

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

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Week of April 16 – April 22, 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

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Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **Holy Pascha—Julian Calendar Easter**, observed by Orthodox Christians, today, April 16.

→ **Yaqui Deer Dance, April 16**, is a ceremony which integrates ancient rites of the Native American Yaqui people (Arizona) with the Christian Easter ceremony.

→ **Lailatul-Qadr: Night of Power, April 17**, commemorates the night when the Qu'ran was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. Begins sundown April 16.

→ **Yom Hashoah—April 18: Holocaust Memorial Day**: Jewish commemoration of the murder of six million Jews (and five million gentiles) by Hitler and the Nazi regime.

→ **April 21—May 2: Festival of Ridvan** - Baha'i commemoration of the twelve day period in 1863 when Baha'u'llah declared that he was God's messenger for this age, in a garden outside Baghdad, Iraq, on the eve of his second exile in 1863. Work is to be suspended on days 1, 9, and 12 of the festival. Begins at sundown, April 19.

→ **Eid al Fitr**: The Feast of Breaking Fast - **April 21** —is an Islamic event marking the close of **Ramadan**. It is a festival of thanksgiving to Allah for enjoying the month of Ramadan. It involves wearing finest clothing, saying prayers, and fostering understanding with other religions. A major holiday, this festival usually last two or three days. Also known as "The Lesser Feast," it is both an occasion of joy at the successful subordination of physical instincts and needs to morality and religion, as well as an opportunity to commiserate and share with the poor and needy. The first day begins with a communal prayer and may also include performing acts of charity, visiting family and friends, preparing special foods, dressing in new clothes, and giving gifts. Begins sundown April 20.

→ **Saturday, April 22: Earth Day**

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



ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 04/15/23** 4:00 p.m. † Rev. Edgar Whelan req. by Rev. Leon Rezula
6:00 p.m. † Nancy Czarnik req. by Rev. Leon Rezula
† Arthur req. by Lawrence D'Souza
• Letty Herrera req. by Justine & Rocky Rothstein
- 04/16/23** 9:00 a.m. † John & Joan Morgan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sullivan
11:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory req. by Alwyn Joshy
† Raymond Lacquiere
- 04/17/23** 11:30 a.m. † Joan E. Izzo req. by Rev. Leon Rezula
- 04/18/23** 11:30 a.m. • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish
- 04/19/23** 11:30 a.m. † Ron Rogala req. by Aida Zaniolo & Fr. Mike Zaniolo
- 04/20/23** 11:30 a.m. † Fr. Thomas Balma req. by Susan Schneider
- 04/21/23** 11:30 a.m. • Colleen O'Shaughnessy req. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sullivan

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 04/16/23** 9:00 a.m. † Michael Hohl req. by John & Kathleen Winkler
11:00 a.m. • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish
† Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen
• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

Second Sunday of Easter—April 16, 2023

EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone "out"—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the "doubting Thomas" moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47). **Psalm** — Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

From Saint Patrick's Breastplate

I arise today
through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me from the snares of the devil.



OUR FASCINATING FAITH — Divine Mercy

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter "Sunday of Divine Mercy" in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska's Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life's ideal and a criterion for our faith's credibility: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7). —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

DOUBT

There lives more faith in honest doubt, Believe me, than in half the creeds. —Alfred, Lord Tennyson

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

Sunday, April 16, 2023

✦ **We Remember:** The Beggar of Rome" - **ST. BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE** 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**, **ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS** 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 was on July 16, the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. In **1866**, 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)

Monday, April 17, 2023

✦ **We Remember:** **ST. STEPHEN HARDING**, Abbot of Cîteaux, Co-Founder of the Cistercians (d. **1134**). 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 Cîteaux and two years later sent him to become the abbot-founder of Clairvaux and the principal exponent of the Cistercian ideal. St. Stephen was canonized in **1623**. (B) ✦ In **1944**, the death of **MAX JOSEF METZGER (1887-1944)** priest and martyr. After serving as a military chaplain for Germany in WWI, Fr. Metzger 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.

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

✦ **We Remember:** Today in the Life of the Church we go back more than 1800 years to remember **APOLLONIUS THE APOLOGIST**, 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 remarkable 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 efficitur 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.")

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

✦ **We Remember:** Two saints from the 11th century are remembered today. In **1012**, the death of **ST. ALPHEGE** in Greenwich, England. Archbishop of Canterbury, he was imprisoned for 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) ✦ **ST. LEO IX, POPE, (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 **2005**, **Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger** was elected pope and chose the name **Benedict XVI**.

Thursday, April 20, 2023

✦ **We Remember:** **ST. MARCELLINUS (d. 374)** was inspired to go forth and evangelize Gaul (present-day France). With two companions, **Vincent** and **Dominus**, 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 **TEPULCIANO (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 **1534**, the **HOLY MAID OF KENT, ELIZABETH BARTON**, 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)

Friday, April 21, 2023

✦ **We Remember:** **ST. ANSELM (1033-1109)**, Archbishop of Canterbury and Doctor of the Church, started his spiritual journey as a monk at the abbey of **Bec** in Normandy, where the famed **Lafranc** was a teacher at one of the most celebrated schools in the West. Anselm was his pupil and later his successor. He became abbot of the monastery in **1078**, and his reputation for learning and goodness quickly spread throughout Europe. The interests of his abbey sometimes took Anselm to England, where in **1092** the king, William Rufus, asked him to remain and to accept the episcopal see of **Canterbury**. From then on, Anselm was frequently in conflict with the court, even journeying to Rome to settle conflicts, and enduring exile. In the midst of such diplomatic and administrative labors, he still found time to compose numerous profound writings. Indeed, St. Anselm is considered one of the great philosophers and theologians of the Middle Ages. A prolific author of letters, prayers, and theological treatises, his reflections continue to fascinate Catholic and Protestant alike. He is famous for his succinct definition of theology as "faith seeking understanding." "His was a character of singular charm," says *Butler's Lives of the Saints*. "It was conspicuous for a sympathy and sincerity which won him the affection of men of all classes and nationalities. His care extended to the very poorest people. He was one of the first to stand forward as an opponent of the slave trade. When in 1102 he held a national council at Westminster, primarily for settling ecclesiastical affairs, the archbishop obtained the passing of a resolution to prohibit the practice of selling men like cattle. St. Anselm was in **1720** declared a Doctor of the Church, though never formally canonized. In Dante's *Paradiso* we find him among the spirits of **light and power** in the sphere of the sun, next to **St. John Chrysostom**. The body of the great archbishop is believed still to be in the cathedral church at Canterbury, in the chapel known as St. Anselm's..." (L, L2, E)

Saturday, April 22, 2022

✦ **We Remember:** **ST. SOTER** served as pope from about **166-174**; during his pontificate, **Easter** became an annual feast in Rome. Little is known about **ST. CAIUS (OR GAIVS)** except that his pontificate was peaceful. He served from **Dec. 17, 283, to Apr. 22, 296**. "He was buried in the cemetery of Callistus in a sector separate from the old papal crypt, which was probably full; fragments of his epitaph, in Greek letters with his initial distinctly given as *gamma* were found there in the nineteenth century. (O)"

✦ **ST. AGAPITUS I**, whose pontificate lasted from **May 13, 535 to Apr. 22, 536**, "had to pawn sacred vessels to finance a peacekeeping mission to Constantinople, where he died."(E) ✦ Today we also recall **ST. OPPORTUNA (d. 770)** a holy abbess to whom many French churches are dedicated. Her gentleness and patience caused her to be chosen unanimously as superior of the community. She died of sorrow shortly after learning of the murder of her brother, Bishop Chrodegang of Seez, who had veiled her. (L,P) ✦ **POPE GREGORY VII** was elected by acclamation today in **1073**, capping a brilliant career as a cardinal-diplomat under six previous popes. (W) • In **1953**, the first black Catholic bishop consecrated in the United States was **BISHOP JOSEPH OLIVER BOWERS**, consecrated by Francis Cardinal Spellman at the Church of Our Lady of the Gulf, Bay St. Louis, Miss.

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