

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports

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Week of December 9 – December 15, 2018

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

→ The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics, is observed Saturday, **Dec. 8**. Masses will be held at **11:30 a.m.** at ORD & MDW Chapels.

→ **Chanukah**, the Jewish Festival of Lights, began at sundown Sunday, **Dec. 2**, and ends this **Monday, Dec. 10**. 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 2018 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessings and best wishes to **George Salituro** this Monday, **Dec. 12**, and to **Mr. Stephen Culen** this Friday, **Dec. 16**.

ORD CATHOLIC MASS INTENTIONS

- 12/08/18** (Feast: Immaculate Conception) **11:30 a.m.** † Raymond Ponce req. by Maureen Ponce
4:00 p.m. † Jack O'Connor req. by Susan Schneider
6:00 p.m. † Irene Mary Olson req. by Thomas Olson
- 12/09/18** **6:30 a.m.** † Leona M. Shea req. by Peggy Ann (Shea) Smart
9:00 a.m. • Mary Ann Gatta req. by Aida Zaniolo
11:00 a.m. † James J. Elson req. by Marygrace Elson
1:00 p.m. † Nancy Quinn (1st Anniversary) req. by Chicago Merton Society
- 12/10/18** **11:30 a.m.** † Jo Ann Nerenberg req. by Frank Nerenberg
- 12/11/18** **11:30 a.m.** † Jo Ann Meyer req. by John Jirschele
- 12/12/18** **11:30 a.m.** † Fr. Fred Tomzik req. by O'Hare Airport Chapel
- 12/13/18** **11:30 a.m.** • Fr. Simon Wong, S.J., req. by Fr. Robert Cavalier
- 12/14/18** **11:30 a.m.** † Josefina & Benjamin Mascarenas req. Josephine Mascarenas
- Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MDW CATHOLIC MASS INTENTIONS

- 12/08/18** (Feast: Immaculate Conception) **11:30 a.m.** † Rosa Piumetti req. by Maureen Ponce
4:00 p.m. † Mary Sutkowski req. by Rosanne Sutkowski & Family
- 12/09/18** **9:00 a.m.** • John & Helen Dominici req. by John Dominici
11:00 a.m. † Beth & Julie Sexton req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Matsumoto
- 12/10/18** **11:30 a.m.** † Charles & Mary Nardine req. by Steven & Barbara Ohotnicky
- 12/11/18** **11:30 a.m.** • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish
- 12/12/18** **11:30 a.m.** • SSG. Kayshawn Porterfield req. by The Bailey Family
- 12/13/18** **11:30 a.m.** † Sgt. Jamers A. Slape req. by The Bailey Family
- 12/14/18** **11:30 a.m.** † Major Brent Taylor req. by The Bailey Family
- 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

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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 & 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: 4:00 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 9, 2018

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. — Baruch 5:7

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters. According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees. It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9). **Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126). **Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11). **Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

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: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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2018 HOLY DAY MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Schedule of Catholic Masses

Monday, December 24 — Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m. ORD — 4:00 p.m. MDW

Tuesday, December 25 — Christmas Day:

6:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. ORD — 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. MDW

Solemnity of Mary, Mater Dei

Monday, December 31 (Vigil) — 4:00 p.m. ORD & MDW;

Tuesday, January 1 — 11:30 a.m. ORD & MDW

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Schedule of Holiday Protestant Worship:

Sundays, December 23 and 30 — 10:00 & Noon ORD

Monday, December 24 — Christmas Eve:

12:30 & 2:30 pm ORD; 10:00 & 1:30 MDW

Tuesday, December 25 — Christmas Day:

8:00 & 10:00 am MDW

Monday, December 31 — 12:30 & 2:30 pm ORD; 10:00 & 1:30 MDW

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 — 8:00 & 10:00 am MDW

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

Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018

✦ **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)

Monday, December 10, 2018

✦ **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)

✦ **50th anniversary:** 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)



✦ **50th Anniversary:** 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.



Tuesday, December 11, 2018

✦ **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)

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

✦ **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.



Thursday, December 13, 2018

✦ **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. It was called to reform the Church, to define the teachings of the Church, and to respond to the new interpretations of the Protestants. For the Catholic Church, the Council issued binding decisions on Scripture and its interpretation, tradition, the seven sacraments, original sin and justification, the cults of the saints, and the Mass. The Council's liturgical rules for both the Mass and the Revised Roman Missal were used until the Second Vatican Council modernized them in the 1960's.

Friday, December 14, 2018

✦ **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)

Saturday, December 15, 2018

✦ **We Remember: ST. MARY DI ROSA (1813-1855)** founded the **Handmaids of Charity of Brescia**. By the age of 23, she was supervising hospital wards, ministering to cholera victims during the epidemic of 1836. Her compassion towards the abandoned girls of the streets caused her to build a house for them, and she also started a school for the deaf and mute handicapped. (D) Sources include: (AS) *All Saints*, Robert Ellsberg, Crossroad, 1997. (B) *Book of Saints*, Benedictine Monks, Morehouse, 1993. (D) *Day by Day with the Saints*, Patrick Moran, OSV, 1985. (ES) *Encyclopedia of Saints*, C. Jöckle, Alpine, 1995. (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. E-mail: ordchapel@gmail.com.

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