

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

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Week of February 2—February 8, 2020

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. May God bless your travels. — Fr. Michael Zaniolo, Administrator

Feast of St. Blaise (Blessing of Throats) February 3

During weekend Catholic Masses **Feb. 1-2**, and at the 11:30 a.m. Masses at O'Hare and Midway this **Monday, Feb. 3**, there will be a special blessing of the throats for the **Feast of St. Blaise**. St. Blaise was a 4th century bishop of Sebaste (modern Armenia). "We know more about the devotion to St. Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself," according to Leonard Foley, OFM. "His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. The Council of Oxford, in 1222, prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blaise blessing for their throats. We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in **316**. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and



physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears. As the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, the legend has it, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone. Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten.... Finally, he was beheaded."

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessings go out to **Mr. James Miedema** Wednesday, **Feb. 5**.

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 02/01/20 4:00 p.m. † **Lauren Gustafson** req. by Friends
6:00 p.m. † **John Bacchi** req. by Justine
02/02/20 6:30 a.m. † **Brian J. Allen** req. by Katherine L. Allen
9:00 a.m. • **Mary Fazio** req. by Joseph Fazio
11:00 a.m. • **Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish**
1:00 p.m. † **Mark Galgano**
02/03/20 11:30 a.m. † **Brian J. Allen** req. by Katherine L. Allen
02/04/20 11:30 a.m. • **Respect for Life** req. by Robert Kurtz
02/05/20 11:30 a.m. • **Catherine Coslick** req. by Carl Coslick
02/06/20 11:30 a.m. • **John & Susan Schneider** req. by Carl Coslick
02/07/20 11:30 a.m. • **Patricia Jones** req. by Family
• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 02/01/20 4:00 p.m. † **Francis & Jean Heger** req. by Marcine & Joh Forrette
02/02/20 9:00 a.m. † **Margaret Demos** req. by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Ohotnicky
11:00 a.m. † **Eric Capibianca** req. by Tom Trubiroha
02/03/20 11:30 a.m. • **John Sutkowski** req. by Rosanne Sutowski
02/04/20 11:30 a.m. • **Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish**
02/05/20 11:30 a.m. † **Robert L. Inglis, Sr.** req. by Robert . Inglis, Jr.
02/06/20 11:30 a.m. • **James Lynch Bailey** req. by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bailey
02/07/20 11:30 a.m. • **Patricia Jones**
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The Presentation of the Lord — February 2, 2020

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way. — Hebrews 2:17a

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4). **Psalm** — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24). **Second Reading** — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18). **Gospel** — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

THE ROAD TO GOD

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues.

—Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux

Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **Damma Day (Magha Puja Day)**, Friday, **Feb. 7**, commemorates the Buddha's visit to Veruvana Monastery in the city of Rajagaha, when 1,250 arhats are said to have spontaneously returned from their wanderings to pay their respects to the Buddha. Sangha Day is celebrated on the full moon day of the third lunar month (March).

→ **Lantern Festival**, Saturday, **Feb. 8**, is a Taoist observance; the New Year celebration ends with the Lantern Festival on **February 14**, when the first full moon enters the New Year.

→ Source: **The 2020 InterFaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

World Day of Prayer for the Sick Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Patroness of the Infirm) 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 at the O'Hare & Midway Airport Chapels

Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This is a day when many Catholics bring their sick or infirm family members to the church for prayers and for them to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Mass will be celebrated in the chapels at 11:30 a.m. After the homily the priests will anoint those who can benefit from this sacrament:

~ Someone whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. ~ Those who are chronically ill or have a serious health condition (e.g. diabetes). ~ Someone who will be undergoing surgery, if the surgery is caused by a serious illness. ~ Elderly people who have become notably weakened, even though no serious illness is present. ~ Seriously ill children who have sufficient use or reason to be strengthened by the sacrament. ~ Those who have been anointed if they relapse after recovery or if the condition becomes more serious. ~ Those who have any emotional, mental or physical illness. For information: **773-686-2636 - www.airportchapels.org**.

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

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020 - Presentation of the Lord

We Remember: The **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**, formerly called the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also **Candlemas**, commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple - according to prescriptions of Mosaic Law (*Lv. 12:2-8; Ex. 13:2; Lk. 2:22-32*) - and the purification of Mary 40 days after His birth. "In the East, where the feast antedated 4th Century testimony regarding its existence, it was observed primarily as a feast of Our Lord; in the West, where it was adopted later, it was regarded more as a feast of Mary, until the calendar in effect since 1970. Its date was set for Feb. 2 after the celebration of Christmas was fixed for Dec. 25, late in the 4th century. The blessing of candles, probably in commemoration of Christ who was the Light to enlighten the Gentiles, became common about the 11th century and gave the feast the secondary name of **Candlemas**." (Catholic Almanac) "In the Old Testament, purification rites cleansed people who had contracted a legal uncleanness through an impurity such as a skin disease, or though contact with the divine, as in childbirth," says *Encyclopedia of Catholicism*. "Jesus Christ emphasized the importance of faith and loving service of brothers and sisters rather than ritual purifications." The second chapter of the Gospel of Luke is proclaimed, in which Simeon calls Jesus "a light to the nations." The use of candles was introduced in Jerusalem in the mid-fifth century by a Roman matron. Although the Christmas season officially ends after the Epiphany (January 6) with the feast of Our Lord's Baptism, Candlemas is sometimes identified as the formal ending of the Christmas cycle." **†ALFRED DELP (1907-1945), Jesuit priest and martyr**, was arrested by the Gestapo in 1944. "My offense is that I believed in Germany and her eventual emergence from this dark hour of error and distress, that I refused to accept that accumulation of arrogance, pride, and force that is the Nazi way of life, and that I did this as a Christian and a Jesuit," he wrote. Imprisoned in chains in a dark cell, he wrote a final message to friends: "If through one man's life there is a little more love and kindness, a little more light and truth in the world, then he will not have lived in vain." Father Delp was hanged in the Plotzensee prison on this day in 1945. (AS) • **World Day for Consecrated Life**

Monday, Feb. 3, 2020

† **We Remember:** The feast of **ST. BLAISE** (died c. 316), bishop and martyr, has for centuries included the Blessing of Throats, the practice of placing two crossed candles, accompanied by the recitation of a prayer, on the throats of the faithful. St. Blaise was a fourth-century bishop of Sebaste (modern Armenia), according to the HarperCollins Encyclopedia of Catholicism. "When Diocletian ordered the persecution of Christians, Blaise hid in a forest. Legend describes wild animals gathering in his cave where, unharmed, he fed them all. When hunters came upon his hiding place and saw him surrounded by lions and bears, they decided he was a magician and took him captive. While in prison, he saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fishbone. The boy's mother rewarded Blaise with food and candles. Blaise was later beheaded. After his martyrdom he was invoked, as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, on behalf of people suffering from throat infections." The blessing of throats began in the 16th century when veneration for St. Blaise was at its peak. Today we also commemorate **ST. ANSGAR** (801-865), the first Christian missionary to Scandinavia, "*The Apostle of the North*." (E,V)

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020

† **We Remember:** **ST. ANDREW CORSINI (1302-1373)** was born in Florence. Before he was born, his mother dreamed she gave birth to a wolf that turned into a lamb when it entered a Carmelite church, and thus was the path of Andrew Corsini. His youth was violent and dissolute, but in 1318 he joined the Carmelites, studied in Paris and Avignon, and embarked on a life of austere penance. Known as a father of the poor and a mediator between quarrelsome Italian states of that time, Andrew became a bishop in 1360. A patron of peacemakers, he is also invoked against sudden death and quarrels. (B)

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 - St. Agatha

† **We Remember:** **ST. AGATHA**, Virgin and Martyr, died about the year 251. She is patroness of nurses and invoked against breast diseases, fires, and volcanic eruptions. Her name in Greek means "good." The story of Agatha's martyrdom during the persecution of Decius at Catania in Sicily is quite graphic. Though many renounced their faith, especially officials, Agatha was among those whose steadfast devotion to Christ cost them their lives. The devotion of numerous popes to St. Agatha is possibly based on the legend that **St. Peter** appeared to her to console and heal her. She had been tortured on the rack and her breasts had been cut off. A few days later she was rolled naked over burning coals. Her last prayer to Christ was "Receive my soul," after which she breathed her last. Devotion to St. Agatha is very ancient. A church was constructed in her honor at Rome in the fifth century, and at the beginning of the sixth century, Pope Symmacus introduced her feast into the liturgy at Rome and dedicated a basilica in her honor. The inclusion of her name in the Roman Canon of the Mass is attributed to **St. Gregory the Great**, and to this day she is listed in the first Eucharistic Prayer. (S)

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020

† **We Remember:** **†ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS** were 26 martyrs, the first canonized saints of the Far East, who died some 400 years ago. Paul,

born in 1556, came from a noble family in Kyoto which converted to Christianity; he was baptized when he was five years old. Son of a Japanese military chief, Paul was educated at a Jesuit college and joined the Jesuits in 1580, becoming known for his eloquent preaching. In 1597 he was crucified along with 25 other Catholics during the persecution of Christians near Nagasaki. The group was made up of six Franciscans (from Spain, Mexico and India), three Japanese Jesuit catechists (including Paul Miki), and 17 Japanese lay Catholics. They were all crucified by being attached to crosses with ropes and chains and then put to death by the thrust of a lance. At his death, St. Paul Miki said, "I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as fruitful rain." So fruitful was the rain of his blood on the hills of Nagasaki that missionaries 265 years later discovered thousands of secret Christians there. In 1862 they were all canonized as the Martyrs of Japan. (S,D,P)

Thursday, Feb. 7, 2020

† **We Remember:** a Greek farmer, **ST. LUKE THE YOUNGER (DIED 946)**, who was admitted as a novice to a monastery at Athens, and became a solitary on Mt. Joannitza, near Corinth. He worked so many miracles in this place that it was known as **Soterion (place of healing)** and he himself as the **Thaumaturgus (Wonderworker)**. As a boy, Luke would often give his clothes to beggars or go without a meal to feed the hungry. When he sowed the fields, he would scatter half the seed over the land of the poor - yet he would notice that the Lord blessed his father's crops with abundant increase. Luke wanted to become a monk but his family was unwilling to let him go. But when the family offered hospitality to two monks who were on pilgrimage from Rome to the Holy Land, the monks persuaded Luke's family to allow him to travel with them to Athens. He was 18 when he built himself a hermitage at Mt. Joannitza. (B,L)

Friday, Feb. 8, 2020

† **We Remember:** **ST. JEROME EMILIANI (1486-1537)** is a model of conversion from a dissolute life to a life of total dedication to the care of the sick, abandoned children and women converts. He was born in Venice of a noble family, became a soldier, was captured in battle and imprisoned. During that time, he learned to pray, and resolved to reform his life; he was miraculously set free after praying to our Lady, and as a result he promised to dedicate himself to her service. Returning to Venice, he was ordained a priest at age 37. In times of pestilence he was heroic in caring for the orphans, sick and poor; Jerome started a religious order to do this work and to educate young abandoned youth. He died of the plague in 1537, and was canonized a saint in 1767. **Pope Pius XI** named him patron of orphans and abandoned infants in 1928. (S,V,B)

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2020

† **We Remember:** **ST. MICHAEL FEBRES CORDERO (1854-1910)** was a saintly schoolmaster, a De La Salle Brother of the Christian Schools, a native of Ecuador, and the **first native vocation**. A gifted teacher who specialized in languages, Michael was full of charity and good humor and led an intense life of personal prayer. His first love was preparing children for their first communion and writing textbooks. In 1907 he went to Belgium where his congregation's headquarters were then located in order to have more time to write. For reasons of health, he went to Barcelona, where after teaching only a few months, he died on this day in 1910. In 1936, in the midst of the Spanish Civil War, his remains were taken back to Quito, where his tomb became a center of pilgrimage, and where, in 1954, the government of Ecuador erected a great monument to him; canonized by **Pope John Paul II** in 1984. (D,B,L) • International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking
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ROMAN CATHOLIC MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Monday—Friday: 11:30 a.m.

Evening before Holy Day: 4:00 p.m.

Holy Day: Check Bulletin Announcements

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1:30 p.m.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

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ISLAMIC JUMA' PRAYER

Friday: 1:15 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP

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