

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports

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Week of March 23 — March 29, 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

- **Lailatul-Bara'at: Night of Salvation, March 25-26:** According to Muslim tradition, on this night God approaches the earth to call humanity and to grant forgiveness of sins.
- **March 26: Khordad Sal:** birthday of the Prophet Zarathushtra, celebrated on the sixth day of the New Year. Parsi Zoroastrians celebrate Khordad Sal in August.
- Source: **The 2025 InterFaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Birthday blessings & best wishes go out to **Fr. Michael Meany, March 25**, and to our chapel office and business manager, and fundraiser, **Mrs. Susan Schneider, March 26**.

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 03/22/25 4:00 p.m.** • DeBoer Family req. by Scott DeBoer
6:00 p.m. • Lukas Family req. by Scott DeBoer
- 03/23/25 9:00 a.m.** • Banter Family req. by Scott DeBoer
11:00 a.m. • Mary Shannon req. by Nancy Lynch
• Florence LaCoursé req. by Nancy Lynch
• Jack & Josephine Lynch req. by Nancy Lynch
† Tom Wallace req. by Nancy Lynch
- 03/24/25 11:30 a.m.** • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish
- 03/25/25 11:30 a.m.** † Poor Souls req. by Scott DeBoer
- 03/26/25 11:30 a.m.** • Richard Mathlowetz Family req. by Mary Lou Mathlowetz
- 03/27/25 11:30 a.m.** † Maren Jirschele req. by John Jirschele
- 03/28/25 11:30 a.m.** † Poor Souls req. by Scott DeBoer

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 03/23/25 9:00 a.m.** • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish
11:00 a.m. † Donald A. Dahl req. by Emma Wenzel

• 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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Third Sunday of Lent — March 23, 2025

The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed. — *Psalm 103:6*

MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or *Psalm 95*.
Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.
Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Mass Intentions Available for 2025

CHICAGO AIRPORTS CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY PUBLISHES MASS INTENTIONS in the O'Hare and Midway Airport Chapel bulletins each week. Requesting a Mass 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 Archdiocese of Chicago suggests a donation of \$10.



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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 23, 2025

+ 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**.



Monday, March 24, 2025

+ 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)



Tuesday, March 25, 2025

+ 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)

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

+ 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**. Born (1760) of a slave family in the household of a Philadelphia lawyer, Richard converted to Methodism at 17 and was permitted to preach when 22. He bought his freedom in 1786. "The first General Conference of Methodism, held in 1784, considered him a promising candidate for the ministry. Asked to preach occasionally at St. George's Methodist Church in Philadelphia, he began prayer meetings among his people. His work attracted large numbers of black people to St. George's, and some white members began to object to their presence. One Sunday in 1787, some of the black worshippers were pulled from their knees during prayer and asked to leave. They withdrew peacefully and under Allen's leadership organized the Free African Society. In 1793 this society became Bethel Church, an independent Methodist church. In 1799, Allen was ordained a deacon, the first black man regularly ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Church. In 1816 representatives of a number of black Methodist churches organized the African Methodist Episcopal Church as the first national black denomination and chose Allen as bishop. During his ministry he involved the church in various social issues, including the anti-slavery movement. He died in Philadelphia on Mar. 26, 1831." (Grolier's Encyclopedia) "He was to the African race what Daniel O'Connell is to the Irishman or Washington to America," said Bishop Morris Brown at Allen's memorial service. (F)

• In 1967, POPE PAUL VI issued *Populorum progressio* ("On the development of people"), which addressed a subject that was to be reiterated by Pope John Paul II: the imbalance of privilege between nations of the first and third worlds, and the responsibility of first-world nations to help rather than exploit those nations less well off.

Thursday, March 27, 2025

+ 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, Saints 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)

Friday, March 28, 2025

+ We Remember: ST. TUTILO, a Benedictine monk of St. Gall, Switzerland, who died about the year 915. "Handsome, eloquent, quick-witted, a giant in strength and stature, poet, orator, architect, painter, sculptor, metal worker, mechanic, musician who played and taught several instruments in the abbey school, he was characterized by his obedience and recollection." (B, p. 552)

• In 681, THE THIRD COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPE condemned the heresy of **monothelitism** (that Christ had only a divine will) and censured **POPE HONORIUS I** - who had served from 625 to 638 - for holding the same belief. The council was ratified by **POPE ST. LEO II**, who served from 682-683. (E, W)

• In 1960, POPE JOHN XXIII created ten new cardinals in a secret consistory, increasing the number of cardinals to a record 88. (W)

Saturday, March 29, 2025

+ We Remember: JONAS, BARACHISUS & COMPANIONS, who died in 327. Jonas and Barachisus were brothers, born in Persia. They suffered martyrdom under Shapur II, who destroyed all churches and monasteries in that country, in what was seen as a religious struggle between Christianity and Zoroasterism. We have an eyewitness account of their passion: *the brutal inventiveness of the persecutors in devising new tortures was only surpassed by the quiet heroism of the martyrs*. Some nine companions suffered at the same time. (B, p. 318)



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