

# Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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## Week of December 17 - December 23, 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  
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### Interfaith Calendar & Events

- **Yalda**, a Zoroastrian observance, this Thursday, **Dec. 21**, celebrates the longest night of the year, after which the days start getting longer, symbolizing the triumph of light and goodness over darkness and evil. It is celebrated with family reunions and feasting, the telling of stories and the reading of poetry.
- **Winter Feast**, this Thursday, **Dec. 21**, is a feast of the Woodland Indians, a sharing of food with the spirits of winter.
- Source: **The 2023 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

### Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Birthday blessing go out to Dr. Christine Lawless December 21.

### ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/16/23 4:00 p.m.** • Banter Family req. by Scott DeBoer  
**6:00 p.m.** • Mary Hockel req. by The Daly Family  
† Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen  
† Edward A. Brennan req. by Family (90th birthday rem)
- 12/17/23 9:00 a.m.** † Dorothy Scroggins req. by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McNeill  
**11:00 a.m.** † James Joseph Elson req. by Mary Grace Elson  
† Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen  
• Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish
- 12/18/23 11:30 a.m.** • Angela Eckensberger req. by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McNeill  
**12/19/23 11:30 a.m.** † Vince P. Schifferdecker req. by Jean M. Schifferdecker  
**12/20/23 11:30 a.m.** † Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen  
**12/21/23 11:30 a.m.** † Christel Wagner req. by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McNeill  
**12/22/23 11:30 a.m.** • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish

### MAM Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/17/23 9:00 a.m.** • Florinda Freeman req. by John Dominici  
**11:00 a.m.** † John Wenzel req. by Emma Wenzel  
• Courtney Walter req. by Dana Potts  
• Special Intention req. by Melanie Jones
- Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

Our Chapels offer a variety of Bibles (paperback, keepsake/gift hardcover, New Testaments) Rosaries, Holy Cards, medals and other religious articles. Please visit the O'Hare Chapel Office if you would like to use a non-English language Holy Bible, the Holy Qur'an or the complete Art Scroll Siddur.

#### MAM 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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## Third Sunday of Advent-- December 17, 2023

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

### REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for Eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth 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:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

**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 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.

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

Sunday, December 17, 2023

**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. - *Encyclopedia of Catholicism*

"I think we all sin by needlessly disobeying the apostolic injunction to 'rejoice' as much as by anything else." - *C.S. Lewis*

✦ **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. (B,D) ✦ In **1187**, the death of **Pope Gregory VIII**. He hoped to bring about peace in Europe so a Crusade could be launched to recapture Jerusalem, but died two months after his election. (W)

Monday, December 18, 2023

✦ **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.

✦ 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. Ms. Doherty was also an author on social justice.

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

✦ **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 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)

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

✦ **We Remember: SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS (1000-1073)**. Dominic became a Benedictine and eventually prior of the great abbey of San Millan de la Cogolla, where he came into conflict with King Garcia III of Navarre, by whom he was exiled from the kingdom. King Ferdinand of Old Castile received him kindly and sent him as abbot to restore the old monastery of St. Sebastian - now St. Dominic - of Silos. The saint was most successful in this task and was responsible for a virtual rebuilding of the abbey. Dominic was a lover of arts, and the scriptorium of his abbey produced under his inspiration the best specimens of Spanish Christian art. The cloisters of the abbey - a gem of Romanesque architecture - stand to this day as the best monument to his enterprise. (B)

Thursday, December 21, 2023

✦ **We Remember: ST. PETER CANISIUS:** A native of Holland, Peter (1521-1597) became a Jesuit in **1543** and became the leader of the *counter-Reformation* in German lands, being constantly engaged in preaching, teaching, writing, instructing, advising and arbitrating, in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Bohemia and Poland. His short catechism in Latin and German had passed through two hundred editions before his death, and was translated into 12 European languages. He also wrote theological, ascetical and historical treatises. He has been rightly called "The Second Apostle of Germany." He was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church in **1925**. (B)

● In **1118**, the birth of **St. Thomas Becket** in London. Close friend of King Henry II, he became Chancellor of England and was later named Archbishop of Canterbury. This brought clashes with the King and Becket's eventual murder in the Canterbury Cathedral **December 29, 1170**. (W)



Friday, December 22, 2023

✦ **We Remember: SAINTS CHAEREMON, ISCHYRION AND OTHERS (died 250).** Today's entry into *The Roman Martyrology* reads, "In Egypt, St. Chaeremon, Bishop of Nilopolis, and many others martyred. Some of them fled while the persecution of Decius was raging and, wandering in different directions, were killed by wild beasts; others perished of famine, cold and sickness; others again were murdered by barbarians and robbers, and all were crowned with a glorious martyrdom." St. Dionysius of Alexandria mentions that Ischyron was procurator for a magistrate in Alexandria. These saints knew who to deal with matters of the world and still remain servants of God alone. (D)

● In **1216**, the **Order of Preachers** (Dominicans), founded by **St. Dominic Guzman** in Spain, was granted official Church approval by **Pope Honorius III**. (W)

✦ In **1899**, the death of American evangelistic preacher **Dwight Moody** (1837-1899), founder of what is now the Moody Bible Institute, 820 N. LaSalle, Chicago. He worked on a farm until he was 17, when he became a clerk in a shoe store in Boston. Not long after this he was converted, united with the Congregational Church, according to E.B. Sanford in the 1890 *Cyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*.

"In **1856** he went to Chicago, where he engaged in mission and Sunday-school work with great enthusiasm. During the Civil War, he was employed by the Christian Commission, and afterward by the Young Men's Christian Association in Chicago," says Sanford. "A church was built to accommodate his work and he became its unordained pastor. In the fire of 1871 the church was destroyed, but a much larger one has been erected.

"He first came to national prominence as a result of a successful evangelical tour of England (1872-75), traveling with Ira David Sankey, with whom he composed the Sankey-Moody Hymn Book (1873), says the *Harper-Collins Dictionary of Religion*.

"Moody anticipated many of the tenets of later Christian fundamentalism, most particularly its antipathy to 'higher criticism' of the Bible. This later concern was institutionalized in 1889 in Moody's Chicago Bible Institute, now known as the Moody Bible Institute." His funeral was conducted Dec. 26, 1899 by C.I. Scofield, and he was laid to rest atop Northfield's (Massachusetts) Mount Hermon.

Saturday, December 23, 2023

✦ **We Remember: ST. JOHN OF KANTY (or Cantius) (1395-1473).** John Cantius was named after his birthplace, the city of Kanty in Poland. His home was near Oswiecim, known to readers of today as **Auschwitz**, site of a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. John graduated from the University of Cracow and was appointed to the chair of theology. For some time, he took charge of a parish, but returned to biblical teaching, which he carried on until his death. He was canonized in **1767**. (B,D) In 1595, the reunion of Ruthenian Rite Catholics with Rome. At St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Clement VIII received Bishop Cyril Tedetski of Lutsk and Bishop Hypotius Pociel of Vladimir before a large assembly of bishops. These two men read a statement which had been signed by all the Ruthenian Rite bishops, declaring their loyalty, love, and obedience to the pope as well as that of all their people. Some 510,000 persons rejoined the Roman Catholic Church. Two months later, Pope Clement wrote an apostolic letter of welcome to the bishops and people officially informing them that their entire Church was now in union with the Apostolic See and the Roman Catholic Church. The Ruthenian Rite is observed by people in the Eastern European nations of Croatia, Hungary, Russia, Slovenia, and Ukraine. (W)



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