

**PARISH BULLETIN - Župni tjednik
Prosinac - DECEMBER 7, 2003**

MASS INTENTIONS



**Monday - Ponedjeljak, December 8, 2003
Immaculate Conception of Mary**

7:30 A.M. Mark Bozich wife Vera
Phillip & Mary Sutera Sutera family
Marija Bilanović Zorka Zeba
9:00 A.M.
Tomislav Hostička Catherine & Nick Perisin
7:00 P.M.
Marko i Tona Čondić family
Stana Ljubić unuka Karmela Kristić i ob.

Tuesday - Utorak, December 9, 2003

7:30 A.M. Zvonko Banić Križan Ostojić i ob.
Mary Rocco Iacullo Bob & Nancy Link

Wednesday - Srijeda, December 10, 2003

7:30 A.M. Za pok. obitelji Fuček prijatelji
John Foley grandchildren
James Gurgone wife & children
Stipan Budich family daughters

Thursday - Četvrtak, December 11, 2003

7:30 A.M. Mile Rak family
Zvonko Banić Krešimir Mišetić i ob.
Marko i Kata Pavić Kata Pavić
Vinko Delić Mary Scalise & family

Friday - Petak, December 12, 2003

7:30 A.M. Tomo Fuček i obitelj prijatelj
Marija Condich Yvonne Mangiaracina
Ljuba Valčić Obitelj Rodić

Saturday - Subota, December 13, 2003

7:30 A.M. Julia Frigan Cathy & Andrew
Na osobnu nakanu Ljubo Krišto
Special Intention Debbie Kodzoman
Rose Krolo Diane Krolo

5:30 P.M. Dom Leodoro mom & dad
Na čast sv. Anti Pavo Badrov i ob.

Roy Donovan Catherine & Nick Perisin
John Budich wife
Eugene, Angeline, John Balzano daughter Jeanne

Sunday - Nedjelja, December 14, 2003

7:30 A.M. Deceased of Kraslen family brothers
Linda Humbert husband Robert
Tona i Marko Čondić family
Vicko & Clara Cecich family

9:30 A.M. Fred Siani Kay Siani
Dec. members of Bakovich family Vivian
Tom Serritella Kay Siani

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Iva Lišnić Neda Dragušica i ob.
Grgo Nikolić obitelj
Luca i Andrija Lišnić obitelj
Janja i Andy Samardžić Bože Kosir i ob.
Ivan Guvo Bože Guvo
Helen Čuljan Le Blanc Hrvatska žena broj 1

Lectors

Saturday, December 13, 5:30 P.M. Rosemary
Brcich

Sunday, December 14, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce
Sunday, December 14, 9:30 A.M. family mass
Nedjelja, 14. prosinca 11:00 A.M. Davorka
Toromanović i Zrinka Jureta



**ALTAR
SERVERS**



Monday, December 8, 7:00 P.M. A. Raddatz,
J. Raddatz

Saturday, December 13, 5:30 P.M. Ciaravino,
A. Raddatz, J. Raddatz

Sunday, December 14, 9:30 A.M. Kipez, A.
Sarkauskas, R. Sarkauskas

Nedjelja, 14. prosinca, 11:00 A.M. K.
Jurković, T. Kikaš, K. Pavišić, M. Jurković

WEEKLY MEDITATION



During the Advent Season which begins with the fourth Sunday before Christmas, we re-live again each year, the preparation for the coming of the Messiah. As we do this we review the past year - its failures and successes - its fears and its delights - good and bad believe it or not make up a balanced life experience. Last week the readings and liturgy focused on "Our Liberation from Fear" and we were given a glimpse of hope when we were told "Days are coming - dwell in confidence - God will fulfill His promise to those who practice honesty and integrity. We were told of signs - bewilderment - fear and menace to the world - but liberation is near - watch yourselves - be prepared - stay awake.

Today we commence the 2nd week of Advent and we are told of the Joy of Salvation. We think about the signs - bewilderment and fear throughout the world, and in the poetic language of the Prophet we are comforted - calmed - and we see the love of God - God remembering His people. "Take off your dress of sorrow and distress - wrap the cloak of integrity of God around you - put on the Glory of God." We are offered peace through integrity, and honor through devotedness. Nothing for nothing! The Joy of Salvation is near - but we have to play our part in order to make it happen.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA sponsored by H.S.A. will be held Sunday, Dec. 14 from 8a.m.-Noon. Cost: Adults \$6; Kids \$3. Menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon, coffee, juice, or milk. Christmas pictures will be taken from 8:30-Noon. There will be craft and raffle prizes, and baked goods for sale. Come join us for some holiday cheer!

ART EXHIBIT Croatian-American artist Ivan Mikan invites you to attend a solo exhibit of his paintings. The exhibit will open on Friday, December 12, at 7 p.m. in St. Jerome's second floor small hall and be displayed through Sunday, December 14. The showing will feature past and present work done by Ivan, representing a variety of styles and themes. Ivan's work is shown throughout the city and can also be viewed on his online gallery (www.ivanmikan.com). All are welcome to attend this special exhibit.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDRENS' MASS 6:00 P.M. This mass is dedicated to all children of our school and parish family. We started this tradition two years ago, and hope to keep it going for many to come. Our theme this year will be the Story of Holly. All children from pre-school on up are invited to participate. We need readers, ushers, candle holders, angels, sheperds, kings and the Holy Family. So the more children we have the merrier it will be. If your child would like to participate, please contact **Eva(312-842-5485) or Laura(773-254-0010)** no later than December 12th. We need to know in advance so we can plan a beautiful event.

PARISH ENVELOPES FOR 2004 Dear Parishioners, the envelopes for next year can be found in the back of church, organized in alphabetical order. Please take yours. We apologize for any errors and ask you to let us know if your envelopes are not there. Those who wish to become parishioners should call the parish office. We are sincerely grateful for all you have given throughout this year and for all you do for your parish community!

RECONCILIATION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN will be on Tuesday, December 9, at 8:30 a.m. Several of our Franciscan priests will be available to hear the children's confessions.

2004 WALL CALENDAR Through the kindness of David and Judy Ruzich, directors of Ruzich Funeral Home, we have church calendars available for everyone. We recommend their services in the event of the death of one of your loved ones. Thank you, David and Judy, for your goodness and generosity to our parish.

SINCERE GRATITUDE is offered to all who gave donations to help the needy and sick of the Cuvalo family in Croatia. In the name of those for whom your help will make possible a better and happier life, we thank you for your generosity and love.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS A second collection will be taken next weekend for the aged and infirm members of the various religious orders. Most religious are elderly: more than 52% of all religious are past age 69. Each year the American bishops appeal for donations to help care for the retirement needs of these men and women who have given their lives in the service of the Church. We thank you in advance for your concern and generosity.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be celebrated on Monday, December 8, with masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.



Calendar of Events

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 8: Feast of Immaculate Conception (masses at 7:30 a.m.; 9 a.m.; 7 p.m.)

Tuesday, Dec. 9: Sacrament of Reconciliation for school children

Friday, Dec. 12: Opening of Mikan art exhibit 7 p.m., 2nd floor small hall

Sunday, Dec. 14: Breakfast with Santa 8 a.m. – noon, school hall; 9:30 a.m. Family Mass with school children

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Croatian Woman Christmas party 7 p.m., small hall

Wednesday, Dec. 17: St. Jerome School Christmas program, 7 p.m., church

Saturday, Dec. 20: C. Stepinac Croatian School Christmas program, 7 p.m., school hall

Sunday, Dec. 21: Parish Evening of Reconciliation, 6 p.m., church

WORLD NEWS The international debt is like an illness, said Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the Vatican nuncio to the United Nations. “unless completely cured, it is bound to recur.” Speaking at U.N. headquarters in New York, he said that “no satisfactory solutions” had been found for the “chronic debt crisis” despite all the attention given to it, and the external debt of the developing countries has in fact increased.

RECOMMENDED READING

This week's recommendation is the book by David Limbaugh entitled Persecution (Regnery Publishing, Inc., 426 pp., \$27.95). This volume exposes how liberals are waging war against Christianity in politics, the media, the courts, and even schools. It offers concrete evidence of intolerance of Christianity in America and detailed cases of what amounts to persecution of Christian culture and beliefs. It is truly worthwhile reading.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“The ruin of a nation begins in the homes of its families.”

peace with the LORD

OUR DECEASED

Our good and longtime parishioner **STANA DELICH (90)** passed away on Sunday, November 30th. She was buried from our church on Thursday, November 4th. Our sincere sympathy to her daughter Mary Scalise, her family, son Luka Delich, his family, Stana's sister Matija Prskalo, niece Eillen Martincic, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace.

CARDINAL STEPINAC CROATIAN SCHOOL will present its Christmas program on Saturday, December 20, in the school hall. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:30. Dinner will be served after the program. The group "Becari" will perform to complete the celebration with music and dancing. Tickets (\$25) can be obtained from the members of the School Board or at the rectory.

RECONCILIATION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Our priests will visit these parishioners on Monday, December 22, beginning at 9 a.m. Please let us know if there is anyone among your family members or neighbors who is unable to come to church and would like to receive the sacraments before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT featuring the *a capella* choral group "Coriolis" will be held today (Sunday), December 7, at 4 p.m. in St. Mary of Perpetual Help Church (1039 W. 32 St.). Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12.

WISDOM'S CORNER Sometimes I think", said grandma, "that there are angels who speak and angels who keep silent. They probably worry about what we are going to say because we so often speak when we should be quiet or keep quiet when we should speak up. Who knows, maybe there are even angels for remembering things and angels for forgetting things. They probably help us to remember what is good and forget what is bad. Beyond that I am totally convinced that there are angels who are perpetually smiling. They are in charge of helping people be kind and cheerful. The kinder you are the more often you will meet them!"