

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports

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Week of March 21–March 27, 2021

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. We have implemented a modified schedule of Catholic Mass and Protestant Worship Services. Everyone, of course, must wear a mask or face covering and keep six feet of social distance. The Chapel chairs will be clearly marked for social distance.



O'Hare: Catholic Mass: Saturdays - 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays - 11:30 a.m.

Muslim Friday Juma prayer is still temporarily suspended until further notice.

Midway: Catholic Mass: Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Protestant Worship: Sundays - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

Monday thru Thursday - 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

You can also find our regular schedule, weekly bulletin, and other information at www.airportchapels.org. I ask that you please pray for our airport workers and travelers and their families during these uncertain and difficult times. Please also pray for health care workers and their loved ones. Know that you & your families are always in my prayers.

May God bless you always,

Fr. Michael Zaniolo

Administrator, Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

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Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **Feast of Naw-Ruz** — Bahá'í New Year — **March 21.**

→ **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 2021 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessings & best wishes go out to **Catherine Conway** this **Sunday, March 21**, and to our chapel office and business manager, fund-raiser and all-around trouble-shooter, **Mrs. Susan Schneider**, this **Friday, March 26.**

ORÉ Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

03/20/21 4:00 p.m. † Bernice Fortini req. by James & Cynthia Oskroba
6:00 p.m. † Edward J. Shea req. by Peggy Ann (Shea) Smart

03/21/21 9:00 a.m. † Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen
11:00 a.m. † Josephine Markech req. by Dolores Markech
† John LaPlante req. by Tom & Judith Jaconetty
† Benjamin DeCico req. by Dolores Markech

03/22/21 11:30 a.m. † Alvin C. Elton req. by Tom & Judith Jaconetty
03/23/21 11:30 a.m. † Tom Ross req. by Chris & Russ Haas
03/24/21 11:30 a.m. † Raymond Skawski req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Kelly
03/25/21 11:30 a.m. † Florence Suttle req. by Milton Seghers
03/26/21 11:30 a.m. † Maren Jirschele req. by John Jirschele

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MOW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

03/21/21 9:00 a.m. † James Joseph Elson req. by Mary Grace Elson
11:00 a.m. † Yung Peter Lee req. by Daly Family

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

Schedule of Holy Week Catholic Liturgies

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Thursday, Apr. 1, 2021, 11:30 a.m. ORD

Good Friday Passion of the Lord:

Friday, April 2, 2021, 11:30 a.m. ORD

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass: Sat. April 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m. ORD;

*** Please Note: **NO 4:00 p.m. Mass** on Holy Saturday!

Easter Sunday: Sun. April 4, 2021, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. ORD & MDW



Fifth Sunday of Lent — March 21, 2021

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. — *Jeremiah 31:33*

THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made



with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an

obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart. Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 *or* Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God." —*Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*



This Week in the Life of the Church - Feast Days and Notable Events in Church History

Sunday, March 21, 2021

✠ **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)

Monday, March 22, 2021

✠ **We Remember: ST. DEOGRATIUS (c. 457)** was the bishop of the ancient city of Carthage on the northern shore of Africa. He lived at a time when the Roman Empire was disintegrating, and tribes like the **Vandals** were sacking Rome and enslaving the inhabitants. Though the Vandals were Christians, they subscribed to the **Arian heresy** which denied the divinity of Jesus. When they seized Carthage in **439**, the city's bishop, **Quodvult-deus**, and most of his clergy were set adrift in a water-logged boat which, amazingly, managed to reach Naples. The city remained without a chief pastor for fourteen years until Genseric, the leader of the Vandals, allowed Deogratias to be consecrated bishop of Carthage. 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)

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

✠ **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.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

✠ **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 Pueblo, 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)

Thursday, March 25, 2021

✠ **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)

Friday, March 26, 2021

✠ **We Remember: ST. LUDGER (c. 744-809)**, Missionary; born and educated under **St. Gregory** in the abbey school of Utrecht in The Netherlands, Ludger later studied with **Bl. Alcuin** at York, England, and was ordained to the priesthood upon returning to his homeland in **771**. Following the Saxon invasion of **804** he was named first and founding Bishop of Munster (Germany). "His gentleness did more to attract the Saxons to Christ than all the armies of Charlemagne. He lived for a time at Montecassino, learning the Benedictine observance." (B)

✠ **In 1833**, the death of **Rev. Richard Allen**, father and founder of the **African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church**.

Saturday, March 27, 2021

✠ **We Remember: ST. JOHN OF EGYPT (305-394)** died today in Asyut, Egypt. A carpenter by trade, John was one of the most famous of the desert hermits. At the age of **25**, he journeyed to a mountain near Lycopolis, and became an ascetic, placing himself under the tutelage of an older hermit, and living **40 years** as a recluse. After establishing a holy reputation, he completely walled himself in a cell carved from rock, leaving only a window to converse, teach, and receive sustenance from the kindness of friends and disciples. He was consulted by Emperor Theodosius and greatly admired by his contemporaries, St. Jerome, Augustine, Cassian, Palladius. St. John lived to be 90 and his fame as a teacher and seer spread far and wide. He was remarkable for his gift of prophecy. (W,B)

✠ **Searches include:** (A) *Catholic Almanac*, Felician Foy Our Sunday Visitor, 1995. (AP) *A Pilgrim's Almanac*, Edward Hayes, 1992. (AS) *All Saints*, Robert Ellsberg, Crossroad, 1997. (B) *Book of Saints*, Benedictine Monks, Morehouse, 1993. (CB) *Cambridge Biographical Encyclopedia*, 1999. (C) *Catholic Book of Days*, John Deedy, Thomas More, 1989. (BB) *Big Book of Women Saints*, Sarah Gallick, HarperSanFrancisco, 2007; (CCS) *Catholicism, Chicago Style*, Skerret et al, 1993. (D) *Day by Day with the Saints*, Patrick Moran, OSV, 1985. (E) *Encyclopedia of Catholicism*, Rev. R. McBrien, HC., 1995. (ES) *Encyclopedia of Saints*, C. Jöckle, Alpine, 1995. (F) *Famous Christians*, Tony Castle, Servant, 1988. (G) *Guide to the Saints*, Kristin E. White, Ivy Books, 1991. (H) *Heavenly Friends*, Rosalie Marie Levy, DSP, 1984. (I) *In His Likeness*, Rev. Charles Yost, SCJ, STL, 1988. (JP 2) *John Paul II's Book of Saints*, Bunson, OSV, 1999. (L) *Butler's Lives of the Saints I-IV*, Christian Classics, 1995. (L2) *Lives of the Saints*, O. Englebert, Barnes & Noble, 1994. (LS) *Lives of the Saints*, R. McBrien, HC, 2001; (LP) *Lives of the Popes*, R. McBrien, 1997. (M) *The Middle Ages, Concise Encyclopedia*, H. Loya, 1989. (OCY) *Oxford Companion to the Year*, Blackburn, 1999. (ODP) *Oxford Dictionary of Popes*, J.D. Kelly, Oxford, 1987. (ODS) *Oxford Dictionary of Saints*, David Farmer, 1997. (PDS) *Penguin Dictionary of Saints* (3rd ed.), D. Attwater/C. John, 1995. (R) *Saints to Remember*, Servants of Mary Immaculate, 1985. (P) *Pocket Dictionary of Saints*, John Delaney, Image, 1983. (S) *Saints of the Roman Calendar*, Enzo Lodi, Alba, 1992. (P) *The Popes*, Eric John, Roman Catholic Books, 1994. (V) *Vatican II Weekday Missal*, Daughters of St. Paul, 1975. (W) *We Celebrate, We Commemorate*, Patrick Walsh.

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