

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

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Week of July 23 — July 29, 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

→ **July 27 (begins sundown July 26): Tisha B'Av** is a Jewish observance, a solemn day of mourning and fasting for the destruction of the first and second Temples in Jerusalem and other tragedies in Jewish history coinciding with this date.

→ **Day of Ashura, July 28:** The Muslim observance of '**Ashurah**, for Sunni Muslims, voluntary fast day the observance of which is considered commendable and beneficial. Many important events are believed to have occurred on this day, such as Noah's leaving the Ark and the freedom and departure of the Children of Israel from Egypt. For Shi'i Muslims, it is a time of mourning commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Hussain, grandson of the Prophet.

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

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessings go out to **Roger W. Bottner, July 28.**

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 07/22/23** 4:00 p.m. † Kyle Concannon & Abble Farmer req. by Caroline Beecher
6:00 p.m. † Lee Cecchlin req. by Marie Rogala
† Lee Cecchlin req. by Zaniolo and Gatta Families
• Katherine Leano Family req. by Neil Andrzejewski
- 07/23/23** 9:00 a.m. • Special Intention: Wisdom for All in Authority
11:00 a.m. † Apollinaria "Onling" A. Pascual req. by Mike Brennan
• Janet Andrzejewski Family req. by Neil Andrzejewski
• Judge Danny C.
- 07/24/23** 11:30 a.m. † William Randall Robison req. by Deacon Paul Robison
- 07/25/23** 11:30 a.m. † James Joseph Elson req. by Marygrace Elson
- 07/26/23** 11:30 a.m. † All Souls req. by Alwyn Joshy
- 07/27/23** 11:30 a.m. † Rosemary Sawlin req. by Margaret Brennan
- 07/28/23** 11:30 a.m. † James (Blackie) Blackwell req. by Deacon Paul Robison

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 07/23/23** 9:00 a.m. † Fr. Rob Fleckenstein req. by Kristin Gotttron
11:00 a.m. † Alan Fulkerson req. by Emma Wenzel
• Melissa Corrado req. by Jon & Mary Corrado
• 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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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 23, 2023

Those who are just must be kind. — *Wisdom 12:19*

GOOD SEEDS

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Let us think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19). **Psalms** — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86). **Second Reading** — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27). **Gospel** — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 24 Mon Weekday green/white [Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest] Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42 (395) **Tuesday:** 25 Tue Saint James, Apostle red Feast 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28 (605) **Wednesday:** 26 Wed Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary white Memorial Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9 (397) **Thursday:** 27 Thu Weekday green Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17 (398) **Friday:** 28 Fri Weekday green Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23 (399) **Saturday:** 29 Sat Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus white Memorial Ex 24:3-8 (400)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 (607) **Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF (1828-1898) — July 24

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his American clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an American customer recognized Saint Sharbel's portrait on the wall: "So you're Lebanese Maronites!" The owner was happily incredulous: "You know our saint?" "Not at first," the customer admitted. "But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the 'Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.'" "Everyone thinks we're Muslims," said the owner, "and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!" A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel's life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co.

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

Sunday, July 23, 2023 - St. Bridget of Sweden

✠ **We Remember: ST. BRIDGET (BIRGITTA) OF SWEDEN (1303-1373):** "This Swedish saint died in Rome on **July 23, 1373**, and was canonized in **1391**. She lived at court for many years but she was also the foundress of a double monastery in which men and women religious lived in separate buildings but used the same church. Bridget was born at Uppsala and at the age of 14 she married Ulf Gudmarsson, who was 18 years old. They had eight children, one of whom, **Karin**, is also honored as a saint. In **1335** or thereabouts, Bridget was summoned to the court by the young king of Sweden, Magnus II, to serve as lady-in-waiting to the young queen, Blanche of Namur. She tried unsuccessfully to curb the excesses of the king and queen. By this time, she was beginning to receive private revelations, and after the death of her youngest son, Gudmar, Bridget and Ulf made a pilgrimage to **Santiago de Compostela**. On their return to Sweden, they decided to spend the rest of their lives in monasteries, but Ulf died in a Cistercian monastery in **1344**. Bridget then donned the garb of a penitent and began to live the life of an ascetic. The visions and revelations became so insistent that Bridget became alarmed, fearing that she was being deceived by the devil. She was reassured after consulting a learned Cistercian monk, who made copies of the revelations in Latin. At this time Bridget, with financial help from King Magnus, founded her double monastery and called the new institute the **Order of the Most Holy Savior**. In **1350** Bridget traveled to Rome for the Holy Year and remained there for the last 24 years of her life, except for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She worked energetically to bring the pope back to Rome from Avignon and she openly denounced the wickedness of the nobility at Naples and at Cyprus. She died in Rome at the age of **70** and her body was taken to the monastery in Vadstena, Sweden, for burial." (Saints of the Roman Calendar) "*The time will come when there shall be one flock and one shepherd, one faith and one clear knowledge of God,*" said St. Bridget.

Monday, July 24, 2023 - St. Sharbel Makhluf

✠ **We Remember: St. Sharbel** was a Lebanese monk, born in a small mountain village and ordained in **1858**. Devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he spent the last twenty-three years of his life as a hermit. Despite temptations to wealth and comfort, Saint Sharbel taught the value of poverty, self-sacrifice and prayer by the way he lived his life. For the next seven years, Charbel lived in the mountainous community of Anaya. After that he spent the next twenty-three years in complete solitude at Sts. Peter and Paul Hermitage near Anaya. He died there on Christmas Eve, **1898**. Sharbel had a reputation for his austerity, penances, obedience, and chastity. At times, Sharbel was gifted with levitations during prayer, and he had great devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament. In all things, Sharbel maintained perfect serenity. He was beatified in 1965 by Pope Paul VI and canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1977.

✠ Before the reform of the General Roman Calendar, today was the commemoration of **St. Christina** who was martyred at Bolsena in Italy, probably under Diocletian (c. 307), greatly venerated since at least the 6th century.

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 - St. James, Apostle

✠ **We Remember: ST. JAMES, APOSTLE:** Son of Zebedee and Salome (Mk 15:40; Mt 27:59) and brother of John the Evangelist-Apostle. St. James was born at Bethsaida in Galilee. "He was one of three privileged apostles, together with Peter and John," who was present at the special miracles worked by Jesus. "He witnessed the healing of Peter's mother-in-law (Mt 1:29-31), the resurrection of the daughter of Jairus (Mk 5:37-43), the transfiguration of Jesus (Mk 9:2-8), and the agony in the Garden (Mt 26:37)." The first apostle to die, James was martyred by Herod Agrippa I in 43 or 44 (Acts 12:2). Known as James the Greater because of his status, he has been specially honored since the ninth century at Compostela in Spain, though the tradition that he evangelized Spain is unproven, nor do all scholars agree that his relics repose there. Yet Compostela is one of the world's most famous pilgrimage places, and the name of St. James was carried to Latin America, where many cities are named Santiago. (S,V) ✠ **ST. CHRISTOPHER (d. 251?)**, like St. Valentine, was a very famous saint whose existence, nonetheless, was obscured by legend. His feast was inscribed in the Roman calendar in 1550, but removed from the universal calendar in 1969 by Pope Paul VI's apostolic letter, *Mysterii paschalis celebrationem*, revising the calendar of saints. A gigantic man - the "Golden Legend" makes him 18 feet high - Christopher converted to Christianity and was assigned the task of conveying travelers across a raging river. "One day, a child he was carrying on his shoulders became progressively heavier, and Christopher barely made it to the other bank; once there the child revealed himself as Christ, carrying the weight of the world. Hence the name, which means Christ-bearer." (OCY)

✠ In **1918**, the death of **WALTER RAUSCHENBUSCH (1861-1918)**, minister, theologian, foremost theological exponent of the Social Gospel in North America. Ordained in **1886** for the Second German Baptist Church, New York, he became acutely aware of social problems and formed, with Williams and Schmidt, the Brotherhood of the Kingdom and launched the periodical, *For the Right*." (F)

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

✠ **We Remember: ST. JOACHIM AND ANN:** An ancient tradition, going back to the 2nd Century, identifies the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Joachim and Ann. In the 6th century at Constantinople, a basilica was dedicated to St. Ann. The grandparents of Jesus were honored in Jerusalem: a church of St. Ann has existed there since Crusader times. Many have visited Ste. Ann de Beaupre in Canada, where the Patroness of Christian Mothers is specially revered. (V) ✠ In **1942**, **ST. TITUS BRANDSMA (1881-1942)** died at Dachau Concentration Camp by lethal injection. An energetic Dutch Carmelite priest, professor of theology and

journalist, Brandsma was the spiritual advisor of Holland's several dozen Catholic newspapers. A long time opponent of the "new paganism" - the Nazi regime in Germany - and especially its persecution of the Jews, Brandsma urged his editors to resist Nazi attempts to spread propaganda in Catholic newspapers following the occupation of Holland in 1940. He also denounced the German directive prohibiting students of Jewish descent from attending Catholic schools. His resistance made him a marked man, and in early 1942 he was arrested and sent to Dachau, "home at the time to another twenty-seven hundred imprisoned clergy." Enduring brutal treatment, he remained prayerful and eschewed bitterness. "We are here," he said, "in a dark tunnel. We must pass through it. Somewhere at the end shines the eternal light." Titus Brandsma lived by the simple motto, "Those who want to win the world for Christ must have the courage to come into conflict with it." Sickly before his arrest, he was hospitalized in the camp's dreaded "medical facility" which conducted horrifying experiments on prisoners. He was condemned to death because he was too ill for further tests. A prisoner serving as a nursing aide administered the poison, and Titus gave her his rosary. Three days later his body was placed in the Dachau crematorium and his ashes deposited in a mass grave. The nursing aide who gave him the injection testified in the process leading to his beatification by Pope John Paul II on Dec. 3, 1985. (The date of his death is given as July 16 in one source and July 26 in another). He was the first Catholic victim of the Nazis to be officially declared a martyr. (JP2,AS) He was canonized by Pope Francis on **May 15, 2022**.

Thursday, July 27, 2023

✠ **We Remember: ST. THEOBOLD OF MARLY** was a French Cistercian Abbot. "He lived in the midst of his brethren as the servant of every one, and surpassed all others in his love of poverty, silence and prayer. He was known to and much venerated by St. Louis." Died Dec. 8, 1247; Cistercians observed his feast July 27.

Friday, July 28, 2023

✠ **We Remember: ST. VICTOR I**, who served the Church as pope from **189-198**, was an African who enforced the Roman date for the celebration of Easter. There was some opposition to this and Victor intended to excommunicate the holdouts, but **St. Irenaeus** "dissuaded him from such an extreme measure, where no doctrinal issue was at stake."⁷ Victor was the first pope to have dealings with the imperial household. ✠ In **1981**, **FR. STANLEY FRANCIS ROTHER**, priest and missionary, suffered martyrdom in Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala. Stanley's story was told with much love by the late **Fr. Henri J.M. Nouwen in *Love in a Fearful Land - A Guatemalan Story*** (Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN, 1985). Born in Oklahoma in **1935**, Stanley had some trouble with his studies in the seminary, but his bishop encouraged him and he was ordained in **1963**. After five years of parish ministry, he volunteered for service in Guatemala in the mission staffed and cared for by Catholics from Oklahoma. By 1976, he was the only American on the staff. He learned Spanish and the local Tzutuhil dialect. The purpose of everything he undertook, in his own words, was directed at "building a real Christian community and helping people progress through the various stages of development without disillusioning them." By **1979**, Guatemala was engulfed in violence, kidnapping and political oppression. Priests, nuns, catechists and lay leaders were the victims of torture. Stanley himself was the target of death threats but ignored warnings to leave the country. Shortly after midnight on **July 28, 1981**, three intruders shot him in the rectory at Santiago Atitlán. According to accounts, Stanley confronted his assassins, knowing that if he had fled, they would have executed someone else in the house. His body was returned to Oklahoma for burial - except for his heart, buried in the sanctuary of the parish church. Three years after Fr. Rother's death, another Oklahoma priest, Thomas McSherry, was assigned to carry on the work. The diocese of Solola in Guatemala gathered evidence and testimony towards Fr. Rother's formal canonization, and **Pope John Paul II** received it during his visit to Guatemala. In June 2015, the Theological Commission of the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints voted to recognize Fr. Stanley Rother as a martyr. Pope Francis recognized his martyrdom in early December 2016, after meeting with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Fr. Rother was beatified Sept. **23, 2017**.

Saturday, July 29, 2023

✠ **We Remember: ST. MARTHA**, sister of Mary and Lazarus, received the Lord with hospitality into their home in Bethany, not far from Jerusalem (the subject of last Sunday's Gospel). While Martha was "burdened with much serving," her sister Mary "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak." Martha asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." Jesus replied, "*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.*" [Luke 10:39-42] A footnote in the **Catholic Study Bible** points out that "it is remarkable for 1st-century Palestinian Judaism that a woman would assume the posture of a disciple at the master's feet and it reveals a characteristic attitude of Jesus toward women in this gospel." Martha diligently waited on the Lord and with her prayers beseeched the return of her brother from the dead. (V,S) ✠ Today is also the feast of **St. Olaf (died 1030)**, king (and national hero) of Norway and martyr.

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