

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday - Ponedjeljak, February 23, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Zvonko Banić	Paško Jakelja
Stipe Šušnjara	obitelj Penavić
George i Cvita Vladović	Sutera family
Marijana Čubelić	obitelj Krpan
Ivan Kosić	Kata Kosić

**Tuesday - Utorak, February 24, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Nediljka Lišnić	Nediljko Lišnić
Joseph i Mary Popovich	Jerome
Bonita Hopper	Edward Drozd
Mato Braškić	Ana Braškić
Matija Alebich	Jean Tiardovich

**ASH Wednesday - Pepelnica, February 25, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Dinko Buškain	Nevenka Badrov
Marko Tomljenović	obitelj Rodić
Marija Bon	Toni i Marija Diacci
Šima Vasilj	sestra Zdenka

9:00 A.M. Mass with school children

7:00 P.M. for all parishioners

**Thursday - Četvrtak, February 26, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Na nakanu	Nikola Čosić
Anka Odak	ob. Josip Novak
Martin Gusich	Novicki family
Lorrain Cortese	family

**Friday - Petak, February 27, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Margaret Marcello	family
Na nakanu	Anđa Novak
Irving Kovin	Sutera family
Josip Nagy	obitelj Tokić

7 P.M. THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Saturday - Subota, February 28, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Zvonko Banić	Ivica Pastuović
Na čast sv. Anti	ob. Veselke i Silvije Čuvalo
Marija Bon	Toni i Marija Diacci
Na odluku	Božana Ilić

11:00 A.M. Memorial Mass +Joseph Venditti

5:30 P.M. Msgr. Ivan Zic	niece
Eva i John Raos	Rak family
Leroy Crisanti	Angeline Szatkowski

**Sunday - Nedjelja, February 29, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Mary O'Shea	Marasovich girls
Stana Delich	John & Martin Kraslen
Linda Humbert	husband Robert

9:30 A.M. Ray Biamonte Nicky Bertucci

**10:30 KRIŽNI PUT**

11:00 A.M. u spomen

fr. Ivan Bradvica	ob. Perica Dušević
Mile Rak	obitelj
Katica Hobar	Bože Guvo
Marko i Mara Karačić	Ed i Mara Cooper
Stipe Brajković	ob. Marinko Ilić
Za pok. iz ob. Ostojčić	Anica Ostojčić
Josip Nagy	obitelj Rogić
Crgo i Milica Bilonić	Milenka Lišnić i ob.
Cvijeta Maslač	Stojan Maslač

**Lectors**

Saturday, February 28, 5:30 P.M. Rosemary Brcich

Sunday, February 29, 7:30 A.M. Maryann Ciaravino

Sunday, February 29, 9:30 A.M. Diane Krolo  
Nedjelja, 29. veljače 11:00 A.M. Ivanka Paraga i Anita Kosir

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, February 28, 5:30 P.M. A. Raddatz, J. Raddatz, Zekich

Sunday, February 29, 9:30 A.M. Guzman, Lopez, Perseghin

Nedjelja, 29. veljače, 11:00 A.M. T. Kikaš, A. Mlinarić, K. Jurković

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# WEEKLY MEDITATION

## LENT

This Ash Wednesday we begin the holy season of Lent, the time when we meditate intensively about Christ and our relationship with Him. Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. (school children), and 7 p.m.

Take some time to plan how you will observe this solemn season through prayer, fasting, reflection, and sacrifice in honor of Christ's supreme sacrifice for love of us.

-During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross in English on Fridays at 7 p.m., and in Croatian on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. before mass.

-We remind you that it is imperative to fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and each Friday during Lent. We, your Franciscans, also encourage you to fast on Wednesdays during Lent. We invite those of you who live near church to try to attend mass each morning. If we celebrate holy mass together each day and try to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering, our lives will take on new meaning and direction.

We are entering Lent, a word taken from old English for lengthening of days, spring, a time for new hope, new growth. We gladly see spring and its promises, especially after the two months of snow cover we had this winter. But we might fail to see the promises of Lent. We seem tempted to make Lent a time we control with alms, prayer and fasting, instead of letting go and doing the same actions from a different perspective, the perspective of new growth and new bloom coming out of the lengthening of days. We can make Lent a time to let go of those temptations we like, a time to let ourselves be true to our God in the image of Jesus. He struggled and so will we.

### what's new! What we have been doing the past few months...

-Both sacristies have been expanded and remodeled to include new cabinets for the altar servers' clothing, new lights, new bookshelves, new floor tiles, etc., and they now look very nice.

-The former preschool room is now being used for storage of Christmas, Easter, and Velika Gospa items. It is also being used for meetings. We are trying to maximize the use of all our space.

-The next project will be the installation of new windows in the school building. This project should be completed within a few months.

-Our parish filing system and parish archives have been reorganized for efficiency and modernization.

### BAPTIZED

We welcome a new member to our parish community. **Edward**



**Daniel Lyons** will receive the sacrament of Baptism today. He is the son of Edward Lyons and Mary n. Sabbia. The godparents are Steven Lyons and Lorie Gironda. Congratulations! May the Lord

### Reminder:

Our famous **Bakalar dinner** sponsored by Club Poljica will be held at St. Jerome Hall on Saturday, March 6th.



### Serenity Prayer (in its entirety)

God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change; Courage to change the things I can; and Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, This sinful world as it is not as I would have it.

Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will. That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

*Reinhold Niebuhr*



**"The Passion of the Christ" for St. Jerome parishioners...**

The whole nation has been talking about Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ" for several months. James Caviezel, the actor who portrays Christ, says of Gibson, 'He said the wounds of Christ healed his wounds.' Our parish is organizing a group viewing. Tickets (gratis) are for St. Jerome parishioners only. The film will be shown at Loews Webster Place Theater: 1471 W. Webster, Chicago, IL 60614 Theater #7 on Sunday, February 29, at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the rectory this coming weekend. First come, first served. Please inform us if you would like to take the bus so that we know how many to reserve. Donations to defray the cost of bus transportation will be welcome.

**WISDOM'S CORNER**

In search of travelers for an expedition to the South Pole, the organizer put the following advertisement in a London newspaper: "Looking for courageous people. Small pay. Extreme cold. Months of darkness. Return home uncertain. Glory and recognition only in case of success."

The ad was put together to discourage rather than encourage individuals to join. During the next few days the paper received around 5000 people interested in joining the expedition. Perhaps being a priest is similar to this. To live whatever calling in life without recognition but with determination is the same story! Yes, the same story! If we are courageous, stout-hearted, and we know that the road that lies before us is our destiny, then it will be easier for us to make decisions... maybe each and every day!!!

**James Caviezel** - "The Red Thin Line, The Count of Monte Cristo" - (plays Jesus in "The passion of Christ") says: I love him more than I ever knew possible. I love him more than my wife, my family. There were times when I was up there (on the cross) and I could barely speak. Continual hypothermia is so excruciating. I connected to a place I could have never, ever gone. I don't want people to see me. All I want them to see is Jesus Christ.

**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 read Parish bulletin during mass.

-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** Bill O'Reilly's *Who is looking out for you?* (Random House, 320 pages \$14.95 hardcover, ISBN 0375432183) As he did in his bestselling books *The O'Reilly Factor* and *The No Spin Zone*, TV and radio host Bill O'Reilly again blasts a host of selfish and corrupt individuals and institutions for threatening the nation's well-being—no surprise there. The underlying theme of the book is trust. If you can identify and associate with those who deserve your trust, he argues, you will get along well in both your personal and professional life. Among those external forces undeserving of trust, according to O'Reilly, are the media (particularly harmful to children, he warns), the legal system, and the government.

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**"God loves us the way we are, but He loves us too much to leave us that way."**