

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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Week of January 5 — January 11, 2025

WELCOME TO THE INTERFAITH AIRPORT CHAPELS OF CHICAGO!



The O'Hare Airport Chapel and Midway Airport Chapel are each a peaceful oasis in a busy venue. A place to bow your head in prayer while lifting up your heart and spirit! Prayer books and rugs, rosaries, and worship materials are available, as are chaplains for spiritual counsel. You are welcome to attend Mass or Worship services and to come to the chapels (open 24/7) to pray or meditate. Know that you & your families are always in my prayers. May God bless your travels.

— **Fr. Michael Zaniolo**

Administrator, Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago
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Interfaith Calendar & Events

- **January 5: Epiphany** - Christian; **Feast of the Epiphany** (Theophany) - Orthodox Christian; **Día de los Reyes** (Three Kings Day) - Christian. Known as the Theophany in Eastern Christianity, this feast day commemorates the visit of the Magi, Jesus' baptism, and the Wedding at Cana. Also known as Three Kings' Day or Little Christmas.
- **January 5: Twelfth Night** - Christian: Twelfth Night is celebrated every 12 days after Christmas.
- **January 5: Guru Gobind Singh birthday** - Sikh. Guru Gobind Singh was the 10th Sikh guru of Nanak and founder of the Khalsa.
- **January 6: Holy Theophany**—the Baptism of the Lord (Orthodox Christianity) —The Feast of the Holy Theophany, or Epiphany, commemorates the baptism of Jesus Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. Catholics observe this event next Sunday, Jan. 12.
- **January 7: Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)** — For much of the Western world, Christmas is celebrated on December 25, according to the Gregorian calendar. Yet in a distinction that dates back centuries, Orthodox Christians follow the Julian calendar and mark the festival on January 7 instead.
- Source: **The 2025 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**



ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 01/04/25 4:00 p.m.** † Dan Tomasiewicz req. by Thomas Jaconetty & Judith Hamill
6:00 p.m. † Arthur & Clara Colella req. by Family
- 01/05/25 9:00 a.m.** † Edward Conley req. by Thomas Jaconetty & Judith Hamill
11:00 a.m. • Caren Coslick req. by Carl Coslick
- 01/06/25 11:30 a.m.** † Roman Chmiel
- 01/07/25 11:30 a.m.** • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish
- 01/08/25 11:30 a.m.** † Roman C. Chmiel req. by Susan Schneider
- 01/09/25 11:30 a.m.** • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish
- 01/10/25 11:30 a.m.** • People of O'Hare & Midway Airports

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 01/05/25 9:00 a.m.** • Scott DeBoer
11:00 a.m. • John Dominici

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MDW Airport Chapel

Concourse C, Mezzanine Level
(Inside Security Checkpoint)

Catholic Mass: Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP:

Sundays - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

WEEKDAYS—MONDAY - FRIDAY, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m.

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ORD Airport Chapel

Terminal 2, Mezzanine Level
(Outside Security Checkpoint)

Catholic Mass: Saturdays - 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays - 11:30 a.m.

Islamic Juma' Prayer

Friday: 1:15 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP—See Website for Schedule

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The Epiphany of the Lord — January 5, 2025

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. — *Isaiah 60:1*

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6). **Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72). **Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6). **Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Tuesday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root. —Woodrow Wilson

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This Week in the Life of the Church — Feast Days and Notable Events in Church History

The choice of heroes, models and leaders can have a lasting effect on our development, and the Church has always honored the example of holiness set by the saints. In these brief sketches, we commemorate our sisters and brothers in Christ who have shaped the life of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Letters following entries refer to the bibliography below.

Sunday, January 5, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. JOHN NEUMANN (1811-1860).** In 1836, about 15 years after the death of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, John Neumann came to the U.S. from Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of New York. He labored in the district of Niagara until 1840, when he became a Redemptorist...the first to make religious profession in the United States. He labored in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio and the American frontier. In 1852, at age 41, he was ordained bishop of Philadelphia, where he worked zealously for the establishment of parochial schools and of parishes for immigrants from Europe. He also inaugurated 40 Hours Devotion in the United States. Possessing a special skill in languages, by the end of his life he had mastered 12. Bishop Neumann had a special love for children, the Sisters and the immigrants. He is the first bishop from the United States to be canonized a saint (by Pope Paul VI in 1977). (D,S,B)



✦ **Twelfth Night, Dia de los Reyes, "the Day of Three Kings,"** is always celebrated twelve days after Christmas, on the evening of January 5. It is this evening that marks the arrival of the Magi's visit Bethlehem to visit to the Infant Jesus. The twelve days of Christmas end with the Feast of Epiphany, also called "The Adoration of the Magi" or "The Manifestation of God," especially important to Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholics. It is known as the day of the Three Kings (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar), who brought gifts to the newborn baby. The Day of Three Kings is a religious holiday that is widely celebrated in many Hispanic cultures — Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American — as Dia de los Reyes. Like many children in North America, who leave cookies for Santa, some children leave their shoes out on the night of January 5. On January 6, children receive gifts, and donations are collected for the unemployed and local charities. The last day of Christmastide is highly celebrated with its own traditions, rituals, and symbols.

Monday, January 6, 2025

✦ **We Remember: BLESSED ANDRE BESSETTE (1845-1937).** Today's saint was the founder of **St. Joseph's Oratory** in Montreal, Canada, perhaps the world's principle shrine to St. Joseph. "**Frere Andre**" was eighth child in a family of 12, and was orphaned at the age of 12; he tried his hand at several trades but was not successful with any of them. He could barely read and write and was sickly most of his life. At age 15, he became a Brother of the Holy Cross, but was rejected at the end of the novitiate. The bishop of Montreal, however, insisted that Br. Andre be allowed to make his religious profession. For 40 years, he worked as a porter at the College of Notre Dame, until he was needed full time at the shrine of St. Joseph. People from all over Canada came to him for cures and spiritual direction, and he has been credited with thousands of cures. The Oratory was solemnly dedicated in 1955 and raised to the rank of a minor basilica. If one were to seek the outstanding virtue of Br. Andre, it was his humility. He once said: "I am ignorant. If there were anyone more ignorant, the good God would choose him in my place." And when the power of healing was attributed to him, he responded: "It is St. Joseph who cures. I am only his little dog." (S)



✦ In 1412, the birth of **St. Joan of Arc** in Domremy, France; patron of France. ✦ In 1494, the first formal Mass in the New World. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Bernardo Boyl who accompanied Christopher Columbus on his second voyage. (W) ✦ In 1895, publication of the encyclical **Longinqua** (on Catholicism in the United States) written to the bishops of the U.S. by **Pope Leo XIII.** (W)

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT** (c. 1175-1275). A renowned expert in canon and civil law, St. Raymond also worked hard for the formation of priests and the evangelization of Jews and Muslims. He encouraged missionaries to learn Arabic and to study the Koran in order to enter into dialogue with Islam. A kinsman of the kings of Aragon, he joined the Dominicans in 1222; he was called to Rome by **Pope Gregory IX** and in 1234 completed his five books of the Decretals, systematizing and codifying the canon law; this remained the most authoritative codification of ecclesiastical legislation till 1917! ✦ In 1131, the death of **St. Canute Lavard** in Denmark; a Danish prince, he spent his life preaching Christianity to the German tribes and was assassinated by his cousin. (W)

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. APOLLINARIS** title "the Apologist" (c. 180), "Second century bishop of Heirapolis, Phrygia (central Turkey today). Held in high regard by other early saints including **St. Jerome** and the historian

Theodoret. Noted for writing a defense of the faith to Emperor Marcus Aurelius that reminded the Emperor of a miraculous victory that resulted from the prayers of Christian soldiers, and of his promise of protection for Christians. Worked and wrote against all the major heresies of his time, refuting them by logically destroying the heresy's philosophical roots. A prolific writer, most of his work has been lost over the centuries. He died a martyr." (<https://catholicsaints.info/saint-apollinaris-the-apologist/>)

✦ In 1198, **POPE CELESTINE III** died; ✦ In 1337, **Giotto di Bondoni**, the great artist, died. ✦ In 1438, the opening day of the **COUNCIL OF FLORENCE**, the 17th in Church history. Pope Eugene IV presided over this council which reaffirmed papal primacy and made a last attempt at reuniting East and West. (W) ✦ In 1536, **CATHERINE OF ARAGON** died; ✦ In 1642, **Galileo Galilei** died. ✦ In 1825, the birth of **WILLIAM M. BRADY** in Dublin, Ireland. An ex-Anglican priest, convert to Catholicism, and historian, his works were instrumental in dissolving the state Anglican Church of Ireland. (W)

Thursday, January 9, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. PETER OF SEBASTE** (c. 391), a native of Capadocia, and younger brother of **St. Basil** and **St. Gregory of Nyssa**; Peter succeeded Basil as abbot and in 380 was appointed bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He took part in the general council of Constantinople (381). (D,B)

✦ On **JAN. 9, 1522, POPE ADRIAN VI**, the last non-Italian pope prior to **Pope John Paul II** (and the only Dutchman), was elected to the papacy. It was a huge surprise. Adrian was the Cardinal of Utrecht and hadn't even attended the consistory; he was in Spain. Though Pope Adrian was reform-minded and sought changes (reducing the splendor of the papal court and cutting back on cardinals' privileges and incomes), he was an outsider, not even able to speak Italian. And, as the first pope to face the full impact of **Martin Luther's** challenge, he misjudged the reformer, thinking him an obstinate and heretical monk who could be addressed with the usual applications of force and penalty. (C)

Friday, January 10, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. WILLIAM OF BOURGES** (died 1209) served as abbot to many French monasteries before becoming Archbishop of Bourges in 1200. He made a great many converts among the Albigensians and was in much demand as a confessor. **Pope Honorius III** canonized William in 1217.(D,B) ✦ In 1944, the death of **Fr. JOSEPH SCHMIDLIN** in Breuschthal Concentration Camp, Germany. After majoring in history and being ordained, he taught history for a number of years. About 1908, his interests turned to missions and missionaries. Fr. Schmidlin almost single-handedly developed this interest into a science - that of missiology. He authored numerous works including mission histories, thus combining his life's two interests. When the Nazi government took control of Germany, Fr. Schmidlin was dismissed from his post and forbidden to teach. He was arrested a number of times for determinedly trying to continue his work, and finally executed for defying the state. (W) ✦ In 1970, the decree by the Vatican Congregation for the Clergy announcing that bishops may institute **MASSSES ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS OR EVENINGS** to fulfill the Sunday obligation was issued. Although the decree stated bishops may do so if they deem it necessary or useful, the idea quickly became popular and a standard practice. It proved beneficial to both clergy and laity and offered new opportunities for many people to attend Mass. (W)

✦ In 1984: Establishment of full diplomatic relations between the **HO-LY SEE AND THE USA.** William A. Wilson was named American Ambassador to the Vatican and Archbishop Pio Laghi was named Papal Nuncio to the US. The official announcement stated that the formal governmental link was begun "to develop mutually friendly relations already existing." (W)

Saturday, January 11, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. THEODOSIUS THE CENOBIARCH** (c. 423-529) was influenced by **St. Simeon Stylites**, the famous and colorful religious ascetic who lived on a pillar in the Syrian desert for 36 years. Theodosius, in his quest for the religious life, visited all the holy shrines of Jerusalem as a penitent and prayerful pilgrim. He then chose the monastic life rather than a hermitage. Theodosius was put in charge of the church of Our Lady situated on the road between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. He next founded a monastery in the desert of Judah by the Dead Sea, where several hundred monks were soon living under his rule. The patriarch of Jerusalem appointed him **visitor** to all the cenobitical communities in Palestine, whence the title **cenobiarch** given to the saint. The Byzantine emperor tried unsuccessfully to bribe Theodosius to support a heresy known as **monophysitism**. The saint died at the remarkable age of 105.



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