

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

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Week of January 26 — February 1, 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

• **Isra/Miraj: Night of the Journey of Prophet Muhammad to Heavens — January 27:** Islamic observance of Mohammed's night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem, his ascent to heaven and return the same night, and his having received God's commandment of the five daily compulsory prayers. This observance also signifies the importance of Islam as part of the monotheistic tradition. Begins at sundown, January 26.

• **Chinese New Year, Saturday, January 29,** Taoist: Begins a fifteen day festival for Chinese people of all religions. Family reunions with thanksgiving and remembrance of departed relatives take place. Traditionally a religious ceremony honors Heaven and Earth. On the first day, the Dragon Dance is performed to celebrate long life, immortality, and union with the spirits. 2025 is the Year of the Snake, according to the Chinese zodiac.

• **Jashne Sadeh, January 30,** is a late winter Zoroastrian festival commemorating the discovery of fire by King Hashang of the legendary Peshdadian dynasty.

• Source: **The 2025 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

"I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent." — MOHANDAS K. GANDHI

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 01/25/25** 4:00 p.m. † Capt. Russ Lundstrom req. by Karien Lovejoy
6:00 p.m. † Richard Martwick req. Judith Hamill & Thomas Jaconetty
- 01/26/25** 9:00 a.m. • Tim & Barb Murphy Family req. by Brennan Family
11:00 a.m. † Jean Hegor req. by Marcine & John Forrette, Jr.
† Alda Cecchin req. by Ida Zaniolo
- 01/27/25** 11:30 a.m. • Mary Lou Rymut req. by Jerry Rymut
- 01/28/25** 11:30 a.m. † Walter & Rosetta Delhotal req. by Family
- 01/29/25** 11:30 a.m. • Jessica Zaniolo req. by Ida Zaniolo
- 01/30/25** 11:30 a.m. • /† The Keller Family Living & Deceased req. Karin Lovejoy
- 01/31/25** 11:30 a.m. • Olson Family req. by Scott DeBoer

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 01/26/25** 9:00 a.m. † Martha Buechner req. by Dana Potts
11:00 a.m. † Elaine Fields req. by Denise McLane
† Robert Lee Inglis, Sr. req. by Robert Inglis, Jr.

• 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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 26, 2025

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. — Luke 4:18a

TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time. When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10). **Psalms** — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19). **Second Reading** — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]). **Gospel** — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: **Our Lord in the Attic**, or as the locals say, "Ons Lieve Heer op Solder." What looks like a beautiful narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and "de-Catholicized" them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed "Old Church" by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work "hiding" St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It's a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about 19 percent of the population, and there's no need for any of them to hide in the attic. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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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 26, 2025

✦ **We Remember: SS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS (1st Century)** "On this day following the Feast of St. Paul's Conversion we honor his two close collaborators. **Timothy**, Paul's inseparable companion, became bishop of Ephesus. Two Letters to Timothy are in the New Testament. **Titus**, an organizer for Paul and bishop of Crete, also received a Pastoral Letter that is in the canon of the Bible." (V) • In 1985, **POPE JOHN PAUL II** flew to South America to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the evangelization of the continent, visiting Ecuador, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela, saying Masses for more than 600,000. (W)

Monday, January 27, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ANGELA MERICI**: Wisdom and love are the characteristic virtues of this incomparable educator. Born in northern Italy around 1470, she founded the religious family of **Ursulines** at Rescia in 1516. Italy then had much paganism, violence and open sexuality. Angela considered the formation of thoroughly Christian women as society's greatest need. To that end she wrote a flexible rule, so the Ursulines could adapt to the needs of the times. She died on this date in 1540 and was canonized a saint in 1807. (V)

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS** - This great Dominican teacher lived only 49 years (1225-1274) but he was widely traveled: from his birthplace at Aquino in central Italy to Cologne, to Paris, to Rome, and to the monastery near Naples where he died. He wrote much. His two *Summas* should not obscure his other biblical, theological and philosophical writings. Thomas prayed much - and dedicated his brilliant talents to investigating the sublime truth of God in the light of faith and the human intellect. Though the theology of Thomas Aquinas has been embraced and expounded by the Church, it was controversial in his own day. In 1270, the bishop of Paris drew up 18 errors and condemnable propositions from his works, and this was renewed and expanded in 1277. It was only 50 years after Thomas' death that a later bishop of Paris revoked the condemnation. One famous incident from his life is frequently recounted. In 1273, during Mass on the feast of **St. Nicholas** (Dec. 6), Thomas had a strange experience that caused him to stop writing, never to resume work on his massive *Summa*. "I cannot go on ... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me," he said. Three months later, on his way to the **Council of Lyons**, he fell ill, dying **March 7, 1274**. It was on today's date, Jan. 28, that his body was transferred to the Dominican Monastery at Toulouse. Canonized in 1323, he is patron of all Catholic Schools and titled "Angelic Doctor." (V,AS)

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. PETER NOLASCO (c. 1182-1258)**, along with **St. Raymond of Penafort** and with the help of James I of Aragon, reorganized a lay confraternity (in 1218) for ransoming captives from the Moors, which gradually became the order of the Mercedarians. He was canonized in 1628. (B) ✦ Forty years ago, in 1984, **PAULIST FR. EUGENE BURKE**, founder of the Catholic Theological Society of America, died.

Thursday, January 30, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. MUCIAN MARIA WIAUX (1841-1917)** exemplifies, like **Teresa of Lisieux**, the "Little Way" to holiness, infusing the ordinary with special graces through his dedication and humility. Born Aloysius Joseph Wiaux in Mellet, Belgium, he wasn't very successful working at his father's blacksmith forge. Discerning a call to religious life, he entered the Congregation of the Christian Brothers (a teaching Order) at the age of 15, taking the name of an obscure Roman martyr. He had a hard time with teaching initially, but a Brother Maixentis, an art and music teacher, took Mucian under his wing, and in time the young novice learned to play a variety of musical instruments. Mucian went on to teach drawing and music for more than 50 years, as well as serving as a prefect and parish catechist. The simple beauty of his life, noted **Pope Paul VI** at his beatification in 1977, rested in the day-to-day transformations of routine tasks into moments of devotion and true sanctity. He had a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the recitation of the rosary. Canonized **Dec. 10, 1989**, **Pope John Paul II** called him "the light of Belgium and the glory of his Congregation." The Belgian bishops, in a pastoral letter marking the occasion, wrote that Mucian "had left no theological or spiritual treatise, nothing to bring his name out of the shadows." He had, they said, "accomplished nothing out of the ordinary," but he was "a man of prayer, an apostle among the students and went about his daily tasks with holiness...hurting none and forgiving all." The bishops observed that he "had the skill of bringing even the least gifted to the limit of their abilities;" his pupils called him "the brother who is always praying." (L, JP)

Friday, January 31, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. JOHN BOSCO (1815-1888)** came to the aid of hundreds of poor, abandoned boys and girls in Turin, Italy, which in the 19th Century was a growing industrial and political center. A born educator, effective organizer, prolific writer, he trusted in God and accomplished wonders. He founded the **Society of St. Francis de Sales**, better known as the **Salesians** - orders of men and women caring for the young. This "Apostle to Youth" died at age 73 on this day in 1888 and was canonized a saint on Easter, 1934. *He is patron of editors.* • In 1915, **THOMAS MERTON** was born. He joined the **Trappists** in 1941 and seven years later wrote a smash best-seller, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, an autobiographical account of family life and the forces that led him to religion.

Saturday, February 1, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. BRIGID**, first Irish abbess, was born about 450 in eastern Ireland, near Dundalk, and said to have been baptized by St. Patrick. "Her memory, as it lived in the hearts of the people, was identified with an extraordinary spirit of charity," says Butler's, and she is much beloved in Ireland to this day. "In Ireland the churches dedicated to her are innumerable; in England we know of nineteen pre-Reformation dedications." Called *the Mary of the Gael*, her life is shrouded in folklore, but we do know that about 470 she founded a double monastery of women and men at Cill-Dara (Kildare) and was abbess of the convent, the first in Ireland. "The foundation developed into a center of learning and spirituality, and around it grew up the cathedral city of Kildare," says Delaney. St. Brigid's hospitality, compassion and care for the poor are remembered, and she is buried at Downpatrick with **St. Columba** and **St. Patrick**, with whom she is the patron saint of Ireland. (E,B,G,P)

MERTON for the JOURNEY

When one is simply obeying God, a little effort goes a long way. When one is in fact resisting him (though claiming to have no other intention than that of fulfilling his will), no amount of effort can produce a good result. On the contrary, the stubborn ability to go on resisting God in spite of ever clearer indications of his will, is a sign that one is in great spiritual danger. Often the one who is concerned will not be able to see this himself.

— CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

There are two things which men can do about the pain of disunion with other men. They can love or they can hate.

— NEW SEEDS OF CONTEMPLATION

I think the perspectives of the non-violent have to be enlarged in all directions, so that it becomes a genuine and profound spiritual movement, and a force for life in a really rotting and corrupt world.

—HIDDEN GROUND OF LOVE

That I should have been born in 1915, that I should be the contemporary of Auschwitz, Hiroshima, Viet Nam, and the Watts riots, are things about which I was not first consulted. Yet they are also events in which, whether I like it or not, I am deeply and personally involved. The "world" is not just a physical space traversed by jet planes and full of people running in all directions. It is a complex of responsibilities and options made out of the loves, the hates, the fears, the joys, the hopes, the greed, the cruelty, the kindness, the faith, the trust, the suspicion of all.

— CONTEMPLATION IN A WORLD OF ACTION

Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

Selections from Keeping a Spiritual Journal with Thomas Merton, by Naomi Burton Stone, Doubleday, 1987.

Mass Intentions Available for 2025

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