

# Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

## Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports



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### Week of March 9 — March 15, 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

- **March 9: Sunday of Orthodoxy** celebrates the restoration of the ikons back into the churches for Orthodox Christians.
- **March 14: Purim: Feast of Lots:** Celebration of the deliverance of the Jewish minority in Persia from genocide. Charity to the poor, sharing food with friends, and vigorous merrymaking mark the observance. Begins at sundown March 13.
- **March 14: Holi,** one of the most popular of Hindu festivals. People throw colored powder or spray colored water to celebrate episodes in the life of Sri Krishna.
- Source: **The 2025 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

### Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Birthday blessings go out to **Robert Zaniolo**, Tuesday, **March 11**; **Fr. Joseph Stobba**, Wednesday, **March 12**; and **Fr. William Lego**, Thursday, **March 13**.

### ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 03/08/25 4:00 p.m.** † Mary June Becnel req. by Tom Koziel  
**6:00 p.m.** † Steve & Fran Sullmowski req. by Daniel Gonet  
 † Marie & Frank Kearny req. by Daly Family
- 03/09/25 9:00 a.m.** † Doris Doer req. by Rev. Daniel Flens  
**11:00 a.m.** • Richard Mathiowetz Family req. by Mary Lou Mathiowetz  
 † Poor Souls req. by Scott DeBoer
- 03/10/25 11:30 a.m.** † Chanchal Sabu  
**03/11/25 11:30 a.m.** • Robert Zaniolo req. by Ida Zaniolo  
**03/12/25 11:30 a.m.** • Kuensting Family req. by Scott DeBoer  
**03/13/25 11:30 a.m.** † Gerald Refermat req. by Tom Koziel  
**02/14/25 11:30 a.m.** • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish

### MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 03/09/25 9:00 a.m.** • O'Drobnak Family req. by Scott DeBoer  
**11:00 a.m.** † Poor Souls 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**  
[www.airportchapels.org](http://www.airportchapels.org)

Our Chapels offer a variety of Bibles (paperback, keepsake/gift hardcover, New Testaments) Rosaries, Holy Cards, medals and other religious articles. Please visit the O'Hare Chapel Office if you would like to use a non-English language Holy Bible, the Holy Qur'an or the complete Art Scroll Siddur.

### First Sunday of Lent — March 9, 2025

*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.*

— Romans 10:8

#### ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we "set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God's] presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.



#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10). **Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91). **Second Reading** — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13). **Gospel** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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#### EXPEDIENCY IS NO JUSTIFICATION

No one is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency.

—Theodore Roosevelt

#### ILL HABITS

Ill habits gather by unseen degrees— As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas. —Ovid

Rev. Fr. Michael G. Zaniolo, STL, CAC — Administrator/Catholic Chaplain  
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 The Moody Church of Chicago  
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# This Week in the Life of the Church — Feast Days and Notable Events in Church History

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

✦ **We Remember: ST. PACIAN** was a bishop from Barcelona who died about **390**. Some Christians of his flock, still attached to pagan rituals from their recent past, participated in "an obscene heathen pageant which took place annually at the new year." The performance, "which centered around a little stag . . . consisted of masquerades in which those who took part were dressed up as wild animals." Pacian chastised the Christians who joined in this activity in a writing entitled *Cervulus*, but in a subsequent treatise on penance he "deplores that the chief effect of his censure was to make more people curious to witness the objectionable revels." (L) St. Pacian, who was a voluminous writer, lived to old age. Among his surviving works are three epistles to a nobleman, Sympronian, who had embraced the *Novation heresy* and had sent Pacian a letter in which he censured the Church for allowing repentance and absolution for all sins and also for taking the title *Catholic*. In his reply, Pacian says, "My name is Christian, my surname Catholic. The one puts me in a class, the other gives me a character. The second is a testimonial, the first is a label." (L) ✦ **ST. GREGORY OF NYSSA (c. 335-c. 395)** "championed the teaching of the Council of Nicaea (325) on the divinity of Jesus Christ and that of the Council of Constantinople (381) on the divinity of the Holy Spirit." Gregory came from a family of holy men and women. His parents, Basil and Emmelia (herself the daughter of a martyr) are venerated as saints. Gregory is thought to have been orphaned at an early age, for he was brought up by his elder brother, St. Basil, and sister, St. Macrina. His younger brother was St. Peter of Sebastea. Though Gregory was neither a "doctor" nor "theologian" of the Church, he is considered one of the three Cappadocian Fathers. Indeed, the Seventh General Council of the Church, the second at Nicaea, bestowed upon him the title *Father of the Fathers*. He was a reader in the Church, and professor of rhetoric. Married to Theosebeia, described by their friend St. Gregory Nazianzen [at her funeral oration] as "the boast of the Church and the blessing of our generation," Gregory became a priest and in **372** was chosen bishop of Nyssa (Lower Armenia). He occupied an important place at the Council of Constantinople and was regarded as "the common mainstay of the Church" - to be on Gregory's side was considered, in his day, as a proof of orthodoxy. "Both he and his brother Basil had an appreciation of the beauties of nature seldom found in the writers of the early centuries. Finally, it is in Gregory's works that the otherwise-silent theological voice of Macrina can be heard." (E)

✦ **FRANCES OF ROME (1384-1440)**, wife, mother, and religious foundress of the Oblates of St. Benedict, was Rome's first great woman saint in a thousand years. Born in the Trastevere section, she was married at an early age and bore three children, two of whom died in infancy. Each day after doing the housework she visited churches and cared for the poor. During times of great calamity and suffering she was a tower of strength to her husband. After his death, she founded a Benedictine Oblate congregation in **1425**. She experienced numerous visions and ecstasies, performed many miracles of healing, had the gift of prophecy (she is said to have prophesied the end of the **Great Schism**), and reportedly was guided the last 23 years of her life by an archangel visible only to herself. She died March 9, 1440, was canonized in 1608, and is the patroness of motorists and widows. (V,P,L) ✦ **ST. CATHERINE OF BOLOGNA (1413-1463)**, was said to have experienced visions of both Christ and Satan. Her vision of Mary with the infant Jesus in her arms has been reproduced often in art. Catherine, who was a member of the Poor Clares, composed a number of hymns and painted several pictures (two of which are still in existence). As superior of a new convent at Bologna, she impressed upon her community three precepts: *to speak well of others, to practice constant humility, and to never meddle in matters which were no business of theirs*. Catherine's sanctity, gifts of prophecy, and fame as a healer attracted many to her community. She died on this day in **1463**, and is the patroness of artists. (L) ✦ **ST. DOMINIC SAVIO (1842-1857)**, who in **1954** became the youngest non-martyr to receive official canonization.

**Monday, March 10, 2025**

✦ **We Remember: FORTY ARMENIAN MARTYRS OF SEBASTE, TURKEY (+320)**. The forty soldiers of the Sebaste garrison refused to adore idols under Emperor Licinius and were exposed naked on a frozen lake at night. The next morning, their limbs were broken and bodies burned. • In **1880**, the **Salvation Army** arrived in New York from London and proceeded to set up street-corner evangelism. Today that post has grown to more than 1400 posts nationwide, bringing spiritual and material benefits to the needy.

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

✦ **We Remember: ST. SOPHRONIUS (+639)**. He was born at Damascus, in Syria, where St. Paul was baptized. He was the great defender in the East of the full humanity of Jesus Christ against the Monothelites, who denied that Our Lord had a human will. ✦ **Oengus the Culdee (d. c. 824)**, 'the Hagiographer', author of the earliest Irish martyrology, the *Féilire Oengusso*. OCY says he was "born into the royal house of Ulster and educated at the monastery of Clonenagh, Col Laois, he became a hermit, living a very austere life; upon entering the monastery at Tallaght he hid his identity and learning till recognized by abbot Maelruain. He collaborated with the abbot on the Martyrology of Tallaght, then completed his own verse martyrology." (OCY)

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

✦ **We Remember: In 295**, the death of **ST. MAXIMILIAN** in Tebessa, which is modern-day Algeria. As the son of a Roman soldier, he was required by law to enter the army and serve his emperor. When the time came to do so, he refused, saying he couldn't serve because he was Christian and therefore could not kill another person. The Roman proconsul of Tebessa pleaded, cajoled, and threatened Maximilian, as did the youth's father. All to no avail. When told the final alternative was death, he said, "*I will not perish and if I do leave this world, my soul shall live with Christ, my Lord.*" St. Maximilian was executed by sword at the age of **21** - after telling his father to give the executioner the clothes he would no longer need. (W) ✦ In **1695**, the death of **BISHOP CRISTOBAL DE SPINOLA, OFM**, in Wiener-Neustadt, Austria. He was a native of Belgium and a Franciscan priest. Trained as an economist, he was employed as a negotiator for Emperor Leopold I of Austria, and later became bishop of Wiener-Neustadt. Shortly after his episcopal appointment, Bishop de Spinola instituted negotiations with a Lutheran abbot and the German philosopher Gottfried Leibniz. He proposed an ecumenical council, Roman recognition of Protestant clergy and other ministerial workers, if they would accept papal authority, and the right of clerical marriage on request. All of these propositions were "hot" topics to broach so soon after the Protestant Reformation, and the Bishop was unsuccessful. In our own time, church leadership is beginning to address and heal the divisions through ecumenical discussions and covenants. (W) ✦ In **1977**, the death of **FR. RUTILIO GRANDE (1928-1977)**, martyr of El Salvador. Ordained in 1959, Fr. Grande was described as a "callow" seminarian given to bouts of debilitating scrupulosity. But after Vatican II, he seemed to undergo a second conversion and became a fearless prophet of social justice. He spent time studying abroad and returned to El Salvador in 1965 as director of social action projects. "Whereas in the past priests had carried an exalted status in society, patronized by the wealthy, Grande encouraged the seminarians to spend time living among the peasants in the countryside, learning to understand their struggles and their faith," says Ellsberg in *All Saints*. Getting a reputation as a "radical priest," Grande was reassigned to a small town near his birthplace when the bishops came under pressure to do something about his "troublesome influence". But even in this small town, his sermons were infamous among the elite, who sought to have him silenced. "On February 13, 1977, Grande preached the sermon of his life," says Ellsberg. "The occasion was a Mass in honor of Fr. Mario Bernal, a Columbian-born priest who had recently been arrested and deported without charges. Denouncing the sham of democracy in El Salvador, the feudal enslavement of the masses, and the hypocrisy of those who called themselves Christians while tolerating such conditions, Grande stated: 'I'm quite aware that very soon the Bible and the gospel won't be allowed to cross our borders. We'll get only the bindings, because all the pages are subversive. And I think that if Jesus himself came across the border of Chalatenango, they wouldn't let him in. They would accuse the Man-God, the prototype of man, of being a rabble-rouser, a foreign Jew, one who confused the people with exotic and foreign ideas, ideas against democracy - that is, against the wealthy minority, the clan of Cains! Brothers, without any doubt, they would crucify him again. And God forbid that I be one of the crucifiers!' On March 12, while driving along a road, Grande's van was sprayed with gunfire. He was killed instantly, along with an old campesino and a teenage boy who were accompanying him. His death marked a stunning turning point for El Salvador, the first but not the last time that a priest would be exposed to violence. Among those touched by this event was the new archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero. Grande, a longtime friend, had pressed Romero to understand and speak out against the social crisis in El Salvador. It was Grande's death that forced him to understand, and it proved the catalyst that prompted his own journey on the road to Calvary." (AS)

**Thursday, March 13, 2025**

✦ **We Remember: ST. EUPHRASIA (+420)**, **Virgin & Mystic**, was born at Constantinople and connected by blood to the imperial family. She was brought up in a convent in Egypt, and when at a later date she was asked by the emperor to marry a senator, she refused and remained at the convent the rest of her life. (B)

**Friday, March 14, 2025**

✦ **We Remember: ST. MATILDA (or Maud)(c. 895-968)** was a German queen noted for her piety and charitable works; she founded numerous Benedictine convents and monasteries. A widow for 30 years, she was left in charge of the kingdom when her son, Otto, went to Rome to be crowned emperor (often regarded as the beginning of the Holy Roman Empire). She died in **968**.

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

✦ **We Remember: St. Clement Mary Hofbauer (1751-1820)** is one of four canonized saints of the Redemptorist Order and patron of Vienna. An apprentice baker in his youth, he became a hermit, was ordained in **1785**, and served as a missionary in Warsaw for 20 years. When Napoleon suppressed the religious orders, Clement and his comrades were arrested, imprisoned, finally expelled. Clement settled in Vienna, founded a Catholic college and was enormously influential in revitalizing the religious life of the German nations; he died on this day in **1820** and was canonized in 1909.

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