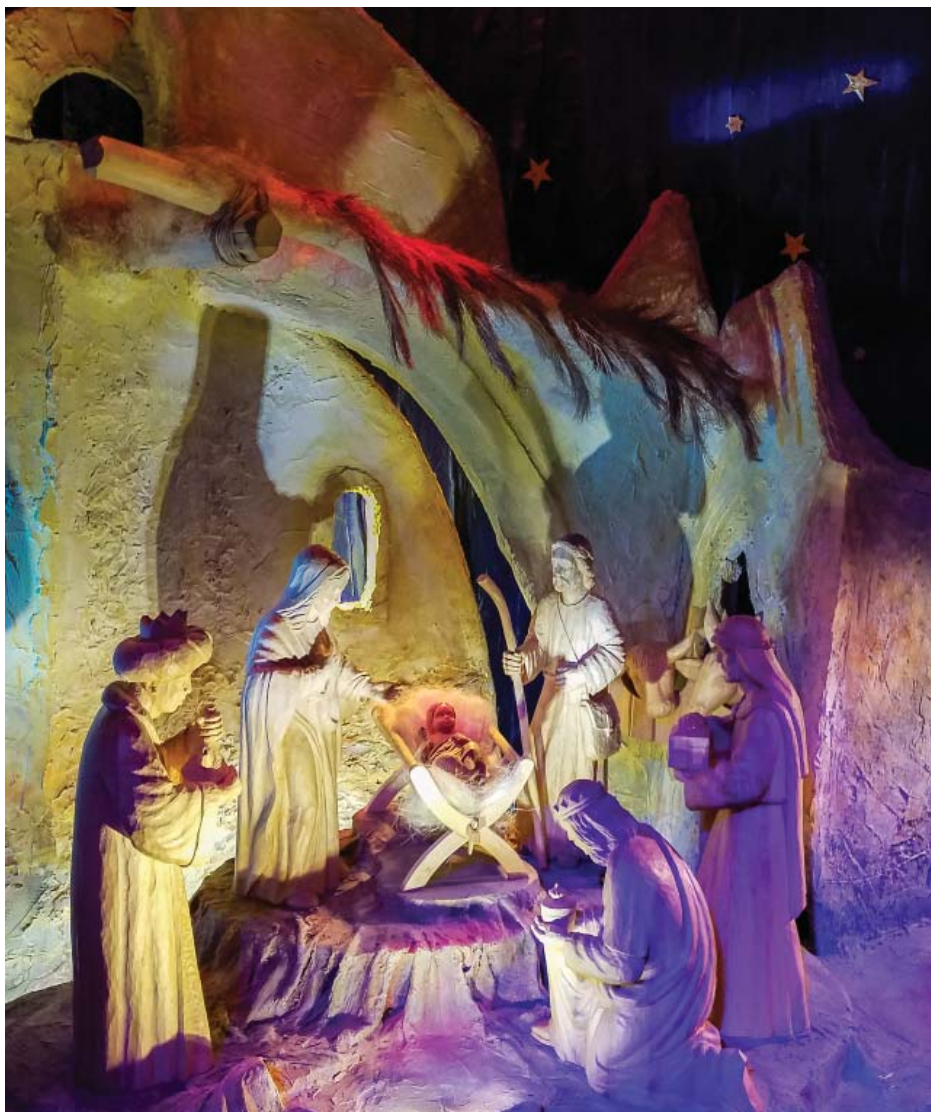


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## TO CZECH MASS

*The Eucharist*



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In **SAN DIEGO** our Holy Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 24th. of December at 3:00pm., in the St John Evangelist Hall, on the corner of Normal and Lincoln, San Diego. Refreshments will be available.

In **LOS ANGELES** our Holy Mass will be celebrated on Monday 25th of December at 1:15pm, in the St John Paul II Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda 92886. After Mass a delicious meal will be served. A donation of \$10.00 is requested, \$5.00 for parky.

In **SAN FRANCISCO** our Christmas Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 7th of January at 11am in the auditorium of Star of the Sea parish, 4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94112. A beseda follows.

**Mark your calendars for next Mass:**

LA January 21st - SD January 27th - SF April 8th

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# What do the candles in our Advent wreath mean?



The Advent wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. In some churches, four purple candles, one for each week in Advent, are used with one larger white candle in the middle as the Christ candle. Other churches prefer three purple or blue candles with one candle being rose or pink, to represent joy.

While the Advent wreath with its four candles did bring light to churches, it was not to illuminate the interior as much as to symbolize the coming of Christ. The Advent wreath began in the time of the Protestant reformer Martin Luther.

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world. The order and exact wording vary among churches, but the wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.

Source: [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

# Pope Francis' Intention of the Month



## MONTH OF DECEMBER

### **Theme: The Elderly**

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

## CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

Just as we have done every year, we send with this Vestnik some raffle tickets for our annual Christmas raffle (tombola). We hope you will buy them all or sell them to your friends and relatives as a way of making our Mission better off and better known. We depend on things like this for our financial existence, and they can also be fun and make for a more united community. After our LA Mass on Christmas Day, more tickets will be sold and then the winning tickets will be drawn and the prizes awarded. If you cannot attend and you are a winner, you will be informed by mail. Please bring other gifts to share. Like last year we are sure it will be a „fun time!“





## A Good Person Left Us

**Boris Rajek was born in Cadca, a town in Slovakia in 1937 and died in Los Angeles on October 23rd, 2017**



His childhood wasn't easy, his father died in a Nazi concentration camp. After finishing High School (gymnasium) he went to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. There he studied at a Technical University and finished his study with an electronic engineer diploma. After a soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, he escaped his occupied country and went with his friend to Vienna. Their wish was to immigrate to the USA. Luckily his friend had uncle in

America, who could sponsor them. After all the necessary procedures, they arrived in California on February 1969.

Boris found employment in the Torrance Oil Company, where he worked till his retirement. From 1972 he lived in Venice Beach. It did not take long, after his arrival in California, to get involved in the Czechoslovak community and he was very active in their cultural life. He joined the Czech Catholic Mission organization. He was also, for a long time, the director of SVU (Czechoslovak society for sciences and art)

He loved books and saved a lot of libraries of deceived Czechs from destruction and distributed the books from them to friends. Boris had a huge personal library and large collection of movies which he was always willing to share with friends.

Lately his health was failing. He had a couple of strokes, which each required months of rehabilitation, and a lot of suffering. His blood pressure got so high, the doctors were unable to control it. He felt that it was impossible to go through this anymore.

We are planning a last farewell at Venice Beach CA and we will inform everybody of the exact day.

*za SVU-LA Lida Sandera, president*



## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS:

DECEMBER 2017

6. +Miloslav Mářík – manželka Edith
8. +Agnes & Stanley Brozek - Peter and Paul Brozek and families
10. + Eva & Vladimír Litochleb - Susana Litochleb Kay
11. + Estela Barcarcel - John Krato
13. + Michae and Anna - John Krato, father and husband
15. + Karel Novak – dcera Irene
16. + Monika & Ferdinand Stachura
17. za živé a zemřelé členy české síně Karlín - Joe Kocáb
18. + Raymunda Dvorského - manželka Marie
20. + Holicky Family - Evelyn Holicky Puhala
23. + Jiřinu Jordánovou - manžel Pavel Jordán
24. za zemřelé, nemocné a živé přátele a příbuzné - Aška s Lád'ou



## *LOVE DOES NOT END WITH DEATH*

**... DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WE  
REMEMBERED OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE  
DIED.**

**Peter Macaj:** Rodiče, Prarodiče, Sourozence  
a Příbuzné, **Ms. Evelyn M. Holicky**

**Puhala:** Family Hrusecky, Family Holicky, Family Puhala,  
Family Pochily, Family Rasla, Family Charsky, **Marta Jonec:**

Viliam Jonec, **Genie Berberian:** my parents Kveta & Robert  
Dvoracek, **Susana Litochleb:** Eva & Vladimír Litochleb,

**František a Alena Pichovi:** Rodiče, František a Mirka Miksovi,  
Hana a Zdenek Vernak.

## NOVEMBER 2017

We will publish, according to the practice of Catholic parishes, the amount of the collections, not distinguishing between the separate Masses, and also the amount received by mail that month. There will no longer be a monthly report of expenses. The balance sheet is published annually in our February Vestnik. If anyone has questions please call Bishop Esterka at 714 524 0092 and leave a message.

**Intentions and Mass collections: \$2,216; Mail: \$748**

*May God reward you for your generosity.*

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