

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday - Ponedjeljak, February 9, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Stana Delich	Angie Madia
Mary & Rocco Iacullo	Bob & Nancy Link
Stipe Šušnjara	Obitelj Penavić
Na čast sv. Anti	Mato Tomić

Tuesday - Utorak, February 10, 2004

7:30 A.M. Zvonko Banić	Mate Mulac i ob.
Katica Hobar	Neda Roscich
Stana Delich	Joanne Sipich
Spcl. Intention for Josie Hanson	Giggie

Wednesday - Srijeda, February 11, 2004

7:30 A.M. Stipe Brajković	Luka Bajić i ob.
Jeannie Creech	M/M Anthony Senerchia
Za duše u čistilištu	Anica Ostojić

Thursday - Četvrtak, February 12, 2004

7:30 A.M. Na čast sv. Anti	obitelj Tomić
Na čast Gospi	Marija Tomić
Steven Brajković	Our Lady of Peace Jr. Hi Dept.
Marge & John Sobocan	M/M Matt Pesce

Friday - Petak, February 13, 2004

7:30 A.M. Millie Trovato	Giggie
Maria & Rosario Scalise	Pasqualina R.
Nediljka Lišnić	Marko Dukić
Frances (Betty) Parzych	M/M Matt Pesce

Saturday - Subota, February 14, 2004

7:30 A.M. Patrick Muldowney	friends
Ray & Laura Hughes	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Our Lady of Medjugorje	N. N.
Ray Biamonte	cousin Mamie and Jr.

5:30 P.M. Millie Trovato	family
John Mladinov family	family
Stana Delich	Frank & Luanne Munizzi
Bill Serritella	Eva & Sam Madia
Ivan Babić	Valerija Babić

Sunday - Nedjelja, February 15, 2004

7:30 A.M. Linda Humbert	husband Robert
George Mikicich	Tony Zaninovich
Pauline Messina	Debbie & Mary
Al & Millie Mucenski	family

9:30 A.M. Stana Delich	Joe & Sherry LaMantia
Carmen, Carmella, Tommy LaPapa	daughter / sister

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Stipe Šušnjara	Mary Fratto
Marija Grdić	Iva Grdić
Mate i Dragojka Badrov	Pavo Badrov i ob.
Stipe Brajković	Jure i Zlata Dugandžić
Stipe Brajković	Josip i Marija Lišnić
Mirko Jurčević	Tomislav Lišnić i ob.
Marijana Čubelić	Bože Kosir i ob.
Mara Kikaš	Obitelj Kikaš
Biserka Marušić	suprug i djeca

Lectors

Saturday, February 14, 5:30 P.M. Michael Passarelli

Sunday, February 15, 7:30 A.M. Maryann Ciaravino

Sunday, February 15, 9:30 A.M. Jan Zekich

Nedjelja, 15. veljače 11:00 A.M. Mario Pehar i Danijela Šumera

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, February 14, 5:30 P.M. Ciaravino, LoCoco, Sabbia

Sunday, February 15, 9:30 A.M. Nero, A.

Sarkauskas, R. Sarkauskas

Nedjelja, 15. veljače, 11:00 A.M. A. Kosir, D. Obranović, M. Jurković i K. Jurković

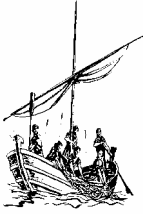
FINANCIAL REPORT

February 2, 2004	\$ 4,385.00
Seminary Collection	\$ 593.00

WEDDING BANNES

Angela Trezza - Anthony DeGrazia (3)
Katarina Goreta - Mate Crnjac (3)

WEEKLY MEDITATION



Our lives in Christ depend upon an unlimited trust in the Lord, following his words with energy and hope even when his will for us leads into uncharted waters, when he commands that we "put out into the deep", even those well-plumbed depths which have in the past yielded up for us only empty nets. Simon Peter responded with weariness, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing", when our Lord commanded him "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." (Lk 5, 4-5) He had good reason to believe that after all of his valiant efforts he would come up empty again.

You and I, too, have tried again and again to keep the Lord's commands, and sometimes have failed. We also respond sometimes with weariness when he reminds us to keep all the things that he has commanded. We too wish sometimes to persuade him to release us from the burdens of commitment, of thankless labor, of frightening and overwhelming situations. Peter, though wearied with trying, says a remarkable thing for, even after complaining hesitation, he responds with the divine power of faith: "But at your word I will let down the nets." (Lk 5, 5) He responds in obedience and trust though he had no earthly reason to believe his efforts would be crowned with success.

WE RECOMMEND to you, dear parishioners, our own parishioners, friends, and neighbors who advertise their businesses in our church bulletin. Because of their help we are able to publish our bulletin each week. As successful business people, we are confident that they will satisfy your needs. We thank you for your patronage of the fine services provided by our advertisers.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in our church. We invite everyone to this evening of prayer and visitation with Our Lord.



THE CROSS AND US We know that in your homes there are beautiful pictures and many decorative objects, but we wonder if you have a crucifix, the universal sign of the Christian faith. The cross, as the central symbol of Christian life, should be given a worthy place in your homes where it can daily remind you of the values we are called to live.



CARDINAL STEPINAC DAY

Today we celebrate a day in honor of Blessed Cardinal Stepinac with holy mass at 11 a.m. followed by a special program in the school hall featuring our Croatian School, Kolo group, and guest groups. A festive banquet will be served after the program. All our welcome to attend.

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 rectory.

Today we observe **WORLD DAY for CONSECRATED LIFE**. Pope John Paul II encourages us to give thanks to God for those men and women who are called to offer their lives in service to the Church as members of religious congregations and societies. We pray that God will continue to bless them and grace the Church with more people who will continue the works of service to God and His people in answer to the call to consecrated life.

WISDOM'S CORNER



When Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard: "Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, O God, and know our hearts today. Cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of Your will and to openly ask these things in the name of Your Son, the Living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen!"



A true story...

Years ago a hardworking man moved his family from New York State to Australia to take advantage of a work opportunity there. Part of this man's family was a handsome young son who had aspirations of joining the circus as a trapeze artist or an actor. This young fellow, biding his time until a circus job or even one as a stagehand came along, worked at the local shipyards that bordered the worst section town.

Walking home from work one evening this young man was attacked by five thugs who wanted to rob him. Instead of just giving up his money, the young fellow resisted; however, they bested him easily and proceeded to beat him to a pulp. They mashed his face with their boots, and kicked and beat his body brutally with clubs, leaving him for dead. When the police happened to find him lying in the road, they assumed he was dead and called for the Morgue Wagon. On the way to the morgue a policeman heard him gasp for air, and they immediately took him to the emergency unit at the hospital. When he was placed on a gurney, a nurse remarked to her horror that this young man no longer had a face. Each eye socket was smashed. His skull, legs, and arms were fractured. His nose was literally hanging from his face. All his teeth were gone, and his jaw was almost completely torn from his skull.

Although his life was spared, he spent over a year in the hospital. When he finally left, his body may have healed but his face was disgusting to look at. He was no longer the handsome youth that everyone admired. When the young man started to look for work again, he was turned down by everyone just because of the way he looked. One potential employer suggested to him that he join the freak show at the circus as The Man Who Had No Face. He did this for a while. He was still rejected by everyone and no one wanted to be seen in his company. He had thoughts of suicide. This went on for five years.

One day he passed a church and sought some solace there. In the church he encountered a priest who had seen him sobbing while kneeling in a pew. The priest took pity on him and took him to the rectory where they talked at length. The priest was impressed with him to such a degree that he said he would do everything possible for him that could be done to restore his dignity and life if the young man would promise to be the best Catholic he could be, and trust in God's mercy to free him from his torturous life. The young man went to Mass and communion every day, and after thanking God for saving his life, asked God to only give him peace of mind and the grace to be the best man he could ever be in His eyes.

The priest, through his personal contacts was able to secure the services of the best plastic surgeon in Australia. There would be no cost to the young man, as the doctor was the priest's best friend. The doctor, too, was so impressed by the young man whose outlook on life, even though he had experienced the worst, was now filled with good humor and love. The surgery was a miraculous success. All the best dental work was also done for him. The young man became everything he promised God he would be. He was also blessed with a wonderful, beautiful wife, many children, and success in an industry that would have been the furthest thing from his mind as a career if not for the goodness of God and the love of the people who cared for him. This he acknowledges publicly.

The young man was Mel Gibson. His life was the inspiration for his production of the movie "The Man Without A Face." He is to be admired by all of us as a God fearing man, a political conservative, and an example to all as a man of true courage. And to think I admired him before I knew any of this! He is quite a man! **Paul Harvey**

RECOMMENDED READING If you wish to read a good book analyzing today's society, we recommend the following: Mary E. Muscari's *Not My Kind - Protecting Your Children from the 21 Threats of the 21st Century* (Univ. of Scranton Press, paperback, \$21.50). Abductions, sexual molestation, terrorism, Internet, school shootings...Today children face unprecedented danger from water, fire, poisons, vehicles, and perils that have worsened since we moved into the new millennium. No parent should be without this book.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"One does not make a living merely by the work of the hands, but by the work of the heart."