Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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Week of December 1-7, 2019

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. May God bless your travels. - Fr. Michael Zaniolo, Administrator

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

+ Birthday blessings to Philip E. Ostwald, this Thursday, Dec. 4.

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

11/30/19	4:00 p.m. † Spc. Joseph Collette req. by Grateful Americans
	6:00 p.m. † Paula Valentino req. by Michele Valentino
12/01/19	6:30 a.m. † Staff Sgt. Christopher Sullivan–Grateful Americans
	9:00 a.m. • Dennis Mervar reg. by V. Mervar
	11:00 a.m. † Staff Sgt. Albert J. Miller reg. by Grateful Americans
	1:00 p.m. • Elamana Family reg. by Mary Antony
12/02/19	11:30 a.m. † Spc. Ryan Riley req. by Grateful Americans
	11:30 a.m. † Virginia Daly reg. by Mr. & Mrs. John Daly
	11:30 a.m. † Spc. Michael T. Osario req. by Grateful Americans
	11:30 a.m. • Our Lady of Guadalupe reg. by Mary Antony
	11:30 a.m. † Valerie White reg. by Liliana Vera
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MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

11/30/19 4:00 p.m. † Spc. Jackson Johnson req. by Grateful Americans
12/01/19 9:00 a.m. † Margaret Demos req. by Steve & Barbara Ohotnicky
11:00 a.m. † Kolby & Erin Andrews req. by Dana Potts
12/02/19 11:30 a.m. † SFC Will D. Lindsay req. by Grateful Americans
12/03/19 11:30 a.m. • Justine Ruthstein
12/04/19 11:30 a.m. † Sgt. Benjamin Hines req. by Grateful Americans
12/05/19 11:30 a.m. • Sophia H. Moore req. by Raquel Vallejo Moore
12/06/19 11:30 a.m. • William R. Bailey III req. by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bailey
Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MDW Airport Chapel

Concourse C, Mezzanine Level (Inside Security Checkpoint) **ROMAN CATHOLIC MASSES** SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 p.m. SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday—Friday: 11:30 a.m. Evening before Holy Day: 4:00 p.m. Holy Day: Check Bulletin Announcements www.airporthapels.org/holydayschedule.html

PROTESTANT WORSHIP

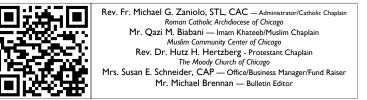
Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Friday & Holidays: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 a.m., 12:00, and 1:30 p.m.

Terminal 2, Mezzanine Level (Outside Security Checkpoint) **ROMAN CATHOLIC MASSES** SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. SUNDAY: 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday: 11:30 a.m. Evening before Holy Day: 4:00 p.m. Holy Day: Check Bulletin Announcements www.airporthapels.org/holydayschedule.html

ORD Airport Chapel

ISLAMIC JUMA' PRAYER Friday: 1:15 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP See Website for Schedule



Mahatma Gandli once said, "There is more to life than merely increasing its speed." May our slowing down this Advent be our gentle protest against the violence of our rushing world. May our slowing down give quiet, steady witness to the values of attentiveness, carefulness, patience, receptivity, stillness. May our slowing down enable us to make real and meaningful connections with people, nature, work, art, and (most importantly) with God. - Melannie Svoboda, SND

first Sunday of Advent — December 1, 2019

"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." – *Matthew 24:44*

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared



for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christ-

mas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5). Psalm – Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122). Second Reading - It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel - Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22 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: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward. -Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



The feast of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**, usually observed December 8, is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9 and is NOT observed as a Holy Day of Obligation this year. ORD and MDW Chapels will celebrate the regularly scheduled Mass at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9. The doctrine celebrates not the conception of Jesus, but that of Mary herself within the womb of her mother, St. Anne. A feast commemorating the conception of Our Lady was known in the East as early as the 7th century and in the West by the 9th century. (E)

This Week in the Life of the Church - Feast Days and Rotable Zvents in Church History

Sunday December 1, 2019

We Remember: **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)

+ <u>ST. EDWARD CAMPION</u> (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) ■ The commemoration of <u>World AIDS Day</u> today is an important opportunity to recognize the essential role that communities have played, and continue to play, in the AIDS response at the international, national and local levels.

+ 20th anniversary of the death of **FR. THOMAS HANLON** (1912-1999) known and loved by all of us at the O'Hare Chapel, two months after suffer-



ing a stroke. A retired Air Force chaplain with the rank of colonel, Fr. Hanlon attended St. Bartholomew Grammar School, Quigley Preparatory Seminary and Mundelein Seminary of the University of St. Mary of the Lake. He was ordained in 1938 along with **Fr. Peter Hayes**, his dear friend, who also assisted us at the O'Hare Chapel for many years. Fr. Hanlon served as pastor of Our Lady of the Pines in Black Forest, Colorado, for seven years, and in the mid-1980's began celebrating Mass at the O'Hare Chapel, continuing up to the year he died. He had a special interest in the Illinois & Michi-

gan Canal, and was appointed by Francis Cardinal George to work with several bishops along the canal's corridor to encourage parish celebrations marking its sesquicentennial on April 16, 1998. He often referred to himself as **"O'Hare's oldest employee**," having been a caddy when part of the present-day airport was a golf course in the 1920's. We will always remember his endearing recitation of The Cremation of Sam McGee at the chapel Christmas party, and miss his kindness, wit and warmth.

Monday, December 2, 2019

We Remember: + In **1980**, the MARTYRDOM OF <u>SISTERS MAURA</u> <u>CLARK, DOROTHY KAZEL, ITA FORD</u>, AND LAY MISSIONER JEAN DONO-VAN, the American churchwomen who were murdered by rogue elements of the Salvadoran National Guard in El Salvador.

• IN **1960**, <u>GEOFFREY FRANCIS FISHER</u>, **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, <u>POPE PAUL VI</u> 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.

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

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)

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

+ <u>We Remember</u>: <u>ST. JOHN DAMASCENE</u> (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 *CHRYSOR-RHOAS*, 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)

Thursday, December 5, 2019

We Remember: ST. SABAS (439-532) the saint who founded the Byzantine monastery mentioned in yesterday's entry. Born in Cappadocia, Sabas went to Palestine to learn the life of a hermit, and eventually founded Mar Saba in the mountainous desert of Judea between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. This holy place produced many saints and still flourishes as one of the three or four oldest inhabited monasteries in the world. Sabas is regarded as one of the founders of Eastern monasticism. Appointed Archimandrite (abbot) over all the Palestinian houses, Sabas played a prominent part in the campaign against the Eutychian heresy, which held that Christ had but one nature. The heresy was condemned, along with Monophysitism, at the fourth ecumenical Council of Chalcedon in **451**. The incorrupt body of St. Sabas, enshrined in Rome for many centuries, was returned to Mar Saba after the Second Vatican Council as an ecumenical gesture. (G, B)

Friday, December 6, 2019

+ <u>We Remember</u>: <u>ST. NICHOLAS</u> (c. 350), upon whom the legend of **Santa Claus** is based. One of the most popular saints in Christendom - with more than **2,000** churches named in his honor throughout Europe — Nicholas was born in the ancient southeastern Turkish town of Lycia. As a wealthy young man, Nicholas distributed all his possessions among the poor and entered a monastery, where he became abbot. In time he became bishop of Myra and was among those who signed the document affirming the divinity of Christ at the **Council of Nicea (325)**; he condemned Arianism, and one legend has it that he actually slapped the heretic Arius. During a persecution of the Church, he was imprisoned and tortured. He is believed to have died Dec. 6 about **350** at age **65**. In **108**7, as Myra passed into the hands of the Saracens, Italian merchants took his relics and enshrined them at Bari, where they remain today. St. Nicholas is remembered as a great miracle worker and venerated as the patron saint of sailors, captives, and especially of children, owing to various legends. (G,B,S,L)

Saturday, December 7, 2019

We Remember: ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN, (339-397) who was born of a Roman Christian family, became a lawyer, and eventually a consul in the region of Milan, Italy. He was named bishop by popular acclamation, although he was still a catechumen! Eight days later he was baptized and, after receiving further instruction, was ordained a bishop. He frequently had to defend the rights and freedom of the Church, sometimes even against the emperor. He made no compromises when it was a question of the rights of the Church. When the emperor Theodosius tried to enter a church after having been the cause of the death of 7,000 people, Ambrose prevented him. And when the emperor cited the example of David, Ambrose replied: "If you have imitated David in sinning, then imitate him in doing penance." Later, in 390, the emperor did do penance and was reconciled with the Church. St. Ambrose insisted that the emperor is a member of the Church, but he is not over the Church. Ambrose was an apostle of charity, a reformer of the liturgy, a director of souls (he instructed and baptized St. Augustine at Easter, 385), a defender of the vow of virginity, and a commentator on the Old Testament and the Gospel according to Luke. Always weak in health, he died in 397 on April 4 or 5, in Milan. Since the 11th century, his feast has been celebrated in Rome on Dec. 7, the date of his ordination as a bishop. In 1298, he was listed as a Doctor of the Church, together with Augustine, Jerome, and Gregory the Great. (S) • In 1965, POPE PAUL VI and the ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS I of the Greek Church, issued a joint declaration constituting an act of reconciliation between the Eastern and Western churches. Legates of Pope Leo IX and Patriarch Michael Caerularius had issued the destructive decrees of mutual ex-communication in the 11th century. (W) • In 1972, REV. W. STERLING CARY was elected president of the National Council of Churches. He was the first African-American to hold the office.

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