

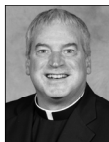
Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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Week of March 29—April 4, 2020

DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, the



O'Hare and Midway Chapels will follow the directives issued by government officials and the Archdiocese of Chicago: *Group Worship Services and Public celebration of Mass are suspended until further notice.* The Chapels will remain open for personal prayer 24/7. 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.

Please check our website, www.airportchapels.org or call 773-686-2636 and press 3 for any updated information. 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

→ **March 31: Kwan Yin Bodhisattva** is a Buddhist observance marking the birth of Kwan Yin, who consequently became a Bodhisattva—one who has vowed to attain final, supreme enlightenment and save suffering beings. (Chinese and Vietnamese).

→ **April 2: Ramnavami** is a nine-day Hindu celebration in honor of the birth of Rama. Stories from the life of Rama are narrated and religious dances, called Ramalila, depicting scenes from his life are performed.

→ **April 4: Qingming**, a Taoist observance, is a day to honor ancestors and visit their grave sites, as well as celebrate the coming of Spring. It is also often referred to as **Tomb Sweeping Day**.

→ Source: *The 2020 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago*

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessing go out to **Mrs. Lynn Busiedlik** Sunday, **March 29**, and to **Fr. Louis Morrone**, Wednesday, **April 1**.

Jubilee Holy Year on the Occasion of The Centenary of the Proclamation of Our Lady of Loreto as Patron Saint of Aviation

December 8, 2019 – December 10, 2020

Why is the Church celebrating this Jubilee? The Holy House, which according to an ancient pious tradition was carried by angels in flight, inspired the aviators of the First World War to rely on the Blessed Virgin of Loreto. At that time, in fact, airplanes were popularly called “flying houses”. Thus Pope Benedict XV, on 24 March 1920, declared the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto “principal patroness to God for all aircraft”. The centenary of the proclamation is therefore the occasion of this Jubilee. For more information, pick up the blue flyer on the side tables, or visit <http://www.cacc.us/Jubilee100.pdf>



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Fifth Sunday of Lent — March 29, 2020

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!

— *Psalm 130:1*

GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have “put on Christ” in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130). **Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (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: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

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: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 – 27:66 [27:11-54]

SAINT POLYCARP (died 155) — February 23

“Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and Savior?” Boldly answering the official who demanded he worship pagan gods, Polycarp, today's “Senior Citizen Saint,” demonstrates that courage, far from being the preserve of the young, is a virtue cultivated through life-long fidelity and crowned by final perseverance. A disciple of Saint John, who is said to have consecrated him bishop of Smyrna in modern-day Turkey, Polycarp witnesses to the truth that, whatever time and space may separate us, Jesus' gift of the Eucharist unites us. Polycarp's final words, preserved by the Church of Smyrna, sound like a Eucharistic Prayer in which the saint offers himself: “Lord, almighty God, Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the knowledge of yourself . . . may I be received among the martyrs as a rich and pleasing sacrifice . . . through the eternal priest of heaven, Jesus Christ . . . through him be glory to you, together with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.” —*Peter Seagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

LIFE

A well-spent life is the only passport to heaven. —*Pope Leo XIII*

PRAYER

The more you devote yourself in prayer the more you will do well in your work. —*St. John Baptist de la Salle*



This message was sent from Cardinal Cupich to all priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago. I am sharing it with you because it gives spiritual encouragement for all of us during this difficult time. Know that you are in my prayers and may God bless you and your families.

— Fr. Mike Zaniolo

Dear Brothers in Christ,

This mid-March is unlike any other. It is a strange time. Its markers are disruption, inconvenience, isolation, discouragement, fear, anxiety, and sadness. The virus has upended all of our routines. And, while we sense that the virus has put us in a dangerous place, we also know that we have entered unknown territory, a foreign land.

This is not the first time people of faith have experienced alienation and dislocation and we can learn from the past. In fact, the story of Israel gives us hope, for it is in their moment of exile, of entering into unknown territory, that God reveals the full breadth of His fidelity, His presence and action in the world. In a word, the exile, while bringing great suffering, was even more so a moment of grace, for the People of God came to know the God who is close to them. How can Israel's experience of exile and alienation inspire us to see this crisis as a time of grace? How could God be moving in all of this?

Let me suggest some graces of this moment that you may want to share with your people. These are hidden blessings that we might easily overlook precisely because we are distracted and even absorbed by so much that is negative. Consider these graces:

The grace of knowing our fragility. You hear it said that young people take risks, sometimes really awful risks because they feel invulnerable. Well, it's not just young people who feel invulnerable. Even those of us who can count many years in our lives march into each day feeling in control and ready to master whatever we will face. Our sense of mastery over life is an illusion. We are fragile and vulnerable and not in control, even if we are not conscious of that. The grace of knowing our fragility in the time of the virus puts us in touch with a necessary trust and surrender into the hands of the God who made us, who has faithfully walked with us and who one day will call us home.

The grace of true freedom. With the virus, our movements are restricted and so are our options for doing things. The usual choices and freedom of movement are just not available. If we define our freedom in terms of the choices available to us, then the virus has made us much less free than we would like. On the other hand, the restrictions we experience can open an opportunity for us to reflect on the true meaning of freedom. In our religious tradition, genuine freedom is not about the number of choices we have, but about the possibility of giving ourselves over to God and others in love. Jesus says of himself, "No one takes my life from me. I lay it down to pick it up again. For this the Father loves me." (See John 10) That is true freedom.

The grace of time. The pace of life has slowed with the virus. Less commuting, less opportunity to work, more empty spaces—this amounts to a very altered rhythm of

life. We have more time on our hands, but without entertainments and sports and social gatherings, we don't have ways to fill it up. This unusual, even odd situation, may force us to reconfigure our sense of time. It has been observed that for most Americans, life is lived in a pendular rhythm of work and escape. We work hard and earn our escape time. Then we escape until we have to go back to work. But time is more than what is filled by work and escape. In our faith tradition, Sabbath time puts us in touch with another dimension of time. It is neither work nor escape but resting in God, an alert attentiveness to what is deep and sometimes mysterious in our lives. It is a gift to re-imagine time.

The grace of each other. Social distancing is, of course, the new normal for the time of the virus. Still, there are other ways, especially in our families, in which we have been pushed closer together. We are facing each other in our homes and across generations in new ways. That contact brings its own share of tension, no doubt. Still, it nudges us to rediscover each other and to value each other anew. It can teach us the value of "wasting time" with each other. Think, for example, of helping young people to realize the vulnerability of older members of their family and our need overall to protect and nurture each other. All this can awaken a new sense of urgency about "loving one another, as I have loved you," in the words of Jesus.

The grace of wisdom. So much of our ordinary, "non-virus" life, is dominated by the pursuit of short-term results, such as financial, business and human-human transactions. The opposite of a short-term mindset is wisdom. Only wisdom cracks open the bigger picture of our faith tradition, in fact, the biggest picture imaginable. Wisdom gives us the capacity to look at all things in terms of God's plan and destiny, of their ultimate goal. It is in moments of loss and upheaval that we are forced to take a fresh look at our lives and value the things that really matter. This time of the virus, upended as it is, pushes to take in the big picture. Then we can begin to name and embrace what really matters, what really counts.

There is so much that is sad and serious about the coronavirus and its impact on our lives and the lives of those we serve. All that is real enough. But, so too are the hidden graces that God has given His people in times of loss and exile into unfamiliar territory. All we need to do in response is open our eyes to the reality of God's faithful presence in our life and remember He walks with us now as he walked in fidelity with people in former times. We surely do not want to suggest to people that all the pain and struggle we face in moments like these will magically evaporate. But, we can encourage them to trust in God's promise, revealed in the suffering Christ, that He will share our suffering and in the end will bring us into a greater share in His life.

These are some of the thoughts that have come during my prayer that God guide me in ways that can be of help to you in your ministry. I hope they are of some encouragement. Let us continue to pray for one another.

In Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

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

Sunday, March 29, 2020

✠ **We Remember:** **JONAS, BARACHISIUS & COMPANIONS, who died in 327.** Jonas and Barachisius 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.

Monday, March 30, 2020

✠ **We Remember:** **ST. LEONARD MURIALDO (1828-1900)** was labeled a "socialist" by the more conservative Catholics of his day for advocating an **eight-hour day for workers** in 1885. Leonard studied theology at the University of Turin and was ordained in 1851. He came into contact with a group of devout clergy that included St. John Bosco, St. Joseph Cafasso and St. Joseph Cottolengo. Asked to take charge of a college for young working men, he agreed provisionally - and ran it for 37 years. He founded the Congregation of St. Joseph, named after the model and patron of workers, and made many friends among the early exponents of Catholic social doctrine. His theory of education placed great store upon music, the theater and gymnastics, and he also founded agricultural centers for young delinquents, another field in which he was an innovator. Leonard Murialdo had the distinction of being beatified right in the middle of the **Second Vatican Council** by Pope Paul VI on Nov. 3, 1963. This was an appropriate context, for Leonard serves as a model for that social concern of the Church to which popes throughout this century have been dedicated. He was canonized by the same pope May 3, 1970, and his congregation continues to care for young apprentices. (B,L) ✠ In 1984, the death of **KARL RAHNER, S.J.**, one of the most prominent and influential Catholic theologians of the 20th century.

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

✠ **We Remember:** **ST. GUY OF POMPOSA**, born near Ravenna, Italy, **St. Guy** (or **Guido**) donated all his possessions to the poor and became a Benedictine at the abbey of St. Severus, where he was chosen abbot. Afterwards he went to the abbey of Pomposa. He loved sacred learning and at his request, **St. Peter Damian** delivered lectures on the scriptures to his monks for two years. St. Guy attracted so many disciples to his community by his sanctity and wisdom that he had to build another monastery. He was a much sought spiritual advisor. Toward the end of his life he was fiercely, though unjustly, persecuted by the bishop of Ravenna, but amends were made before St. Guy's death in 1046. (B,D)

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

✠ **We Remember:** April begins with a remembrance of **ST. WALARICUS**, or Valéry, an abbot who died about 620. He was born in a humble home in the Auvergne region of France, and "somehow he learned to read, and he is said to have procured a psalter, the contents of which he committed to memory while tending sheep." "Tall and ascetic-looking, the holy man was noted for his singular gentleness which tempered the stern Rule of St. Columban with excellent results. Animals were attracted to him: birds perched on his shoulders and ate from his hand, and often the good abbot would gently warn off an intruding visitor with the words, 'Do let these innocent creatures eat their meal in peace.'" St. Walaricus died about the year 620. (L)

Thursday, April 2, 2020

✠ **We Remember:** **ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA, (1416-1507)** hermit and founder of the **Order of Minims**, was born in Paola of Calabria, in the rugged southern part of Italy, and became a hermit at an early age. The more he left society, the more people came to see his sanctity and miracles. A community developed around him: the *Order of the Littlest Ones*. Pope Sixtus IV asked Francis to come to Rome, and later to go to France, to teach others his example of holiness. An ambassador of spirituality, Francis died in France on this date, Good Friday, in 1507. He was canonized a saint in 1519 and made Patron of Seafarers in 1943. (B,V)

✠ In 2005, the death of **ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II (1920-2005)**, the first Polish pope and the most widely traveled in the history of the papacy. **Karol Jozef Wojtyla** was born in Wadowice, Poland, the youngest child of a schoolteacher and a retired army officer. He was an active young man, an athlete and an outdoorsman, whose passions were poetry, philosophy, and the theater. Much of his advanced education was obtained underground after the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939. He was ordained a priest in 1946, a bishop in 1958, and appointed archbishop of Krakow in 1964. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 1967, at 47 his youngest member. When Cardinal Wojtyla was elected the 264th successor of Peter in 1978, he became the youngest pope since Pius IX a hundred years before, the first Polish pope, and the first non-Italian

pope since **Adrian IV** in the 16th century. John Paul circled the globe, logging over a million miles and visiting every continent except Antarctica. He opened dialogues with Protestant denominations; made a pilgrimage to Auschwitz; and visited a Jewish synagogue and a Muslim mosque. He made pilgrimages to Orthodox countries where no pope had ever before set foot. On May 13, 1981, was shot twice at close range while riding in an open automobile in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. Two other persons also were wounded. An escaped terrorist, Mehmet Ali Agca, was arrested and convicted July 22, 1981. After convalescence, Pope John Paul II was pronounced recovered by his doctors Aug. 14, 1981. He forgave Mehmet, meeting with him in jail. His legacy to the Church includes more than a dozen encyclicals, as well as scores of apostolic letters, constitutions and exhortations. He beatified and canonized more than 1000 men and women from all walks of life and greeted hundreds of millions of the faithful through his travels and papal audiences. He was tireless in his work for the poor and powerless, speaking out against war, economic injustice, political oppression, and what he called the industrialized world's "culture of death." Pope John Paul II's ultimate homily was probably his own life - a life characterized by a charismatic personality, heartfelt prayer, moral vision, global evangelism, tireless advocacy for human dignity and political and religious freedom, and unshakable faith. Canonized by **Pope Francis** in 2014, his feast day is **October 22.**

Friday, April 3, 2020

✠ **We Remember:** **ST. RICHARD OF WYCHE (1197-1253)** was a much-loved English bishop persecuted by King Henry III. By his courage, simplicity and poverty, Richard triumphed. He was renowned for his pastoral ministry and generosity. ✠ Also the feast of **Saints Agape, Chionia and Irene**, three sisters of Thessalonica burned alive for being in possession of the **Holy Scriptures** which, by an edict of Diocletian, was punishable by death.

Saturday, April 4, 2020

✠ **We Remember:** **ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE (c. 560-636), Doctor of the Church**, presided over several synods; reorganized the Spanish church; encouraged monastic life; completed the Mozarabic liturgical rite, and wrote on theology, scripture, biography, history, astronomy and grammar. (B) ✠ Today is also the feast of **ST. BENEDICT THE BLACK (1526-1589)**. Born a slave near Messina, Italy, he was freed, became a hermit, then superior of his community; his holiness, reputation for miracles, and his fame as a confessor drew many to him. Canonized in 1807, and is the **patron of African Americans**. (D) ✠ In 397, **St. Ambrose** died; his feast day is celebrated Dec. 7, the day of his ordination. • In 1627, many people of the Quaker sect in the U.S. were arraigned before the courts as recusants - persons who refused to attend the Church of England services. ✠ In 1968, the assassination of **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (1929-1968)** an eloquent black Baptist minister who championed the **civil rights movement** in the U.S. beginning in the mid-1950's. After theological training, including a Ph.D., he became a minister in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1954. He organized opposition to segregation on buses in 1956, leading the 382-day Montgomery boycott that brought the U.S. Supreme Court decision holding that such segregation was unconstitutional. Dr. King was the founder (1957) and president of the **SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**. In 1960, Dr. King resigned his pastorate to devote himself completely to the civil rights movement, advocating **NONVIOLENT METHODS**; this culminated in the massive march on Washington, Aug. 28, 1963, a demonstration by 200,000 persons in support of black demands for equal rights, highlighted by a speech in which Dr. King said, "I have a dream that this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal." In 1964, Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize. He was only 39 when assassinated April 4, 1968, in Memphis. Rev. King's funeral in Atlanta drew 75,000 mourners. Today we honor this prophet and martyr, and "apostle of justice," who gave hope to so many. (F)

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