

# Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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## Week of December 8-14, 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

## Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **Bodhi Day** honors the enlightenment of **Siddhartha Gautama**, the Buddha, today, **Dec. 8**. Buddhists observe the importance of this event by celebrating Bodhi Day, usually on the eighth of December. The day is observed in many ways, including prayer, meditation and teachings.



→ **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, traditionally Dec. 8, is observed **Dec. 9** this year and not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics.

→ Source: **The 2019 InterFaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

## Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessing go out to **George Salituro** this Thursday, **Dec. 12**.

## ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/07/19** 4:00 p.m. † Katherine Gonet req. by Daniel Gonet  
 6:00 p.m. † Orfeo Zaniolo req. by Aida Zaniolo  
**12/08/19** 6:30 a.m. † PFC Michael A. Thomason req. by Grateful Americans  
 9:00 a.m. † Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen  
 11:00 a.m. † Charlotte Delhotal req. by Betty Bohn  
 1:00 p.m. † Margaret Anne Brandt Carruthers req. by John & Susie Schneider  
**12/09/19** 11:30 a.m. • Mary Ann Gatta req. by Aida Zaniolo  
**12/10/19** 11:30 a.m. • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish  
**12/11/19** 11:30 a.m. † JoAnn Meyer req. by John Jirschele  
**12/12/19** 11:30 a.m. † Spc. Miguel Holmes req. by Grateful Americans  
**12/13/19** 11:30 a.m. † Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

## MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/07/19** 4:00 p.m. † Cpl. Robert Hendriks req. by Grateful Americans  
**12/08/19** 9:00 a.m. • Jeremy Mulderig req. by Bob Mulderig  
 11:00 a.m. † Horst Gary Moore req. by Raquel Vallejo-Moore  
**12/09/19** 11:30 a.m. • Barb Darlin req. by John Dominici  
**12/10/19** 11:30 a.m. † Charles & Mary Nardine req. by Steve & Barbara Ohotnicky  
**12/11/19** 11:30 a.m. • Nick Buratti req. by John Dominici  
**12/12/19** 11:30 a.m. † Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen  
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### 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  
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#### 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.

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#### ISLAMIC JUMA' PRAYER

Friday: 1:15 p.m.

#### PROTESTANT WORSHIP

See Website for Schedule

## Second Sunday of Advent — December 8, 2019

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). **Psalm** — 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: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America) Solemnity [not a Holy Day of Obligation this year] Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**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:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**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 jeweled, 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 8, 2019

✦ **We Remember:** Feast of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY** is usually observed December 8, but the liturgical observance is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9 this year, because it falls on the Second Sunday of Advent. 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)

Monday, December 9, 2019

✦ **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. ✦ Also the feast of **St. Juan Diego (1474-1548)** an Aztec Indian who encountered the apparition of Mary now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. He was beatified on May 6, 1990 by Pope John Paul II and canonized on July 31, 2002. He is the patron saint of Indigenous people. • In 1565, **POPE PIUS IV** died. He reconvened the Council of Trent in 1562 (it had been suspended for ten years) and worked to implement its decrees and teachings. "In one of the few successful instances of nepotism in the papacy, he chose his nephew (St.) Charles Borromeo to be cardinal and archbishop of Milan," says Fr. Richard McBrien. (E)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

✦ **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. • **Human Rights Day** (UN observance)



Wednesday, December 11, 2019

✦ **We Remember:** **ST. DAMASUS I (d. 384)** was born in Spain at the beginning of the 4th century and grew up in Rome, where he was ordained a priest. In 366 he became pope. He commissioned St. Jerome to work on a Bible translation (the Vulgate) and developed the *Roman Liturgy*. The years of his papacy were troubled; the Church had only recently survived the age of the catacombs, and along with rapid growth, there was a great deal of theological speculation and dissension, resulting in the rise of heresies and schisms. Damasus was devoted to the martyrs: he restored many of their tombs and built churches in their honor. Also, he used the term "*Apostolic See*" to designate the primacy of the Roman See; hence the axiom, "Ubi Petrus, ibi ecclesia" (Where Peter is, there is the Church). (S) ✦ **THE MARTYRS OF EL MOZOTE (1981)** were the residents of El Mozote, El Salvador, murdered by the U.S.-trained Atlacatl Battalion of the Salvadoran army. Men, women and children were brutally killed, but one peasant woman, Rufina Amaya, escaped to bear witness. More than half the townspeople were born-again evangelicals who were determined to remain neutral in the country's on-going civil war, and partly because of its reputation as a safe-haven, the town was swollen with refugees from the countryside. A memorial in the town square of El Mozote bears the inscription: "*They did not die, they are with us, with you, and with all humanity.*" (AS)

Thursday, December 12, 2019

✦ **We Remember:** **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**, apparition and icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary, considered as the empress, patron saint and mother of the Americas, says *The Encyclopedia of Catholicism*. The first apparitions were reported to have taken place between Dec. 9-12, 1531, in Tepeyac, a poor area on the periphery of Mexico City. She appeared first to the Amerindian Juan Diego, then to his dying uncle Juan Bernardino (whom she healed), and finally, miraculously painted on the mantle of Juan Diego, to the bishop and others present. The icon remains in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Tepeyac, where millions from the Americas and around the world go on pilgrimage every year, one of the most frequented Marian shrines in the world. Juan Diego was canonized in 2002. (A,S) ✦ **SISTERS ALICIA DOMON, LEONIE DUQUET, Martyrs (1977).** During the Argentine military's "dirty war" against "subversives" and dissidents, advocates of human rights and social justice for the poor were among the special victims of repression. At least 4000 civilians were killed, and another 10,000 were "disappeared," abducted by the military, never to be seen again. Two French nuns, Alicia and Leonie, were among them. Sr. Alicia became closely involved with a courageous group of women, *Mothers of the Disappeared*, who gathered in the central plaza each day, dressed in black, bearing photographs of their missing children. "This mute but eloquent protest was for many years the only visible sign of dissent in Argentina. The conservative hierarchy of the Catholic church remained largely silent, when not actually endorsing the military's defense of 'law and order,'" says Robert Ellsberg in *All Saints*. "For Christmas, 1977, Alicia had prepared a retreat for the Mothers. On the evening of Dec. 8, however, after leaving a planning meeting of the group, Sr. Alicia and twelve other women were seized by armed men in civilian clothing. Two days later, Sr. Leonie was also abducted, apparently because she shared a residence with Alicia Domon. None of them was ever seen again, nor was there ever any official news of their fate." However, in subsequent years jokes, circulated among the military about the "flying nuns," was taken as a reference to rumors that the disappeared were routinely tossed out of airplanes over the Atlantic Ocean. In 1995 the horrible rumors were confirmed by retired Navy commander Aldo Scilingo, who described his own part in two "death flights" in 1977.

Friday, December 13, 2019

✦ **We Remember:** **ST. LUCY (c. 304)**, martyred at Syracuse in Sicily, was betrayed by the pagan she refused to marry. St. Lucy is invoked against blindness, probably because her name is similar to the Latin *lucis* meaning "of light." As with Cecilia, Agnes and Agatha, St. Lucy gives witness to both virginity and martyrdom. Since the third century, virgins have been honored in third place in the liturgy, after the apostles and martyrs. When the persecutions ended, consecrated virginity represented a high degree of sanctity. (D, S) • In 1545, the **COUNCIL OF TRENT** opened in Trento, Italy.

Saturday, December 14, 2019

✦ **We Remember:** One of the greatest Christian mystics and reformers, **ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS (1542-1591)** was a Spanish theologian founded the Discalced Carmelites and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1926. Juan de Yepes y Alvarez entered the Carmelite order in 1563 and was ordained priest in 1567. He met Teresa of Avila, who persuaded him not to leave the Carmelites for the Carthusians but to work with her for the reform of the Carmelite order. John set up a reformed Discalced Carmelite house (1568) and became spiritual director to Teresa's convent at Avila (1572). Violent dissent between the two forms of Carmelite life led to his imprisonment and great hardship (1576). He was finally banished to Andalusia, where he died. John's poetic sensitivity and Thomist theology, together with his deep mystical experience, produced Christianity's great spiritual classics *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, *The Dark Night of the Soul*, *The Spiritual Canticle*, *The Living Flame of Love*. Together with St. Teresa of Avila, an outstanding teacher of the ascetical and mystical life. (F, S, W)

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