

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday – Ponedjeljak, September 29, 2008
Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

7:30 a.m. Mike Brcich family
 Rose Capinegro Marion
 Katy Morano Marion
 Petar Badrov ob. Nevenka Badrov
 Stanka Frančeski sestra Zdenka

Tuesday – Utorak, September 30, 2008
Feast of St. Jerome

7:30 a.m. Joe Cubelic Diane Krolo
 Joan Maddocks Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Augustin Rodich Luka Bečić family
 Tony Doria Louis & Mary Scalise
 Steven Brajković ujna Marija sa obitelji

Wednesday – Srijeda, October 1, 2008
Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

7:30 a.m. Jean Zekich Steve Bilandic
 Michael Sablich Therese Mannix
 Margie Balzano Patricia & Charles Marino
 Phyllis Libreri Gene & Emily Dengler

Thursday – Četvrtak, October 2, 2008
Feast of the Guardian Angels

7:30 a.m. Sam Contino Ann Contino
 Scully Scalise ob. Vlado Kraljević
 Dina & Domenic Mohovich Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Donna Byers mother

Friday – Petak, October 3, 2008

7:30 a.m. Toni Mucenski family
 Paul Begich Mike & Lisa Bozich
 Mary Ciaravino DiPasquale Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško

Saturday – Subota, October 4, 2008
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

7:30 a.m. Catherine Novak Ana Novak
 Pere Gruica Marian Segvich
 Jim Mancari (health) Wally & Grace Gusich
 Na čast sv. Franji Zvonimir Ilić

5:30 p.m. Scully Scalise Mary Fratto
 Peter Fratto family
 Ann Marie Replogle Juliana Perisin & C. DiCaro
 Tony Doria Angeline Szatkowski
 Carmella Beckett M/M Frank Marasso
 Mary DiPasquale Chuckie & Jamyn Scalfaro

Sunday – Nedjelja, October 5, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško
 Ralph Ferro Perisin grandchildren
 Mary Ciaravino DiPasquale Mark Gusich
 Phyllis Contino Chris & Matt Pesce
 Luka Botica Mucenski family
 Rose Piegari John & Marge

9:30 a.m. Mary Harzich George Bon
 Marty Miloslavich Anita & Dwight Snow
 Scully Scalise John Bogovic
 Margie Balzano Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Antanas Simonenka family
 Biamonte & LaPapa families granddaughter
 Dec. of Bozich-Grzetich families Joe & El

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Lišnić Vida Vučić
 Michael Roscich family
 Robert Jurlina Jurlina family
 Blaž Bilonić

nećakinje Ljubica McCartney & Ankica Brčić
 Mime i Fina Rosandić Ante i Ilica Čuvalo
 Gus Rodich Carol & Frano Marasovich
 Ivan Markotić Božo i Stoja Kosir
 fra Ljubo Čuvalo Josip i Anđa Novak
 Petar Kuhtić Ivica Kuhtić
 Jela i Franjo Pejaković ob. Tomić
 Luca Markić ob. Pavao Hrkać
 Štefa Šego ob. Pavao Hrkać
 Steven Brajković Filip Lišnić sa ob.
 Anka Uremović Katica Kosić i ob.
 Tomislav Hostička ob. Hostička
 Ana Bilonić kći Ana Bajić
 Rafo Rogić Lovre Perajice
 Pok. iz ob. Golub ob. Tomić
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško
 Na nakanu Ljubica Vukašin

LECTORS

Sat., Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m. Robert Bazan
Sun., Oct. 5, 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce
Sun., Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
Sun., Oct. 5, 11:00 a.m. Mario Ivančić, Ivana Djebro, Josip Novak

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m. Racinowski, Rubio, Wilkie
Sun., Oct. 5, 7:30 a.m. Bova, S. Garcia
Sun. Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m. Carrasco, Nowacki, Perseghin
Sun., Oct. 5, 11:00 a.m. K. Cikoch, A. Kraljević, I. Babić, M. Brajković, M. Kosir, A. Šušnjara

BANNS OF MATRIMONY


John Jakelja & Diana Gentcheva (III)
 Ivan Kutleša & Ines Lajla Matijaš (I)
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WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the greatest things we can give another person is our word. It's easy to give our word. It doesn't cost anything there and then. *The cost comes later*, if and when we honor our word.

Some people are very generous with their word, but you can't rely on them. Others are slow to give their word, but when they do, they really mean

it. When the father in today's Gospel asked his sons to work, one son said an immediate yes, but didn't go. The other also gave his word. He said he wouldn't go, but later changed his mind and went.

Jesus was not using either son as an ideal, yet we can learn from both of them. The first son's example is meant to act as a warning to us.



Our lives must bear witness to the Faith that we profess with our lips. The second son's example teaches us to be humble enough to admit our mistakes and courageous enough to correct them.

WISDOM'S CORNER

My three sons

A father had three sons. One day he said to them, "Go and work in the vineyard today." The first said, "Sure, Dad," but didn't go. The second said, "I won't go." However, later in the day he changed his mind and went grudgingly. The third said, "Sure, Dad," and went immediately and willingly.

Which of those sons likely felt closest to the Father at the end of the day?

The more we do the will of God out of love, with a smile on our face and in our heart, the more we will appreciate his love for us!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The greatest sin is not to do good."

4 Franciscan brothers enter into Permanent Vows

Fr. Joe & Fr. Ivan have 4 new Franciscan brothers for life. Entering into permanent vows last Sunday were **Bro. Tomislav Pek** (our Custody's vocation from our Montreal Parish, and frequently at our Velika Gospa celebration), **Bro. Slaven Brekalo** (from Mostar — he was at St. Jerome's the summer of 2007 — he was the one with the beard), **Bro. Goran Corluka** (from Humac), and **Bro. Stipan Klaric** (from Bukovica). All 4 are continuing their priestly studies; all 4 have been to the U.S. and at least briefly visited St. Jerome's already. Hopefully God will call them back here again! Our prayers & congratulations go out to them. *May they be blest in their service to God!*



Family prayer, gathered in Jesus' name

Jesus told us: "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which you 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" (Matthew 18)

Man is essentially a communicative creature, a creature of relationships, such as: friends, family, society, government... Communication makes us feel alive, connected to others, vital. Conversation makes life easier and promotes connection with those around us. Through prayer we are connected and bound tightly. Through prayer a person transcends the area outside of himself. Prayer makes him stronger yet humbler. Inasmuch as prayer is important, it is significant for a person's spirituality because it is worth knowing that prayer in community with others and with families is really irreplaceable. Family prayer gives us power to strengthen our union, to understand one another, and to live a life of greater dimensions than merely the physical ones. Family prayer empowers us. Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta knew these simple yet powerful words: "The family that prays together, stays together."

So let us begin! Let us respond to this invitation! All families of St. Jerome should begin to pray together as a family, every evening between 6 and 7 o'clock, as your schedules allow you to set aside time for prayer. We will begin 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

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

Parish headcount at October Masses

Each year during October, a count of those who attend Mass is taken in all Catholic parishes in the United States. This is done for the purpose of obtaining local and universal church statistics. This is also an opportunity to renew our faithfulness to attending Holy Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening). *Every week we need to give thanks to God together at Mass*, in the manner that Jesus taught us at the Last Supper. If we don't attend every week, we might ask ourselves: Do I make time for Sunday Mass because it is truly an important event in my life, or do I attend when I don't have anything else scheduled? If we detect that we have the wrong attitude toward Mass, it is not too late to grow and change!

St. Jerome School's Autumn Fest

Save the date: Saturday, October 25, from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Come out and enjoy the day, filled with family fun, music, games, food and drinks. More information to come. Sponsored by the St. Jerome H.S.A.

Feast of St. Jerome...Tuesday, September 30...

Much of St. Jerome's life could be characterized as "troubled". In the pursuit of offering the world an accurate Latin translation of the Bible, he ran into many obstacles and was challenged by many scholars. However, his desire to spread the Good News — accurately — allowed him to stand up for what was right, even in the face of adversity. Our St. Jerome Mass is Tuesday, September 30 at 8:05 A.M. Please join us.

Collect Your 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 Women's Centers of Chicagoland inform and assist expectant mothers in dire need. **Pick up your baby bottles in the back of the Church.**

Books, Books...

St. Jerome School will be holding its **annual book fair** on October 9th following our **Grandparents Mass**. Grandparents and parents are welcome to attend with their children and purchase books. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. All are welcome.

St. Francis's feast day

Next weekend we remember a man who changed the world of his time. St. Francis was a man who was enraptured with God, who loved people, animals, and nature, and who recognized God in all of God's precious creation:

1. **Next Friday**, in our old parking lot, we will conduct a **blssing of animals**. All who have the time and love animals should bring your pets on Friday, October 3, at 2 p.m. for this special event.



2. **Next Sunday**, as is already our tradition for St. Francis's feast day, there will be a **second collection for the benefit of our Franciscans**, the upkeep of our institutions, and general expenses.

This weekend's Second Collection will help the Archdiocese of Chicago find, form and teach the diocesan 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 here in Bridgeport.

Please pray for Dr. Anthony Batina, age 84, who passed away recently. Years ago when he was our parishioner, Tony worked here as a dentist. Our prayers and sympathy go out to his wife, Dolores, sons Craig (Mary) and Andrew (Susan), grandchildren, and all family and friends. *May Tony rest in God's peace.*

The Little Bethlehem organization will be here next weekend (Oct. 4-5). There will be a sale of olivewood 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. See their art on the website www.bethlehemnativity.com. Mastercard, Visa, personal checks, and cash accepted.

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