

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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Week of March 16 — March 22, 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 16-20: Fravardegan or Muktd**, Zoroastrian observance; the last five days of the year are reserved for remembrance of all departed souls. Prayers are offered to the **fravashis** (the divine spark in each human that lives forever) of departed loved ones, invoking their blessings and protection. Parsi Zoroastrians (who follow the Shenshai calendar) celebrate Muktd in August.
- **Spring Feast—American Indian—March 20**: A day to honor planting and the coming and going of seasons; includes prayer, song and storytelling.
- **Spring O-Higan (Equinox) - Buddhist—March 20**: Symbolic crossing from shore of illusion to the other shore of enlightenment to overcome one's ignorance and honoring the six *Paramitas* of generosity, morality, patience, endeavor, meditation and wisdom.
- **Shubun no Hi — Shinto - March 20**: A day for visiting graves held in timing with the Spring Equinox.
- **Feast of Naw-Rúz — March 20**. Naw Rúz is the **Baha'i New Year** which coincides with the vernal equinox. The inception of the Baha'i calendar was on 21 March 1844 CE with the declaration of the Bab, the Prophet-Herald of the Baha'i Faith.
- **Nouruz ('New Day') — Zoroastrian New Year — March 21**: It is called **Jamshedi Navrose** by the Parsi Zoroastrians. The arrival of spring, on the day of the vernal equinox, heralds a rebirth and renewal, a symbolic victory of light over darkness. Nouruz is the most important festival in the Zoroastrian tradition, a time for thanksgiving and celebration, for family and friends to come together, to thank Ahura Mazda for His bounty, to reflect on their lives, and make new beginnings.
- Source: **The 2025 InterFaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 03/15/25** 4:00 p.m. † Gerald Reformat req. by Rev. Leon Rezula
6:00 p.m. • Michalesko Family req. by Scott DeBoer
- 03/16/25** 9:00 a.m. † Therese Hogan req. by Elizabeth Hogan
11:00 a.m. • Rivera Family req. by Scott DeBoer
• Coates Family req. by Susan Coates
† Patricia Fox Coates req. by Susan Coates
- 03/17/25** 11:30 a.m. † Regina Cecchin req. by Ida Zaniolo
- 03/18/25** 11:30 a.m. † Zoran "John" Zarich req. by Rev. Fr. Leon Rezula
- 03/19/25** 11:30 a.m. † James J. Elson req. by Marygrace Elson
- 03/20/25** 11:30 a.m. † Mary Forrette req. by Marcine & John Forrette, Jr.
- 03/21/25** 11:30 a.m. † Jean Heger req. by Marcine & Jhn Forrette, Jr.

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 03/16/25** 9:00 a.m. • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish
11:00 a.m. • Religious Vocations req. by Scott DeBoer
- Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial



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Second Sunday of Lent — March 16, 2025

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? — *Psalm 27:1*

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1).



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18) **Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17-4:1 [3:20-4:1]). **Gospel** — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway. What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: "What are you taking on for Easter?"

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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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Terminal 2, Mezzanine Level
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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, March 16, 2025

✦ **We Remember: St. Abraham Kidunaia** (+c. 366), was a holy hermit of Mesopotamia, ordained and appointed by his bishop to the town of Beth-Kiduna, which he completely converted to Christianity. His life was written by Doctor of the Church **St. Ephrem**, his friend and admirer.

Monday, March 17, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. PATRICK**, patron saint of Ireland, was born about the year **389** in the village of Bonnaventa in western England. Son of a Roman citizen, and given a Roman name, **Patricius**. He received only a modest education, but he studied the **Bible** so faithfully that he could quote it from memory to almost any purpose. At 16, Patrick was captured by raiders (called *Scots* - meaning wanderers) and taken to Ireland, where for six years he served as a herder of pigs. In those lonely hours came his **conversion**: he passed from religious indifference to intense piety, and describes himself as rising every day before dawn to go out and pray in whatever weather - hail or rain or snow. He escaped, at last, and found his way to the sea, where sailors rescued him, taking him to Gaul, and perhaps Italy. He worked his way back to England, to the great joy of his parents, and lived with them a few years. But something called him back to Ireland, and he interpreted the feeling as a divine message, a call to convert the Irish to Christianity. He went to Lerins and Auxerre (present-day France), studied for the priesthood, and was ordained. Patrick wasn't the first Christian missionary to Ireland; **St. Palladius** preceded him in **431**, but he died within the year. When news reached Auxerre that Palladius was dead, Patrick was made a bishop, given relics of **Sts. Peter and Paul**, and in **432**, sent to Ireland. He found there, on the throne at Tara, an enlightened pagan, Laeghaire. Patrick failed to convert the king, but won full freedom for his mission. The Druids opposed him, and showed the people their magic; Patrick met them with the formulas of the exorcists - a minor clerical order - whom he had brought with him to cast out demons. In the **Confessions** that he wrote in his old age, St. Patrick tells of the perils he encountered in his work: twelve times his life was in danger; once, he and his companions were seized, held captive a fortnight, and threatened with death; but some friends persuaded the captors to set them free. Pious tradition tells a hundred fascinating stories of his miracles: "*he gave sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf*," says Nennius, "*cleansed the lepers, cast out devils, redeemed captives, raised nine persons from the dead, and wrote 365 books*." But probably it was Patrick's character, rather than his wonders, that converted the Irish - the undoubting confidence in his belief, and the passionate persistence of his work. He ordained priests, built churches, established monasteries and nunneries, and left strong spiritual garrisons to guard his conquests at every turn. When he died in **461**, it could be said of him, as of no other, that one man had converted a nation. [The Age of Faith, Will Durant, 1950]

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM** (+386), Patriarch of Jerusalem from c. 350 until his death - 17 years in exile, driven out by the Arians - Cyril is forever connected with his work as a catechist: his instructions on Christian doctrine are gems of theological literature, and **Pope Leo XIII** declared him a **Doctor of the Church in 1882**.

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

✦ **We Remember: Solemnity of ST. JOSEPH (1st c.)**, Husband of Our Lady; **Patron of the Universal Church**. The Infancy narratives (Mt 1-2, Lk 1-2) provide our only reliable information about St. Joseph, saying he is of royal descent from David. Joseph's family came from Bethlehem in Judea, but he had moved to Nazareth in Galilee, where he was a carpenter. Betrothed to Mary, he became alarmed when he found Mary was pregnant though she had not lived with him, but was dissuaded from divorcing her by the angel of the Lord who told him her pregnancy was *by the Holy Spirit*. He was with Mary at the birth of Jesus and the visit by the Magi in Bethlehem, and took Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape Herod's massacre of the **Holy Innocents**. After Herod's death, he brought them back to Nazareth.

St. Joseph and Mary had Jesus circumcised and presented to the Lord in the Temple in Jerusalem. When Jesus was 12, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem, lost him, and found him discoursing with the doctors in the Temple. Thereafter the name of Joseph is absent from the New Testament, except **Lk 4:22**, when he is mentioned as the father of Jesus. Joseph was probably dead by the time of the Passion and death of Christ; the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* says he was an old man when he married Mary. Special veneration to Joseph began in the East, where the apocryphal History of Joseph enjoyed great popularity in the 4th to 7th centuries. In the West, the 9th century Irishman **Felire of Oengus** mentions a commemoration, but it was not until the 15th century that veneration of Joseph became wide-

spread, when his feast was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1479. In **1621**, **Pope Gregory XV** made it a holy day of obligation, though that is no longer universally observed. (P,S) • In **1970**, **Pope Paul VI** addressed the special needs of **tourists, travelers, airline personnel**, among others, by founding the Pontifical Commission for the Spiritual Care of Migrants and Itinerants, in the *motu proprio Apostolicae caritatis*. The commission was made dependent on the Congregation for Bishops but this dependence was eventually terminated by Pastor bonus, which granted it the status of a pontifical council. He was instituting many commissions at this time as a result of the **Second Vatican Council** directives. In **1988**, **Pope John Paul II** made this commission an autonomous council. The Council addresses the pastoral care of migrants, tourists, nomadic people, and all travelers by making sure chaplains are available, by alerting dioceses around the world of anticipated influxes of people, etc. In **2016**, **Pope Francis** reorganized the Curia and created the **Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development**, which took responsibility for the work of the council through its Migrants and Refugees Section, which now oversees Catholic airport chaplaincies.

Thursday, March 20, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. CUTHBERT** (d. 687), Bishop of Lindisfarne (England), "**Wonder Worker of Britain**." At 15, Cuthbert set off for Melrose Abbey to consecrate his life to God. Ordained Bishop of Lindisfarne on Easter Sunday, **March 26, 685**, he performed miracles of healing during the "yellow plague", thus earning his nickname.

Friday, March 21, 2025

✦ **We Remember: ST. SERAPION** (c. 370), Bishop of Thumis (Egypt); called "**The Scholastic**," this saint was head of the catechetical school in Alexandria, and a friend to **St. Athanasius** and **St. Anthony of Egypt**. St. Serapion's formula of Christian perfection was summarized with these words: "The mind is purified by spiritual knowledge (or by holy meditation and prayer), the spiritual passions of the soul by charity, and the irregular appetites by abstinence and penance." (D)

Saturday, March 22, 2025

✦ **We Remember: St. Paul of Narbonne** (3rd century AD) was one of the "apostles to the Gauls" sent out (probably under the direction of Pope Fabian, 236-250) during the consulate of Decius and Gratus (250-251 AD) to Christianize Gaul after the persecutions under Emperor Decius had all but dissolved the small Christian communities. ✦ **St. DEOGRATIUS (c. 457)** was the bishop of the ancient city of Carthage on the northern shore of Africa. When Genseric sacked Rome and returned to Africa with a multitude of captives, Deogratias ransomed them. "These unfortunate people were distributed between the Vandals and the Moors, regardless of natural ties, husbands being separated from wives and parents from their children. To buy them back, Deogratias sold the gold and silver vessels and ornaments of the altar, and thus redeemed a great number of families," says Butler. The account goes on to say that because there were not enough houses available to accommodate the many refugees, the bishop gave over "two of the largest churches which he filled with bedding, and organized a daily distribution of food." Worn out by his labors, this holy priest died after serving as bishop only three years, deeply mourned by his flock and the exiles for whom he had been their great protector. Further, he had won the respect of the Arians and non-Christians as well. In Latin, Deo Gratiias means "Thanks be to God." (L)

A Prayer for Lent

MERCIFUL GOD, IN THE DARKNESS OF OUR SIN and the confusion of the world, we seek to renew our faith in you this Lent. In the face of death and suffering, we long to hope in your promise of everlasting life. In times of loneliness and alienation, we desire the consolation of your undying love. Touch our hearts this Lent that through the mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, we may come to live faithfully in your Kingdom, both now and forever. AMEN

Prayer in Time of Sadness, Sorrow and Grief

O God of compassion, your people are in pain. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel the fear that accompanies grief. We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction. Help us to travel this road of grief and sadness with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Saint Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ where I lie down, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of the Christ. May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

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