him. Agents offered him endorsements. During this moment of triumph the other runners finished the race. The last man, who really had to struggle to finish, departed for the dressing rooms.

A VIP was invited to give the awards. He wanted all runners present for the ceremony. As soon as all were assembled he began by calling the man who came in last and handing him the gold medal. He gave the silver and bronze medals to the men who had come in second and third to last. He simply shook the hands of all the others and congratulated them. The real winner spoke up angrily until the VIP explained.

"You had the satisfaction of winning the race, the applause of the crowd, the media attention, and lucrative offers. Consider the man who came last. He finished the race too, but got nothing for his efforts. Would it be fairer if you got everything while he got nothing?"

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"Those who deserve love the least
need it the most."**

The year 2008-2009 is the 800th year in the life of the Franciscan Friars — those men in brown habits with white cords around their waists who try their best to follow Jesus by means of the good example of St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Francis is most famous for his love of animals — a love that stems from his love of all of God's creation. Statues of him usually include a bird or two to symbolize this love of God's creation.

But in the years immediately after his death, St. Francis was famous for something else. He was most famous for his love of Jesus Christ being so intense that *the wounds of Christ were miraculously imprinted on his hands, feet and side*. Even today, statues and paintings of St. Francis almost always include these red marks. **In St. Jerome Church**, we see Francis's "wounds of Christ" on three works of art: (1) on St.



Francis's statue next to our confessional, (2) in the Franciscan emblem in the stained glass window right above our main entrance, and (3) in the emblem painted on the ceiling high above the altar. There are two arms on the Franciscan emblem with the wounds of Christ. One arm is Francis's — the arm wearing the brown habit. The other arm is Christ's.

This past week, on September 17th, we celebrated at our daily Mass **the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis**, the feast day in honor of the day that Francis received as a gift from God the wounds of Christ (the wounds are formally known as "the Stigmata"). Francis wore these marks the last two years of his life.

Why would God give the gift of the Stigmata to St. Francis?

Only God truly knows, but it is worth noting that Francis was engaged in deep prayer and fasting, shortly after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (which we celebrated last Sunday), and then Francis saw a vision of the Crucified Christ, who looked at Francis in a gracious, loving manner. This filled Francis with joy but also **compassion**, and at that moment Francis received the wounds of Christ. "Compassion" literally means "suffering with" — Francis compassionately "suffered with" Christ the last two years of his earthly life!

St. Jerome Family Prayer Time starts evening of Wed., Oct. 1; *make plans now!*

Family prayer, gathered in Jesus' name



In Mathew 18, we read Jesus' words: "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Some call this "agreement praying." You are deeply blessed if you have a devoted brother or sister to pray with.

One good Christian relates the story of his family's praying in two's and three's:

"The place where this kind of prayer takes place most powerfully is the home. My wife, Gwen, and I pray together daily, and I believe it holds our family together. We prayed for each of our children during their growing up years, that not one of them would be lost. We prayed about their friendships and relationships and for their future mates, and now we're doing the same with our grandchildren. Very few Christian families take time for prayer in the home. I personally can testify that I am in the ministry today because of the power of family prayer. When I was a child, every day, no matter where my siblings and I were playing, in the front yard or down the street, my mother would come to the front door of our home and call out: DAVID, JERRY, JUANITA, RUTH — IT'S PRAYER TIME!

"The *whole neighborhood* knew about our family prayer time. Sometimes I hated to hear that call, and I griped and groaned about it. But something clearly happened in those times of prayer, with the Spirit moving amid our family and touching our souls.

"Maybe you simply can't see yourself holding family prayer. Maybe you have a spouse who isn't cooperative or a child who's rebellious. However, it doesn't matter who chooses not to be involved. *You* can still come to the kitchen table and bow your head and pray. That will serve as your household's prayer time and every family member will know it." (by David Wilkerson)

My dear friends at St. Jerome's, this man's family is not unique. *Every* family has serious concerns that would benefit from common daily prayer. I offer the following suggestions:

- ◇ All families of St. Jerome Parish should begin to pray as a family.
- ◇ Each evening some time between 6 and 7 o'clock, as it suits your daily routine, set aside time for prayer. (If you live alone, pray during this time united with the St. Jerome family.)

Let us begin to do this on **Wednesday, October 1**. BE A PART OF THIS SPECIAL PROJECT. It will be something beautiful for your soul!

Fraternally, Fr. Joe — JGrbes@gmail.com

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB Memorial Mass
ONIAAC and the Women's Alliance will honor their 225 deceased members at the annual Memorial Mass on Saturday, September 27 at Santa Lucia Church. All are welcome. Dinner will be served after Mass at ONIAAC, 3031 S. Shields.

Pray for the recently deceased:

Joseph "Joe" Cepuran, age 79, was buried Saturday in Calumet City. He served God in many parishes, including 20 years as St. Jerome's organist. We extend our sympathy and prayers to his sister Therese Ravas.

Next weekend's Second Collection will help the Archdiocese of Chicago find, form and teach the priests of tomorrow. These seminarians won't serve as the priests of our parish, of course, but they will be there for many of our neighboring Catholic parishes in Bridgeport.

The Little Bethlehem organization will be here on the weekend of Oct. 4-5.

There will be a sale of olive-wood items crafted by Holy Land Christians from Bethlehem and Jerusalem. These hand-carved items include figurines and ornaments. Proceeds from this sale will benefit those Christian craftspeople. Take a look at their website www.bethlehemnativity.com. Mastercard, Visa, personal checks and cash accepted.



Spare Change in Baby Bottles to Help Moms Choose Life:

Remember how our parish collected more than \$3,000.00 in coins last year to help moms with crisis pregnancies? October, which is "Respect Life Month," is right around the corner, and we will again be collecting spare change in baby bottles to help the Womens Centers of Chicagoland inform and assist expectant mothers in dire need. *Time to start saving spare coins, especially quarters.*

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