

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports
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Week of January 10, 2021—January 16, 2021

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. We have implemented a modified schedule of Catholic Mass and Protestant Worship Services. Everyone, of course, must wear a mask or face covering and keep six feet of social distance. The Chapel chairs will be clearly marked for social distance.



O'Hare:

Catholic Mass: Saturdays - 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
 Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
 Weekdays - 11:30 a.m.

Muslim Friday Juma prayer is still temporarily suspended until further notice.

Midway:

Catholic Mass: Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Protestant Worship: Sundays - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon
 Monday thru Thursday - 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
 Friday - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

You can also find our regular schedule, weekly bulletin, and other information at www.airportchapels.org. I ask that you please pray for our airport workers and travelers and their families during these uncertain and difficult times. Please also pray for health care workers and their loved ones. Know that you & your families are always in my prayers.

May God bless you always,

Fr. Michael Zaniolo

*Administrator, Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago
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Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessing go out to **Terry Lee Lekberg** Tuesday, Jan. 12, which is also the **94th birthday** of **Deacon Jim O'Malley**, who served our community for many years; Jim has been a deacon for 47 years. Also, retired O'Hare Chapel volunteer **Mr. Dick Arnold** celebrates his **88th birthday** this Wednesday, Jan. 13.

CHICAGO AIRPORTS CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY PUBLISHES MASS INTENTIONS in the O'Hare and Midway Airport Chapel bulletins each week. Requesting a Mass intention is a traditional and meaningful way to honor a deceased loved one, or to offer a thoughtful message of sympathy to the bereaved. Special intentions for the living may be requested for one who is ill, as well as to observe special occasions, such as anniversaries and birthdays, or simply in thanksgiving. "Mass Intention Offering" slips are available on the vestibule table, online at <http://www.cacc.us>, or call the chapel office weekdays at 773-686-2636. The Archdiocese of Chicago suggests a donation of \$10.



ORÒ Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

01/09/21 4:00 p.m. † **Bernice Fortini** req. by James & Cynthia Osbroda
 6:00 p.m. •/† **Banter Family** req. by Scott DeBoer
 01/10/21 9:00 a.m. • **Marion Jackson**
 11:00 a.m. † **Randy Koll** req. by Mary Lou Mathiowetz
 01/11/21 11:30 a.m. † **Nellie Reidinger** req. by Christine Haas
 01/12/21 11:30 a.m. † **Russell Guzior** req. by Richard Guzior
 01/13/21 11:30 a.m. † **Catherine Parolin** req. by Aida Zaniolo
 01/14/21 11:30 a.m. † **Matthew Jamieson** req. by Susan & Scott Jamieson
 01/15/21 11:30 a.m. •/† **Domsic Family** req. by Scott DeBoer
 • Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MOW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

01/10/21 9:00 a.m. † **Ava Lilley** req. by Joy Dempsey
 11:00 a.m. † **Edward Skiber** req. by Carol Skiber
 • Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

The Baptism of the Lord – January 10, 2021

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! — *Isaiah 55:1*

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultrice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 55:1-11*.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Isaiah 12:2-6*. **Second Reading** — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) or *1 John 5:1-9*. **Gospel** — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say "in the names," but "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction. In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our *yes* to all this, our first profession of faith. —*Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

AN ANCIENT BAPTISTERY

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Psalms are sung in the home and rehearsed in the streets. —*St. Ambrose*

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

Sunday, January 10, 2021

✠ **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 Albigenians and was in much demand as a confessor. **Pope Honorius III** canonized William in 1217. (D,B) • In 1554, **GREGORY XV** was born. ✠ In 1944, the death of **FR. JOSEPH SCHMIDLIN** in Breuschtal 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 Masses 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 **HOLY 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)

Monday, January 11, 2021

✠ **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.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

✠ **We Remember:** "Our Lady's love is like a limpid stream that has its source in the Eternal Fountains, quenches the thirst of all, can never be drained, and ever flows back to the Source," says **ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS (1620-1700)**. Leaving the cultural center of France in 1653 for the rugged wilderness of Canada (then a French possession), Marguerite tutored the children of the French garrison of Montreal, consoling young families in their trials, teaching women to cook, sew, and care for their families in the wilderness. She converted the governor's stable into a schoolhouse where she taught both French and Indian children to read, write, count, and about God and His special love for them. In 1688, she founded the **Sisters of Notre Dame de Montreal**. This woman who spent her life serving the needy and caring for poor families of her community was canonized by **Pope John Paul II** on **Oct. 31, 1982**. (D,B)

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

✠ **We Remember: ST. HILARY, BISHOP AND DOCTOR (315-367)** was born at Poitiers in France. Married and the father of a saintly daughter named Abia, Hilary was converted to the Christian faith by reading the Scriptures, especially the Prologue to the **St. John's Gospel**. While still a layman, Hilary was elected bishop of Poitiers; fighting strenuously against the Arian heresy; he became the first theologian of the Latin Church to combat this heresy and to introduce into the language of the West the preciseness of Catholic doctrine and Greek thought. Hilary suffered exile at the hands of the pro-Arian emperor. After his return, he had the courage to protest vigorously against the emperor's unwarranted intervention in religious matters. In fact, it was under Hilary that the clergy recognized more and more that even in a Christian state, the Church must be separate and independent. Hilary wrote extensively, composed several liturgical hymns, and helped **St. Martin of Tours** promote the monastic life. (B)

Thursday, January 14, 2021

✠ **We Remember: ST. FELIX OF NOLA:** "In poverty we should be the more secure of possessing Christ," says Felix, who gave away his fortune to the poor. Son of a Romano-Syrian soldier who had settled at Nola (near Naples), Felix was ordained a priest and devoted himself to his bishop, **St. Maximus**. When Emperor Decius began persecuting Christians around 250, Maximus went into hiding in a cave, but Felix was arrested, tortured and imprisoned. Released by an angel who flooded his cell with brilliant

light, Felix located his beloved bishop and carried the sick old man back home to be nursed. A later bishop of Nola, **St. Paulinus**, wrote us a poem with a glowing account of the popular veneration of St. Felix. Paulinus assures us that, in Heaven, Felix has a special sympathy for **innocent victims of false testimony**, and so is the patron invoked against **perjury**. (D,B,S2) ✠ **ST. SAVA (1174-1237), patron saint of Serbia**. Sava went to the famous Greek monastery of **Mt. Athos** but returned to Serbia to settle a civil war. He remained to unify the nation by translating sacred texts into its language. • In 1892, the birth of **MARTIN (FRIEDRICH GUSTAV EMIL) NIEMÖLLER**, Confessing Pastor, and author of this famous quote, usually rendered: "When the Nazis came to get the Communists, I was silent, because I was not a Communist. When they came to get the Socialists, I was silent, because I was not a Socialist. When they came to get the Catholics, I was silent, because I was not a Catholic. When they came to get the Jews, I was silent, because I was not a Jew. And when they came to get me, there was no one left to speak."

Friday, January 15, 2021

✠ **We Remember: ST. PAUL THE EGYPTIAN (c. 240-352)** fled to the desert of Thebes at age 22 to escape the persecution of Decius, according to **St. Jerome**, who is our sole source for the life of this saint. Paul stayed there in the desert even after the persecutions ended...in fact, he stayed in the desert for 90 years, until his death. He was the first in a long succession of the **Desert Fathers**, holy men in search of solitude and a place for heavenly contemplation. (D,B) ✠ Another Desert Father memorialized today is **ST. MACARIUS the Great (c. 300-390)**. Disciple of the desert-dwelling **St. Anthony**, Macarius was once asked "How should one pray?" The old man said, "There is no need to make long discourses; it is enough to stretch out one's hands and say, Lord, as you will, and as you know, have mercy. And if the conflict grows fiercer say, LORD, HELP! He knows very well what we need and he shows us mercy." ✠ **ST. ITA (c. 570):** Widely venerated in **Ireland**, St. Ita (also known as **Ida**, **Mida** or **Deirdre**) holds the foremost place among her country's women saints after **St. Brigid**. Of royal descent, she was born at Waterford and won her father's consent to lead a life of virginity. In Limerick, she founded a community of women dedicated to God; she also founded a school for boys. One of her pupils was **St. Brendan**, who became a famous abbot and missionary. He once asked Ita what three things God especially loved. She replied, "True faith in God with a pure heart, a simple life with a religious spirit, and openhandedness inspired by charity." (L,P,G) ✠ Also **January 15** is the birthday of **THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (1929-1968)**, Baptist minister who championed the civil rights movement in the U.S., awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, assassinated in 1968. The civic holiday which commemorates Dr. King's birth is observed next Monday, Jan. 18.

Saturday, January 16, 2021

✠ **We Remember: ST. MARCELLUS**, an early pope who served the Church at a pivotal moment in its history, died in exile on this day in the year 309. He was elected four years after the death of his predecessor **St. Marcellinus** due to confusion resulting from Diocletian's persecution. The Church was disorganized and torn by factions - because those who remained loyal during the persecution objected to those who had fallen away and now wanted to return. His epitaph by **Pope Damasus**, composed in the century after his death, says that Marcellus' refusal to reconcile the **lapsi** (lapsed) on too easy terms made him unpopular with the laxer members of his flock. His decree cause widespread civic disorders, which led to his being exiled by the emperor **Maxentius**. (D,P,E) ✠ **ST. HONORATUS (350-429)**, Bishop of Arles, was born to a consular Roman family that settled in Gaul. Honoratus renounced paganism in his youth and went to the East to study monasticism. Returning to France, he founded the Abbey of Lerins, and in 426 was forced to accept the bishopric of Arles. St. Honoratus says, "So live, therefore, that you may not fear the end of life." (L,B,S) ✠ In 1890, the Chicago Bible Institute, now known as the **Moody Bible Institute**, was dedicated.

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