

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday - Ponedjeljak, March 28, 2005**

7:30 A.M. Jago Soldo family
 Andrija i Luca Lišnić obitelj Bajić
 Rafael Rogić Krystyna i Jadre Rogić
 Ricky LoCasto Catherine & Nick Perisin

Tuesday - Utorak, March 29, 2005

7:30 A.M. Rosalie Mustari Marian Segvich
 Anto Beretić obitelj Pero Dugandžić
 Sr. Loretta Gina Raffin & Thomas McDonald
 Za duše u čistilištu Društvo Gospe Ruzarja Preko

Wednesday - Srijeda, March 30, 2005

7:30 A.M. Luka Botica Juliana Perisin
 Josephine Gubišić-Čabo M/M John Botica
 Jeanette Gioia Catherine & Nick Perisin

Thursday - Četvrtak, March 31, 2005

7:30 A.M. Stana Maslač Stojan Maslač
 Za duše u čistilištu Anica Ostojčić
 Nick LoCoco Giggi Cortese

Friday - Petak, April 1, 2005

7:30 A.M. Nick LoCoco Ferro family
 Rosalie Mustari Marian Segvich
 Emil Ratch Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Hazel Lyons Jim & Mary Ann Saracco

Saturday - Subota, April 2, 2005

7:30 A.M. Na čast sv. Anti obitelj Nikolić
 Lorraine & Bill Struck Ann Contino
 Za duše u čistilištu obitelj Ivan Karačić
 Rafael Rogić Blagica Bešlić i obitelj

5:30 P.M. Millie Trovato family
 Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
 Rafael Rogić Jerko Grubišić
 Joseph Zekich wife & children
 Kate Plepel Dorothy Plepel
 Dominick & Lena Marino Chris & Matt Pesce
 Sr. Loretta Bozich Frank Scully Scalise

Sunday - Nedjelja, April 3, 2005

7:30 A.M. Joseph Consola Debbie & Mary
 Linda Humbert husband Robert

Kay Batina

Pauline Bogetich

9:30 A.M. Carlo Guttillo mother
 Sr. Bernadette Rosemarie Sestito
 Rosie & Tom Ferro Perisin grandchildren

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Ana Šestan obitelj
 Tomislav Hostička obitelj
 Pok. članove sv. Marija Otok Cres Club Cres
 Josip Petrović Ana Braškić
 Jozo i Ana Pervan Ljuba Pervan
 Mladen Bugarija Jelica Šimunić
 Dr. Ante Dragnić Lana Marasovich
 Branko Rupčić kći Milena i obitelj
 Rafael Rogić Ivan Jureta i obitelj
 Zorka i Bože Vlastelica sin Nikola Vlastelica
 Žarko Ostojčić Anica Ostojčić i obitelj
 Tomo Lusavec obitelj Stanko i Mara Šušnjara

Lectors

Saturday, April 2, 5:30 P.M. Robert Bazan

Sunday, April 3, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce

Sunday, April 3, 9:30 A.M. Domingo Rodriguez

Sunday, April 3, 11:00 A.M. Nediljko Babić i
 Milan Žolo

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, April 2, 5:30 P.M. LoCoco, Raddatz,
 Rubio

Sunday, April 3, 7:30 A.M. Sanchez, Segvich

Sunday, April 3, 9:30 A.M. A. Nero, P. Nero,
 Passi

Sunday, April 3, 11:00 A.M. M. Jurković, K.
 Kristić, M. Carlson, T. Kikaš, D. Jureta

► **For Rent:** Apt. on 25th Pl. 3 large bdrms, 2nd flr
 frnt, new appl., carpeting, enclosed porch. Call 630-
 904-6774.

► **For Rent:** Vic. 31st Princeton - 4 rooms, 2
 bedrooms, remodeled kitchen. Call evenings 312-
 842-6176

► **For Rent:** 4 rooms, Vicinity of 32nd and Wells.
 Call 773- 538-4515

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 Monday through Friday. Call 312- 907-8337.



WEEKLY MEDITATION — EASTER SUNDAY

We can face and endure anything, as long as we know it will not last forever, and that something better will happen. This is the meaning of hope. Hope is as necessary for the spirit as bread is for the body. Easter provides an enormous injection of hope for the human spirit, and it is so desperately needed! The world didn't take much notice of the resurrection of Jesus because it was a humble, hidden event. Jesus did not appear in triumph to humiliate those who humiliated Him. He appeared to those whom He called by name, with whom He broke bread, and even they had difficulty believing. Yet, it was this hidden event that freed humanity from the shackles of death. Jesus rose as a sign to those who followed Him that God's love is stronger than death. By entering fully into human life and experiencing the bitterness of death, Jesus became a Savior to all people.

The death of Jesus was part of God's plan. Jesus is our salvation, pointing the way along the road of obedience and suffering. At Easter we still feel the pain of the world, in our families, among our friends, and in our own hearts, but a new element is introduced that gives meaning to this pain. The element is HOPE. All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks His words of peace to us as He spoke them to the apostles. Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life. Because of it we know that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than despair.

A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO ALL!

MANY THANKS We are grateful to you, our dear parishioners and friends, for your participation in our Holy Week services, the flower donations, and the cleaning of our church in special preparation for the Easter Holy Days. Thanks, also, to those of you who responded to the Parish Census. If you still haven't filled out the forms, please do so as soon as possible.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be observed next Sunday, April 3, with prayers and devotions in our church at 3 p.m. We invite everyone to participate.

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt: \$400,000

Donated to Date: \$100,965

March donations: \$ 1825.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 11,900

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

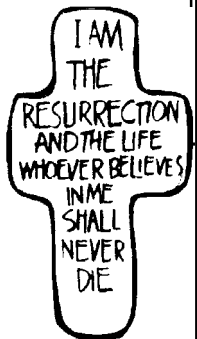
BOOK OF PRAYER INTENTIONS

can be found at the entrance to our church. On its pages we invite you to list your special intentions, the names of those who are ill, or any other prayer requests. The book is presented during the Offertory procession at Sunday masses each week and placed on the altar.

WISDOM'S CORNER *Something has happened here...*

A nun working in a convent school related the following story.

A few weeks before Easter the father of one of the pupils from the school was involved in a horrible accident. While burning some branches in his garden, he accidentally set fire to himself and died as a result of his burns. Naturally, his family went into deep shock, and grief settled over the house. His wife was so distraught that she couldn't go out into the garden where the accident happened, and even found it difficult to look out the window that faced the garden. However, the days went by and Easter came around. On Easter Sunday afternoon the nun visited the family again, expecting to find them still grief-stricken. Instead she got a very pleasant surprise. Stepping into the house she sensed that the gloom had lifted, replaced by a feeling of peace. "I can sense that something has happened here," she told the mother. The mother replied, "This morning my sister came to visit me and asked me to go into the garden for some fresh air. I became almost hysterical at the mere thought, but she insisted that it would help me, so I went with her. As we approached, my whole body began to shake. Then suddenly, although I don't know how or from where, the words of the Gospel came to me: 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen.' At that moment it was as if a heavy load was lifted off my back, and I felt a great sense of peace and joy."



Jesus has overcome death, not just for Himself, but for all of us. He is the first to rise from the dead, but we are to follow Him. Our dead are not dead. They share the life of the risen Christ. They are alive, and that's how we should think of them. What happened at Easter enables us to let go of our loved ones in faith. Jesus takes the sting out of death for us.

LET IT GO

The gift of good-bye is a spiritual gift. Believe in good-bye. It's not being hateful; it's being faithful and knowing that whatever God means for you to have He'll give to you.

If you are holding onto something that doesn't belong to you and was never intended for your life, then you need to ... LET IT GO!!! If you are holding on to past hurts and pains LET IT GO!!! If someone can't treat you right, love you back, and see your worth...LET IT GO!!! If someone has angered you ... LET IT GO!!! If you are holding onto some thoughts of evil and revenge ... LET IT GO!!! If you are involved in a wrong relationship or addiction ... LET IT GO!!! If you are holding onto a job that no longer meets your needs or talents ... LET IT GO!!! If you have a bad attitude...LET IT GO!!! If you keep judging others to make yourself feel better... LET IT GO!!! If you're stuck in the past and God is trying to take you to a new level in Him... LET IT GO!!! If you are struggling with the healing of a broken relationship... LET IT GO!!! If you keep trying to help someone who won't even try to help himself... LET IT GO!!! If you're feeling depressed and stressed ... LET IT GO!!! If there is a particular situation that you are so used to handling yourself and God is saying "take your hands off of it," then you need to... LET IT GO!!! Let the past be the past. Forget the former things. GOD is doing a new thing for you in 2005!!! LET IT GO!!! If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it. In happy moments, praise God. In difficult moments, seek God. In quiet moments, worship God. In painful moments, trust God. Every moment, thank God!

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IMPORTANT**CAA ANNUAL GALA AND BANQUET**

This year the Croatian American Association will host a celebration of its 15th anniversary. The event will be held on Saturday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel (301 E. North Water Street in downtown Chicago). Everyone is invited to take part in this gala affair. Important guests from the Croatian and American political arenas will be present. A raffle for a one year's subscription to the Croatian satellite program will be held. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be obtained from Jerko Sumera (708 352 3354), the office of Anthony Peraica (773 735 1700), and Dragica Rudman (773 752 0279).

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GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW**PARKING LOT**

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, April 10,  we will host a special ceremony for the official opening of our new parking lot. Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller will join us for this occasion and preside at the 9:30 mass that morning. A brief ceremony will be held after the mass to "open" the parking lot. At 12:30 p.m. that afternoon a special luncheon will be held in our school hall as a fund raiser for the new parking lot. Please reserve this date and join us in celebration and fellowship!

H.S.A. RAFFLE RESULTS

St. Jerome H.S.A. would like to thank all of our parishioners, family, and friends for their great support of our "palacinka" breakfast and \$13,000 raffle. We had a wonderful day! Thank you to all those who volunteered to help with the breakfast and raffle, and those who came to share in the fun of the day! Congratulations to the winners of the \$13,000 raffle!

1st - Erika Holding & family (\$10,000)

2nd - Lou Scalise family (\$1,000)

3rd - 1st and 4th grade group ticket (\$1,000)

4th - The Luncheonettes (\$500)

5th - C. Amato, S. Bills, E. Binchi, & S .Ball (\$500)

DOUBLE PARKING We again ask you to refrain from double parking. The police have repeatedly warned us that they will issue tickets for double parked cars, especially now that we have another parking lot. Please use both lots.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Prayer changes people and people change the world."