

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports

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Week of February 23 — March 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
Roman Catholic Chaplain, Chicago Airports Catholic Chaplaincy

Interfaith Calendar & Events

• **February 25: Ayyám-i-Há: February 25 - February 28—Intercalary Days - Bahá'í** observance for festivities, gift-giving, and charitable acts. Begins at sundown, Feb. 24. The **Bahá'í Fast** begins **March 1**, observed from sunrise to sunset, through **March 19**.

• **Shivaratri — February 26:** A night devoted to the worship of Shiva, one of the Gods of the Hindu deity, with vigil and fasting.

• Beginning of **Ramadan, March 1:** The holy month of Ramadan begins with the first light of dawn commemorating the revelation of the



Qur'an to the **Prophet Muhammad**. Throughout this month Muslims fast during daylight hours, celebrate an evening meal with family and friends, pray fervently and show charity to the poor. Adult and physically competent Muslims abstain from food, water, and sexual relations from dawn to sunset during an entire month. Begins at sundown February 28. Concludes March 30 with **Eid al-Fitr**, the Breaking of the Fast.

• **Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti, March 1**, celebrates the birth of **Sri Ramakrishna**, the teacher of Swami Vivekananda.

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

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

• Birthday blessings and best wishes go out to **Rev. Dr. Hutz Hertzberg**, Saturday, **March 1**.

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

02/22/25 4:00 p.m. † **Edward Bledron** req. by Martha Walkowicz

6:00 p.m. † **Poor Souls** req. by Scott DeBoer
† **Rosamma Joseph**

02/23/25 9:00 a.m. † **Patrick Mannix** req. by Daly Family

11:00 a.m. • **More Religious Vocations** req. by Scott DeBoer
• **Jim Newhouse** req. by Peggy Young

02/24/25 11:30 a.m. • **Adam Joab**

02/25/25 11:30 a.m. † **Patricia Jones** req. by Family

02/26/25 11:30 a.m. • **Olson Family** req. by Scott DeBoer

02/27/25 11:30 a.m. • /† **Hampel & Plentka Families** req. by Rev. Leon Rezula

02/28/25 11:30 a.m. • **Richard Mathlowetz** req. by Mary Lou Mathlowetz

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

02/23/25 9:00 a.m. • **Banter Family** req. by Scott DeBoer

11:00 a.m. † **Joseph Rusnak** req. by Emma Wenzel

• **Rachel Ponce** req. by Maureen Ponce

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 23, 2025

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— Psalm 103:8

DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the "punch line" of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture's way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.



In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus' teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Ash Wednesday, March 5—Beginning of Lent

Ash Wednesday was established as the first day of Lent by St. Gregory the Great, who served as pope from 590-604. In the Church, ashes have been used according to the ancient symbolism of the scriptures: Ashes were used to signify worthlessness (Jb. 30:19; Sir. 40:3), sorrow (Jb. 2:8; Jon. 3:6), grief and penance (Mt. 11:21), or a sign of affliction (Ps. 102:10). Today, however, ashes form a continuity from the mystery of Easter to the following Ash Wednesday when the palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday one year are burned, blessed, and signed on the foreheads of the faithful on the next Ash Wednesday.

→ **Ash Wednesday, March 5, O'Hare Chapel** Mass Schedule: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., & 4:00 p.m.; Service Schedule: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 2:00, & 3:00 p.m. **Midway Chapel** Mass Schedule: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.; Service Schedule: 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Please Note: -Each ceremony will be 30 minutes in length
Holy Communion will only be given at Mass.

Ashes will only be distributed during the Mass or Liturgical service.

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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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, Feb. 23, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. POLYCARP (died 155)**, Bishop and Martyr, is important for the meaning of tradition in the Church. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna in Asia Minor, knew and was taught by the Apostle John. Polycarp was directly linked to the Apostle, and indirectly to Jesus. According to St.



Irenaeus, in his preaching Polycarp constantly referred to the teaching of St. John the Evangelist and the other eyewitnesses of the life of Christ. He is therefore a link with the Church of apostolic times. When Ignatius (together with Zosimus and Rufus) was on his way to Rome, where he suffered martyrdom, he met Polycarp and entrusted to him the care of the church at Antioch because he considered Polycarp to be an apostolic man and true pastor. The only other detail we know about St. Polycarp before his martyrdom is that he visited Rome in order to discuss the problem of the date for Easter with **Pope Anicetus**. Since they could reach no agreement, the pope decided to let matters stand as they were. Polycarp's Letter to the Philippians (still extant) was so excellent that it was read publicly in the churches in the time of **St. Jerome**. At age 86, Polycarp courageously met death by burning in the amphitheater. (S,V) ✦ In 1468, the death of **JOHANNES GUTENBERG**, whose Bible was the first book printed from movable type.

Monday, Feb. 24, 2025

✦ **We Remember: SS. MONTANUS, LUCIUS AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS OF CARTHAGE**, suffered martyrdom (259) during the Christian persecution by the Emperor Valerian; they were disciples of **St. Cyprian**, the saintly bishop martyred in 258. (D)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. WALBURGA** was an abbess and missionary who, with her brothers Willibald of Eichstätt and Winebald of Heidenheim, answered the call of **ST. BONIFACE** to spread the faith in Frankish lands - what is now Germany. She was probably born in the kingdom of Wessex, England, about the year 710, and became a Benedictine nun. Her brother Winebald summoned her to rule the nuns at his double monastery of monks and nuns at Heidenheim (of which he was abbot), the only one of this type in 8th-century Germany. When Winebald died in 761, Walburga ruled the whole monastery - an ecclesiastical precedent - thus following the English custom of keeping an abbacy in the founder's family. This powerful woman was also skilled in the practice of medicine. She died on this day in 779 at Heidenheim, but her body was later moved and interred in the Church of the Holy Cross, Eichstätt. Miraculous cures are still ascribed to a mysterious fluid flowing from a rock near her relics, called **St. Walburga's Oil**. Both her brothers are also honored as saints. (B,D,)

✦ A contemporary of St. Walburga, highly venerated in the Orthodox Church, is **ST. TARASIIUS**. Although a layman, he was chosen patriarch of Constantinople, accepting on condition that a general council should be convened to end the iconoclastic persecution. He was ordained at Christmas, 784, and the Second Council of Nicaea was held, the decrees of which were approved by the pope, Hadrian I. (B)

• In 1916, **POPE BENEDICT XV** extended the celebration of the Chair of Unity Octave to the universal Church. It is now called the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. (W)

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. ALEXANDER OF ALEXANDRIA (c. 250-328)**, Patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt, was responsible for confronting one of his own priests, **Arius**, who in his teaching denied the divinity of Christ. Though Alexander condemned this false teaching, the *Arian heresy* spread and caused much turmoil throughout the Church. Alexander was also responsible for recognizing the great gifts of Athanasius, whom he made his deacon and right hand man. Both of them attended the Council of Nicaea (325), where Arius was again condemned. Alexander died shortly after his return to Alexandria; Athanasius succeeded him as patriarch of the city and went on to become one of the four great Greek Doctors of the Church, the *Father of Orthodoxy* and *Champion of Christ's Divinity*, whose life work was the defeat of Arianism. [Feast of St. Athanasius is May 2.] (B)

Thursday, February 27, 2025

✦ **We Remember: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church** — "Gregor was born in a village on the shores of Lake Van between 945 and 950. When his parents died, Gregor and his older brother were raised by a scholarly uncle who had them educated at the Narek monastery where he was a monk. The monastery was a prominent center of

learning located in what is now Turkey. Gregor too entered the monastery and was ordained in 977. A professor of theology, Gregor wrote a mystical interpretation of the Song of Songs, and a long mystical poem called the Book of Prayer or the Book of Lamentations. He described his poem as "an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations." This classic of Armenian literature has been translated into 30 languages. The Russian text of the Book of Lamentations was set to music in 1985. Little else is known about Gregor, other than he died in the early 11th century and was buried within the walls of the Narek monastery where he had spent his life. In 2015 as the world observed the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide in the Ottoman Empire, Pope Francis concelebrated a Mass at the Vatican with Patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni and declared the monk, poet, and saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Gregory of Narek, a Doctor of the Church. His liturgical feast is celebrated on February 27." Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-gregory-of-narek/>

✦ **ST. ANNE LINE (+1601)** was an Englishwoman hanged at Tyburn for harboring priests during the persecution of the Church. She was beatified in 1929 and canonized in 1970 as one of the **Forty Martyrs of England and Wales**.

✦ **ST. GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS (1838-1862)** was born at Assisi and educated at Spoleto by the Jesuits. Francis Possenti joined the **Passionists**, taking the name above. Consumed with love and veneration for the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, today's saint, like **St. Teresa of the Little Flower**, died at the age of 26 of tuberculosis. *He attained perfection by heroic self-denial in small things*, and was canonized in 1920. (R,B)

• In 280, **CONSTANTINE THE GREAT** was born in the region of Yugoslavia. • In 380, the **EMPEROR THEODOSIUS** issued an edict regarding the Catholic faith, suppressing Arianism and promoting unity.

• In 1509, the **INQUISITION** was ended in France by order of the King's Great Council, and all those accused or imprisoned were absolved and freed.

Friday, February 28, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. HILARY (Hilarus) (+468)** was "a Sardinian by birth who was given high office in the Roman curia by St. Leo the Great, who sent him as his legate to the *Robber Synod of Ephesus*, from which he escaped with difficulty (449)." He was made pope in 461 and worked energetically to consolidate the Church and combat heresies; "he was a great benefactor to the churches in Rome."

✦ Also remembered today are four great medieval women in the church: **BL. ANGELA OF FOLIGNO** (1309); **BL. HEDWIG OF POLAND** (also called Jadwiga) (1399); **BL. ANTONIA OF FLORENCE** (1472); and **BL. LOUISA ALBERTONI** (1533).

Saturday, March 1, 2025

✦ **We Remember: DAVID OF WALES (+600)**, principal patron saint of Wales, founded a monastery at Mynyw (Menevia), which became a veritable nursery of saints. He founded a dozen monasteries and many miracles are attributed to him; his relics still survive and are enshrined in the cathedral. (B) "His feast is not on the General Roman Calendar, but is celebrated by the Church of England and the Episcopal Church in the USA on this day," says McBrien. (LS)

✦ In 1562, **HUGUENOTS WERE MASSACRED** at Vassy, France, provoking the first war of religion in that country.

✦ **BLESSED GIOVANNAMARIA BONOMO (1606-1670)** was "a controversial mystic who was severely punished by her local bishop," says Gallick. A Benedictine nun who began experiencing visions and ecstasies soon after making religious vows, she incurred the bishop's wrath for "her belief that salvation could come only through abandoning oneself completely to God." He ordered her to burn all her writings, and "for seven years she was not allowed to write to her father or speak to anyone outside the monastery. Nonetheless, her community elected her abbess in 1652 and, like many of the great mystics, she proved to be an outstanding manager. She received many gifts and contributions, and distributed the best of them to the needy, saying: 'Does it seem right to give the worst to the poor?'" After her death, a representative of the bishop tried to break up the crowds who had gathered to venerate her, furious that people were calling her a saint. "What saint? She is a nun like all the others." The crowd threatened to stone him and forced him to flee. She is buried at the church is named for her in Asiago, Vicenza, Italy. (BB)



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