

# INTERFAITH AIRPORT CHAPELS OF CHICAGO

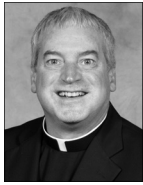


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## Week of December 25 - 31, 2016

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** begins today, Sunday, **Dec. 25** and continues through Jan. 1.



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. Special readings and praise songs focus on liberty and freedom.

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

→ **Kwanzaa** begins Monday, **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 value of African culture.

→ Source: **The 2016 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

## CHAPEL STAFF BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

→ Birthday blessings & best wishes go out to **Tom Burns, Dec. 28**; **Fr. Jim O'Brien, Dec. 29**; **Fr. Daniel Jankowski, Dec. 31**; and **Deacon Luis and Ludivina Trevino** celebrate their **51st** wedding anniversary, **Dec. 29**.

## ORD CATHOLIC MASS INTENTIONS

- 12/24/16** 4:00 p.m. † **Oscar L. Mayer** req. by John & Susan Schneider  
6:00 p.m. † **Jeanne A. Dunne** req. by Fr. Zaniolo & Susan Schneider  
**12/25/16** 6:30 a.m. † **Maryann Smith** req. by Bob Smith  
9:00 a.m. † **Mr. & Mrs. Edward Anderson** req. by Bernice Fortini  
11:00 a.m. † **Kathleen Varnagis** req. by John D. Varnagis  
1:00 p.m. † **Adrienne Crudele** req. by John & Susie Schneider  
**12/26/16** 11:30 a.m. • **Jim O'Malley** req. by Paul Renneisen  
**12/27/16** 11:30 a.m. • **Dennis Yamzon** req. by Yamee Yamzon  
**12/28/16** 11:30 a.m. † **Joan Lamkin** req. by John & Susie Schneider  
**12/29/16** 11:30 a.m. • **Regina Gatta** req. by Aida Zaniolo  
**12/30/16** 11:30 a.m. • **Cindy Krieger** req. by Christine Haas

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

## MIDWAY CATHOLIC MASS INTENTIONS

- 12/24/16** 4:00 p.m. † **Ludwika Bombala** req. by Richard Laskowski  
**12/25/16** 9:00 a.m. † **Sean Quigley** req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Schneider  
11:00 a.m. † **George A. Jedlicka** req. by Daughter  
**12/26/16** 11:30 a.m. † **Mary LaVonne Earnest** req. by James D. Earnest  
**12/27/16** 11:30 a.m. † **Michael J. Grimes III** req. by Joann Pantages  
**12/28/16** 11:30 a.m. • **SMM People**  
**12/29/16** 11:30 a.m. † **Al Muehbauer** req. by Tim & Lill Bailey  
**12/30/16** 11:30 a.m. † **William Roy Earnest** req. by James D. Earnest

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## MIDWAY 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  
[www.airportchapels.org/holydayschedule.html](http://www.airportchapels.org/holydayschedule.html)

## PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Saturday: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 & 1:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m.  
Monday—Friday 10:30 a.m. & 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.  
Monday—Friday: 11:30 a.m.  
Evening before Holy Day: 5:00 p.m.  
Holy Day: Check Bulletin Announcements  
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## ISLAMIC JUMA' PRAYER

Friday: 1:15 p.m.

## PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Christmas, the Christian feast celebrating the **birth of Jesus Christ**, is observed today, Sunday, **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*.

## 2016 HOLY DAY MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

### CATHOLIC MASSES



**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve:**  
4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. ORD — 4:00 p.m. MDW



**Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day:**  
6:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. ORD — 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. MDW

**Saturday, December 31 - Vigil—Mary the Mother of God**  
4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. ORD — 4:00 p.m. MDW

**Sunday, January 1 -- Mary the Mother of God**

6:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 1 p.m. ORD — 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. MDW

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### PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICES



**Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve:**  
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. MDW



**Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day:**  
10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon, ORD — 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m. MDW

→ **FREE 2017 FAMILY CALENDARS** are available at the O'Hare and Midway Airport Chapels on the side tables.

## The Nativity of the Lord — December 25, 2016

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

— *John 1:5*

## THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God. At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning. Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10). **Psalm** — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98). **Second Reading** — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6). **Gospel** — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40  
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Rev. Fr. Michael G. Zaniolo, STL, CAC** — Administrator/Catholic Chaplain  
*Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago*  
**Mr. Qazi M. Biabani** — Imam Khateeb/Muslim Chaplain  
*Muslim Community Center of Chicago*  
**Rev. Dr. Hutz H. Hertzberg** - Protestant Chaplain  
*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

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2016

✠ **We Remember:** Today Christians commemorate the birth of **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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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)

Monday, December 26, 2016

✠ **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)



Tuesday, December 27, 2016

✠ **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)

Wednesday, December 28, 2016

✠ **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)

Thursday, December 29, 2016

✠ **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)



Friday, December 30, 2016

✠ **We Remember:** **ST. ANYSIA** (c. 304), a Christian girl living in Thessalonica, received a wealthy estate left to her by deceased parents. She used much of the money taking care of the poor. She was martyred during the reign of Maximian Galerius while on her way to an assembly of the faithful, which were banned. Stopped by a guard, she professed her faith in Christ, and was stabbed with a sword. (D)

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31, 2016

✠ **We Remember:** **ST. SYLVESTER:** This early pope was an important figure in the period after Constantine granted toleration of Christianity through the Edict of Milan. Sylvester has representatives at the **First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325**. He oversaw the building of the first St. Peter's Basilica as well as St. John Lateran. The claim that he received lands from Constantine (the "Donation") in thanksgiving for a miracle has no factual basis. He is the first saint who was not a martyr to be venerated by the Church. His relics are preserved in the Church of St. Sylvester in Rome. (D,E,S,B) ✠ In **1384**, the death of **John Wycliffe**, philosopher, theologian and reformer. Educated at Oxford, he looked to the Bible and the Fathers of the Church in his writings, but his teaching on the Eucharist brought a condemnation of heresy. An energetic preacher, he inspired many followers who continued his teaching (taking popular expression in the Lollards) and his project of a Bible translation was seen through by his disciples. (F)

**Sources include:** (A) **Catholic Almanac**, Felician Foy Our Sunday Visitor, 1995. (AS) **All Saints**, Robert Ellsberg, Crossroad, 1997. (B) **Book of Saints**, Benedictine Monks, Morehouse, 1993. (CB) **Cambridge Biographical Encyclopedia**, 1999. (C) **Catholic Book of Days**, John Deedy, Thomas More, 1989. (D) **Day by Day with the Saints**, Patrick Moran, OSV, 1985. (ES) **Encyclopedia of Saints**, C. Jöckle, Alpine, 1995. (F) **Famous Christians**, Tony Castle, Servant, 1988. (G) **Guide to the Saints**, Kristin E. White, Ivy Books, 1991. (H) **Heavenly Friends**, Rosalie Marie Levy, DSP, 1984. (L) **Butler's Lives of the Saints I-IV**, Christian Classics, 1995. (L2) **Lives of the Saints**, O. Englebert, Barnes & Noble, 1994. (M) **The Middle Ages, Concise Encyclopedia**, H. Loyn, 1989. (OCY) **Oxford Companion to the Year**, Blackburn, 1999. (ODP) **Oxford Dictionary of Popes**, J.D. Kelly, Oxford, 1987. (P) **Pocket Dictionary of Saints**, John Delaney, Image, 1983. (S) **Saints of the Roman Calendar**, Enzo Lodi, Alba, 1992. (V) **Vatican II Weekday Missal**, Daughters of St. Paul, 1975. (W) **We Celebrate, We Commemorate**, Patrick Walsh. *This Week in the Life of the Church* is compiled by Mike Brennan. Tax-deductible contributions to the **Chicago Airports Catholic Chaplaincy** are welcome. E-mail: ordchapel@gmail.com.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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

Be at peace with your own soul; then heaven and earth will be at peace with you. Enter eagerly into the treasure house that is within you, and so you will see the things that are in heaven; for there is but one single entry to them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden within your soul. Flee from sin, dive into yourself, and in your soul you will discover the stairs by which to ascend. *St. Isaac the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh late in the 7th century*

## 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 travailed 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