

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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Week of December 22-28, 2019

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

→ **Chanukah**, the Jewish Festival of Lights, begins at sundown Sunday, Dec. 22, and ends Monday, Dec. 30. 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 Chanukah (eight-branched candelabrum), with an additional "server" candle for each of the eight nights of the holiday.



→ **Christmas**, Wednesday, Dec. 25, Christian observance of the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

→ **Zarathusht-na-diso**, Zoroastrian observance Thursday, Dec. 26, the death of Prophet Zarathustra is commemorated with prayers and a visit to the fire temple.

→ **Kwanzaa** begins Thursday, 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 2019 InterFaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/21/19 4:00 p.m. † Marvin Gunchick req. by Wessley Gunchick
6:00 p.m. † Regina Gatter req. by Chris & Russ Haas
12/22/19 6:30 a.m. † John Vaughn req. by Matt Vaughn
9:00 a.m. † The Leoni Family req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Leoni
11:00 a.m. † Rich Bartoszewski req. by Susie Schneider
1:00 p.m. † The Michelouski Family req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Leoni
12/23/19 11:30 a.m. † Fr. Jack Donahue req. by Jeanne McDonald
12/24/19 11:30 a.m. † Margaret & Edward Anderson req. by Bernice Fortini
Christmas Vigil 4:00 p.m. • Deployed Military & Their Families by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bailey
12/25/19 6:30 a.m. † Maryann Smith req. by Bob Smith
Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. † James J. Brennan by Mike & Margaret Brennan Family
11:00 a.m. † Charlotte Delhotal by Mr. & Mrs John Schneider & Family
1:00 p.m. † Jean A. Joeger req. by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Barkman
12/26/19 11:30 a.m. † Irene Cuddy Olsen req. by Thomas Olsen
12/27/19 11:30 a.m. † Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/21/19 4:00 p.m. † Tim Teklinski req. by Joseph J. Margevicius
12/22/19 9:00 a.m. † Sebastian Tyll req. by Joseph J. Margevicius
11:00 a.m. • Fr. Jack Donahue's Family req. by Jeanne McDonald
12/23/19 11:30 a.m. † Jim Coyne req. by V. Mervar
12/24/19 11:30 a.m. • Peter Benedict Gemma req. by Mrs. Fran Berkenbaugh
Christmas Vigil 4:00 p.m. • Peg Bendixen req. by Linda Bendixen
12/25/19 9:00 a.m. • Mark May req. by Dana Potts
11:00 a.m. • Victoria Gemma req. by Mrs. Fran Berkenbaugh
12/26/19 11:30 a.m. † Jeff Leech
12/27/19 11:30 a.m. † Yolande Windsor req. by V. Mervar

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial



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* Merry Christmas to All *

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 Wednesday, 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. "First mentioned in Rome in the middle of the fourth century, December 25 was a Christian replacement for the Roman celebration of *Sol Invictus* (Latin, the Unconquered Sun) at the winter solstice. The observance of the date spread from Rome to the East, although some churches (e.g., the Armenian) celebrate Christ's birth on January 6," according to the *HarperCollins Dictionary of Religion*.



Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 22, 2019

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

— Matthew 1:23

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel. Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel. Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14). **Psalm** — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24). **Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7). **Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: 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]
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

CHRISTMAS

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us! This is Emmanuel! —From God's Word Is Our Joy, Vol. 1 by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1998, World Library Publications, p. 73

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

Fourth Sunday, December 22, 2019

✦ **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*.

Monday, December 23, 2019

✦ **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)

Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019

✦ **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)

Wednesday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2019

✦ **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)

Thursday, December 26, 2019

✦ **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)

Friday, December 27, 2019

✦ **We Remember: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST (died c. 100)**, "the disciple whom Jesus loved," had been a disciple of St. John the Baptist, but then he followed Christ, together with Andrew, the brother of Peter. John was usually invited, along with Peter and James, to share in some of the more significant events in the life of Christ. He preached the gospel in Samaria with Peter, and according to legend he preached also at Antioch and later at Ephesus, where his tomb is venerated. He visited Rome but was exiled to the island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation. Previously he had written his gospel and three letters. He died at Patmos towards the end of the 1st century. (D,S)

Saturday, December 28, 2019

✦ **We Remember: FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS:** The biblical basis for this feast is found in Matthew 2:13-18. It commemorates the infant boys slain by Herod's soldiers while seeking to kill the Infant Jesus. This feast has been observed since the 5th century. (D,S)

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CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

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

2019 Holy Day Mass and Service Schedule

Christmas:

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, 4:00 p.m. ORD & MDW
Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019, 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

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, 4:00 p.m. ORD & MDW
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, 11:30 a.m. ORD & MDW
For more information on the Catholic Chaplaincy visit www.cacc.us or call the Chapel Office at 773-686-2636.

Schedule of Holiday Protestant Worship:

December 22; 10:00 and Noon, ORD
December 23; 12:30 and 2:00 pm ORD.
Christmas:
December 24; 12:30 and 2:00 pm ORD. 10:00 and 1:30 MDW
December 25, No Services scheduled
December 31 and January 1, ORD and MDW No Services scheduled
Please call the Chapel Office at 773-686-2636 for more information.

Jubilee Holy Year on the occasion of The Centenary of the Proclamation of Our Lady of Loreto as Patron Saint of Aviation December 8, 2019 – December 10, 2020

Why is the Church celebrating this Jubilee? The Holy House, which according to an ancient pious tradition was carried by angels in flight, inspired the aviators of the First World War to rely on the Blessed Virgin of Loreto. At that time, in fact, airplanes were popularly called "flying houses". Thus Pope Benedict XV, on 24 March 1920, declared the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto "principal patroness to God for all aircraft". The centenary of the proclamation is therefore the occasion of this Jubilee. For more information, pick up the blue flyer on the side tables, or visit <http://www.cacc.us/Jubilee100.pdf>



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, and 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.
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ISLAMIC JUMA' PRAYER

Friday: 1:15 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP

See Website for Schedule