



Paulist Center Boston

Attentive to the Holy Spirit and nourished by vibrant liturgy, we are a Catholic community that welcomes all, fosters healing and reconciliation, and acts for justice.



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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

***SPECIAL COVID-19 EDITION
OF BULLETIN***

DEAR FRIENDS ON THE JOURNEY,

We continue in our “shut down” mode, with the following:

- All regularly scheduled Masses at the Paulist Center have been suspended until further notice
 - Lenten Taizé prayer on Tuesday nights have been cancelled
 - Most meetings have been cancelled through the middle of April
 - All Religious Education Programs are suspended until further notice
 - Our Food Pantry will go forward, adjusting their distribution to “on sidewalk” by our wonderful volunteers.
 - The Wednesday Night Supper Club is going forward, shifting, however, to a “takeout meal in a sack” distributed by our wonderful volunteers.
- Our Guests, for the time being, will not be entering the building.



The purpose of this missive is to “touch base” with you and share with you a small bit of our Paulist Center life. Last weekend, some folks associated with the annual family retreat got together **virtually for prayer**. Their prayers of the faithful, many offered by the youth, were the following:

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| • Protect our families | • For all to stay safe |
| • Help us find a vaccine | • Help for our President |
| • With schools closed, help the kids who don't have food at home get it | • For people who depend on others to earn their money |
| • For all the people with corona | • For people and organizations that will be affected by the economic downturn |
| • Those who take care of the sick | • For people making hard decisions |
| • For my 92-year-old grandma | • For those who minister at the Paulist Center |
| • For all grandparents and the elderly and frail | • For all our families, that we may be patient and kind with one another |
| • For everyday losses and suffering, for the dying | • For those who have no one to pray for them, those without families who are alone and isolated |
| • For all students, for high school and college seniors who will miss their graduations | |
| • For those stuck in airports | |



What would you add? Please join your fellow community members in these intercessions.

Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form, found in the welcome brochure at the entranceway to the Chapel or on our website. You may also call the Reception Desk at 617-742-4460. After returning the form, a staff member will contact you.



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WELL, WHAT CAN I DO IN LIEU OF SUNDAY MASS?

- Consult the Paulist Fathers' omnibus website page <<http://paulist.org/WatchMass>>
- The publishers of *Give Us This Day*, with its meditations and Sunday and Weekday Scripture readings, is a wonderful resource: To support our community's prayer, *Give Us This Day* has made available at **no charge** a digital file of their periodical, which includes daily Mass texts. Visit <giveusthisday.org> and select "Digital" in the upper right of the screen. While it is not a replacement for community worship, this resource will support you during this challenging time. Please share this resource with friends and family.
- Similarly, *Magnificat* (<https://us.magnificat.net/>) is offering the same: "During this challenging time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. *Magnificat* is honored to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home."

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I conclude with the wise words of St. Teresa of Avila:

*Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall
never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.*

And let us pray for/with one another.



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I will be sending out something every Thursday or Friday as the "shut down" continues.

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