

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports

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Week of December 20-26, 2020

WELCOME TO THE INTERFAITH AIRPORT CHAPELS OF CHICAGO! On behalf of the Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago community, we wish you a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!** Christmas, the Christian feast celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, is observed this Friday, **Dec. 25**. Second in importance only to the annual celebration of Easter, Christmas commemorates the incarnation of the divine Word at the birth of Jesus Christ, and is a holy day of obligation for Catholics.

Registration Required for Services!

Please Note: registration is required for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses and Protestant Worship —call **773-686-2636**. Please answer the following (on voicemail) or email ordchapel@aol.com **BEFORE** 11:30 a.m. on December 23 with the following: your first & last name, the number of people in your party; the Mass or Worship Service you wish to attend; your second choice if your first choice is already full; your cell number.

Schedule of Holy Day Catholic Masses:

Christmas Eve, Thursday, **Dec. 24**: 4:00 p.m. ORD
Christmas Day Friday, **Dec. 25**: 9:00, & 11:00 a.m. ORD & MDW
Solemnity of Mary, Mater Dei: Friday, Jan. 1:11:30 a.m. ORD & MDW

Schedule of Holiday Protestant Worship

Christmas, Friday, **Dec. 25**: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. MDW
New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2021, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. MDW

Everyone 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 Regularly Scheduled Services:

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 Regularly Scheduled Services:

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.**

Complimentary 2021 calendars are available on the side tables. 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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Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessing go out to **Dr. Christine Lawless** Monday, **Dec. 21**.

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/19/20 **4:00 p.m.** † **Bernice Fortini** req. by Frances Szymanski
6:00 p.m. • **Ehrlich Family** req. by John Ehrlich
- 12/20/20 **9:00 a.m.** † **John Charles Carter** req. by Faith Phoenix
11:00 a.m. † **Catherine Parolin** req. by Aida Zaniolo
- 12/21/20 **11:30 a.m.** † **Loker Family** req. by John Ehrlich
- 12/22/20 **11:30 a.m.** † **Nina Anchia** req. by Phillip Rezillez
- 12/23/20 **11:30 a.m.** † **Brian J. Allen** req. by Katherine L. Allen
- 12/24/20 **11:30 a.m.** • / † **DeBoer Family** req. by Scott Deboer
- 12/24/20 **4:00 p.m.** † **Margaret & Edward Anderson** req. Bernice Fortini
- 12/25/20 **9:00 a.m.** † **Maryann Smith** req. by Bob
11:00 a.m. † **Herbert Bialas** req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Schneider
- Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/20/20 **9:00 a.m.** † **Eddie** req. by Pat Melton
11:00 a.m. • **Respect for Life** req. by Robert Kurtz
- 12/25/20 **9:00 a.m.** † **Mary Sutkowski** req. by Roseanne Sutkowski
11:00 a.m. † **Walter Charles Bryde - Stephen & Barbara Ohotnicky**
- Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 20, 2020

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. —Luke 1:35

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16). **Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).
Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).
Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Friday: **Vigil**: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Night**: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn**: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day**: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **Winter Feast**, this **Monday, Dec. 21**, is a feast of the Woodland Indians, a sharing of food with the spirits of winter. → **Yalda, Monday, Dec. 21**, is observed by **Zoroastrians** celebrating 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.
 → **Zarathusht-na-diso**, Zoroastrian observance Saturday, **Dec. 26**, the death of Prophet Zarathushtra is commemorated with prayers and a visit to the fire temple. → **Kwanzaa** begins Saturday, **Dec. 26**. "Kwanzaa meaning "first fruits" honors the African heritage and culture and is celebrated by African Americans. There are seven principles which reflect the values of African culture. Source: **The 2020 InterFaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

FEAST OF FAITH: Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart. The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2020

✠ **We Remember:** The Benedictine monks who recorded the phenomenally successful CD, "Chant," are from the monastery in Spain founded and named after today's saint - **SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS (1000-1073)**. Dominic became a Benedictine and eventually prior of the great abbey of San Millán 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. Also renowned for rescuing Christian slaves from the Moors, he is one of the best beloved of Spanish saints. At his shrine, **Bl. Aza de Guzman** obtained the child whom she called **Dominic**, after the abbot of Silos, and who became the founder of the Dominican Friars. (B)

Monday, December 21, 2020

✠ **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)

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

✠ **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 1899, the death of American evangelistic preacher **DWIGHT MOODY (1837-1899)**, founder of what is now the Moody Bible Institute, 1609 N. LaSalle Drive, Chicago. In 1856 he went to Chicago, where he engaged in mission and Sunday-school work with great enthusiasm. 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 *HarperCollins 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**."

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

✠ **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)

Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020

✠ **We Remember: Saints THARSILLA and EMILIANA** (c. 550) were aunts of **Pope Gregory the Great**. Tharsilla, the eldest, her sisters Emiliana and Gordiana lived in the home of Gordian - father of Gregory the Great. The sisters Tharsilla and Emiliana lived an ascetic life of prayer but later married. St. Gregory tells us that Tharsilla was visited one night by a vision of her great-grandfather, **Pope Felix III**, who showed a place prepared for her in heaven and said, "Come; I will receive you into the habitation of light." She died on the vigil of Christmas. Emiliana also received a heavenly call from her sister and died several days later. (D)

Friday, CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25, 2020

✠ **We Remember:** Today we commemorate the birth of **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Lk. 2:1-20)**. This event was originally commemorated in the East on the feast of Epiphany or Theophany. The Christmas feast itself originated in the West; by 354 it was certainly kept on Dec. 25. This date may have been set for the observance to offset pagan ceremonies held at about the same time to commemorate the birth of the sun at the winter solstice. There are texts for three Christmas Masses: at midnight, dawn, and during the day.

"Over the centuries, many customs, not all of them universally observed, became attached to the day. The erection of the Christmas crib (creche) began with St. Francis of Assisi, who made the first one...in 1223. Use of Christmas greenery (trees, wreaths, etc.) was an adaptation of pre-Christian customs that began in Germanic countries but spread to England in the 19th century through the influence of Queen Victoria's husband, who was German. Santa Claus (St. Nicholas), Father Christmas, and Father Frost are all adaptations of European folk customs celebrated in the winter season. Christmas carols began as a wider custom of singing popular religious songs (as opposed to liturgical hymns) on seasonal feasts but, over the years, increasingly became identified with this season. (A)

Saturday, December 26, 2020

✠ **We Remember:** An account of the death of **ST. STEPHEN, first Christian martyr**, is found in the Acts of the Apostles (7:55-60). A deacon in the early church, Stephen had been assigned by the apostles to distribute food to the poor. He worked great signs and wonders among the people. His wisdom confounded those who sought to argue with him, and ultimately false charges were brought against him, and he was stoned to death. One of the witnesses to his death was **Saul** - the future Apostle Paul. (D,S)



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Amid Songs of Angels

This Child and Redeemer Who comes amid the songs of angels to answer the prayers of all the Patriarchs and Prophets, and to satisfy unrecognized longings of the whole lineage of Adam, exiled from Paradise, comes also to quiet the groanings of all creation. For the whole world has been in labor and in mourning since the fall of man. The whole created universe, with all its manifold beauty and splendor, has traveled in disorder, longing for the birth of a Savior. The Patriarchs and Prophets prayed for the coming of Christ in Bethlehem, and this first coming did not silence the groanings of creation. - *from Seasons of Celebration* by Thomas Merton

Invisible in his own nature he became visible in ours. Beyond our grasp, he chose to come within our grasp. Existing before time began, he began to exist at a moment in time. Incapable of suffering as God, he did not refuse to be a man, capable of suffering. Immortal, he chose to be subject to the laws of death.

—St. Leo the Great

On Christmas Day, 1946, the comedian **W.C. Fields** died. During his last days, a visitor to his hospital room found Fields reading a Bible. The amazed visitor asked Fields what he was doing.

Fields replied, "Just looking for loopholes."

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

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.—Washington Irving

A good conscience is a continual Christmas. —Benjamin Franklin

If you do not wish to become angry, do not be curious. If you ask what is being said about yourself and uncover unpleasant words (even though these words were said privately), you only make yourself unhappy. Those who are wise overlook many wrongs and often do not take them as such, for either they do not know about them or, if they do, they make fun of them and turn them into jokes. To pay no attention to injuries is a mark of magnanimity. The really great and noble soul listens to wrongs as securely as the larger wild animals hear the barking of small dogs.

—St. Martin of Braga

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