

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

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Week of December 13-19, 2020

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. We have implemented a modified schedule of Catholic Mass and Protestant Worship Services. Everyone, of course, must wear a mask or face covering and keep six feet of social distance. The Chapel chairs will be clearly marked for social distance.



O'Hare:

Catholic Mass: Saturdays - 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
 Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
 Weekdays - 11:30 a.m.

Muslim Friday Juma prayer is still temporarily suspended until further notice.

Midway:

Catholic Mass: Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Protestant Worship: Sundays - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon
 Monday thru Thursday - 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
 Friday - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

You can also find our regular schedule, weekly bulletin, and other information at www.airportchapels.org. I ask that you please pray for our airport workers and travelers and their families during these uncertain and difficult times. Please also pray for health care workers and their loved ones. Know that you & your families are always in my prayers.

May God bless you always,

Fr. Michael Zaniolo

*Administrator, Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago
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Condolences

We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to Midway Chapel volunteer **Rose Thompson** on the sudden passing of her mother, **Carmella (Dee Dee) Lonero**, on November 12. Please remember her in your prayers.

Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **Chanukah**, the Jewish Festival of Lights, began at sundown Thursday, **Dec. 10**, and ends **this Friday, Dec. 18**. 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 2020 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**



Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessings and best wishes to **Mr. Stephen Culen—Dec. 16**.

O'Hare Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

12/12/20 **4:00 p.m.** † **Josephine Markech** req. by Dolores Markech
6:00 p.m. † **Ann Lee Marler** req. by Michael & Karen Sullivan
 12/13/20 **9:00 a.m.** † **Stephen O. Benson** req. by Chicago Merton Society
11:00 a.m. † **John Krupinski** req. by James Krupinski
 12/14/20 **11:30 a.m.** • **Steve Nichols** req. by Macrina Lalayu-Nichols
 12/15/20 **11:30 a.m.** † **Francis & Jean Heger** req. by Marcine & John Forrette
 12/16/20 **11:30 a.m.** † **Ken Juge** req. by Don & Carol Juge
 12/17/20 **11:30 a.m.** † **Joyce Stein** req. by Phillip Resillez
 12/18/20 **11:30 a.m.** • **Mary Fazio** req. by Joseph Fazio

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

Midway Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

12/13/20 **9:00 a.m.** † **John Wanda, Jr.** req. by Elise Crowell
11:00 a.m. † **Ida A. Wenzel** req. by E. Wenzel

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

Third Sunday of Advent – December 13, 2020

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. — *1 Thessalonians 5:16*

JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its ground spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalms — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives. —*Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

→ **The Season of Advent** is a time of preparation for the Feast of the Nativity - Christmas - and is observed with fasting, prayers, and meditation to dispose all to welcome Christ. Observed by Christians as early as the 4th century, it is mentioned in 380 at the Council of Saragossa. "The season, though penitential, is not without a spirit of joy, hope, and anticipation, a time when minds are directed to the second coming of Christ. On the third Sunday, known as Gaudete Sunday, a special note of joy is introduced into the liturgy, indicating the assurance of everyone in the redemption of mankind by Christ. It ends before the first evening prayer of Christmas." [Encyclopedia of Catholicism]

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.

—*Booker T. Washington*

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand. —*Mark Twain*

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

Third Sunday of Advent, December 13, 2020

The **Third Sunday of Advent** is called "**Gaudete**" ("Rejoice") Sunday, so called from the opening word of the Introit (the antiphon of the Roman Gradual). *Gaudete*, taken from the Latin translation of Phil 4:4, sets a tone of joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and Second Coming, as do the permitted rose-colored vestments. (E) ✠ **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. The Council of Trent was one of the greatest gatherings, in terms of doctrinal importance, in Church history. (W)

Monday, December 14, 2020

✠ **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)

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

✠ **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)

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

✠ **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 Strasburg, - Dec. 16, 999. St. Adelaide was canonized c. 1097. (D, B, L, *Concise Encyclopedia of Middle Ages, H.R. Loyn.*)

• **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)

Thursday, December 17, 2020

✠ **We Remember: ST. OLYMPIAS (c. 361-408)** was called by **St. Gregory Nazianzen "the glory of widows in the Eastern Church."** Born of a wealthy family in Constantinople, she inherited a vast fortune and

was considered attractive in person and character. St. John Chrysostom took St. Olympias and her disciples under his protection after she was widowed. She built a hospital and orphanages; her listing of friends reads like a litany of saints. She was referred to as "a wonderful woman - like a precious vase filled with the Holy Spirit." (B, D)

Friday, December 18, 2020

✠ **We Remember: ST. FLANNAN (7th c.)** was the son of **Turlough**, a chieftain of Thomond. He was educated by a monk who taught him not only letters, but also "to plow, sow, reap, grind, winnow, and bake for the monks." He was consecrated bishop by **Pope John IV**, at Rome, during the saint's pilgrimage there. He returned to **Killaloe** as its first bishop. In the **Lives of the Saints** we learn that "the exhortations and teaching of Bishop Flannan caused his father Turlough to become a monk under St. Colman at Lismore. (D) • In 1985, the death of **Catherine DeHeuck Doherty** in Combermere, Ontario, Canada. She was a Russian countess who emigrated to North America and became involved in many Catholic social services. She founded **Friendship House** in Toronto in the 1930's to promote both international and interracial justice. Ms. Doherty then moved to the U.S. and opened houses in New York City and **Chicago**. In 1947, she returned to Canada and founded the **Madonna House Apostolate** in Combermere as a successor program to Friendship House. Its members take lifetime promises to serve and include both priests and laypeople. Both programs now have 22 homes in eight nations, including Canada and the U.S. Ms. Doherty was also an author on social justice.

Saturday, December 19, 2020

✠ **We Remember: ST. ANASTASIUS I:** St. Jerome, speaking of today's saint, said that "**Rome did not deserve to possess him for long.**" St. Anastasius succeeded **Pope Siricius** as Supreme Pontiff of the Church upon election 1600 years ago on **Nov. 27, 399**. A man of extreme poverty and apostolic solicitude, St. Anastasius stopped the spread of errors attributed to Origen by convening a synod in 400. His friends and advisors included **St. Paulinus** and **St. Augustine**. (D, B)

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O Antiphons of Advent

The "**O Antiphons of Advent**" are ancient verses used the week before Christmas as part of the Liturgy of the Hours. These verses form the basis of the Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," put to music in 15th century France. The "O Antiphons" make a wonderful addition to grace before meals or at bedtime.

Dec. 17 - O WISDOM, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care; come and show your people the way to salvation.

Dec. 18 - O SACRED LORD of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain; come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

Dec. 19 - O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you; come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

Dec. 20 - O KEY OF DAVID, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven; come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

Dec. 21 - O RADIANT DAWN, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice; come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Dec. 22 - O KING of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of humanity; come and save the creature you fashioned out of dust.

Dec. 23 - O EMMANUEL, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people; come and set us free, Lord our God.



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