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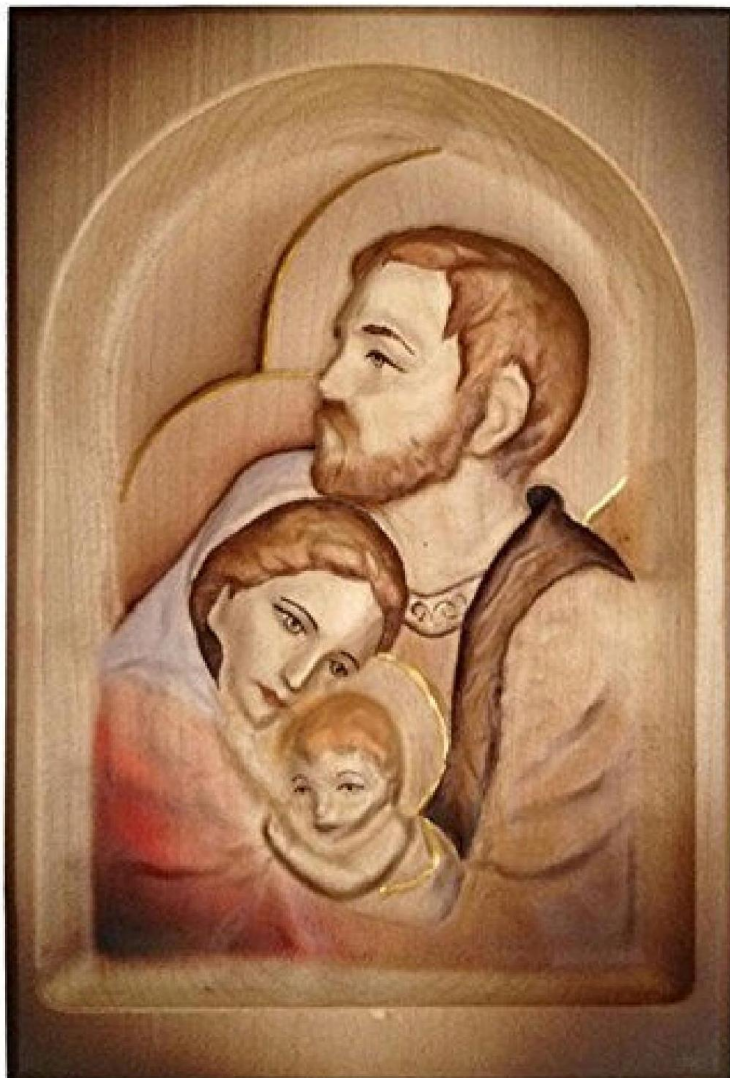
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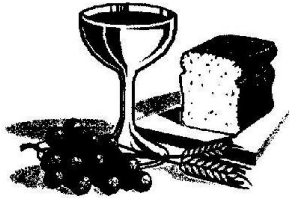
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HOLY FAMILY

***CALIFORNIA / JANUARY 2015***

**You are invited**



**TO OUR  
CZECH  
LITURGY!**

**NOTE CHANGE OF MASS DATES! This is beyond our control since we rent the churches we use for our Masses.**

In SAN FRANCISCO our Czech Mass will be held on **Sunday, January 18, at 11:00 am** in the auditorium of STAR OF THE SEA Church, 4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, CA, 94118. Refreshments will follow.

In SAN Diego our Czech Mass will be held on **Saturday, January 24 at 4:00 pm** in the hall of the Church of St John the Evangelist (corner of Normal and Lincoln). Refreshments will follow.

In LOS ANGELES our Czech Mass will be held on **Sunday, January 25, at 1:15 pm** in the Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda CA 92886. After Mass a meal will be served. A donation of \$10.00 is requested, \$5.00 for parky.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** February 2015 Masses: SD 14, LA 15, SF. 22.

*The family home is rightly called "the domestic church," a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity.*

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1666)*

**FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP ESTERKA**

*Dear Friends of our Czech Mission in California*



*Some time ago I received information about the construction of a memorial to St. Zdislava, who was canonized by Pope John Paul II. in 1995 in Olomouc. More information is provided in the following article.*

MEMORIAL St. Zdislava from Křižanova

"Faith that does not change in culture is not fully experienced". Led by the words of Saint John Paul II, and preparing for the 20th anniversary of the canonization of St. Zdislava, in May 2015 a memorial in her birthplace in Krizanov is planned. With the building of the memorial, we want to highlight the great features of the saint, which has spoken through centuries - especially about family and neighborly relationships. Zdislava was the eldest daughter of the first historically documented owners in Křižanova - Brno burgrave Přibyslava and his wife Sibyl of Sicily. She was born around 1220. At seventeen she was married to a confidant of King Wenceslas I., Havel Markvartice, founder of Lemberk. St. Zdislava is the personification of the exemplary life of wife and mother of four children and spiritual and corporal works of mercy. She died in 1252, and was beatified in 1907 by Pope Pius X. In 1995 in Olomouc she was canonized by John Paul II. The memorial to St. Zdislava will be located in the lower part of the square in the center of Křižanova. The memorial fountain of blue-gray granite is adorned by the bronze statue of a young Zdislava by sculptor Otmar Oliva.

If you are even slightly attuned to the values that St. Zdislava lived by, you can contribute to the construction of the Memorial. Krizanov is a township with 1,800 inhabitants and without the help of donors, individuals and institutions, it can not successfully complete the memorial.

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<http://www.farnost-krizanov.mzf.cz/>.



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### **BABY NINA CIZMAR**

was baptized at St John's Church Hall in San Diego on Christmas Eve. Her parents, Hilda Bajova and Branislav Cizmar, godparents, brother, and sister were there to celebrate her formal entry into the Christian community.



*„Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.“ Mt. 19:14*

Nina was very aware of what was going on, and seemed to enjoy her baptism!

*Photos by Vladimir Dostalek*

## BIRTHDAY PARTY IN SAN DIEGO

The November Czech Mass in San Diego included a joint celebration of the Bishop's birthday and the 60th birthday of Peter Stano.



*Below:*

*Anka Hradsky  
(with  
accordion and  
Silvia  
Silharova with  
bass)  
gather friends  
to sing and  
make music  
in celebration  
of the double  
event.*

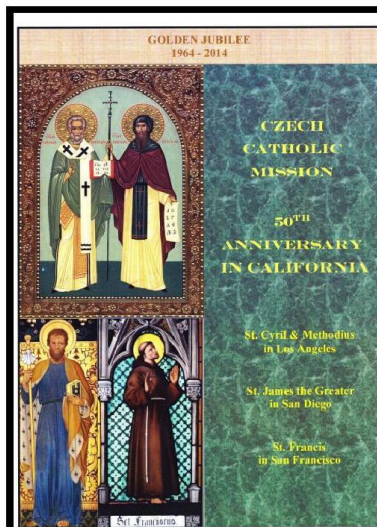


*My most sincere thanks for your  
Christmas and New Years wishes,  
for your gifts and donations, and all your  
generosity to our Czech Mission.*

*+ Peter Esterka*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF  
OUR CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA 2014**

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# Merry Christmas!

Dear friends:

Are you surprised at December 25 staring at us from the calendar? Seems like one blur - the passage of time. Every generation complains about it, no one's found a way to change it, yet. Well, it's futile to complain about the fleeting weeks, months, years that push our life's cart from Christmas to Christmas.

Advent serves as a gentle reminder of :

*"Memories shared, a quiet tear, some are gone, still wanted here - A time of Peace, and hope renewed, our fellow man, with love imbued - A host of things, so many more, to answer then, what's Christmas for?"* (Judy Schwab.)

Letting your mind wonder through Christmases long gone feels like running your fingers through a pocketful of colored marbles, and as some randomly raise to the top in no orderly sequence, so do fond memories flash into our conscience one after another. Commercialization of Christmas is a popular pet peeve, I've been there too, but as I have said before, my attitude changed and I granted a conditional pardon to all those bells & whistles of "merchandising Christmas". Don't they take our eyes away from our daily chores and show us how unique this time of year is? Maybe the glow of Christmas trees' lights will ignite a spark of understanding, accommodate acceptance of the real meaning of Christmas. After all: this feverish search for gifts has one noble purpose - to make someone happy. Joy of giving and receiving fills even the crusty hearts with peace and hope, renews old friendships, keeps the family together. We only wish this magic spirit would transcend Christmas time and last throughout the new year.

Let's dream of the Christmases long gone, seen through the child's excited eyes with all the details vivid and larger than life, a fairy tale losing its magic with every passing year. We all have our favored Christmases, years etched deep into our minds and leaving us with a wish for repeating of that experience. We should try to capture a sliver of the childish naivety, unshakable faith in having our wishes fulfilled by Santa Claus or Little Jesus.

No more do we search under the tree for earthly goods, now we value more the family, friends, security and health, a selection of gifts with intrinsic value. How easy it is, today, to reach our dear ones by phone, e-mail, Skype, visits and exchanging Christmas letters. A chance to share our daily joys and worries. A pain shared is a pain relieved a shared joy will blossom.

Advent is a happy time, when the messengers of good will - the Christmas card start appearing in our mailbox, an imaginary handshake across the miles with people, we have not seen in a long while. Maybe now is the time to search our old address book for names of some lonely souls, long forgotten, in sore need for a human contact, a kind word and we are the ones who can make their day by a phone call or a card. A rewarding, charitable act.

There is not much to report on our lives. Up in age, we discovered that living through our seventies and eighties is an acquired art, so much is different, so many activities fall by the wayside, mostly everything is failing us, what's intact and ever growing is experience. We just have to learn to humbly accept getting older, becoming long distance runners, the huge crowd at the start is thinning, some are dropping off, too bad relatives don't always let us know of their passing, our cards remain unanswered.....



Let's hear from you: Has this passing year lived up to your expectations? If not we sincerely wish the New Year 2015 to be better in every way and to make up for all the past shortcomings. May the star, announcing the birth of the one, who gave name to our Federal holiday - Christmas, lead your way through the treacherous paths of life to the Eden of healthy, happy and prosperous living.

*Dennis and Helena Vernak  
Christmas 2014*

## ÚMYSLY NA MŠE SVATÉ:

### **LEDEN • JANUARY**

1. +Janu Planner, M.D. - manžel George
2. +Edmunda Tyrovského - manželka Věra
3. +Zdenka Zemánka (výročí smrti)- manželka Anna s rodinou
4. za Miladu a Václava Vilímkovy, rodiče - Milada Jednorozec
- 5.+sestru a švagra Zdena a Standu Lundákovy- Ludmila a Josef Dvořákovi
  
- 6.+Roberta Mařika - manželka Anna
- 7.+Marii a Karla Bejblovi - Ludmila a Josef Dvořákovi
- 8.+Miloslava Mařika - manželka Edith
- 9.+Josefa Hrobaře- manželka Anna
- 10.+Ing. Karla a Marii Škrobovy - Jessie Uhliř
  
- 11.+Ludmilu Zacharovou (+24.9.2014.let 92) - Paulette L Hruška
12. +Boženu a Josefa Dvořákovy - Ludmila a Josef Dvořákovi
- 13.+Anastazii a Františka Slepíčkovi - Ludmila a Josef Dvořákovi
- 14.+Petra Vranu - manželka Jarka
- 15.+Věru Slavičkovou (+15.12.2014) - Jarka Chmeliková, přítelkyně
  
- 16.+Bernarda Hrušku - manželka Paulette
- 17.+syna Jaromíra a dceru Marii Hrobařovy - maminka Anna
- 18.+Raymunda Dvorského - manželka Marie
- 19.+rodiče - Anthony a Marie Parisek
- 20.+ Dra. Viliama Jonce – manželka Marta
  
- 21.+rodiče Annu a Jana Vadúrovy—dcera Anna Hrobařová
- 22.+Marii a Jana Hrobařovy - Anna Hrobařová
- 23.+Jamse Loudu - manželka Hana
- 24.+Constance Belsan (+listopad, 2014) - Alfred Novaček
- 25.+Karla Nováka - manželka Inka a dcera Irenka
  
- 26.+J.V. Reicherta - manželka Jane
- 27.+sestru Marii a Antonína Šoklovy - Anna Hrobařová
- 28.+Josefa a Martu Vadurovy - Anna Hrobařová
- 29.+rodinu Smolíkovu - Hana Louda
- 30.+za živé a zemřelé členy české síně Karlín - Joe Kocáb
- 31.+Dr. Luďka Kozlíka - manželka Brigitte

**DECEMBER - 2014**

**Income from Mission collections: \$4,724.00**

SD collection: \$698.00, *building fund \$ .00*; LA collection: \$1,381.00, meal \$467.00, *building fund \$130.00*; SF collection: \$191.00, *building fund \$114.00*; *TOMBOLA 1,987.00*

**Regular Expenses: \$2,125.00**

\$1,000.00 Bishop's salary; \$375 rent for churches; \$180.00 (gas, car maintenance); Věstník printing: \$194.00 +\$245.00 (postage), tombola tickets \$131.00.

*May God reward you for your generosity.*

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