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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**



INTERFAITH CALENDAR & EVENTS

➔ **December 8: Bodhi Day** - Buddhist celebration of the enlightenment of Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama. Buddhists observe the importance of this event by celebrating Bodhi Day, usually on the eight of December. The day is observed in many ways, including prayer, meditation and teachings. Source: **The 2016 InterFaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

CHapel STAFF BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

➔ Birthday blessings & best wishes go out to **Philip E. Ostwald**, today, Sunday, **Dec. 4**.

ORD CATHOLIC MASS INTENTIONS

- 12/03/16 4:00 p.m. † Katherine Gonet** req. by Daniel Gonet
6:00 p.m. † Kathy Grajek req. by John & Susan Schneider
12/04/16 6:30 a.m. † Leona M. Shea req. by Peggy Ann Smart
9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of DeBoer Family req. by Scott DeBoer
11:00 a.m. † Phillip D. Louthan req. by Wife
1:00 p.m. • Living & Deceased Members of the Banter Family req. by Scott DeBoer
12/05/16 11:30 a.m. † John F. Anderson req. by Mary Lou Anderson
12/06/16 11:30 a.m. • Susan Schneider
12/07/16 11:30 a.m. † Orfeo Zaniolo req. by Family
4:00 p.m. † Sr. Maureen O'Brien BVM req. by Friend
12/08/16 9:00 a.m. † Michelle Cuomo req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Schneider
11:00 a.m. • Zabicki/Bradley Intentions req. by Steven A. Zabicki, Jr.
12/09/16 11:30 a.m. • Mary Ann Gatta req. by Aida Zaniolo
 • Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MIDW CATHOLIC MASS INTENTIONS

- 12/03/16 4:00 p.m. • Y. Windsor** req. by V. & D. Mervar
12/04/16 9:00 a.m. † Julia G. Burns req. by Ted Czerkowitz
11:00 a.m. • Jens Johnson req. by Joann Pantages
12/05/16 11:30 a.m. • Raymond M. Lodato req. by Patricia A. Lodato
12/06/16 11:30 a.m. † George Moser req. by John Dominici
12/07/16 11:30 a.m. • Mike Freeman req. by John Dominici
4:00 p.m. • Diane Chrapkiewicz req. by John Dominici
12/08/16 9:00 a.m. † Mary & Charles Nardine req. by Steve & Barbara Ohotnicki
11:00 a.m. † Irene Cuddy Olsen req. by Thomas Marshall Olson
12/09/16 11:30 a.m. • Arleen Redmund
 • Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MIDW 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.airportchapels.org/holydayschedule.html
PROTESTANT WORSHIP
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 & 1:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m.
 Monday—Friday 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

ORD AIRPORT CHAPEL

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: 5:00 p.m.
 Holy Day: Check Bulletin Announcements
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ISLAMIC JUMA' PRAYER
 Friday: 1:15 p.m.
PROTESTANT WORSHIP
 Sunday: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8

➔ The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics, is observed this Thursday, **Dec. 8**. A Vigil Mass will be held at **4:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7**, at ORD & MDW Chapels. Masses on the Holy Day, **Thursday, Dec. 8**, will be held at **9:00 & 11:00 a.m.** at ORD & MDW Chapels. *** **Please Note:** No 6:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. will be held at Masses at O'Hare Chapel; no 11:30 a.m. Mass at both chapels on Dec. 8!



Second Sunday of Advent — December 4, 2016

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. — *Isaiah 11:9*

PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalms — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.



On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas. — *Rev. James Field, 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, December 4, 2016

✠ **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)

Monday, December 5, 2016

✠ **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)

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

✠ **We Remember: ST. NICHOLAS (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 1087, 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; also, *Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things*, by Charles Panati.)

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

✠ **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.

Thursday, December 8, 2016

✠ **We Remember:** The feast of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY** is observed today. The doctrine celebrates not the conception of Jesus, but that of Mary herself within the womb of her mother, St. Anne. The feast was known as the Conception of St. Anne until 1854. That year, on this day, Pope Pius IX declared the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, affirming that "the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of God omnipotent and because of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of the human race, free from all stain of original sin." The perfect sinlessness of Mary had been taught by the Fathers of the Church, appealing especially to such texts as Genesis 3:15 and Luke 1:28. 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. The doctrine that Mary's sinlessness began from the first moment of her conception was opposed by some medieval doctors of the Church (e.g., St. Albert, St. Bonaventure, St. Thomas Aquinas) on the grounds that it detracted from the truth of her natural conception: original sin is transmitted in every human conception. Others (especially Duns Scotus) defended it, and by the 16th century - when the Council of Trent excluded Mary from original sin in its decree on that topic - the doctrine had become the common teaching of all theologians. The bishops of the United States in 1847 petitioned Pope Pius IX that the Blessed Mother be declared patroness of the U.S. under her title of Immaculate Conception. (E)

Friday, December 9, 2016

✠ **We Remember: ST. PETER FOURIER (1565-1640)**. Born in Lorraine, France, Peter joined the Canons Regular of St. Augustine at age 20 and was ordained in 1589. He exhibited remarkable memory while pursuing further theological studies, and obtained his doctorate. In 1597, he chose to minister to the parish of Mattaincourt, having been told it was in deplorable shape. It was during this period that he came to see the *importance of free education for children*, in order to help them live with dignity. He founded the **Congregation of Notre Dame** for the education of girls. He failed, however, in similar efforts to establish a new congregation for teaching boys. He was canonized in 1897.

Saturday, December 10, 2016

✠ **We Remember:** This is a special day for **air travelers, pilots and airline personnel:** it's the feast of **OUR LADY OF LORETTO, PATRONESS OF AIR TRAVEL**. The town of Loreto, in the Marche region of central Italy near the Adriatic coast, is a noted pilgrimage resort famous for the **Santa Casa, or Holy House, of the Virgin**, "a stone structure purported to be the house of the Blessed Virgin Mary," according to the *Encyclopedia of Catholicism*. "Now incorporated into a basilica, the original 403 square-foot building was said to have been transported by angels from Nazareth to three other sites before finally arriving at Loreto. Since then, it has attracted countless pilgrims, including **Pope John XXIII**. Pope Benedict XV declared the *Madonna di Loreto* to be the patron of aviators in 1920. The chief festival is held on Sept. 8, the Nativity of Our Lady. (Source: *Encyclopedia Britannica*)" ✠ **ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL (1572-1641)** was just short of 40, a widow for 10 years, and the mother of four children born during eight years of happy married life, when she founded the **Order of Visitation** nuns with St. Frances de Sales in 1610. As the Baroness de Chantal, she was a devoted mother, and she gave generously of her time and money to help the unfortunate. She had met St. Frances in 1604 while he was preaching the Lenten sermons at Dijon, and she placed herself under his spiritual direction. She consecrated herself totally to God and was greatly inspired by her contacts with the Carmelite nuns of Dijon. (D,S)

✠ In 1968, the death of **KARL BARTH**, one of the most influential Protestant theologians of modern times. His opposition to the rise of National Socialism, and his work for and promotion of the anti-Nazi Confessing Church, led to his suspension from his post at Bonn, when he refused an oath of allegiance to Hitler. He returned to Switzerland, where he taught at the University of Basel from 1935-1967. Karl Barth's seminal work was his four-volume *Church Dogmatics* (1932-1967), inspired in part by John Calvin's *Institutes*. His thought influenced Protestant and Catholic theologians alike, including Hans Urs von Balthasar and Hans Küng. (C,F) ✠ In 1968, the sudden, accidental death of **THOMAS MERTON** in Bangkok, Thailand. Born in 1915, Merton was a U.S. writer who, after a conversion, joined the Trappist Abbey at Gethsemani, Kentucky. Merton became the most influential proponent of traditional monasticism in modern times. His early autobiographical *The Seven Storey Mountain* gained him a wide readership and with his prolific writings he popularized Western spirituality. At the time of his death, he was exploring common ground with other forms of spirituality, notably in the Far East. He died on the 27th anniversary of his arrival at Gethsemani. (F,M) • In 1964, **REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**, accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.

• Today is designated **HUMAN RIGHTS DAY** by the United Nations. 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. (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. Tax-deductible contributions to the *Chicago Airports Catholic Chaplaincy* are welcome. E-mail: ordchapel@gmail.com.