

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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Week of March 19 – March 25, 2023

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

→ **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. → **Shuban-sai — Shinto - March 20:** A day for visiting graves held in timing with the Spring Equinox.

→ **Feast of Naw-Ruz — March 21.** Naw Ruz 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.

→ Beginning of **Ramadan, March 23:** 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 March 22. Concludes April 21 with **Eid al-Fitr**, the Breaking of the Fast.

→ Source: **The 2023 InterFaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessings & best wishes go out to our chapel office and business manager, and fund-raiser, **Mrs. Susan Schneider, March 26.**

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 03/18/23** 4:00 p.m. † Steve & Fran Sulimowski req. by Daniel Gonet
6:00 p.m. † Veronica Markech req. by Dolores Markech
† Alfred Ronan req. by Tom Jaconetty & Judith Hamill
† Patricia Coates req. by Susan Coates
- 03/19/23** 9:00 a.m. • Nicole Tomljenovic req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sullivan
11:00 a.m. • Jason & Kathy Peck req. by Diane Kachigan
† Mary Forrette req. by Marcine & John Forrette, Jr.
- 03/20/23** 11:30 a.m. † Fr. Thomas Baima req. by Susan Schneider
- 03/21/23** 11:30 a.m. † Jean Heeger req. by Marcine & John Forrette, Jr.
- 03/22/23** 11:30 a.m. † Edward Markech req. by Dolores Markech
- 03/23/23** 11:30 a.m. † Diana req. by Lawrence D'Souza
- 03/24/23** 11:30 a.m. • Domsic Family req. by Scott DeBoer

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 03/19/23** 9:00 a.m. † Matt Trubiroha req. by Tom Trubiroha
11:00 a.m. † Mary Trubiroha req. by Tom Trubiroha
† Auntie req. by John Dominici

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2023

SEEING THE LIGHT

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 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 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

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.

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire. —St. Vincent Ferrer

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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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

Sunday, March 19, 2023

✠ **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 widespread, 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.

Monday, March 20, 2023

✠ **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.

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

✠ **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)

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

✠ **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 Gratias means "Thanks be to God." (L)

Thursday, March 23, 2023

✠ **We Remember:** **ST. TURIBIUS OF MONGROVEJO (1538-1606)** was a religious reformer and heroic champion of the **Peruvian Indians** who did much to organize the Church in Latin America. Born in Leon, Spain, Turibius Alfonso studied law at the University of Salamanca, a noted theological center, becoming a professor. His brilliance attracted the attention of King Philip II, who named him chief judge in the court of the Inquisition. Though a layman, Turibius performed his office so well that he was named Archbishop of Lima; he received all the holy orders and sailed for Peru in 1580. At that time, the archdiocese extended from Panama to Argentina. There were many religious, social, and political problems in the Latin American missions. The new archbishop began a systematic visitation of his huge diocese, corrected abuses, and championed the poor. He worked assiduously for the formation of the clergy and the moral uplifting of the people. Without hesitation, he faced up to opposition. A story is told that when those he was correcting objected and explained their behavior as tradition, he replied: "Christ said, *I am the truth*; he did not say, *I am the custom*." St. Turibius, who died while on a pastoral visitation in an Indian village, was canonized in 1726. Four other saints lived in Lima under his jurisdiction: **St. Rose of Lima**, **St. Martin de Porres**, **St. John Macias** (all Dominicans) and the Franciscan **St. Francis Solano**.

Friday, March 24, 2023

✠ **We Remember:** **ST. CATHERINE OF SWEDEN (c. 1331-1381)** the daughter of **St. Bridget**, First Superior of the Bridgettine Order. A guidebook for Sweden says, "The Middle Ages produced Sweden's great religious genius, St. Bridget of Vadstena. Founder of the Bridgettine Order and a mystic whose revelations exercised a lasting influence, she was also eminently practical, admonisher of popes and monarchs and a builder who put her stamp on the town of Vadstena. The Blue Church she designed ranks high among Swedish architecture." St. Catherine followed the path of her mother to continue in the formation of a religious order of nuns; she visited her mother in Rome and, upon the death of her husband, Eggard, she remained there as a constant companion to Bridget. St. Catherine secured the final approval for the religious order from **Pope St. Urban VI**. She is invoked against miscarriages. (D) ✠ In **1980**, **ST. OSCAR ROMERO** of El Salvador was assassinated by agents of a hostile government as he celebrated Mass for cancer patients in a hospital chapel. The much-beloved archbishop was a fearless champion of the poor and an outspoken foe against the malevolent forces in his country; he had just been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Born in Ciudad Barrios, El Salvador, in **1917**, Romero was ordained in Rome in **1942**, served as the bishop's secretary in the diocese of San Miguel for 23 years, and served as editor of the diocesan paper, pastor of the cathedral parish, and rector of the minor seminary. In **1977**, he was installed as archbishop of San Salvador. "Though known to be politically cautious, he took seriously the documents of Vatican II (1962-65) and of the Latin American Bishops Conferences (CELAM) at Medellin, Columbia (1968) and Puebla, Mexico (1979), as well as **Pope Paul VI's** *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (On Evangelization in the Modern World, 1975)," says Robert Krieg in the *HarperCollins Encyclopedia of Catholicism*. "As a result, he increasingly spoke in behalf of the human rights of the poor and powerless. As violence increased in El Salvador amid efforts for land reform, Romero read aloud each week at Mass a roll call of the week's dead. He also publicly condemned abuses of human rights and pleaded that the foreign military aid cease, writing a letter in this regard to President Jimmy Carter. He was assassinated on March 24, 1980, while celebrating Mass in the chapel of San Salvador's Hospital of Divine Providence. His tomb, erected in the cathedral of San Salvador, has become a popular site for prayer and pilgrimage," says Krieg. Some of his "Thoughts" appeared in translation as *The Church Is All of You*. Beatified May 23, 2015; canonized October 14, 2018; feast day March 24. (CB, AS, E)

Saturday, March 25, 2023

✠ **We Remember:** **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** (observed since 430). "Today we celebrate a Solemnity of the Church: the feast of the Annunciation by **Gabriel** to the young **Virgin Mary**, inviting her to be the Lord's Mother. This beautiful feast is celebrated exactly nine months before Christmas." [V] ✠ **ST. DISMAS (1st c.)**, the "Good Thief," Patron of Prisoners. When the penitent thief offered his prayer, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**" (*Lk. 23:42*), it was Jesus' darkest hour. (D)

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