

# Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports

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## Week of March 2 — March 8, 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



**Daylight Savings Time** begins next **Sunday, March 9**, so don't forget to set your clocks **forward** one hour before bed next Saturday night, March 8. Remember the adage, "Spring forward, Fall back."

## Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

• Birthday blessing go out to **John Elifson** Monday, **March 3**, and **Judith Hamill** this Saturday, **March 8**.

## ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 03/01/25** 4:00 p.m. • Amy Knowles req. by Daly Family  
6:00 p.m. † Camille Colella req. by Family  
• Cunningham Family req. by Scott DeBoer
- 03/02/25** 9:00 a.m. † Thomas & Elizabeth Daly req. by Daly Family  
11:00 a.m. • Mickel Family req. by Scott DeBoer
- 03/03/25** 11:30 a.m. † Roman Chmiele
- 03/04/25** 11:30 a.m. • Unborn Babies
- 03/05/25** 09:00 a.m. • Czaplak Family req. by Scott DeBoer  
11:00 a.m. † Lisa Zurk & Michel Pinton req. by Daly Family  
1:00 p.m. • /† Smith, Condon Families req. by Rev. Leon Rezula  
4:00 p.m. • Adam Joab Alwyn
- 03/06/25** 11:30 a.m. • Richard Mathlowetz Family req. by Mary Lou Mathlowetz
- 02/07/25** 11:30 a.m. • Special Intention req. by Scott DeBoer

## MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 03/02/25** 9:00 a.m. • DeBoer Family req. by Scott DeBoer  
11:00 a.m. • Special Intention req. by Scott DeBoer
- 03/05/25** 10:00 a.m. • DeBoer Family req. by Scott DeBoer  
12:00 p.m. † Marianne Donhauser req. by Irene Gobeille  
2:00 p.m. • Banter Family req. by Scott DeBoer
- 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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## Ash Wednesday, March 5—the Beginning of Lent

**Ash Wednesday, March 5**, touches a deep chord for many Christians. The ancient custom of receiving ashes on the first day of Lent is a Catholic tradition which is also common among some Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist and United Church of Christ congregations. Ash Wednesday takes its name from the symbolic use of ashes to signify mortality and penitence; it is the first day of the observance of the 40 days of Lent, which precede Easter Sunday. Ashes are blessed and then marked on the foreheads of the faithful, in the form of a cross, with the words, *Remember, you are dust, and unto dust you shall return* (see Gen 3:19) or *Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel* (Mk 1:15).



**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.

Orthodox Christians, following the Julian calendar, observe **Clean Monday, March 3**, when Julian calendar Great Lent begins.

→ **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.

→ **Ash Wednesday, March 5, 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.

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — March 2, 2025

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.— *Luke 6:44*

### THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us. Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws. And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

**Gospel** — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



# 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, March 2, 2025

✦ **We Remember: St. Chad** (+673) was educated at Lindisfarne under **St. Aidan**, and in Ireland. He returned to England as an abbot, became a bishop in York and then Mercia, where he died; his relics are preserved in the cathedral dedicated to him in Birmingham (England). (B)

✦ **John Wesley** (1703-1791) died on this day. Anglican priest (1728), evangelist and founder of **Methodism**, Wesley was influenced by Moravian teaching, experienced a conversion, and devoted the rest of his life to preaching. Churches were closed to him, so he preached in the open, traveling an average of 8,000 miles a year on horseback. Although he wanted the movement to remain with the **Church of England**, by 1784 the Methodists had removed themselves from it. Wesley's journeys took him to Ireland and Scotland; at his death, there were more than 71,000 members in Great Britain and 43,000 in America. (F) • In 1983, **Pope John Paul II** flew to Central America, visiting each country there. The Pope celebrated Masses before a total of 2.5 million people, including 500,000 Indian people of Guatemala. He was also harassed while preaching at a Mass in Nicaragua.

## Monday, March 3, 2025

✦ **We Remember: St. Katharine Drexel** (1858-1955), religious foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People, was 96 when she died on this date in 1955. A daughter of privilege, she joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1889, but anxious to do missionary work among blacks and Indians, she left and two years later founded - of necessity, since no existing order fit the vision - her own order. **Pope John Paul II**, who beatified her on Nov. 20, 1988, said, "In her day, American Indians and blacks in the United States suffered great injustices as a result of racial prejudice. Seeing clearly the evil of the situation, she set out with determination to combat it and overcome it." By the time of her death, her order staffed 66 schools in 23 states, including predominantly black Xavier College in New Orleans, and many schools in Indian communities in the Southwest. (B)

## Tuesday, March 4, 2025

✦ **We Remember: St. Casimir** (1458-1484), whose father was King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania, died today, at 26-year-old, a victim of consumption. He was an intelligent, generous young prince. Always joyful, he showed deep concern over national affairs. But above all he was devoted to prayer, to the Blessed Sacrament and the poor. (V)

## Wednesday, March 5, 2025

✦ **We Remember: St. Kieran** (+c. 530) is remembered as the *first born of the saints of Ireland*, patron of the region of Kilkenny and Offaly Counties. At the age of 30, Kieran traveled to Rome to learn more about his religion. He introduced Christianity to southern Ireland, converting his own clan and many from the region, and is venerated as the first bishop of Ossory. Kieran lived for a time as a hermit in a hut near a stream; he attracted numerous disciples, and built a monastery that developed into the little village of Sier-Keiran, or Saighir, named in his honor. (B,P,D,S)

## Thursday, March 6, 2025

✦ **We Remember: St. Colette** (1381-1447). Among the achievements of St. Colette was her work, with **St. Vincent Ferrer** (c. 1350-1419), to heal the Great Western Schism, a confused state of affairs which divided Christendom into two, and then three, papal obediences from 1378 to 1417. The virtues of purity and simplicity governed her life. Born at the Abbey of Corbie in Picardy, France (where her father worked as a carpenter), she was orphaned at 17 and entrusted to the care of the Abbot. Colette first tried her religious vocation with the Beguines and Benedictines, but failed. After that, she distributed her inheritance to the poor and joined the third Order of St. Francis, living as a solitary in a small hermitage the abbot gave her beside the Church of Corbie. Colette became well known for her holiness and spiritual wisdom, and people came to seek her advice. She had dreams and visions in which St. Francis appeared, and in 1406, in response to a dream directing her to reform the Poor Clares to its original austerities, she left her cell, encouraged by her spiritual director. Encountering resistance, she sought a better authority to accomplish her mission, and traveled to Nice to meet with Peter de Luna, who was acknowledged by the French during this time of the Great Schism as pope under the name Benedict XIII. With his blessing, she traveled to convents throughout France, Savoy and Flanders. Still, Colette met with rude opposition, and was even accused of sorcery! In time, she founded 17 new convents, reformed the rule, and reformed several older convents, while at the same time helping St. Vincent heal the schism. Impressed by her simple goodness, many people of high rank were greatly influenced by her. Colette was renowned for her sanctity, ecstasies, and visions of the Passion, and prophesied her own death in a convent at Ghent. Her most famous convent at Le Puy has sustained unbroken continuity. Colette was canonized in 1807. (G,P)

## Friday, March 7, 2025

✦ **We Remember: St. Perpetua and St. Felicity** (+202/3). Martyred in North Africa during the persecution of Septimius Severus, the account was so highly esteemed that in the 4th century it was read aloud in the churches of northern Africa. Perpetua, 22 years old, daughter of a non-Christian nobleman, was the mother of an infant. Felicity, a slave, gave birth to a child prematurely while in prison. Three other catechumens were imprisoned with them, and they were soon joined by their teacher, Saturus. They were baptized while in prison, prior to their death in the amphitheater. The detailed account of their martyrdom is one of the greatest literary treasures that have come down to us from the early church. (S)

✦ In 1274, **St. Thomas Aquinas** died. The Church moved his feast day to January 28, the day his remains were placed in their final resting place, so that his feast day would not be superseded by Lent.

## Saturday, March 8, 2025

✦ **We Remember: St. John of God**, 1495-1550. This man, who led a "rollercoaster" life, was born in Portugal, served as a soldier in the wars between France and Spain and against the Turks in Hungary, as a slavemaster in Morocco, and as a shepherd near Seville. At 40, he decided to make amends for his dissolute life by going to Africa to rescue Christian slaves, seeking martyrdom. Advised that his desire for martyrdom was not spiritually well-based, he returned to Gibraltar and became a peddler of holy pictures and religious books. He opened a shop in Granada in 1538, went "berserk" when a sermon by **St. John of Avila** filled him with remorse and guilt for his wastrel life, and was sent to a lunatic asylum. Helped by John, he devoted himself to helping the sick poor (the beginnings of the Order of Brothers Hospitalers). His holiness and dedication brought donations from the wealthy to carry on his work. A mysterious child gave him the name, "John of God." Patron of the sick, nurses and hospitals. (W, V, P)

## World Day of Prayer—Friday, March 7

**World Day of Prayer** is celebrated on March 07, 2025. The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Through the World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of the other countries and cultures and no longer live in isolation. They are also encouraged to take up the burdens of other people, to sympathize with the problems of other countries and cultures and pray with and for them. They are further encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. The theme, selected by the Cook Islands, is "I Made You Wonderful" - taken from Psalm 139:14.

## Mass Intentions Available for 2025

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intention is a 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 faithful who give an offering that Mass be applied for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and participate in the Church's concern for the support of its ministers and works" (Canon 946 of the revised Code of Canon Law, promulgated by **Pope John Paul II** on Jan. 25, 1983). In the early Christian centuries, participants would bring the bread and wine offered up at Holy Communion, as well as other things useful for the support of the clergy and the poor. As early as the 4th Century, some offerings may have been made for the celebration of Mass for particular intentions, and there are indications of the existence of this practice from the 6th Century onwards (Catholic Almanac). A **Mass offering** is the term in the revised Code for what was commonly called a Mass "stipend." The word "offering" is preferred because it expresses more clearly that the money is given for the application of Mass according to the particular intention; it is not payment for services rendered, but a freewill donation to the Church to help support its ministers and ministries.

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