

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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Week of November 28 – December 4, 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. Know that you & your families are always in my prayers. May God bless your travels.

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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.

Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **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

→ **Nov. 28**, Bahá'í observance, **Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá**.

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

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessings & best wishes go out to **Thomas Johnston, Jr.**, **Nov. 30.**, and **Philip Oswald**, **Dec. 4.**

ORD AIRPORT Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 11/27/21 4:00 p.m. † **Agnes Maire** req. by Linda Lantz
6:00 p.m. † **Charles E. Shay** req. by Stephen & Barbara Ohotnicky
† **Robert J. Hofer** req. by Rose Ann Hofer
† **Brenda Wheeler** req. by Fr. Leon Rezula
- 11/28/21 9:00 a.m. † **Maureen Williams & Bill Laski** req. by Nicole Jaconetty
11:00 p.m. † **Steven Wanda** req. by Fr. Michael Wanda
† **Codespotl Family** req. by Scott DeBoer
† **Kuni Donhauser** req. by Irene Gobeille
- 11/29/21 11:30 a.m. † **Nonita T. Rymut** req. by Jerry Rymut
11/30/21 11:30 a.m. † **Barbara Brochockl** req. by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Brennan
12/01/21 11:30 a.m. • **Karl Baldwin** req. by Sr. Bernadette Therese, OCD
12/02/21 11:30 a.m. † **Sr. Anita Montavon, BVM** req. by Chicago Chapter-ITMS
12/03/21 11:30 a.m. • **Andy Huang and Family** req. Sr. Bernadette Therese OCD

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MDW AIRPORT Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 11/28/21 9:00 a.m. † **Richard Dina** req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Schneider
11:00 a.m. • **Fr. Tom Coys** req. by Beecher Family
† **Anna George** req. by David George
• **Helen Dominici** req. by John Dominici

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

First Sunday of Advent – November 28, 2021

I will raise up for David a just shoot;

he shall do what is right and just in the land. — *Jeremiah 33:15*

WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises. Copyright © J. S. Patheh Co.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

THE CENTER OF OUR BEING

At the center of our being is a point of nothingness that is untouched by sin and by illusion, a point of pure truth, a point or spark which belongs entirely to God, which is never at our disposal, from which God disposes of our lives, which is inaccessible to the fantasies of our mind or the brutalities of our own will. This little point of nothingness and of absolute poverty is the pure Glory of God in us. It is so to speak His name written in us, as our poverty, as our indigence, as our dependence, as our sonship. It is like a pure diamond, blazing with the invisible light of heaven. It is in everybody, and if we could see it, we would see these billions of points of light coming together in the face and blaze of a sun that would make all the darkness and cruelty of life vanish completely....I have no program for this seeing. It is only given. But the gate of heaven is everywhere.

— Thomas Merton, "Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander"



This Week in the Life of the Church - feast days and notable events in church history

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

✦ **We Remember: ST. JOSEPH PIGNATELLI (1737-1811)** was known as the second founder of the **Jesuits** for reviving the Order following its suppression. He was buried in the church of San Pantaleo, in the little street where he died, not far from the Colosseum, and his death mask is preserved in the room of St. Ignatius at the Jesuit generalate in Rome. He was canonized in 1954, says Butler's. ✦ **ST. CATHERINE LABOURE (1806-1876)** once said, "I knew nothing; I was nothing. For this reason God picked me out." Daughter of a farmer, St. Catherine never went to school, taking care of her family at the age of eight upon the death of her mother. She joined the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in 1830, and almost at once began to experience a series of visions of Our Lady in the chapel of the convent. In several of the visions, Our Lady asked her to strike a medal showing Our Lady and honoring the Immaculate Conception - this became the famous "Miraculous Medal." She spent her life performing menial tasks at a hospice, revealing none of her visions to anyone except her confessor until a few months before her death on December 31. She was canonized in 1947. • In 1568, the **DISCALCED CARMELITES**, who observe a strict monastic life, were founded by **St. John of the Cross** in Spain. It was based on the inspiration of **St. Teresa of Avila**. (W) • **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** In 1843, the **DIocese OF CHICAGO** was established by **Pope Gregory XVI**. The first bishop was **William Quarter**. (W) ✦ In 1979, **Pope John Paul II** flew via Alitalia to Ankara, Turkey, for an ecumenical visit with the **Orthodox Patriarch**. They each attended Mass in the other's cathedral.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021

✦ **We Remember: ST. SATURNINUS (died c. 257)**, also known as **Sernin**, was a missionary from Rome who evangelized the district around Pampeluna in Spanish Navarre, and then the territory and city of Toulouse; he is venerated as the first bishop of Toulouse and said to have been martyred in the persecution of Valerian by being fastened behind a wild bull which dragged him about until he was dashed to pieces. (B) ✦ In 1980, of the death of **DOROTHY DAY** in New York City (1980). She was co-founder of both the **Catholic Worker Movement** and its newspaper, **The Catholic Worker**. A former communist, she converted to Catholicism and became one of America's greatest social activists, founding forty houses of hospitality and communal farms. Dorothy won the prestigious **Lactare Medal** from the University of Notre Dame in 1972. She managed to say some hours of the Divine Office every day of her life as a Catholic. She died of heart failure at Maryhouse for Women, a home she established. "Remembering this day within our families gives us an opportunity to focus on the causes that motivated her life: fair treatment for working people, feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless," writes Martha Tressler of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Family Ministries Office. "We can reflect on what we can do as part of our Christmas celebration to help Dorothy Day's ideals live on."

At their 2012 annual meeting, the Catholic bishops of the United States unanimously recommended the canonization of Dorothy Day. By then, the Vatican had already given her the title "Servant of God," the first step in formally recognizing Dorothy Day as a saint. On Ash Wednesday, 2013, preaching in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, **Pope Benedict XVI** spoke of Dorothy Day as a model of conversion.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021

✦ **We Remember: ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE (c. 60)** "Come and see," Jesus said to the two disciples of John the Baptist who were following Him. They were curious about where Jesus stayed, especially after they heard John the Baptist refer to Him as the "Lamb of God." One of the disciples was Andrew. The first thing Andrew did was to search out his brother Simon Peter and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:35-41). The Greeks called Andrew "*Protoclete*," or "first called." Tradition says that he preached the gospel in Greece and in the year 60 was crucified in Patras on an X-shaped cross (now known as St. Andrew's cross). His relics were transferred to Constantinople in 357 and later to Amalfi, Italy, in 1208, but his skull was sent to Rome in 1462. In 1964, as an ecumenical gesture, his relics were returned to Patras in Greece. There is great devotion to him in the Byzantine Church. He is patron of Russia and Scotland. The Feast of St. Andrew has been celebrated on Nov. 30 since the beginning of the 5th century; around 470, a church was dedicated to him in Rome, near St. Mary Major Basilica. (D,S)

Wednesday December 1, 2021

✦ **We Remember: World AIDS Awareness Day; ST. ELIGIUS (c. 590-660)** If today's saint rings a bell, you may have been a fan of the 1980's TV show *St. Elsewhere*, about a Boston hospital named St. Eligius. Oddly, Eligius had nothing to do with medicine; he was skillful metalsmith. A native of Limoges, he was appointed master of the mint at Paris

under King Clotaire II. In 640, he abandoned this office to become a priest, and was later ordained bishop of Noyen. He evangelized the districts around Antwerp, Ghent, and Courtrai, and founded Solignac Abbey, among many other monasteries and convents. He was among the most popular and loved saints during the Middle Ages. Some examples of his great skill survived until the French Revolution. (D, B) ✦ **ST. EDWARD CAMPION (1540-1581)**, the most famous of the Jesuit martyrs of England and Wales, died this day, age 41. He is among some 357 English and Welsh Catholics put to death by the English state between 1535 and 1680 for refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy that acknowledged the king (or queen) as head of the Church of England, or simply for being priests or sheltering priests. **Pope Paul VI** canonized a representative group of 40 martyrs in 1970, and their feast is observed October 25. St. Edward died at Tyburn along with **Alexander Briant** and **Ralph Sherwin**. In his name, the annual **Campion Award** is given by the Catholic Book Club to recognize eminence in the field of Catholic letters. (E,S)

Thursday, December 2, 2021

✦ **We Remember: ✦** In 1980, the **MARTYRDOM OF SISTERS MAURA CLARK, DOROTHY KAZEL, ITA FORD, AND LAY MISSIONER JEAN DONOVAN**, the American churchwomen who were murdered by rogue elements of the Salvadoran National Guard in El Salvador.

• In 1960, **GEOFFREY FRANCIS FISHER, 99th Archbishop of Canterbury**, met with **Pope John XXIII** at the Vatican to talk and pray together - the first meeting between leaders of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches since the founding of the Church of England in 1534. (W) • In 1964, **POPE PAUL VI** flew to Bombay, India, for the **38th International Eucharistic Congress**. It was the first visit by a pope to that country. He consecrated six bishops while he was there.

Friday, December 3, 2021

✦ **We Remember: ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (1506-1552)** was a French Jesuit missionary known as the "**Apostle of the Indies**" and the "**Apostle of Japan**." He met **St. Ignatius Loyola** while he was a student in Paris, and eventually helped create the **Society of Jesus**. When Jesuits were requested for missionary work in the East, Xavier was selected. He arrived in Goa, India, in 1542. He baptized many among the lower caste of India but was unsuccessful at evangelizing those among the higher caste Brahmin. Xavier left for Japan in 1549 and spent two successful years there. In 1552, while trying to arrange entry into China, he died on an island off the China coast. He was canonized in 1662. (E)

• In 1839, **Pope Gregory XIV** issued a letter in which he condemned slavery and the trading of slaves and forbade all Roman Catholics from having anything to do with the practices. (W)

Saturday, December 4, 2021

✦ **We Remember: ST. JOHN DAMASCENE (675-749)** was the author of the first real compendium of theology, the *Fountain of Wisdom*, as well as numerous liturgical hymns. He was the last of the Greek fathers and first of the Christian Aristotelians. His poems are used in the Greek liturgy and his eloquent use of the Greek language caused him to be called *CHRYSORRHOAS*, or "gold-pouring." Pope Leo XIII proclaimed him Doctor of the Church in 1890. John was a native of Damascus, where his father represented the Christians at the court of the Muslim caliph. He was educated by Cosmos, a Sicilian monk who had been brought into Syria as a slave. John succeeded his father at court and for a time served as finance minister for the caliph, but later resigned his post and proceeded to Jerusalem, where he entered the Byzantine monastery of Mar Saba. Ordained a priest in 726, he dedicated himself to study and writing; together with the Patriarch of Constantinople and Pope Gregory II, John Damascene was one of the principal defenders of the use of images in religious worship. In this regard he made the following statement: "It is not the material that we honor, but what it represents; the honor paid to images goes to the one who is represented by the image." In spite of all his accomplishments, he referred to himself as a "lowly and useless servant who would do better to confess his sins to God than to become involved in theological and political matters." (S,B) Sources include: (AS) *All Saints*, Robert Ellsberg, Crossroad, 1997. (B) *Book of Saints*, Benedictine Monks, Morehouse, 1993. (C) *Catholic Book of Days*, John Deedy, Thomas More, 1989. (D) *Day by Day with the Saints*, Patrick Moran, OSV, 1985. (F) *Famous Christians*, Tony Castle, Servant, 1988. (G) *Guide to the Saints*, Kristin E. White, Ivy Books, 1991. (L) *Butler's Lives of the Saints I-IV*, Christian Classics, 1995. (OCY) *Oxford Companion to the Year*, Blackburn, 1999. (P) *Pocket Dictionary of Saints*, John Delaney, Image, 1983. (S) *Saints of the Roman Calendar*, Enzo Lodi, Alba, 1992. (V) *Vatican II Weekday Missal*, Daughters of St. Paul, 1975. (W) *We Celebrate, We Commemorate*, Patrick Walsh. *This Week in the Life of the Church* is compiled by Mike Brennan. E-mail: ordchapel@gmail.com.

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