

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports

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Week of December 23 – December 29, 2018

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

2018 HOLY DAY MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Schedule of Catholic Masses

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m. ORD – 4:00 p.m. MDW

Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day:

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

Monday, December 31 (Vigil) – 4:00 p.m. ORD & MDW;

Tuesday, January 1 – 11:30 a.m. ORD & MDW

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Schedule of Holiday Protestant Worship:

Sundays, December 23 and 30 – 10:00 & Noon ORD

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve:

12:30 & 2:30 pm ORD; 10:00 & 1:30 MDW

Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day:

8:00 & 10:00 am MDW

Monday, December 31 – 12:30 & 2:30 pm ORD; 10:00 & 1:30 MDW

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – 8:00 & 10:00 am MDW

Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **Zarathusht-na-diso**, Zoroastrian observance Wednesday, Dec. 26, the death of Prophet Zarathusht is commemorated with prayers and a visit to the fire temple. → **Kwanzaa** begins Wednesday, 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 2018 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessings & best wishes go out to **Fr. Jim O'Brien, Dec. 29.**

ORD CATHOLIC MASS INTENTIONS

- 12/22/18 **4:00 p.m. † Ralph Musial** req. by Ted Jankowski
6:00 p.m. † Blanca E. Gonzalez req. by Salvador Martinez
 12/23/18 **6:30 a.m. † Jeremy Harrison** req. by Laura Harrison
9:00 a.m. † Raymond V. Jakimczyk req. by Fr. Leon Rezula
11:00 a.m. • Steve Riordan req. by Tim Reilly
1:00 p.m. † Mr. Koys req. by Tim Reilly
 12/24/18 **11:30 a.m. • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish**
4:00 p.m. † Margaret & Edward Anderson req. by Bernice Fortini
 12/25/18 **6:30 a.m. † Maryann Smith** req. by Bob Smith
9:00 a.m. † Schramm Family req. by Thomas Schramm
11:00 a.m. † Joseph V. Quigley req. by Salvador Martinez
1:00 p.m. † Kathleen E. Varnagis req. by John
 12/26/18 **11:30 a.m. † Helen Wonak** req. by Fr. Leon Rezula
 12/27/18 **11:30 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory**
 12/28/18 **11:30 a.m. † Reilly/Riordan Families** req. by Tim Reilly

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MDW CATHOLIC MASS INTENTIONS

- 12/22/18 **4:00 p.m. † John & Helen Dominici** req. by John Dominici
 12/23/18 **9:00 a.m. † Noreen Granum** req. by Dana Potts
11:00 a.m. • Diane Chrapkiewicz req. by John Dominici
 12/24/18 **11:30 a.m. † John Martucci** req. by The Potts Family
4:00 p.m. • George Barsa req. by Dana Potts
 12/25/18 **9:00 a.m. † Noreen Granum** req. by Dana Potts
11:00 a.m. • Jennifer, Kathleen & Lora Wasielewski by Rose Mary Wasielewski
 12/26/18 **11:30 a.m. † James Joseph Elson** req. by Marygrace Elson
 12/27/18 **11:30 a.m. † Peggy & Terri Sexton** req. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Matsumoto
 12/28/18 **11:30 a.m. • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish**

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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 Tuesday, **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 23, 2018

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— Luke 1:42

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a). **Psalms** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10). **Gospel** — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Tuesday: **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]
 Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Rev. Fr. Michael G. Zaniolo, STL, CAC — Administrator/Catholic Chaplain
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 Muslim Community Center of Chicago
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 The Moody Church of Chicago
 Mrs. Susan E. Schneider, CAP — Office/Business Manager/Fund Raiser
 Mr. Michael Brennan — Bulletin Editor



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018

✠ **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)

Monday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018

✠ **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)

Tuesday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2018

✠ **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)

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

✠ **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)

Thursday, December 27, 2018

✠ **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)

Friday, December 28, 2018

✠ **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)

Saturday, December 29, 2018

✠ **We Remember: ST. THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)**, Archbishop of Canterbury, was murdered in the cathedral on this day, **Dec. 29, in 1170**. He was canonized three years later. Thomas was born in London, studied at Paris and Auxerre, and was promoted to the office of chancellor under King Henry II. He was ordained priest and bishop in 1162 and was the first person in England to celebrate the solemnity of the Blessed Trinity. He became more ascetical after becoming archbishop, and his relationship with the king deteriorated. Becket refused to sign a document that severely limited the rights of the Church, and was abandoned by the bishops who wanted to maintain good relations with the king. He spent six years in exile in France. The pope, **Alexander II**, helped effect a reconciliation, and Becket returned to England, but the implacable hatred of his foes reached the point at which Becket was murdered by four knights at the altar of the Blessed Virgin and St. Benedict in Canterbury Cathedral. His shrine became a place of pilgrimage and he was one of the great saints of the Middle Ages. (S,D)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in id-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

O COME, LONG FORETOLD

O come, Desired of nations,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold
Will break the captive fetters,
Redeem the long-lost fold.
Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

—Simon J. Pellegrin (1663-1745), Tr. by Mary of St. Philip (1825-1904)

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

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A good conscience is a continual Christmas. —Benjamin Franklin

Prayer of Reconciliation

Lord Christ, help us to see what it is that joins us together, not what separates us. For when we see only what it is that makes us different, we too often become aware of what is wrong with others. We see only their faults and weaknesses, interpreting their actions as flowing from malice or hatred rather than fear. Even when confronted with evil, Lord, you forgave and sacrificed yourself rather than sought revenge. Teach us to do the same by the power of your Spirit.

— William Breault, SJ

Overlook Injuries

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

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

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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 & 1:30 p.m.

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ISLAMIC JUMA' PRAYER

Friday: 1:15 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP

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