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2-22-2026

SV. MISE: Radnim danima:
7:30 sati hrvatski;
Subotom: 17:00 sati engleski
Nedjeljom: 8:30 i10 sati hrvatski
12:00 sati engleski

MASSES: Weekdays: 7:30am Croatian
Saturday: 5:00pm English
Sunday: 8:30am and 10:00am Croatian
12:00pm English

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SVETA ISPOVIJED: Subotom u **15:00 h**.

KLANJANJE: Prvi petak u mjesecu od 17:00 - 18:00 h.

KRŠTENJE: Nazovite župni ured radi dogovora.

ŽENIDBA: Treba se najaviti **unaprijed 6 mjeseci**.

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Saturday at 3:00pm.
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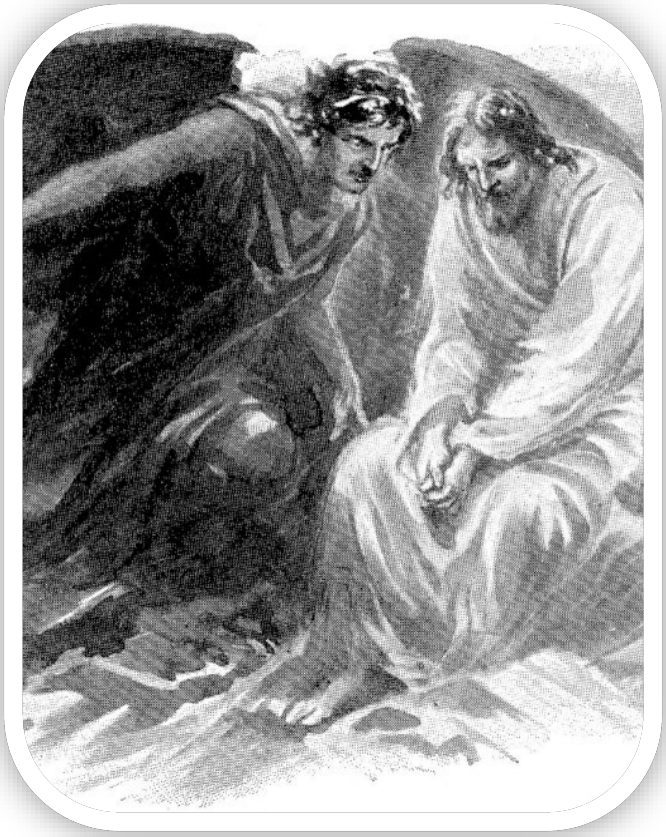
1. KORIZMENA
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



ODLAZI, SOTONO !!!

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GET AWAY, SATAN !!!

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POKOJNICI:

Preminuo je **NIKOLA OBROVAC**, 15. veljače 2026. godine u Bjelovaru, HR, u 66. godini života. U našoj župi ima kumove Milu i Maru Tomljenović. Misa za dušu +Nikole, bila je prošle nedjelje, 15. veljače 2026. godine u 8:30am.

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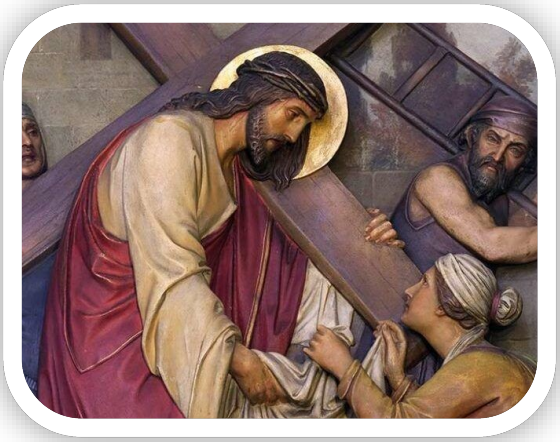

Kroz korizmu molimo
KRIŽNI PUT
na hrvatskom
srijedom i petkom u 18:00 sati.
A četvrtkom je križni put na engleskome jeziku u 17:00 sati.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

During Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross following the journey Christ suffered on the road to Calvary on every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We will pray Stations and we will celebrate Holy Mass in **Croatian on Wednesday and Friday at 6pm. On Thursday in English, at 5pm, we pray the Stations followed by a Eucharistic service.** All are welcomed.



A Word of Encouragement for the First Sunday of Lent

Lent begins in a place we do not choose easily: the desert. Not only the desert of sand and stones, but the interior desert where noise fades, distractions fall away, and we are left with what is real. The Church leads us there at the very start, because the truth is simple: if we never enter the desert, we rarely discover what truly feeds us.

The first reading reminds us how fragile human freedom can be. From the beginning, the heart is tempted to doubt God's goodness, to reach for control, to take the quicker path, to protect itself through hiding. Sin does not only break a rule. It breaks trust. It interrupts communion. It leaves behind fear, shame, and distance.

And yet the Psalm becomes the honest prayer of every soul that wants to return: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." Lent is not a season of pretending we are strong. It is a season of telling the truth and letting mercy do what self-improvement cannot. It is the courage to say: I cannot save myself, but I can be saved.

Saint Paul then opens the horizon of hope. Where sin spreads its damage, grace goes further. God's mercy is not a small patch placed over a deep wound. In Christ, grace is stronger than the fall, stronger than the past, stronger than the patterns we thought we could never change. Lent is not mainly about what we give up. It is about what we receive: a new life offered again.

And then the Gospel brings everything into sharp focus. Jesus, before beginning His public mission, is led into the desert. He does not run from human struggle. He enters it fully. The temptations He faces are not dramatic in appearance. They are deeply human.

Turn stones into bread. Solve the problem quickly. Satisfy the hunger now.
How familiar that voice is. How often we want immediate relief, instant comfort, an easy solution.

But Jesus answers with calm strength: "One does not live on bread alone." He does not reject bread or human needs. He rejects the lie that material satisfaction can carry the weight of the soul. He refuses to build life on what is temporary.

Then comes another temptation: power, control, security through domination. And another: spectacle, proving Himself, forcing God's hand.

And again, Jesus does not argue in panic or react out of pride. He stands on the Word of God. He remains rooted. He knows who He is, to whom He belongs, and what truly matters.

This is the heart of Lent for us. Temptation rarely comes wearing the label "evil." Often it arrives as something practical, reasonable, even attractive: Take the easier road. Skip the process. Just this once. You deserve it.

At its core, temptation targets trust.
Will I believe my impulse or the deeper truth?
Will I chase quick relief or seek real peace?
Will I choose control or choose communion?
Will I build my life on bread alone, or on every word that comes from God?

The desert reveals us, but it also strengthens us. Lent is not meant to crush us. It is meant to clarify us. It calls us not to perfection overnight, but to awakefulness, to honesty, to a renewed direction. It invites us to create a small "desert" in daily life: less noise, fewer automatic reactions, fewer shortcuts, more prayer, more Scripture, more space for God to speak.

Because the greatest battles are often not fought in public. They are fought quietly, in the heart, where no one applauds, but where everything is decided.

So if you feel your weakness this Lent, do not be surprised. The desert is doing its work. If you feel tempted, do not despair. Jesus has been there. And if you fall, do not hide. Return to mercy. Grace is not waiting at the finish line. Grace meets you in the struggle.

May this Lent become a path back to the truth: that your deepest hunger is not meant to be silenced, but fulfilled—by God Himself?

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Koverte za milostinju u 2026. godini možete podići u dvorani sv. Josipa. Molimo vas uzmite ih. Hvala.



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ODLAZI, SOTONO!

Prvi su ljudi sagriješili. Tek tako, iz obijesti, iz znatiželje. Tako su brzo zaboravili da ih je Bog stvorio na svoju sliku, sebi slične, da mu budu prijatelji. Zaboravili su da ih je Bog postavio iznad svega stvorenoga. I onda, već prvom prigodom, pokazuju nezahvalnost i nevjeru. Tako su brzo počeli misliti da ih Bog zapravo želi izigrati. Stoga su povjerovali napasniku koji ih je upravo u to uvjeravao. Prestupili su zapovijed i otkrili svoju bijedu i golotinju.

Danas možemo otkriti uzroke toga zla. O tome nam govori prvo čitanje i evanđelje. Naime, prvi su se ljudi ***upustili u razgovor sa Zavodnikom, počeli su raspravljati sa Sotonom.*** Kad su počeli s njime propast je već bila na vidiku. I tako je i bilo. Upravo tako. Kad čovjek počne razglabati i razmišljati o grijehu, kad počne umovati: „Samo da pokušam, samo još ovaj put…“, vrata su propasti već otvorena.

Upravo se u tome Isusov postupak bitno drugačiji. Isus – a to nam je za pouku! – ni u čemu ne daje Sotoni za pravo. Ne dopušta ni najmanju nagodbu, ni najmanje odstupanje, makar se Sotona uporno služi navodima iz Svetoga pisma. I, sjetimo se, na koncu Isus veli: *„**Odlazi, Sotono!**“*



Imamo iskustvo napasti i pada…U počecima znali smo izreći tek poneku laž. A danas? Svome bližnjem, onom najbližem, bračnom drugu, roditelju, djetetu, bratu znali bi tek ponekad reći neku grublju riječ. A danas? Prije smo tek rijetko propuštali misu, kad smo bili bolesni. A danas? Slično je kad je u pitanju i post i molitva i ispovijed… A što da kažemo kad je u pitanju alkohol, lijenost, sklonost ogovaranju, bludnost, loše misli… Sva su ta zla ušla u nas, a da nismo ni primijetili. I postala su dio nas.

Korizma je na vratima. Recimo odlučno **„Ne!“** svakome zlu.

Bog nam daje tu snagu, baš kao što je dao tolikim velikanima. Recimo s Isusom: ***„Odlazi, sotono!“*** I gle: anđeli će nam služiti.

MON 2-23-2026 GROZDAN, ROMANA
7:30am
+PAULINE F. KIVACH - KĆERKE: PAULINE A., TINA & KAREN;
+MILKA, NIKOLA MESIĆ - KĆERKA ANKA;
+DOMIN, KLARA, NIKO, FRANJO VURBIĆ - DRAGICA VURBIĆ.

TUE 2-24-2026 MONTAN, MODEST, GORAN
7:30am U ČAST SV. MARTE ZA SINA - MAMA;
+LJUBICA GALIĆ - SUPRUG I DJECA;
+ZVONKO MILIČEVIĆ - KATA VALENTIĆ.

WED 2-25-2026 DONAT ZADARSKI, HRVOJE,
6:00pm KRIŽNI PUT
U ČAST SV. JOSIPU ZA ZDRAVLJE FRANCIKE - SUPRUG;
+IVAN, REGINA KOSEC - DRAGICA VURBIĆ;
+PERO BRNADA - JOZEFINA JELIĆ;
+MARKO ZOVKO - SUPRUGA I DJECA;
+ANKA VALENTIĆ - ANKA VALENTIĆ.

THU 2-26-2026 ALEKSANDAR, ROBERT, PAULA
7:30am
+MATO, DRINA VURBIĆ - KLARA WILSON;
+MARIJA SULIĆ - KATA ŠESTAN.

5:00pm STATION OF THE CROSS

FRI 2-27-2026 GABRIEL OD ŽALOSNE GOSPE



6:00pm KRIŽNI PUT
ZA DUŠE U ČISTILIŠTU - ANKICA RADOČAJ;
+SLAVKO LORKOVIĆ - DRAGICA KAUŽLJAR;
+TONI PURGAR, +IZ OB. RABUZIN - KUMOVI;
+MATO, DRINA VURBIĆ - JOZEFINA JELIĆ.

SAT 2-28-2026 ROMAN, TEOFIL, BOGOLJUB
7:30am
ZA ZDRAVLJE UNUKA - BAKA;
+IZ OB. RADELJAK - OB. RADELJAK.

5:00pm
+PAULINE F. KIVACH-DAUGHTERS: PAULINE A., TINA, KAREN;
+PETAR, LUJA VALENTIĆ,
+ZVONKO, MARIJA MATIĆ,
+TINA CVITKOVIĆ - MILAN, DRAGA MATIĆ.

SUNDAY 3-1-2026
2.KORIZMENA
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am
ZA ZDRAVLJE SVIH NAŠIH BOLESNIKA;
ZA ZDRAVLJE MAME - KĆERKA;
ZA ZDRAVLJE BOJE GOJEVIĆ - DARIJANA VUJICA;
U ČAST MUCI ISUSOVOJ ZA SINA - MAMA;
U ČAST SV. ANTI - STIPO BAŠIĆ;
U ČAST BDM I SV. JOSIPA, NA NAKANU - DARIJANA VUJICA;
NA NAKANU - MARIJAN BASIĆ;
+FRANJO CIGIĆ - SUPRUGA I DJECA;
+PERO BRNADA, +JANJA, ANTO BRNADA, +IVKA, JOZO BOŠNJAK - DRAGICA BRNADA;
+IVICA, NADA STANIĆ - SLAVICA VREBAC I OB.;
+MILE JURČIĆ - ANA ABRAMOVIĆ;
+VELIMIR LUČIĆ - MAMA, SUPRUGA I KĆERKE;
+IVO ŽIVČIĆ, +DRAGICA, MILAN ŽIVČIĆ, +IZ OB. ŽIVČIĆ - MARIJA ŽIVČIĆ;
+JURE KAUŽLJAR-DRAGICA KAUŽLJAR I DJECA;
+DOMIN, KLARA, NIKO, FRANJO VURBIĆ - DRAGICA VURBIĆ;
+MARIJA ŽITNIK - SIN;
+IZ OB. ŽITNIK - OB. ŽITNIK;
+IZ OB. KAJIĆ, STJEPANOVIĆ -OB. STJEPANOVIĆ;
+BARTOL, ANA CVETOVAC - SIN ZLATKO S OB.;
+MARA GELO - SESTRA ANA GELO I OB.;
+JOSIP PAVIČIĆ - SUPRUGA I DJECA;
+JOHN SRAREŠINA - MAMA ANA I SESTRE S OB.;
+IZ OB. LOVRINOVIĆ, SIKIRIĆ, ABEL - VIŠNJA LOVRINOVIĆ;
+ANTE VUKOVIĆ - SUPRUGA ROZA I OB.;
+PAVE, SLAVKO, JANJA SMOLIĆ,
+MARE, MILE, NIKOLA, JURE KATIĆ,
+BARE, NIKOLA VALENTIĆ,
+PAVE, KATE, IVAN, MARE VUKOVIĆ,
+ANA MAČEK - ROZA VUKOVIĆ S DJECOM;
+VIDOJE, BOJANA, BOŽO PERIĆ - OB.

10:00am ZA NAROD

12:00pm
+PAULINE F. KIVACH-DAUGHTERS: PAULINE A., TINA, KAREN;
+IZ OB. TVOREK - MARIJA JUKIĆ;
+ANTO TOMIĆ - SUPRUGA I DJECA S OB.

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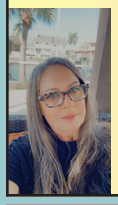
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