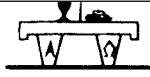


MASS INTENTIONS
Monday - Ponedjeljak, January 24, 2005
Feast of St. Francis de Sales

7:30 A.M. Luka Botica Rodich family
 Helen Ursetta Giggie Cortese
 Special intention Debbie Kodzoman
 Ray Ciucio Catherine & Nick Perisin

Tuesday - Utorak, January 25, 2005
Conversion of St. Paul

7:30 A.M. Marija Rodić obitelj Rodić
 Žarko Ostojić Anica Ostojić i obitelj
 Irene Reskey Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Luka Botica, Frank Polacek, & Paul Grubisic-Cabo
 M/M John Botica

Wednesday - Srijeda, January 26, 2005

7:30 A.M. Matthew Botica Giggie Cortese
 Marija Romanović Mary Fratto
 Jane Baker niece Vonnie

8:05 A.M. Hilario Rosas Mossman family

Thursday - Četvrtak, January 27, 2005

7:30 A.M. Lena Marino family
 Margaret Marcello family
 Rafael Rogić Vinko i Marija Ramić
 Mary Ann Hawryz Catherine & Nick Perisin

Friday - Petak, January 28, 2005
Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

7:30 A.M. Toma Botica M/M John Botica
 Za duše u čistilištu Anica Ostojić
 James Gurgone, Sr. Rose Ann & children
 Rafael Rogić Krystyna i Jadre Rogić

Saturday- Subota, January 29, 2005

7:30 A.M. Eva Balich family
 Lena Marino family
 Lady of Međugorje M/M John Botica
 Na nakanu Milijana Vlastelica

5:30 P.M. Dom Leodoro mom & dad
 Thompson & Iozzo fam. Iozzo family
 James Sutera Radman family
 Ivan Dlačić Mirjana Šušnjara
 Mile Rak Helen Rak & family

Sunday - Nedjelja, January 30, 2005

7:30 A.M. Toma i Julia Mustapić obitelj Čondić
 Linda Humbert husband Robert
 St. Filomena Debbie Kodzoman
 Luka Botica Maria & Miriam Rodriguez

9:30 A.M. Luka Botica Vera Bozich
 John Townsend Cathy Amato
 Fr. Steve Raich Catherine & Nick Perisin

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Robert Jurlina obitelj
 Ivan Ivanko Vesna Krišto
 Jure i Milka Ukalovic Marija Jabek
 Ante Golub sestra Marija
 Pero, Janja, i Damjan Puljić ob. Boro Puljić
 Ilija Zeba brat Marko i obitelj
 Ruža Zeba muž Marko i obitelj
 Žarko Ostojić Anica Ostojić i obitelj

Lectors

Saturday, January 29, 5:30 P.M. Frank DiLoreto

Sunday, January 30, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce

Sunday, January 30, 9:30 A.M. Jan Zekich

Sunday, January 30, 11:00 A.M. Mario Ivančić
 i Perica Dušević

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 29, 5:30 P.M. Ferro, B.
 Kenny, V. Kenny

Sunday, January 30, 7:30 A.M. Atteo & Zekich

Sunday, January 30, 9:30 A.M. Guzman,
 Nero, Sanchez

Sunday, January 30, 11:00 A.M. S. Šušnjara,
 D. Jurković, T. Kikaš, A. Kosić

► **For Rent:** Recently remodeled and repainted 3rd flr, 2+bdm, hardwood flrs, appliances; \$475. Vic. 27th Princeton. Call 708 567 1591

► **For Rent:** Near 31st Princeton: 5 rms, 1st flr front, remodeled: new carpet/cabinets, newly painted, includes refrigerator & stove. Pay own utilities. No pets. Quiet bldg. Call after 12:30 p.m. 312 326-5311

CAREGIVER seeks full-time employment Monday through Friday. Call 312- 907-8337 for more information.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew compares the arrival of Jesus on the scene to the coming of a great light to a people who had been living in deep darkness. In order to appreciate a light, one must be conscious of one's darkness and desire to escape from it. Each of us has areas of darkness in our lives—fear, illness, pain, sin, guilt, loneliness, and so on. Society too has its dark areas. Hence our need of the light of Christ. Though the light comes as a friend, it also disturbs us because it shows up what is wrong. There are still many people who live in darkness. We need the light of Jesus now more than ever. The light of Jesus did not come to judge us, but to save us, to show us how to live, to show us the way to the Father's Kingdom.

Each of us can be sources of light to a darkened world. Each of us is called to that task, but unless our own lamp is lit, we won't be able to enlighten anyone else. There is great joy in being in the light. There is greater joy in being a source of light to others.

JANUARY - Respect Life Month

January 22nd marks the 32nd anniversary of the legalization of abortion that has resulted in one unborn baby being killed approximately every 30 seconds in this country.

BLESSING OF HOMES is taking place. If you are interested in having Father come to bless your home, please call the parish office to make arrangements.

JOB WANTED
A young man in our parish community is seeking employment of any type. If anyone has a job to offer or knows of someone who is hiring, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Father,
Thank you for the generous donation that your parish gave for our retirement fund. Our sisters have served St. Jerome's Parish for many years and they have many cherished memories from there. It was a blessing both for the parish and for our community to be at St. Jerome's. It is sad that we don't have more sisters to continue the ministry of education with you. Thank you for remembering the sisters in this donation. May God continue to bless you and the people in your parish. Know that you are remembered in our prayers.
Sincerely, Sr. Joan Hornick, ASC

WISDOM'S CORNER *Character and Courage*

A legend from India tells about a mouse who was terrified of cats until a magician agreed to transform him into a cat. That resolved his fear until he met a dog, so the magician changed him into a dog. The mouse-turned-cat-turned-dog was content until he met a tiger. So, once again, the magician changed him into what he feared. But when the tiger came complaining that he had met a hunter, the magician refused to help. "I will make you into a mouse again, for though you have the body of a tiger, you still have the heart of a mouse."

Courage is an outgrowth of who we are. Exterior supports may temporarily sustain, but only inward character creates courage. *-Max Lucado*

There is only one important time: the present moment. Only in it do we have power. The most important person is the one with whom we spend the moment. What is most important is the good we can do him or her in that moment, because that is the only reason we are sent into this world.
L. Tolstoj

An Autobiography In Five Chapters

(Dedicated to those who struggle with addictions.)

CHAPTER ONE

I walk down the street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I fall in.

I am lost - I am helpless.

It isn't my fault.

It takes forever

to find a way out.

CHAPTER TWO

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I pretend I don't see it.

I fall in again.

I cant believe I am in this same place.

But it isn't my fault.

It still takes a long time to get out.

CHAPTER THREE

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I see it is there.

I fall in...it's a habit

but my eyes are open.

I know where I am.

It is my fault.

I get out immediately.

CHAPTER FOUR

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I walk around it.

CHAPTER FIVE

I walk down a different street. *Anonymous*

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt: \$400,000

Donated to Date: \$ 93,520

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 11,900

Thank you to all who have contributed and to all who are considering a contribution!

VERIFICATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parishioners, you can obtain proof of your contributions to our church for tax purposes at the parish office. Thank you for all of your gifts to St. Jerome's!

CROATIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION (CAA), an important organization in the political life of Croatian Americans, will celebrate its 15th anniversary and annual banquet at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Chicago. Please reserve Saturday, April 2 to celebrate this special occasion.

CARDINAL STEPINAC DAYS are drawing near. This year we will celebrate them on February 5 and 6. On Saturday the 5th the traditional concert will be held at Healy School. On Sunday the 6th there will be a special mass, followed by a program and dinner in our parish hall. Special guests will be the youth from Oakville, Canada. Please keep these dates in mind.

A NEW RADIO PROGRAM has begun broadcasting from our parish. The **CRO RADIO** program aired its first broadcast last Saturday. It can be heard every Saturday from 11a.m. to 12 p.m. on **WNDZ 750 AM**. We salute the young people who have undertaken this worthy project. The program is in English.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate him, a day to love him, but an entire life to forget that person.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“ Every day of our lives we find ourselves faced with a choice: suffer because we love, or suffer still more because we don't love!”