

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports
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Week of December 27, 2020—January 2, 2021

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. We have implemented a modified schedule of Catholic Mass and Protestant Worship Services. Everyone, of course, 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:

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:

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. 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

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Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **Maidyarem Gahambar**, a Zoroastrian mid-winter festival in honor of the animal kingdom, begins Thursday, **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 2020 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

→ Birthday blessings & best wishes go out to **Fr. Jim O'Brien** Tuesday, **Dec. 29** and **Mike Brennan** Friday, **Jan. 1**.
→ **Deacon Luis and Ludivina Trevino** celebrate their **55th wedding anniversary** this Tuesday, **Dec. 29**.

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

12/26/20 4:00 p.m. † Bernice Fortini req. by James & Cynthia Oskroba
6:00 p.m. • Alwyn Joshy req. by Alwyn Joshy

12/27/20 9:00 a.m. • For USA & Donald Trump req. by Richard F. Saunders
11:00 a.m. † Arian McLaughlin req. by John & Susie Schneider

12/28/20 11:30 a.m. • Respect for Life req. by Robert Kurtz
12/29/20 11:30 a.m. • Regina Gatta req. by Aida Zaniolo
12/30/20 11:30 a.m. † Megan Starsiak by Dr. Mary Starsiak/Herbert Manos
12/31/20 11:30 a.m. † Dominic Sendi req. by Vincent Lappano
01/01/21 11:30 a.m. † Chanchal Sabin req. by Alwyn Joshy

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

12/27/20 9:00 a.m. † Charles & Mary Nardine - Steve & Barbara Ohtnicky
11:00 a.m. • In Honor of Our Veterans req. by Grateful Americans
01/01/21 11:30 a.m. • Respect for Life req. by Robert Kurtz

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

A Happy & Healthy New Year 2021 to All!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE is observed on New Year's Day, this **Friday, 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 **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**, a holy day of obligation for Catholics. Masses will be celebrated at **11:30 a.m. New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1**, at both **ORD & MDW**.

PROTESTANT HOLIDAY WORSHIP will be conducted at **8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 1**, at **MDW only**.

→ **FREE 2021 FAMILY CALENDARS** are available at the O'Hare and Midway Airport Chapels on side tables.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – December 27, 2020

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples. — *Luke 2:30-31*

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimaginable life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105*. **Second Reading** — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*. **Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

FEAST OF FAITH— Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food. This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vestiture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TIME -Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of. —Benjamin Franklin



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

Holy Family Sunday, December 27, 2020

✦ **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)

Monday December 28, 2020

✦ **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)

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

✦ **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)

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

✦ **We Remember: ST. ANYSIA** (c. 304), a Christian girl living in Thesalonica, 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)

Thursday, December 31, 2020

✦ **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! Friday, January 1, 2021

✦ **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 su-



preme 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 elected Pope but refused the honor. (W) • In **1484**, birth of **HULDRYCH 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**.

Saturday, January 2, 2021

✦ **We Remember: ST. BASIL** (330-379), **ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN** (c.330-390). "Byzantine saints are not very well known by most Catholics. They lived in a far different age, in a strange and different civilization. The Byzantine Empire was the first Christian nation, and most of the great events of the early Church took place there: the first Councils, the first great Doctors of the Church, the first great theological developments.

"Saints Basil and Gregory bear witness to the rich diversity of the Church. Their lives and their teachings are part of our Catholic heritage. St. Basil is the great father of monasticism, and St. Gregory is one of the great masters of mystical theology. They served God in their own age with the best tools they could find, and left their mark upon their century and upon their times.

"St. Basil stood up to the emperor, lashing at him for his inhumanity and lack of Christian principle. *No one*, said the emperor, *has ever spoken to me like that*. Apparently, said St. Basil, *you have never met a Catholic bishop*. This rare kind of courage, born of faith, was badly needed in those early days when the Church was in danger of being crushed by hostile forces. In Basil and Gregory, the Faith found worthy champions." -Blaise Schauer, O.P. (D)

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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

CHICAGO AIRPORTS CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY PUBLISHES MASS INTENTIONS in the O'Hare and Midway Airport Chapel bulletins each week. Requesting a Mass intention is a traditional and meaningful way to honor a deceased loved one, or to offer a thoughtful message of sympathy to the bereaved. Special intentions for the living may be requested for one who is ill, as well as to observe special occasions, such as anniversaries and birthdays, or simply in thanksgiving. "Mass Intention Offering" slips are available on the vestibule table, online at <http://www.cacc.us>, or call the chapel office weekdays at 773-686-2636.

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