

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday - Ponedjeljak, February 16, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Joseph Bogetich children  
 Mary & Rocco Iacullo Bob & Nancy Link  
 Za duše u čistilištu Blagica Bešlić  
 Josip Petrović Ana Braskić

**Tuesday - Utorak, February 17, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Zvonko Banić Ivo Kosir i ob.  
 Fra Marko Kozina Stipe i Kata Bajzec  
 Za duše u čistilištu Dane i Tihana Jurković  
 Na odluku Božana Ilić

**Wednesday - Srijeda, February 18, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** John Popovich Jerome  
 Stana Delich Mary Harzich  
 Mate i Šima Vasilj sin Andrija Vasilj  
 Na čast sv. Anti Marko Zeba i ob.

**Thursday - Četvrtak, February 19, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Marko Tomljenović obitelj Rodić  
 Raymond J. Murczek Frank & Ginny  
 Lady of Međugorje N. N.

**Friday - Petak, February 20, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Nediljka Lišnić Marko Dukić  
 Ruth Coglianese Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Marija Bon Toni i Marija Diacci

**Saturday - Subota, February 21, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Ida Ferenze M&M Panatera  
 Mary O'Shea Carol & Frano Marasovich  
 Francis Parzych Anthony Pesce  
 Mariana Čubelić Krešo i Mara Passero

**5:30 P.M.** Dec. of Rak family family  
 Peter L. & Mildred Depeder Martha  
 Leroy Crisanti Angeline Szatkowski  
 Dec. of Sobocan family M/M Matt Pesce

**Sunday - Nedjelja, February 22, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Linda Humbert husband Robert

George Mikicich Rosemary Bricch  
 Eddie & Toni Mucenski 50th Anniversary  
 Josie Hanson

**9:30 A.M.** Patrica Rowe H.S.A.  
 Ray Biamonte Mary & Nick Bertucci

**11:00 A.M. u spomen**

Manda i Ivan Jurilj Ante i Anica Lončar  
 Stipe Brajković Our Lady of Peace Jr. High  
 Ljubica Zeba Marko Zeba i ob.  
 Mila Tomić Ivan Mišetić i ob.  
 Iva Jakelja Iva i Paško Jakelja i ob.  
 Marko Ljubo Dušević Perica Dušević i ob.  
 Marijana Čubelić Iva Čubelić i ob.  
 Ana Pervan Iva Čubelić i ob.  
 Katarina Majcanić i Ljubica Kralj Ljubica Belan

**Lectors**

**Saturday, February 21, 5:30 P.M.** Robert Bazani

**Sunday, February 22, 7:30 A.M.** Maryann Ciaravino

**Sunday, February 22, 9:30 A.M.** Giggie Cortese

**Nedjelja, 22. veljače 11:00 A.M.** Sanja Budimir i Antonia Jurković

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, February 21, 5:30 P.M.** Babich, B. Kenny, Rubio

**Sunday, February 22, 9:30 A.M.** Atteo, Guzman, S. Olague

**Nedjelja, 22. veljače, 11:00 A.M.** A. Mlinarić, T. Kikaš, K. Šušnjara, N. Babić

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**WEEKLY MEDITATION - St. Valentine**



Believe it or not, though this day is all about love, what is perhaps the most common legend of St. Valentine has its roots in warfare! Around 270 B.C., the Roman Emperor Claudius II forbade men to marry because he thought it made them bad soldiers - less interested in defending the empire and more interested in their families. The Roman Empire at that time was large, and its borders on all sides were constantly challenged, so Claudius II needed every man he could get to serve in the army in order to maintain control over Roman territory. A priest named Valentine is reported to have continued performing marriages in secret, defying Claudius II, for which Valentine is said to have been imprisoned and executed.

Another legend says that while Valentine was in prison awaiting his execution, he fell in love. (This was before the time priests could not get married.) He sent the object of his affection, a young woman thought to be the daughter of the man in charge of the prison, a love letter signed "Your Valentine." The first valentine was therefore sent by the man himself! In 498 A.D. Pope Gelasius declared February 14 the feast day for St. Valentine. So how did February 14 become the holiday of red hearts, roses, and poetry? As St. Valentine's popularity grew, so did the story of his love letter. It became customary to give a loved one a token of affection in memory of Valentine. As printing technology developed, those tokens of affection went from hand written notes to printed cards, and thus the tradition unfolded further into the Valentine's Day we know and celebrate today.

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**what's new** CROATIAN CALENDAR

for 2004 is now available. This year's theme is the relationship between the diaspora and the Homeland. A section of the book features information about St. Jerome Parish. You can purchase a copy of this publication in the rectory.



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**"THE PASSION OF CHRIST"**, a film by Mel Gibson, will be released on Ash Wednesday, February 25. It will be shown in over 2000 theaters across America and promises to be a "film to move hearts". Gibson believes "this movie will bring people closer together, not incite violence and hatred...The movie is about faith, hope, love and forgiveness. I hope it makes people think...reflect." More information can be obtained by visiting the film's official web site: [www.passionofchrist.com](http://www.passionofchrist.com) We strongly recommend viewing this film. If enough parishioners are interested in attending this movie as a group, our parish will secure tickets and provide transportation. Please let us know this coming week, if you would like to be included.



**PARISH ALBUM** As you know, preparation of the parish album containing photographs of our parishioners is underway. If you did not receive your pictures taken by the photographer for the album, please notify us at the rectory! In addition to the portraits, there will be several pages of photographs from various parish activities and events. We also plan to include a list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of our parishioners. **If you do not wish to have your name on this list, please call the rectory to inform us.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following graduates of our school who have achieved Honor Roll status: McCauley H.S. 'A' Honor Roll, 1st semester, Markie Racinowski; Mount Carmel H.S.: Daniel Hrvojevic, Michael Martinez, Tomislav Rogic.



### OUR DECEASED Claire Narel

(92) passed away last Sunday. Our sincere sympathy to her daughters Elaine Aranza, Claire Grzecka, son in law John Aranza, family, and friends. Claire was buried on Thursday at Resurrection cemetery. May she rest in peace.



### EMPLOYMENT

One of our new parishioners, a young man who recently moved here from Pittsburgh, is seeking a job. He holds a degree in electronics engineering technology and has had several years of experience. Please contact the rectory if you know of any available positions. Thank you!

### WISDOM'S CORNER "The BUTTERFLY"

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It was never able to fly. What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon. Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!

**REMINDERS** We ask your cooperation in abiding by the following reminders of appropriate behavior during Holy Mass:

- Please maintain a respectful silence in church.
  - As a sign of respect and honor of the Blessed Sacrament, please genuflect before entering and upon leaving your pew. Those who cannot genuflect should bow their heads.
  - Please respond to the prayers during the mass clearly and loudly.
  - During the Creed, bow your head at the words proclaiming the incarnation.
  - When receiving Holy Communion, please bow your head and respond by saying "amen".
  - Please do not stand in the rear of the church or sit in the pew assigned to the ushers.
  - Gum, candy, etc., should not be chewed, or eaten in church.
  - Please turn off all cell phones before you enter the church.
  - Please do not leave the church before the priest leaves the altar.
- THANK YOU!**

**RECOMMENDED READING** If you would like to read a book that would be a good source of Lenten reflection, we recommend Eugene Kennedy's *Cardinal Bernardin's Stations of the Cross* (St. Martin's Press. 176 pages \$19.95 hardcover, ISBN 0312246455)

"Joseph Bernardin's life tells us what happens when a man accepts the destiny that is given to a few on behalf of us who are the many, to recreate the central motif of Christian spirituality - life, death and resurrection - before our eyes." This book offers fresh insights into a man whom many view as a prophet.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"Faith is the evidence of things not seen."**