

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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Week of May 3—May 9, 2020



DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS 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

→ **Maidyozarem Gahambar** is a Zoroastrian mid-summer festival in honor of the celestial universe, began **April 30** and concludes **May 4**.



→ **Buddha Day (Vesakha Puja Day)**, May 6, is the most important festival in Buddhism. On the first full moon day in May, Buddhists all over the world celebrate the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha. → Source: *The 2020 InterFaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago*



Since there are no public Masses being celebrated at the Chapels during the month of May, your intentions will be celebrated by the priests privately; the (times) were as originally scheduled.

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 05/02/20 (4:00 p.m.) † **Josephine & Marie Dorsey** req. by Family
 (6:00 p.m.) † **Marilyn Hepp** req. by Chris Haas
- 05/03/20 (6:30 a.m.) _____
 (9:00 a.m.) † **Catherine Parolin** req. by Aida Zaniolo
 (11:00 a.m.) • **Greg & Lynn Busiedlik** 50th Anniversary by Children
 (1:00 p.m.) † **Rose F. Chiodo** req. by Peter & Tammy Chiodo Family
- 05/04/20 (11:30 a.m.) † **Souls in Purgatory** req. by Renee
 05/05/20 (11:30 a.m.) • **Dolores Markech** (in Thanksgiving)
- 05/06/20 (11:30 a.m.) † **Fr. Edmund Schreiber** req. by Carl Coslick
 05/07/20 (11:30 a.m.) † **Joseph Scofillo** req. by Mary Kaufman
 05/08/20 (11:30 a.m.) † **Fr. John Donohue** req. by Carl Coslick
 05/09/20 (4:00 p.m.) † **Steve & Fran Sulimowski** req. by Daniel Gonet
 (6:00 p.m.) • **Albert Agostinelli** req. by Albert Agostinelli
- Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

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MIDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 05/02/20 (4:00 p.m.) • **John & Helen Dominici** req. by John Dominici
 05/03/20 (9:00 a.m.) † **Mary Forrette** req. by Marcine & John Forrette
 (11:00 a.m.) • **Susan E. Riley** req. by Stephen & Barbara Ohotnicky
- 05/04/20 (11:30 a.m.) • **Birdell Ebanks** req. by Jorge Haylock
 05/05/20 (11:30 a.m.) † **Karen Sivda** req. by Jeannette Niro
 05/06/20 (11:30 a.m.) • **Dylan Cruz Haylock** req. by Jorge Haylock
 05/07/20 (11:30 a.m.) _____
- 05/08/20 (11:30 a.m.) † **Monika Lach** req. by Jeannette Niro
 05/09/20 (4:00 p.m.) † **Ruth T. Shay** req. by Stephen & Barbara Ohotnicky
- Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

Fourth Sunday of Easter — May 3, 2020

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. — 1 Peter 2:24a

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever. Copyright © J.S. Patuch Co.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23). **Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25). **Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

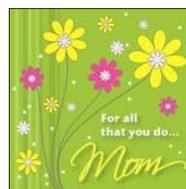
- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

→ MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET: Every year, the

Chicago Airports Catholic Chaplaincy celebrates a special **Spiritual Bouquet** on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10**. This is one way to prayerfully honor mothers and grandmothers, relatives and friends, living and deceased. Though public Masses are not currently scheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will celebrate private Masses for your intentions on

Mother's Day. You can enroll the names of your loved ones here:

<http://www.cacc.us/MothersFathersday.pdf>



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

Sunday, May 3, 2020

✠ **We Remember: World Day of Prayer for Vocations; SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES:** This feast dates from the 6th Century and was formerly celebrated on May 1 to commemorate the dedication of the [Basilica of the Twelve Apostles](#) in Rome (560), where the relics of Philip and James were preserved under its main altar. From the gospels, we know **ST. PHILIP** as one of the twelve apostles. He may have been a disciple of John the Baptist, and his name appears in all four lists (Matthew, Mark, Luke and Acts). He came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and St. John's Gospel relates that Philip was called by Jesus the same day as St. Peter and St. Andrew. Philip in turn brought Nathaniel (Bartholomew) to Jesus. In the gospel of John, it is Philip who engages in a brief exchange with Jesus on the occasion of the multiplication of loaves (Jn. 6:5,7) Also, it was Philip who was approached by some Hellenistic Jews who wanted to be introduced to Jesus. In the accounts of him, Philip emerges as a careful and rational man. When Nathaniel asks, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip responds equably, "Come and see." He is one of the eleven apostles who spent ten days in the Upper Room waiting for the coming of the Holy Ghost. Nothing more of him is known for certain. After the Ascension, he is thought to have preached in Asia Minor and to have been martyred in Hierapolis in Phrygia under Emperor Domitian.

✠ **ST. JAMES**, the cousin of the Lord, son of Alphaeus, is also mentioned in the same four lists of apostles. Sometimes he is referred to in literature as James the less, or James the younger. When St. Paul went to Jerusalem three years after his conversion and was still regarded suspiciously by the apostles there, it was James and St. Peter who received him with friendliness. James became the first bishop of Jerusalem. It is possible that he was the author of the Epistle of James, although the author speaks of the apostles in the past tense and doesn't identify himself as an apostle. He was held in great esteem and was surnamed "the Just." Eusebius contended that the catastrophes that later occurred in Jerusalem were a punishment for their treatment of one "who was the most righteous of men." One account holds that, in the year 62, he was thrown from the top of a temple and was stoned to death, living long enough to forgive his tormentors. He is patron saint of the dying (due to his deathbed forgiveness of his murderers). (V,P,G)

Monday, May 4, 2020

✠ **We Remember:** Today is the feast of **ST. FLORIAN** - often seen on medals as the patron saint of firefighters - who died a martyr in 304. An officer in the Roman army in Noricum (Austria), he surrendered himself to Aquilinus, the governor, whose troops were hunting Christians during Diocletian's persecution, declaring that he was a Christian. He was scourged and then thrown into the River Enns with a rock around his neck. Patron saint of Poland and Upper Austria.

✠ Also on this day, some 1231 years later, **Saints John Houghton, Robert Lawrence**, and **Augustine Webster** - all Carthusian priors - and **St. Richard Reynolds**, a Brigittine monk, were cruelly executed in London for refusing the Oath of Supremacy to King Henry VIII. They were dragged through the streets of London, treated with the utmost savagery, and then hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn **May 4, 1535**. After his death, the body of John Houghton - the first man to



refuse the oath - was chopped to pieces and hung in different parts of London. They were canonized by **Pope Paul VI** in 1970 among the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. (W,P) • In 1534, **JEAN CALVIN** resigned as canon of the Cathedral at Noyon and broke with the Catholic Church. • In 1944, **Pope Pius XII** extended the feast of the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** to the universal Church.

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

✠ **We Remember: Cinco de Mayo; HILARY OF ARLES (c.400-49)** died on this day. Of a noble family, he was born in Lorraine, was a pagan in high office in the local government when he gave up a promising secular career at the urging of his relative **St. Honoratus**, distributed his possessions to the poor, and joined the monastery; he was elected bishop of Arles in 429. (P) ✠ In 553, the **Second Council of Constantinople** opened with **Pope Vigilius** presiding. It condemned the writings of Nestorius, the heretical Patriarch of Constantinople. ✠ In 1985, the death of **PHILIP J. SCHARPER** in North Tarrytown, N.Y. After receiving various degrees while studying to be a Jesuit priest, he left the Society of Jesus, married **SARAH MOORMAN**, and began teaching English at Xavier University in Cincinnati, and at Fordham University in New York City. In 1955, he became editor-in-chief of **Sheed & Ward**, famed Catholic publishers. He kept that position for 13 years. During that time, he also served as an advisor to the **Second Vatican Council**. In 1970, and by now the father of six children, Mr. Scharper was appointed editor of the newly founded **Orbis Books**, the publishing arm of **Maryknoll Missionaries**. In this position, he introduced the major lights of liberation theology to the general public. Both Philip and Sarah Scharper collaborated on many TV scripts and won two Emmys for their efforts. (W)

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

✠ **We Remember: ST. PETRONAX (+747)** is known as the second founder of Montecassino. A native of Brescia, he was induced by **Pope Gregory II** in 717 to visit Montecassino, which had been destroyed in 580 by the Lombards, with a view to restoring the cenobitical life there. He found a few hermits who elected him their abbot, and Benedictine life began afresh. (B) ✠ In 1527, on this, the anniversary of their founding, 147 Swiss Guards died defending **Pope Clement VII** against mercenaries of Emperor Charles V. (W) ✠ In 1540, **Juan L. Vives** died in Bruges, Belgium. A teacher and a pioneer in education for women, he taught that poverty was a disgrace and a danger to any nation. He served as private secretary to Queen Catherine of Aragon, King Henry VIII's first wife, and strongly disapproved of the king's divorce suit against her. (W)

✠ Fifty years later on this day, **BL. EDWARD JONES AND BL. ANTHONY MIDDLETON** were hanged in London for being priests during the English persecutions. (W)

Thursday, May 7, 2020

✠ **We Remember: National Day of Prayer; ST. JOHN OF BEVERLY (+721)** studied at Canterbury, became a monk at Whitby, was ordained bishop of Hexham and transferred to York as metropolitan, where he ordained **St. Bede** to the priesthood. (B) • In 1993, airport chaplains and chaplaincy teams from around the world, who had gathered in Rome for the 8th International Seminar of Catholic Civil Aviation Chaplains and Chaplaincy Teams, celebrated Mass with **Pope John Paul II** in his private chapel. Afterwards, the Pope shook hands with everyone and presented each person with a rosary. The seminar's theme was Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations in Airport Chaplaincies. Hosted by **Archbishop** (later Cardinal) **Giovanni Cheli**, president of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, the gath-



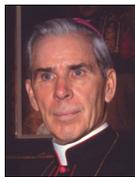
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ering included a Day of Recollection May 4 given by **Cardinal Johannes Willebrands**, President Emeritus of the Council for Promoting Christian Unity. When the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity was set up June 5, 1960, by **Pope John XXIII**, Cardinal Willebrands became its secretary (1960-69), and was a key figure throughout the Second Vatican Council (1962-65). • In **1997, FRANCIS CARDINAL GEORGE, O.M.I.**, was installed as the new archbishop of Chicago. The Archbishop was created Cardinal priest on Feb. 21, 1998. Cardinal George died April 17, 2015.

Friday, May 8, 2020

✠ **We Remember: ST. BONIFACE IV (+615)** had been a student of St. Gregory the Great in Rome, and as pope was responsible for converting the Roman Pantheon (temple of all gods) into a Christian church, dedicated to our Lady and all martyrs. The Pantheon may be the oldest building in the world in continuous use. (D)

• In **1721**, the accession of **Pope Innocent XIII** to the Chair of Peter. He became embroiled in the Chinese Rites controversy with the Jesuits, forbidding them to receive novices if they did not cease the "native rites" movement. ☪ In **1895**, the birth of **ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN** in El Paso, Illinois. After being named auxiliary bishop of New York, Bishop Sheen became nationally known as a speaker on "The Catholic Hour," a radio program broadcast weekly on NBC. In 1951, he began his famed half-hour series, *Life is Worth Living*, on the ABC television network. It became one of the top TV programs of the season, brought him an Emmy in 1952, and was on the air for six years, reaching an estimated 30,000,000 people per week! Bishop Sheen later served as the sixth bishop of Rochester, New York, for three years and then retired. He wrote more than 60 books including his autobiography, *Treasure in Clay* (1980). (W) • In **1990, Tomas Cardinal O'Fiaich**, Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland, died in a hospital in southwestern France a day after he suffered a heart attack on a pilgrimage in Lourdes. He was 66.



Saturday, May 9, 2020

✠ **We Remember: ST. PACHOMIUS (c. 298-348)**, founder of Cenobitic Monasticism. As a youth, Pachomius was drafted for service in the Egyptian army. During his travels, the troops were befriended by numerous Christians, and the soldier never forgot their kindness. He became a Christian and became one of the greatest Fathers of the Desert; he built several monasteries in Egypt and was the first to write a Rule of monastic life, which became the guidelines for the Rule of St. Benedict written in the sixth century. (D,B.)

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SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES — May 3

Call Philip the gospel's "Answer Man." "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: "We would like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: "You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?" And an answer: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). Today's James is not John's brother, Zebedee's son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). —*Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER — May 7

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day of observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." The modern law formalizing the annual National Day of Prayer observance was enacted in 1952 and each year since, the President of the United States has signed a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

Before 1952, there have been a few other individual National Days of Prayer in United States history:

- July 20, 1775 – The Continental Congress issued a proclamation recommending "a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer" be observed.
- In 1795 – George Washington proclaimed a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.
- May 9, 1798 – John Adams declared this day as "a day of solemn humility, fasting, and prayer."
- March 1863 – On March 3, Abraham Lincoln signed a Congressional resolution, during the Civil War, which called for April 30, 1863, as a day of fasting and prayer.

For more information on National Day of Prayer visit the website nationaldayofprayer.org. President Barack Obama's 2015 proclamation can be viewed at whitehouse.gov.

→ Let us look at our own shortcomings and leave other people's alone; for those who live carefully ordered lives are apt to be shocked at everything, and we might well learn very important lessons from the persons who shock us. — Teresa of Avila

→ To pass judgment on another is to usurp shamelessly a prerogative of God, and to condemn is to ruin one's soul. — John Climacus [Contemn: *to view as contemptible, to abhor* - ed.]

→ Avarice is a worship of idols and is the offspring of unbelief. It makes excuses for infirmity and is the mouthpiece of old age. It is the prophet of hunger and the herald of drought. The miser sneers at the Gospel and is a deliberate transgressor. The man of charity spreads his money about him, but the man who claims to possess both charity and money is a self-deceived fool. — John Climacus

→ Nothing is more unworthy of a Christian, whose life should be an imitation of God who is the soul of Honor and Truth itself, than to think one thing and say another. — John Vianney

→ Avarice is an inordinate love of riches and the good things of this life. Jesus Christ, to cure us of it, was born in extreme poverty, deprived of all comforts. He chose a Mother who was poor. He willed to pass as the son of a humble workman. — John Vianney

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LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

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First Prayer

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people," you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Second Prayer

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.