

# Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports

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## Week of August 6 — August 12, 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

Administrator, Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago  
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## Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Fr. Matthew Compton** Friday, Aug. 11.

CHICAGO AIRPORTS CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY PUBLISHES MASS INTENTIONS in the O'Hare and Midway Airport Chapel bulletins each week. Requesting a Mass intention is a traditional and meaningful way to honor a deceased loved one, or to offer a thoughtful message of sympathy to the bereaved. Special intentions for the living may be requested for one who is ill, as well as to observe special occasions, such as anniversaries and birthdays, or simply in thanksgiving. "Mass Intention Offering" slips are available on the vestibule table, online at <http://www.cacc.us>, or call the chapel office weekdays at 773-686-2636. The Archdiocese of Chicago suggests a donation of \$10.



## ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 08/05/23** 4:00 p.m. • Nardl and Wicker Families req. by Daniel Gonet  
6:00 p.m. † James O'Malley req. by Ray and Karen Brydges  
† James Joseph Elson req. by Marygrace Elson  
• Thanksgiving to Trinity, Mary & Joseph
- 08/06/23** 9:00 a.m. † Maryann Smith req. by Bob Smith  
11:00 a.m. † Arlene Fear req. by Dr. Mary Starsiak
- 08/07/23** 11:30 a.m. † Francis & Jean Heger req. by Marcine & John Forrette, Jr.
- 08/08/23** 11:30 a.m. † Mr. & Mrs. John Wolowec req. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Wolowec
- 08/09/23** 11:30 a.m. † William E. Thomas req. by Deacon Paul Robison
- 08/10/23** 11:30 a.m. † Mary Forrette req. by Marcine & John Forrette, Jr.
- 08/11/23** 11:30 a.m. † Clemens J. Rymut req. by Jerry Rymut

## MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 08/06/23** 9:00 a.m. † John Shackelford req. by Kevin Falconer  
11:00 a.m. • Friends and Parishioners req. by Sr. Margaret  
† Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen  
• 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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## The Transfiguration of the Lord — August 6, 2023

*The heavens proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. — Psalm 97:6*

### EYEWITNESSES

Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth? Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19).



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14). **Psalm** — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97). **Second Reading** — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19). **Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 - 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28  
**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20  
**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

The recollection of an injury is . . . a rusty arrow and poison for the soul.—**St. Francis of Paola**

Do not be disturbed by the clamor of this world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.—**St. Clare**

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

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

✠ **We Remember: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD.** This feast, kept in the East since the fourth or fifth century, commemorates the event described in Mt 17:1-3. In the West it was made universal in 1457 by **Pope Callistus III** - who died on Transfiguration Day the following year. The dramatic Transfiguration scene gave the Apostles a glimpse of who Jesus of Nazareth really was and prepared them for the coming shocking events of Holy Week. Tradition identified the mountain with Mt. Tabor. (OCY, V) • In 1978, the death of **POPE PAUL VI** in Rome. Giovanni Battista Montini was born in 1897 and served as pope from 1963 to 1978. He guided the Church through its difficult post-Vatican II transition and authored three major encyclicals, including the controversial *Hu-mae Vitae* (1968). Pope Paul was prepared for the papal office by working intimately with popes **Pius XI** and **Pius XII**. A liberal in liturgy, ecumenism, and social questions, he had long advocated the "internationalization" of Curia. But he had not expected the council called by his friend **Pope John XXIII** and thought at first that it would stir up a "hornet's nest of problems." His spiritual adviser told him to relax in the Holy Spirit. So Paul VI - his name was chosen to express the adventurous, outgoing spirit of Paul the missionary to the Gentiles - had to conclude a council that he would not himself have called. He had to be won over to collegiality, reassured that it did not undermine the primacy. But once convinced, he loyally accepted the council's authority. He canonized 84 saints, among them the Americans Elizabeth Ann Seton and John Neumann. He created the Synod of Bishops and convened it five times. First Pope since Pius IX to travel outside Italy, he became known as the "Pilgrim Pope" for his pastoral visits around the world, including the Holy Land (1964), and an address to the U.N. in New York (1965) on the feast of St. Francis, where he proclaimed "Never again war!" He vigorously pursued ecumenism, and in 1967 he and the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church nullified mutual excommunications imposed on each other by their respective churches in 1054. Pope Paul died of a heart attack. (E,W)

**Monday, August 7, 2023**

✠ **We Remember: ST. POPE SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS** - Pope Sixtus II was seized while celebrating the liturgy in a catacomb and beheaded immediately. We know the date of his martyrdom - **Aug. 6, 258** - from a letter written by **St. Cyprian**, who was also martyred in 258. He is commemorated on this date because August 6 is the feast of the **Transfiguration**. St. Sixtus had been pope for only a year. It is probable that all seven of his deacons were martyred with him. (S,B) ✠ **ST. CAJETAN** is also commemorated on Aug. 7. He is intimately associated with the start of the Catholic Counter Reformation - an attempt by 16th Century Catholics to reform the old Church without leaving it. Cajetan, born in 1480, became a prelate of the Roman Curia who spent all his spare time in prayer and serving the poor. With a friend, **Fr. Gian Pietro Carafa**, he founded an association of priests and laity to live the Gospel. They later formed the Theatines - a religious order of priests dedicated totally to evangelical living, preaching and renewing the liturgy. Carafa, made a bishop, in time became Pope Paul IV. Cajetan, superior of the Theatines, died in 1547 and was canonized a saint in 1671. (V)

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

✠ **We Remember: ST. DOMINIC**, child of the outstanding Guzman family, was born (1170) in old Castile, Spain. He became a diocesan priest with thoughts of missionary work in north Europe. But then he saw the dangers in the virulent Carthar or Albigensian heresy. Dominic lived and preached in evangelical poverty, gathered others around him, and so founded the **Order of Preachers** (called the **Dominicans**). He labored in France, Spain and Italy. Consumed by work and penance he died, prematurely, on Aug. 6, 1221. (E,V)

➔ In 1985, Pope John Paul II flew to Africa to attend the 43<sup>rd</sup> International Eucharistic Congress in Nairobi, Kenya. During his eleven day trip he visited Morocco and five other countries. (W) ➔ In 1986, the founding meeting of the **National Catholic Conference of Airport Chaplains (NCCAC)** in Denver. ORD's former chaplain **Fr. John A. Jannicky** was the founding president, and **Fr. Michael Zaniolo** serves as the current president.

**Wednesday, August 9, 2023**

✠ **We Remember: ST. EDITH STEIN** died in the gas chamber at Auschwitz on this day in 1942. The eleventh child of Orthodox Jewish parents, Edith was born in 1891 on **Yom Kippur**, the Jewish Day of Atonement - a fact whose significance she later noted. One night in 1921 she happened upon an autobiography of **St. Teresa of Avila**, the 16th century Carmelite mystic, and read it through the night. "This is the truth," she concluded, and the following New Year's Day she was baptized in the Catholic Church. For eight years she taught in a Dominican school for girls, and then in 1932 obtained an academic post in Munster. But as the Nazis rose to power, Edith almost immediately felt the sting of anti-Semitism and with unusual foresight saw where the campaign of hatred would lead. She wrote to the pope, **Pius XI**, requesting an audience, hoping to alert him to the peril facing the Jews, but her request went unanswered. Meanwhile she was dismissed from her teaching position with the regrets of the university administration as the Nazis stepped up their attacks. Edith "understood the terrible storm that was approaching, and she felt in some way that her Jewish-Christian identity imposed a unique vocation," writes Robert Ellsberg in *All Saints*. Praying in a Carmelite convent in Cologne, she later recalled, "I spoke with the Savior to tell him I realized it was his Cross that was now being laid upon the Jewish people, that the few who understood this had the responsibility

of carrying it in the name of all, and that I myself was willing to do this, if he would only show me how." The loss of her job allowed Edith to explore her growing attraction to religious life, and she became a Carmelite nun **Apr. 15, 1934**, taking the name *Teresa Benedicta a Cruce* (*Blessed by the Cross*). On Nov. 8, 1938 - *Kristallnacht* - the all-out war against the Jews was declared. Believing herself a danger to her Sisters, Edith allowed herself to be smuggled out of Germany to a Carmelite convent in Holland. The Nazis occupied Holland in 1940, and despite living in a cloister, Edith was required to wear the Yellow Star of David on her habit. Then the deportations began. Up until July 26, 1942, the Germans had been willing to spare Jewish-Christians, provided the churches kept silent. But on that day the bishops of Holland would be silent no longer and denounced the persecution of the Jews from pulpits throughout the country. The enraged Nazis retaliated within a week by putting all Jewish Catholics, including members of religious orders, under arrest. Meanwhile Edith's sister, Rosa, had also converted and joined her as a laywoman at the convent. They were both arrested by the Gestapo Aug. 2, 1942. Rosa, distraught, was consoled by her sister: "Come, Rosa. We're going for our people." Ellsberg writes, "Survivors of the following days describe the nun's courage and composure despite her clear certainty of the fate that awaited her. She occupied herself with prayer while caring for the terrified children and consoling mothers separated from their husbands. Someone described her as a *Pietà without the Christ*. "From a detention camp in Holland she followed the same route as millions of others: the wretched journey by sealed boxcar, the arrival half-starved at a strange camp amid snarling dogs and cursing guards, the infamous 'selection,' then the stripping, then the brisk walk to the shower room, from which none emerged." On **Aug. 10, 1987**, **Pope John Paul II** beatified her as a confessor and martyr of the church during a visit to Germany. The event provoked controversy, writes Ellsberg, since "Many Jews complained that Stein, like six million others, had died as a Jew, and not for her Christian faith. There is truth to this. But what is remarkable about Stein is not the manner of her death but her understanding of that death - in solidarity with her people, as an act of atonement for the evil of her time, and as a conscious identification with the cross of Christ." (A, AS,W) ✠ **On the same day of Edith's death a year later FRANZ JÄGERSTÄTTER (1907-1943)** was beheaded as an "enemy of the state" for being a conscientious objector. For many in his village, his death was a sad embarrassment - but no one was surprised by his stand. Franz had once been known as something of a village ruffian, but he returned with zeal to the Catholic faith. Some felt he took his piety "a bit too far." He resisted serving in military since any form of service would be the recognition of the Nazi cause. This, he was convinced, would be a mortal sin. His wife, family, neighbors, parish priest and even the local bishop tried to dissuade him from this dangerous resolution to reject his induction notice, appealing to his responsibility to his wife, three daughters and the Fatherland. But he remained steadfast in his conviction. Franz described a dream he had in 1938 in a document written while he was in prison. Crowds of people were struggling to board a shiny new train. At some point he heard a voice announce, "**This train is bound for hell.**" It occurred to him afterward that this train was a symbol for the Nazi movement.

While imprisoned Franz continued to hear appeals from the prison chaplain, his attorney and military officers to renounce his conscience and save his life. Robert Ellsberg writes in *All Saints*, "Somehow, in contrast to virtually the entire church establishment of his country, he was able to discern how impossible it was to reconcile the evil nature of Nazism with the commandments of Christ. Nevertheless, his sacrifice, seemingly fruitless in his own time, presented an example, a beacon of conscience, that would illuminate the path of generations to come." (AS)

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**

✠ **We Remember: ST. LAWRENCE, deacon & martyr**, the most famous of Roman martyrs, was killed four days after **Pope Sixtus**. Lawrence became famous because of his youth, evangelical love for the poor, courage before his torturers, and sense of humor while dying. Tradition holds that he was roasted to death on a gridiron. He died on **Aug. 10, 258**. A beautiful basilica of St. Lawrence stands in Rome. (V)

**Friday, August 11, 2023**

✠ **We Remember:** The "little plant of St. Francis," **ST. CLARE Offreduccio**, was born in Assisi. On Palm Sunday of 1212, this 18-year-old woman escaped from her wealthy home and received the religious habit from St. Francis. Clare became the mother and Foundress of the **Franciscan Second Order**, called the "Poor Clares." After a life of remarkable discipline, holiness and poverty, she died in 1253. (V)

**Saturday, August 12, 2023**

✠ **We Remember: ST. PORCARIUS AND HIS COMPANIONS, martyrs.** Abbot of the great abbey of **Lerins** on an island off the coast of Provence, Porcarius and his monks were slaughtered by Saracen pirates about the year 732. (P) • **WIL-LIAM BLAKE (1757-1827)**, poet and visionary who died **Aug. 12, 1827**.

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