

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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Week of December 10 – December 16, 2023

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.

— Fr. Michael Zaniolo

Administrator, Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago
Roman Catholic Chaplain, Chicago Airports Catholic Chaplaincy

Interfaith Calendar & Events

● **Hanukkah**, which translates to 'dedication' in Hebrew, the **Jewish Festival of Lights**, concludes this Friday, **Dec. 15**.

● Source: **The 2023 InterFaith Calendar**, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

● Birthday blessing go out to **Mr. Stephen Culen** this Saturday, **Dec. 16**.

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

12/09/23 4:00 p.m. † **George "Sol" Salturo** req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Schneider
6:00 p.m. ● **Mary Ann Gatta** req. by Ida Zaniolo
● **Mary Hockel** req. by The Daly Family
● **Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish**

12/10/23 9:00 a.m. † **Tony Russo** req. by Chicago Chapter—ITMS
11:00 a.m. † **Walter N. Krulac** req. by John & Susie Schneider
† **Joseph G. Markech** req. by Dolores Markech
† **Lisa Cortese** (3 years) req. by Mike & Margaret Brennan

12/11/23 11:30 a.m. † **JoAnn Meyer** req. by John Jirschele
12/12/23 11:30 a.m. † **Josephine Markech** req. by Dolores Markech
12/13/23 11:30 a.m. ● **Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish**
12/14/23 11:30 a.m. † **Brian J. Allen** req. by Katherine L. Allen
12/15/23 11:30 a.m. † **Francis & Jean Heger** req. by Marcine & John Forrette, Jr.

MW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

11/10/23 9:00 a.m. † **Thomas M. Johnston, Jr.** req. by Susie Schneider
11:00 a.m. † **Raymond Ponce** req. by Maureen Ponce
† **Bruce Johnson** req. by John Dominici
† **Brian J. Allen** req. by Katherine L. Allen

● Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MW Airport Chapel
Concourse C, Mezzanine Level
(Inside Security Checkpoint)

Catholic Mass: Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP:

Sundays - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

WEEKDAYS—MONDAY - FRIDAY, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m.

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ORD Airport Chapel
Terminal 2, Mezzanine Level
(Outside Security Checkpoint)

Catholic Mass: Saturdays - 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays - 11:30 a.m.

Islamic Juma' Prayer

Friday: 1:15 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP—See Website for Schedule

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Rev. Fr. Michael G. Zaniolo, STL, CAC – Administrator/Catholic Chaplain
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago

Mr. Qazi M. Biabani – Imam Khateeb/Muslim Chaplain
Muslim Community Center of Chicago

Rev. Dr. Hutz H. Hertzberg - Protestant Chaplain
The Moody Church of Chicago

Mrs. Susan E. Schneider, CAP – Office/Business Manager/Fund Raiser
Mr. Michael Brennan – Bulletin Editor

Second Sunday of Advent – December 10, 2023

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

— Mark 1:3

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). **Psalms** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85). **Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14). **Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: 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

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

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: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Because I could not stop for Death -
He kindly stopped for me -
The Carriage held but just ourselves -
And Immortality.**

- Emily Dickinson (born Dec. 10, 1830)

● Grace is not a strange, magic substance which is subtly filtered into our souls to act as a kind of spiritual penicillin. Grace is unity, oneness within ourselves, oneness with God.

—THOMAS MERTON

● Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction. —BLAISE PASCAL

● Christianity can never be a merely personal matter. It has public consequences, and we must make public choices.

—DESMOND TUTU

● The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and critic of the state, and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority.

—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

● In our times it is not secularism but do-it-yourself religion that is the real enemy of the church. —MARTIN E. MARTY



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

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023

+ 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 Loretto, 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 Loretto* 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 **741,** the accession of **POPE ST. ZACHARY** to the papacy. A great peacemaker and scholar, he appointed **St. Boniface** Archbishop of Mainz and blessed his missionary efforts among the German peoples. (W)

• In **1888,** the Encyclical *Quam Aerumnosa* was issued by **Pope Leo XIII,** in which he expressed sorrow at the plight of Italian U.S. immigrants and approved the Scalabrinians missionary order to minister to them in their own language.

+ 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. It commemorates the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Monday, December 11, 2023

+ 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)

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

+ 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 Tepayac, 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 Tepayac, 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.



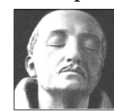
Wednesday, December 13, 2023

+ 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.

Thursday, December 14, 2023

+ 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)

Friday, December 15, 2023

+ 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)

Saturday, December 16, 2023

+ We Remember: ST. ADELAIDE (931-999) was the daughter of the king of Burgundy, who in 947 married Lothair II, son of Hugh, King of Italy. After Lothair's death in 950, Adelaide was captured, imprisoned and treated with great brutality by Berengarius, margrave of Ivrea, because she refused to marry his son. She escaped in 951, taking refuge in Canossa. The emperor, Otto the Great, came to her rescue, and in the same year they were married. She was crowned empress in 962. Again left a widow (973), she was ill-treated by her son and daughter-in-law. St. Majolus, the abbot of Cluny, succeeded in bringing about a reconciliation in 983, and Adelaide was named viceroy of Italy. She played an important part in government during the minority of Otto III with Otto II's widow Theophano, and was a prominent supporter of the Cluniac reform movement. Throughout her life she received strong support from the abbots of Cluny, with whom she was on terms of close friendship. She founded monasteries, restored convents, and worked for the conversion of the Slavic people, whose movements on the eastern frontier troubled her closing years before she finally returned to Burgundy. Death overtook her at a monastery she had founded at Seltz, on the Rhine near Strasbourg, - Dec. 16, 999. St. Adelaide was canonized c. 1097. (D,B, L, *Concise Encyclopedia of Middle Ages, H.R. Loin.*)

• **POSADAS CELEBRATION:** In Mexico, and among Mexican Americans, the celebration of *Posadas*, meaning "shelter," is a highlight of the pre-Christmas season. In imitation of Joseph and Mary's search for shelter, pilgrims knock on doors and ask for shelter on this night and every night until December 24. These are nights of parties and celebration in people's homes. Perform an Advent act of love for Christ today by doing something for all those who lack Posadas, the homeless of our time. Also a day to view all who come to your door as holy pilgrims. (A)



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