

# Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports

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## Week of November 21 – November 27, 2021

### 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. Everyone, of course, must wear a mask or face covering and keep six feet of social distance.

#### O'Hare:

**Catholic Mass:** Saturdays - 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays - 11:30 a.m.

Muslim Friday Juma prayer is still temporarily suspended until further notice.

#### Midway:

**Catholic Mass:** Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

**Protestant Worship:** Sundays - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

Monday thru Thursday - 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

You can also find our regular schedule, weekly bulletin, and other information at [www.airportchapels.org](http://www.airportchapels.org). 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. Know that you & your families are always in my prayers.

**Fr. Michael Zaniolo**

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## Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **Sunday, Nov. 21, Feast of Christ the King**, observed by Christians, commemorating Jesus' teaching that He will return at the end of time to judge all humanity. → **Friday, Nov. 26**, Bahá'í observance, **The Day of the Covenant** (begins at sundown Thursday) → **Sunday, Nov. 28**, Bahá'í observance, **Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá** (begins sundown Saturday). → **Chanukah**, the Jewish Festival of Lights, begins at sundown Saturday, **Nov. 27**, and ends **Monday, Dec. 6**. It is an eight-day celebration of the Jews' victory over the Syrian-Greek oppressors in 165 B.C.E. and reestablishment of their political and religious freedom. Customs include lighting a Chanukiah (eight-branched candelabrum), with an additional "server" candle for each of the eight nights of the holiday.



→ Source: **The 2021 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

## Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessings go out to **Arlene Culen** today, Sunday, Nov. 21.

## ORO Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

**11/20/21 4:00 p.m. † Jean Matthies** req. by Margaret & Mike Brennan

**6:00 p.m. † Steven Wanda** req. by Fr. Michael Wanda

† **Duillin Mordini** req. by Barry Romitti

• **Banter Family** req. by Scott DeBoer

**11/21/21 9:00 a.m. † Ronald & Patricia Jones** req. by Family

**11:00 p.m. † Respect for Life** req. by Robert Kurtz

• **Felty Family** req. by Scott DeBoer

• **Mike Wickman** req. by Kent Shoend

**11/22/21 11:30 a.m. † Geraldine Sondgeroth** by John & Susie Schneider

**11/23/21 11:30 a.m. • Carrie Scanlon** req. by Peter Daly

**11/24/21 11:30 a.m. • Susan Moreau** req. by Peter Daly

**11/25/21 11:30 a.m. † Anthony Gatta** req. by Aida Zaniolo

**11/26/21 11:30 a.m. † Joseph D. Markech** req. by Dolores Markech

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

## MOW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

**11/21/21 9:00 a.m. † Kathleen Lannert** req. by Robert C. Lannert

**11:00 a.m. † Geraldine & Clifford Sondgeroth**— Brenda & Steve Barkman

• **The Magoon Family** req. by Dana Potts

† **Tita Immelda** req. by John Dominici

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

## Happy Thanksgiving Day November 25

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** We pray that God will bless and protect airport employees, visitors, and all travelers during this busy week, and that you will all enjoy a safe and happy holiday with family and friends. Regularly scheduled Catholic Mass will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, Nov. 25** at O'Hare Chapel.

CELEBRATING THE HARVEST and other blessings of the past year has a long history in many cultures. Our custom in the USA can be traced back to the autumn of **1621**, when Massachusetts Bay Governor William Bradford invited the chief of the Wampanoag tribe, Massasoit, and his braves to join the Pilgrims for a three-day festival of recreation and feasting in gratitude for the bounty of the season. The Pilgrims had arrived from Holland the previous December, sailing to North America aboard the *Mayflower*. They were Christians (known as Puritans) who had been



oppressed in England for their religious beliefs. They struggled as pioneers to have religious freedom. Their small town had only seven private homes and four communal buildings. The work of preparing the feast - for 91 Native Americans and 56 settlers - fell to only four Pilgrim women and two teenage girls! By the end of the 19th century, Thanksgiving Day had become an institution throughout New England, but the establishment of the day we now celebrate nationwide was largely the result of the diligent efforts of **Sarah Josepha Hale**, a magazine editor. She launched her crusade in **1827**, requesting in vigorous and patriotic editorials that the last Thursday in November be set aside to "offer to God our tribute of joy and gratitude for the blessings of the year." Thanksgiving became a national holiday when President **Abraham Lincoln** issued a proclamation in **1863**. *Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things, Charles Panati*

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.— *Revelation 1:5*

### CHRIST, THE KING

The selection from the book of Daniel presented in today's first reading was part of an attempt to weave a vision of ultimate success for the Jews under persecution. Exactly whom the author had in mind when he refers to "one like a Son of Man" is hotly disputed by scholars today. The fact is, we simply do not know if the author meant anyone in particular or if this is a collective, figurative image of Israel's triumph. What we do know is that the early Christian community seized upon this passage and recognized it as a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the ultimate triumph of Jesus as the Christ of God. The Lectionary's juxtaposition of this text with today's Gospel narrative of Jesus before Pilate is a wonderful example of how the liturgy "layers" passages with new meaning by inserting them in a particular context.



The celebration of Christ the King allows us to hear these passages with a new depth of meaning in light of our contemporary understanding of how, in Jesus and his resurrection and ascension, we have seen the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of ultimate deliverance. The veiled admission of Jesus before Pilate that he did indeed have a kingdom "not here" takes on new meaning against the cosmic vision of Daniel, who allows us to glimpse the "Ancient One" on his heavenly throne. © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14). **Psalm** — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93). **Second Reading** — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8). **Gospel** — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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

**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

✦ **We Remember:** Christ the King — this day is the last Sunday of the Western Christian Liturgical year; the season of **Advent** begins **Sunday, Nov. 28**. ✦ **PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY** — According to the apocryphal **Proto-evangelium of James**, which dates from the **second century**, Mary was presented in the temple at Jerusalem at the age of three, where she lived with other girls and the holy women who had charge of them. The Eastern Church observed this feast in the **6th century (543)** in connection with the dedication of a basilica in Jerusalem in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary (destroyed by the Persians in **614**). Monasteries in southern Italy observed the Feast of the Presentation as early as the **9th century**, and the date of the feast in 11th century England was Nov. 21. **Pope Gregory XI**, in **1372**, decreed the celebration of this feast in the Latin Rite, and a century later **Pope Sixtus IV** included it in the Roman Missal. The significance of this feast can be found in the fact that on this day, consecrated persons renew their vows to the Lord, in memory of the offering of Mary to the Lord's service. (S)

**Monday, November 22, 2021**

✦ **We Remember:** **ST. CECILIA** (died c. 230), one of the most famous of martyred Roman maidens, died in Rome during a time of religious persecution. As a young girl, Cecilia fasted, prayed, and pledged her life to God. However, her father arranged a marriage to the patrician Valerian. On their wedding night Cecilia informed Valerian about her pledge, and convinced him to respect her virginity and become a Christian. She opened her house for prayer and spiritual direction, and hundreds were converted through her influence. Valerian and his brother, Tiburtius, devoted themselves to charitable works until apprehended burying the bodies of martyred Christians; when they refused to sacrifice to the gods, they were scourged and beheaded, along with Maximus, who had been so impressed with their witness to Christ that he too became a Christian. Cecilia buried the three in the cemetery of Praetextatus, and she in turn was arrested, beheaded, and buried in the cemetery of St. Callistus (where there is a picture of her dating from the 7th century). Today, her relics and those of Valerian and Tiburtius are believed to rest behind the high altar of the Basilica of St. Cecilia in Trastevere, in Rome, where in 545 Pope Vigilius celebrated Cecilia's feast. The present basilica, constructed by Pope Paschal I (824), contains a mosaic that shows Cecilia between her husband Valerian and his brother Tiburtius.

**Tuesday, November 23, 2021**

✦ **We Remember:** **THANKSGIVING DAY** (U.S.) - **ST. CLEMENT OF ROME**, (died c. 101), the third successor of St. Peter as bishop of Rome, governed the church there for about ten years. In the 2nd century **St. Irenaeus** wrote that Clement "saw the blessed apostles and talked with them; their preaching was still in his ears and their tradition before his eyes." Clement is accounted the first of those early writers who are called the **Apostolic Fathers** because they came under the direct or very close influence of the apostles of the Lord, and to him is attributed the greatest liturgical and canonical compilation from the earliest days of the Church. He was identified by Origen and Eusebius as the companion of Paul the Apostle, mentioned in Phil. 4:3, and, according to Tertullian, he was ordained by Peter. In his capacity as pope, he wrote to the church of Corinth to settle some disputes there, and this letter is one of the most important documents of the sub-apostolic age. It stated that the function and power of the priest comes from the apostles and not from the community. Venerated as a martyr, he is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass. His memory is perpetuated in Rome by the magnificent church of San Clemente.

✦ **ST. COLUMBANUS (543-615)** was a native of Leinster, Ireland, and a monk of Bangor. In **580** he left Ireland with a band of monks and worked first in England, then in Brittany, and finally in the Vosges district, where he founded the great abbey of **Luxeuil**, which he governed for **25 years**. His outspoken protest against the disorders of the Frankish court led to his exile. He ended his days in Northern Italy, in the abbey of **Bobbio**, which he founded shortly before his death. He came into conflict with both civil and religious authorities from time to time due to the Celtic observances kept in his monasteries. His rule was very austere, although very influential. Through the numerous abbeys, founded by himself and by his disciples, especially after they had become Benedictine, he exerted a determining and lasting influence on the civilization of Western Europe. (S,B,L)

✦ **BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO (1891-1927)** was a Jesuit martyr who gave his life for Christ during the persecution of the Church in Mexico that began in **1910**. Born in Guadalupe, Miguel entered the Jesuit novitiate in **1911**. By 1914, the revolution had become so intense that the young Jesuits were dispersed. Miguel ended up in Belgium, where he completed his studies and was ordained in **1925**. Within a month of his return to Mexico City, the government banned all public worship. For several years, Fr. Pro ministered to the people incognito, but eventually an order was issued for his arrest, and he went into hiding. In **November, 1927**, a bomb was thrown at the car of President Calles from an automobile that had previously belonged to a brother of Fr. Pro. As a result, the three Pro brothers were arrested and condemned to death. The youngest brother received a pardon at the last minute and was exiled to the U.S. Fr. Pro faced the firing squad with arms outstretched and at the last

moment said in a clear, strong voice: "Viva Cristo Rey!" (Long live Christ the King!). The thousands of people that passed by the casket of the martyr were well aware that he had given his life for them. President Calles had forbidden any public funeral, but the people defied his order. When one of Fr. Pro's sisters was overcome with emotion at the wake and began to weep hysterically, her father said to her: "Is that the way you act in the presence of a saint?" (S)

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021**

✦ **We Remember:** When **ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC** (d. 1839) and his companions were canonized by Pope John Paul II on **June 19, 1988**, the pope emphasized that these 117 martyrs (although they died at different times) were obedient to civil authority in matters that were right and just. In the face of the restrictions on the practice of their faith, however, they protested that they could not abandon their Christian religion and thereby disobey the supreme authority of God. Through their witness, said the pope, the Church in Vietnam has proclaimed that it will not reject cultural traditions and lawful institutions of the country, but wants to be inculturated and thus contribute to the upbuilding of the entire country. This applies to Catholics in every country, who should strive to reconcile their cultural traditions and national loyalty with their life as Christians.

**Thursday, November 25, 2021**

✦ **We Remember:** **ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA** (d. 310) has been venerated in the East since the **10th century**, though nothing of certainty is known of her; she is remembered as a maiden martyred at Alexandria under Maxentius, and her alleged relics have been enshrined for the last **thousand years** in the Orthodox monastery of Mt. Sinai. Catherine was said to have been born of a patrician family and converted to Christianity by a vision. She denounced Emperor Maxentius in person for his persecution of the Christians, and when 50 pagan philosophers were converted by her arguments, he had them burned to death. When she refused a bribe of a royal marriage if she would apostatize, he had her imprisoned. On his return home from a camp inspection, he found that his wife, an officer, and two hundred soldiers of her guard had been converted, and had them all put to death. He then condemned Catherine to death on a spiked wheel, and when the wheel miraculously broke, he had her beheaded. Catherine is one of the **Fourteen Holy Helpers**, and is said to have appeared with Our Lady to St. Dominic; she was also one of the "heavenly voices" heard by Joan of Arc in the 1400's. She is claimed by the Dominicans as their protector, and is the patroness of philosophers, maidens, women students, millers, wheelwrights, and preachers. (B,P,D)

**Friday, November 26, 2021**

✦ **We Remember:** **ST. LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE (1676-1751)** was an Italian Franciscan, a spiritual writer, and is patron of **parish missions**. Born on the Italian Riviera, he became a missionary soon after his ordination, spreading everywhere devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, to the Sacred Heart, to the Immaculate Conception, and to the Stations of the Cross. He is said to have established the **Way of the Cross** in **572 places**, including the **Colosseum** in Rome. (D,B,P) ✦ In **1883**, the death of **SOJOURNER TRUTH**, a former slave who had been sold four different times, an evangelist who argued for abolition and women's rights.

**Saturday, November 27, 2021**

✦ **We Remember:** Today we remember **ST. SEACHNALL (375-447)**, an Irish bishop who was a disciple of **St. Patrick**. He joined the Irish missionaries following his ordination in Gaul; his great claim to remembrance is as a hymn writer; he wrote the earliest Latin poem of the Irish church - an alphabetical hymn in honor of St. Patrick. St. Seachnall was an assistant bishop of **Armagh**. (D,B) ✦ **ST. JAMES INTERCISUS** (died 421), a Persian officer of high rank who apostatized to keep the favor of King Yazdegerd, but repented, and under King Varanes V, was martyred by being cut into 28 parts. Hence his surname of **Intercisus** (cut into pieces). Many other Christians suffered with him. (B)

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