

# Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



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Week of December 26, 2021 — January 1, 2022

## 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  
Roman Catholic Chaplain, Chicago Airports Catholic Chaplaincy

### O'Hare:

**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.

### Midway:

**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.

You can also find our regular schedule, weekly bulletin, and other information at [www.airportchapels.org](http://www.airportchapels.org).

## Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **Zarathusht-na-diso**, Zoroastrian observance Sunday, **Dec. 26**, the death of Prophet Zarathustra is commemorated with prayers and a visit to the fire temple. → **Kwanzaa** begins Sunday, **Dec. 26**, and continues through **Jan. 1**. 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.

→ **Maidyarem Gahambar**, a Zoroastrian mid-winter festival in honor of the animal kingdom, begins Friday, **Dec. 31**, and continues through **Jan. 4**. → **Gantan-sai** (Oshugatsu), **Jan. 1**, is the Shinto New Year festival observed with prayers for inner renewal. Tradition is to visit shrines and pray for good health and prosperity.

→ Source: The 2021 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago

## ORD AIRPORT Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/25/21 **9:00 a.m.** † **Maryann Smith** req. by Bob Smith  
(Christmas) **11:00 a.m.** † **Jerry Blackwell** req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Schneider  
‡ **Anthony Carr** req. by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Barkman Family  
‡ **Dorothy Brennan** req. by Fr. Daniel Flens  
(No 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas)
- 12/26/21 **9:00 a.m.** † **Robert L. Ehrlich** req. by John R. Ehrlich  
**11:00 p.m.** † **Steven Wanda** req. by Fr. Michael Wanda  
● **Claire & Mark Wildermuth** req. by Sr. Bernadette Therese  
● **Kay McDougall** req. by Anne
- 12/27/21 **11:30 a.m.** † **Joan Strzyz** req. by James Strzyz  
12/28/21 **11:30 a.m.** ● **Respect for Life** req. by Robert Kurtz  
12/29/21 **11:30 a.m.** ● **Regina Gatta** req. by Aida Zaniolo  
12/30/21 **11:30 a.m.** † **James Serritella** req. by Fr. Dan Flens  
12/31/21 **11:30 a.m.** † **Bernard Seward**

● Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

## MDW AIRPORT Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/25/21 **9:00 a.m.** † **Kathleen E. Varnagis** req. by John D. Varnagis  
(Christmas) **11:00 a.m.** † **Charmaine** req. by Anglemire req. by John Dominici  
‡ **Mary Ann Braunels** req. by Carl Braunels  
● **Helen Dominici** req. by John Dominici
- 12/26/21 **9:00 a.m.** † **Steven Wanda** req. by Fr. Michael Wanda  
**11:00 a.m.** ● **Florinda Freeman** req. by John Dominici  
‡ **Albert Gerstbauer** req. by J. Hornung-Starr  
‡ **Amalia Alpasan** req. by Myrna Ledda

● Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

a happy & healthy new year 2022 to all!

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE



is observed on New Year's Day, this **Saturday, Jan. 1**. Pray for peace in your family, your community, and in our world. In the Catholic community, New Year's is the feast of **Solemnity of Mary, Mater Dei**, which is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

→ **FREE 2022 FAMILY CALENDARS** are available at the O'Hare and Midway Airport Chapels on side tables.

The holy family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—December 26, 2021  
Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. — 1 John 3:2a

## FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*. **Second Reading** — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21* [12-17].

**Gospel** — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessings & best wishes go out to **Fr. Jim O'Brien** Wednesday, **Dec. 29** and **Mike Brennan** Saturday, **Jan. 1**.

- 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

### Holy Family Sunday, December 26, 2021

✦ **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)

### Monday, December 27, 2021

✦ **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)

### Tuesday December 28, 2021

✦ **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)

### Wednesday, December 29, 2021

✦ **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)

### Thursday, December 30, 2021

✦ **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)

### Friday, December 31, 2021

✦ **We Remember:** **ST. SYLVESTER:** his 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)

### Happy New Year! Saturday, January 1, 2022

✦ **We Remember:** **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God;** New Year's Day; World Day of Peace. "*But when the right time finally came, God sent his own Son. He came as the son of a human mother...*" (**Gal. 4:4**). The early Church replaced the pagan feast of the New Year, dedicated to the god Janus, with this feast honoring the Mother of God. Even before **Pope Sergius** introduced four Marian feasts in the **7th century** (the **Birth of Mary**, the **Annunciation**, the **Purification** and the **Assumption**), the octave of Christmas was celebrated in Rome in honor of the Maternity of Mary. In later centuries, the feast of the **Circumcision of Our Lord** came to be observed Jan. 1, but the General Roman Calendar promulgated by **Pope Paul VI on Feb. 14, 1969**, reinstated the Marian character of this commemoration on the octave day of Christmas. In his **1974** encyclical, **Marialis Cultus**, Pope Paul said that this celebration "is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt



the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the holy Mother...through whom we were found worthy...to receive the Author of life. It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewed adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. For this reason...we have instituted **World Day of Peace**, an observance that is gaining increasing support and is already bringing forth fruits of peace in the hearts of many." (D,S)

✦ In **1189**, the death of **BL. HENRY OF CLAIRVAUX**, a Cistercian abbot and cardinal who was active in both Church and state affairs. He was selected Pope but refused the honor. (W) • In **1484**, birth of **HULDRICH ZWINGLI** at Wildhaus, in the Toggenburg valley of the canton of St. Gallen. Zwingli was the leader of the **Protestant reformation in Switzerland**; he died in **1531**.

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At the center of our being is a point of nothingness that is untouched by sin and by illusion, a point of pure truth, a point or spark which belongs entirely to God, which is never at our disposal, from which God disposes of our lives, which is inaccessible to the fantasies of our mind or the brutalities of our own will. This little point of nothingness and of absolute poverty is the pure Glory of God in us. It is so to speak His name written in us, as our poverty, as our indigence, as our dependence, as our sonship. It is like a pure diamond, blazing with the invisible light of heaven. It is in everybody, and if we could see it, we would see these billions of points of light coming together in the face and blaze of a sun that would make all the darkness and cruelty of life vanish completely....I have no program for this seeing. It is only given. But the gate of heaven is everywhere.

— Thomas Merton, "Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander"

Peace and union are the most necessary of all things for men who live in common, and nothing serves so well to establish and maintain them as the forbearing charity whereby we put up with another's defects. There is no one who has not his faults, and who is not in some way a burden to others, whether he be a superior or a subject, an old man or a young, a scholar or a dunce. — *St. Robert Bellarmine*