

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago



Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports

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Week of December 31, 2023 – January 6, 2024

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

Interfaith Calendar & Events

- **January 1, 2024: Mary, Mother of God** - Catholic Christian; Feast Day of **St Basil** - Orthodox Christian; **Shogatsu/Gantan-sai** (New Years) - Shinto; Feast of the **Holy Name of Jesus** - Orthodox.
- **January 5, 2024: Twelfth Night** - Christian; **Guru Gobindh Singh birthday** - Sikh. Guru Gobind Singh was the 10th Sikh guru of Nanak and founder of the Khalsa.
- **January 6, 2024: Epiphany** - Christian; **Feast of the Epiphany** (Theophany) - Orthodox Christian; **Dia de los Reyes** (Three Kings Day) - Christian. Known as the Theophany in Eastern Christianity, this feast day commemorates the visit of the Magi, Jesus' baptism, and the Wedding at Cana. Also known as Three Kings' Day or Little Christmas. • Source: www.interfaith-calendar.org/2024.html



Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Birthday blessing go out to **Mike Brennan** Monday, Jan. 1.

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/30/23 4:00 p.m.** • **Norma Scroggins** req. by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McNeill
6:00 p.m. • **Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish**
† **BiJu** req. by Alwyn Joshy
- 12/31/23 9:00 a.m.** † **Emanuele Morso** req. by Emanuele V. Morso
11:00 a.m. † **Brian J. Allen** req. by Katherine L. Allen
• **Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish**
- 01/01/24 11:30 a.m.** † **Kathleen Saxton** req. by Judy Heedt Diehl
01/02/24 11:30 a.m. † **Chancellor Sabu** req. by Alwyn Joshy
01/03/24 11:30 a.m. † **Rose Ellen McKenna** req. by John & Susie Schneider
01/04/24 11:30 a.m. • **Kollerman & LaVelle Families** req. by Mark
01/05/24 11:30 a.m. • **Caren Cosilck** req. by Carl Coslick

MMW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

- 12/31/23 9:00 a.m.** • **Bartholomew Timm** req. by Bartholomew Timm
11:00 a.m. • **Dana Potts** req. by Dana & Julie Potts
• **Emily Potts** req. by Dana & Julie Potts

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MMW Airport Chapel
Concourse C, Mezzanine Level
(Inside Security Checkpoint)

Catholic Mass: Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP:

Sundays - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

WEEKDAYS—MONDAY - FRIDAY, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m.

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ORD Airport Chapel
Terminal 2, Mezzanine Level
(Outside Security Checkpoint)

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.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP—See Website for Schedule

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Happy New Year 2024 to All!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE is observed on New Year's Day, this **Monday, January 1, 2024**. Pray for peace in your family, your community, and in our world.



Since the **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**, January 1, 2024, falls on a Monday this year, it is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Mass on Monday, Jan. 1, will be celebrated at **11:30 a.m.** at ORD.

In 2024, since the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** is celebrated on **January 7**, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is transferred to the following Monday, **January 8**, with only one reading before the Gospel.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – December 31, 2023

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

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high.

In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

— from "Thoughts in Solitude" by Thomas Merton

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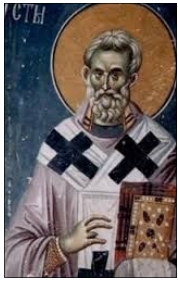


This Week in the Life of the Church – Feast Days and Notable Events in Church History

The choice of heroes, models and leaders can have a lasting effect on our development, and the Church has always honored the example of holiness set by the saints. In these brief sketches, we commemorate our sisters and brothers in Christ who have shaped the life of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Letters following entries refer to the bibliography below.

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31, 2023

+ 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 had 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)



New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2024

Happy New Year! + 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 elected 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. **• In 1894**, the birth of **Archbishop Edward Hunkeler** in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. He was ordained in 1919 and served as pastor at two parishes before being appointed pastor of Omaha's **Saint Cecilia Cathedral**. In 1945 Father Hunkeler was named bishop of Grand Island, Nebraska. After ably serving the people of Nebraska for 32 years, he was transferred as bishop to the diocese of Kansas City and when **Pope Pius XII** elevated Kansas City to an archdiocese in 1952, he named Bishop Hunkeler as its first archbishop, a post he held with distinction for the next 17 years. He resigned in 1969 at age 75, the year of his golden jubilee as a priest. (W)

• In 2001, two men attacked worshippers with machetes in a cathedral on the island of **St. Lucia**, setting them ablaze using gasoline and a blowtorch, and killing an Irish nun, **Sr. Theresa Egan**, 72. According to press reports, the two men, who identified themselves as Rastafarians, told the police that they had been sent by God to combat corruption in the Roman Catholic Church.

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

+ 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." -Blase Schauer, O.P. (D)

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

+ We Remember: ST. GENEVIEVE (c.422-500). Today's saint was born near Paris and spent her childhood tending sheep like the other shepherd children of her region, but at the age of seven, she met the saintly **Bishop Germaine (of Auxerre)**, who blessed and encouraged her. At 15, Genevieve received the veil from the bishop of Paris. She was blessed with the power of visions and the gift of prophecy. When Paris was occupied by the Franks and afterwards threatened by the Huns, St. Genevieve encouraged the people to remain firm and steadfast, to watch the enemy, to fast and do penance, and to trust in God for their welfare. She has always been considered the special protectress and patroness of Paris. (D,B)

Thursday, January 4, 2024

+ We Remember: ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821). Today we celebrate the feast of the first American-born saint. She lived in Baltimore and was a wife, mother of five children, widow, teacher, and founder of the first American sisterhood - the **Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph**. Born in New York and raised a devout Episcopalian, Elizabeth received an excellent education, and from her early years manifested an unusual concern for the poor. A socialite who attended George Washington's inauguration, she was widowed at age 31. In 1805, she was received into the Church, and in 1806 confirmed by **BISHOP JOHN CARROLL** of Baltimore. Besides founding the Sisters of Charity, Elizabeth is considered by some as the initiator of the American parochial school system. She was beatified in 1963 and canonized 30 years ago, in 1975. (D,B)

Friday, January 5, 2024

+ We Remember: ST. JOHN NEUMANN (1811-1860). In 1836, about 15 years after the death of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, John Neumann came to the U.S. from Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of New York. He labored in the district of Niagara until 1840, when he became a Redemptorist...the first to make religious profession in the United States. He labored in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio and the American frontier. In 1852, at age 41, he was ordained bishop of Philadelphia, where he worked zealously for the establishment of parochial schools and of parishes for immigrants from Europe. He also inaugurated **40 Hours Devotion** in the United States. Possessing a special skill in languages, by the end of his life he had mastered 12. Bishop Neumann had a special love for children, the Sisters and the immigrants. He is the first bishop from the United States to be canonized a saint (by Pope Paul VI in 1977). (D,S,B)



• Twelfth Night, Dia de los Reyes, "the Day of Three Kings" is always celebrated twelve days after Christmas, on the evening of January 5. It is this evening that marks the arrival of the Magi's visit Bethlehem to visit to the Infant Jesus. The twelve days of Christmas end with the Feast of Epiphany, also called "The Adoration of the Magi" or "The Manifestation of God," especially important to Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholics. It is known as the day of the Three Kings (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar), who brought gifts to the newborn baby. The Day of Three Kings is a religious holiday that is widely celebrated in many Hispanic cultures – Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American – as Dia de los Reyes. Like many children in North America, who leave cookies for Santa, some children leave their shoes out on the night of January 5. On January 6, children receive gifts, and donations are collected for the unemployed and local charities. The last day of Christmastide is highly celebrated with its own traditions, rituals, and symbols.

Saturday, January 6, 2024

+ We Remember: BLESSED ANDRE BESSETTE (1845-1937). Today's saint was the founder of **St. Joseph's Oratory** in Montreal, Canada, perhaps the world's principle shrine to St. Joseph. "**Frere Andre**" was eighth child in a family of 12, and was orphaned at the age of 12; he tried his hand at several trades but was not successful with any of them. He could barely read and write and was sickly most of his life. At age 15, he became a Brother of the Holy Cross, but was rejected at the end of the novitiate. The bishop of Montreal, however, insisted that Br. Andre be allowed to make his religious profession. For 40 years, he worked as a porter at the College of Notre Dame, until he was needed full time at the shrine of St. Joseph. People from all over Canada came to him for cures and spiritual direction, and he has been credited with thousands of cures. The Oratory was solemnly dedicated in 1955 and raised to the rank of a minor basilica. If one were to seek the outstanding virtue of Br. Andre, it was his humility. He once said: "I am ignorant. If there were anyone more ignorant, the good God would choose him in my place." And when the power of healing was attributed to him, he responded: "It is St. Joseph who cures. I am only his little dog." (S) **• In 1412**, the birth of **St. Joan of Arc** in Domremy, France; patron of France. **• In 1494**, the first formal Mass in the New World. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Bernardo Boyl who accompanied Christopher Columbus on his second voyage. (W) **• In 1895**, publication of the encyclical **Longinqua (on Catholicism in the United States)** written to the bishops of the U.S. by **Pope Leo XIII**. (W)

