

Week of April 14, 2024 - April 20, 2024



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 & Fuents

•Baisakhi, April 14: Sikh observance marking the beginning of the New Year and the formation of the Khalsa (pure) by Guru Gobind Singh.

• Sikh observance of Guru Nanak's Birthday (Actual), April 15: by common tradition this date is observed on the full moon day of Kartik (October-November), although the Guru's biographers record his birth on April 15, 1469. Guru Nanak Dev was the founder of Sikhism.

•<u>Navapad Äyambil</u> Oli, April 15-23: During this Jain ob-servance, one meditates upon and pays respect to nine specific auspicious things. One eats only once a day and eats bland, tasteless boiled food without salt, oil or butter.

•<u>Yaqui Deer Dance</u>, April 16, is a ceremony which integrates ancient rites of the Native American Yaqui people (Arizona) with the Christian Easter ceremony.

• Ram Navami, April 17, is a nine-day Hindu celebration in honor of the birth of Rama. Stores from the life of Rama are narrated and religious dances, called Ramalila, depicting scenes from his life are performed.

Source: The 2024 InterFaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 04/13/24 4:00 p.m. Beecher & Seamus Families reg. by J. Beecher 6:00 p.m. † Deceased Members Dorsey Family req. by Family • John Livingston req. by Nell Andrzyan
- 04/14/24 9:00 a.m. † Steven W. Henning req. by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Henning 11:00 a.m. • Matt Rogers req. by Nell Andrzyan † Aldo Cecchin req. by Marie Rogala

04/15/24 11:30 a.m. • Alwyn Joshy req. by Alwyn Joshy

- 04/16/24 11:30 a.m. •/ + Blazowski Loved Ones (Living & Deceased)
- 04/17/24 11:30 a.m. † Joseph Cozzone reg. Fr. Michael Zaniolo, Susan Schneider
- 04/18/24 11:30 a.m. † Adam Joab Alwyn req. by Alwyn Joshy
- 04/19/24 11:30 a.m. DeBoer Family req. by Scott DeBoer

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

04/14/24 9:00 a.m. • Diane Chrapkiewicz req. by John Dominici 11:00 a.m. † Jim & Helen Dominici

† Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen

• Denotes Living/Special Intention **†** Denotes Deceased/Memorial



Third Sunday of Kaster – April 14, 2024

You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling. — Psalm 4:9 **BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST**

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament-the

Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be



converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19). Psalm - Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4). Second Reading - The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a). Gospel - Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 – 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn
	6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;1 Jn 3:1-2;
-	Jn 10:11-18

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a "rule" that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called "Kentucky Dominicans," began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ's dying and rising in an inspiring way.

-Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Rev. Fr. Michael G. Zaniolo, STL, CAC - Administrator/Catholic Chaplain Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago Mr. Qazi M. Biabani – Imam Khateeb/Muslim Chaplain Muslim Community Center of Chicago Rev. Dr. Hutz H. Hertzberg - Protestant Chaplain The Moody Church of Chicago Mrs. Susan E. Schneider, CAP – Office/Business Manager/Fund Raiser Mr. Michael Brennan - Bulletin Editor



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, April 14, 2024

+ <u>We Remember</u>: **TIBURTIUS**, brother of **St. Cecilia**, was converted to the Christian faith by his sister, and with her husband, <u>VALERIAN</u>, was devoted to charitable works until apprehended burying the bodies of martyred Christians. They were arraigned before the prefect, Almachius, and when they refused to sacrifice to the gods, they were scourged and beheaded near Rome, together with <u>MAXIMUS</u>. The Roman Martyrology says they suffered martyrdom under Emperor Alexander, who ruled **222-35**. The men are remembered as saints on this day; their tombs in the cemetery of Praetextatus were very popular in the Middle Ages. St. Cecilia's feast day is Nov. 22. (B,H)

Monday, April 15, 2024

+ <u>We Remember</u>: <u>BASILISSA and ANASTASIA</u> were noble Roman women who were converted by and became disciples of <u>St. Peter and St.</u> <u>Paul</u>. When they recovered and buried the bodies of the two saints after their executions, they were imprisoned for doing so, tortured, and then beheaded by order of Emperor Nero when they acknowledged their Christianity. These ancient saints, who are thought to have been martyred about **65 A.D.**, are remembered today. (P)

+ <u>ST. JOSEPH DE VEUSTER</u>, better known as FATHER DAMIEN, the holy man of Molokai, died on this day in 1889</u>. Born in Belgium in 1840, he was sent as a missionary to Hawaii in 1864 and that same year ordained in Honolulu. In 1873, at his request, he was sent to a large leper colony at Molokai and spent the rest of his life ministering to the lepers. He contracted the disease himself in 1885, but continued to live and work with and aid the lepers until his death **Apr. 15, 1889.** Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1995.(C,P)

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

+ We Remember: The Beggar of Rome" - <u>ST. BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE</u> - died on this day in **1783**. Unsuccessful in his attempts to join the several religious Orders (Trappists, Carthusians and Cistercians), he made pilgrimages to many of the major shrines in Europe in 1770, and in 1774 he stayed in Rome, lived in the Colosseum, and became known as "the beggar of Rome" for his poverty and sanctity. He was noted for his attendance at and devotion to Forty Hours' Devotion, died in Rome on Apr. 16, and was canonized in **1883**. "His vocation seems to have been to set vividly before men the truth that in this world we are not at home but on pilgrimage and that we must hold the world, its ways and its good opinion as nothing and seek to please God alone," says Msgr. John S. Kennedy.(D,P)

+ In **1879**, <u>ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS</u> died at the age of 35. Born at Lourdes, she was the daughter of a miller in very poor circumstances. At 14, she was favored with a series of apparitions of Our Lady (a total of 18, beginning Feb. 11, 1858), who chose the uneducated peasant girl to reveal to the world the healing shrine at Lourdes. By Mar. 4, the crowds accompanying her to the site of the apparitions had grown to **200,000**. The Lady of the visions instructed Bernadette to have a chapel built on the spot, to which pilgrims might come in procession, and to wash in, and drink from, the spring which had gushed out at the foot of the rock when the young saint dug. On March 25, the Blessed Mother proclaimed, using the local patois, "*I am the Immaculate Conception.*" The last time she appeared to Bernadette joined the Institute of the Sisters of Notre Dame at Nevers, where her one desire was to remain hidden and forgotten by the world; she was canonized in 1933. (B,L,W)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

+ <u>We Remember</u>: <u>ST. STEPHEN HARDING</u>, Abbot of Citeaux, Co-Founder of the Cistercians (d. <u>1134</u>). Today's saint was an English monk to whom the Cistercians owe their definite status as a new branch of the Benedictines. It was Stephen who received **St. Bernard** and his thirty companions at Citeaux and two years later sent him to become the abbotfounder of Clairvaux and the principal exponent of the Cistercian ideal. St. Stephen was canonized in <u>1623</u>. (B)

+ In **1944**, the death of <u>Max Josef Metzger</u> (1887-1944) priest and martyr. After serving as a military chaplain for Germany in WWI, Fr. Metz-



ger was filled with a deep revulsion for war and determined to spend the rest of his life devoted to the cause of peace and reconciliation. He founded the **World Peace League** and the **World Congress of Christ the King**, dedicated to Christian unity and international peace. He was an early pioneer in the ecumenical movement, promoting dialogue and cooperation between Catholics and Protestants in a movement called **Una Sancta**, according to Ellsberg's **All**

Saints. When the Nazis came to power, Fr. Metzger was regularly arrested by the Gestapo but released for lack of grounds for charging him. In June 1943, the Gestapo intercepted secret letters from him begging foreign bishops to help negotiate an end to the war. Arrested and convicted of treason and giving comfort to the enemy, he was sentenced to death. For almost a year he was incarcerated in a series of Berlin jails, where his fellow prisoners were inspired by his extreme courage and faith. On this day, Fr. Metzger was told to prepare himself for death. He knelt and prayed, "Now, Lord Jesus, I come quickly." He calmly walked to the place of execution, where he was beheaded.

Thursday, April 18, 2024

+ We Remember: APOLLONIUS THE APOLOGIST was a Roman senator beheaded for refusing to renounce his faith in Christ. Denounced by one of his slaves and reported to the praetorian prefect, he refused to renounce his Christianity. His case was remanded to the Senate, where a re-

markable dialogue took place between the prefect and senator, in which Apollonius defended his religion. Despite his eloquent defense, he was sentenced to death and martyred around the year **185**. (P) "Plures efficimus quoties metimur a vobis, semen est sanguis Christianorum" said **Tertullian:** "As often as we are

mown down by you, the more we grow in numbers; the blood of Christians is the seed." (Traditionally, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.")

Friday, April 19, 2024

+ <u>We Remember</u>: Two saints from the 11th century are remembered today. In **1012**, the death of <u>ST. ALPHEGE</u> in Greenwich, England. Archbishop of Canterbury, he was imprisoned by invading Danes for asking them to stop murdering and looting. He was martyred for refusing to ransom himself with the money for the poor. (W, B)



+ <u>ST. LEO IX, POPE</u>, (1002-1054), is probably best remembered for his part in preparing the way for the election of popes by vote of all the cardinals of the Church. The current practice dates back to **1059**. He strove to prevent schism between the Eastern and Western Churches. (D,B)

• In **1529**, a few of the electors and princes of Germany, joined by the inhabitants of Strasburg, Nuremburg, Ulm, and nine other cities, published a protestation against a decree of the Diet (the assembly of the states of the German Empire) and petitioned the emperor to have it revoked. Hence the name of **"Protestants"** was first given to reformers of religion in Germany. (The Book of Days, Eliz. & Gerald Donaldson, 1979)

• In 2005, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger was elected pope and chose the name <u>Benedict XVI</u>.

Saturday, April 20, 2024

+ <u>We Remember</u>: <u>St. MARCELLINUS</u> (d. 374) was inspired to go forth and evangelize Gaul (present-day France). With two companions, **Vincent** and **Domninus**, he landed at Nice and began to journey through the neighboring mountains. Eusebius of Vercelli, then in exile in that country, consecrated and established Marcellinus as bishop of Embrun. Known for his sanctity and zeal, Marcellinus suffered persecution from the Arians (a heretical sect). He had succeeded in Christianizing the greater part of the Maritime Alps when he died in the midst of his people. (L, L2)

+ ST. AGNES OF MONTEPULCIANO (1268-1317) became the abbess of a convent at the age of **15.** After some 17 years she was asked to return to the place of her birth, Montepulciano, to take charge of a new house of Dominican nuns. Here she spent the remainder of her life as prioress. Wise beyond her years, given to visions and ecstasies, Agnes' fame and reputation for holiness was widespread. Among countless pilgrims to her tomb were **St. Catherine of Siena**, who held her in great veneration. Agnes was canonized in **1726.**(L)

• In **1233**, <u>**Pope Gregory IX**</u> began the Inquisition by appointing the Dominican provincial in Provence, France, to select judges who would act with full papal authority against alleged heretics. Pope John Paul II apologized in the name of the Church for the abuses, terror and deaths which ensued.

+ In **1534**, the **HOLY MAID OF KENT**, <u>ELIZABETH BARTON</u>, went with six others to the gallows at Tyburn, in England, after having been consigned to the Tower of London for protesting "in the name and by the authority of God" against Henry VIII's divorce from Queen Catherine.

She was no older than 26. On the very same day, **50 years later**, **James Bell** and **John Finch** suffered martyrdom for being Catholics, which was treason under Elizabeth I. Eighteen years later on the same day, **Robert Watkinson** and **Francis Page** were executed at Tyburn for the offense



of being Catholic priests and exercising their ministry in England. (L,W)

Sources include: (AS) All Saints, Robert Ellsberg, Crossroad, 1997. (B) Book of Saints, Benedictine Monks, Morehouse, 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. (L) Butler's Lives of the Saints 1-IV, Christian Classics, 1995. (L2) Lives of the Saints, C. Jöckle, Alpine, 1995. (E) Lives of the Saints, R. McBrien, HC, 2001; (LP) Lives of the Popes, R. McBrien, 1997. (M) The Middle Ages, Concise Encyclopedia, H. Loyn, 1989. (OCY) Oxford Companion to the Year, Blackburn, 1999. (ODP) Oxford Dietionary of Saints, Joxford, 1987. (DOB) Oxford Dietionary of Saints, Jonder, 1987. (DOB) Oxford Dietionary of Saints, Jonder, 1987. (DOB) Oxford Dietionary of Saints, Jonge, J.D. Kelly, Oxford, 1987. (DOB) Oxford Dietionary of Saints, Jonder, 1997. (DB) Concord Dietionary of Saints, Jonder, 1997. (DB) Concord Dietionary of Saints, Jonder, 1997. (DB) Concord Dietionary of Saints, Jonder, J.D. Kelly, Oxford, 1987. (DDB) Oxford Dietionary of Saints, Jonder, 1997. (DB) Concord Dietionary of Saints, Jonder, Jonge, 1997. (Y) Packet Dieticinary of Saints, Jonder, 1997. (DB) Concord Dietionary of Saints, Jonge, 1983. (S) Concord Dietionary of Saints, Jonge, 1987. (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 Commenorate, Patrick Walsh. This Week in the Life of the Church is compiled by Mike Brennan.