



# 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.



OCTOBER 22 - 23, 2022  
30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
5:00pm	10:00am 6:00pm

### WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

**Monday – Friday**  
12:05pm



On behalf of the entire Paulist Center Community, we thank all of our volunteers who served in the following groups during the worst of the pandemic, March 2020 through August 2022. Words cannot adequately express our gratitude!

- † Hospitality ministers, music ministers, lectors, livestream production managers, art & environment committee, and liturgical dance ministers for allowing us to celebrate Mass even while separated.
- † Family Zoom Liturgy of the Word leaders, LGBTQ+ Group, Struggling to Stay Catholic Group, and Rosary Circle leaders for online prayer opportunities.
- † Pastoral Council and other volunteers who helped with services and events held on Boston Common.
- † Wednesday Night Supper Club and Food Pantry volunteers for continuing to serve our neighbors in need.
- † Catechists and instructors for our Family Religious Education and Marriage Preparation programs.

We will recognize and bless them this weekend, October 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, followed by a light reception after each Mass. Please join us!



## “THE CHRISTMAS STORY”

The planning of “The Christmas Story” for this year is underway! It will again take place as a prelude to the Christmas Concert, on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**. There are **two group rehearsals** in which all children in the cast will participate: **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1-3:30pm**, and **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-3:30pm**. This is an official casting call for **Angels! Shepherds! Barnyard animals!** If any children or teens would like to participate, please let **Christine Tardiff** know by emailing [cetardiff@gmail.com](mailto:cetardiff@gmail.com) by the end of this week!

## FAMILY ZOOM LITURGY OF THE WORD

The next Zoom Family Liturgy of the Word is 5pm this Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

It's a great opportunity for people, especially families with children, to discuss the readings and share their gratuities & concerns. It's also an occasion for women in our community to exercise a larger liturgical role. Zoom link will be in the Friday electronic Missive, or email **Elianna** at [eliannajoella@gmail.com](mailto:eliannajoella@gmail.com) for the link.

*Welcome!* If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](http://www.paulistcenter.org). 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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We pray for our Hindu, Jain, and Sikh neighbors celebrating Diwali on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

May their day be free of darkness and abundant with light!



## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



## NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> IS THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS!

Please join us for this festive celebration. We will have Mass at 12:05pm without music and Mass at 7pm with music.

## COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

The Commemoration of All Souls will be celebrated on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:05pm. This Mass will feature recorded music and time for reflection on our loved ones who have gone before us. It will last approximately 45 minutes.



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY MONTHLY DINNER - DATE CHANGE

This month's Young Adult Ministry dinner has been **changed to next Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** (previously scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>.)



All those 21 – 39 years old are invited to join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for dinner following the 6pm Mass.

If you are new, or returning to Mass in-person, we would love to meet you!

Email Mairead, our Young Adult Minister at [mairread@paulistcenter.org](mailto:mairread@paulistcenter.org) for more info or if you need any dietary accommodations. See you next week!

## RACIAL JUSTICE EVENT

Our first intergenerational event on racial justice was a huge success!

Our auditorium was filled with enthusiastic learners - young and old – who explored concepts like prejudice, stereotypes, and discrimination to better understand how to work for racial justice.



A huge thanks to Raoul Vincent, our hospitality minister extraordinaire, who is always working hard in the background on these events!

Our next gathering is on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in which we will use the story of Cesar Chavez to break open concepts of discrimination. Please join us!

## THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB IS BACK INSIDE!

Since Covid shut us down in March of 2020, we've been serving our guests takeout meals from the front doors of our chapel.



This past Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, marked the first time that our guests had the opportunity to be back in community: sitting in a safe space, talking with friends, and eating a hot, delicious meal.

Thank you to our tireless volunteers who not only switched gears during the pandemic, but got up and running to welcome back our guests with open arms!

## COMMUNITY COFFEE



**T**here will be no Community Coffee on October 30<sup>th</sup>.  
If you would like to help with coffees for future dates (including November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>), please contact Fr. Rich, [rich@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rich@paulistcenter.org).

## COME TO THE LORD WITH A HUMBLE HEART

**Mairead Murphy**  
*Young Adult Minister*

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus emphasizes humility — the importance to pray in humility and have humility with each other. When I initially read this Gospel reading, I immediately recalled memories of other Catholics who I felt were self-righteous and judging my prayer life. I felt very insecure and inadequate because I didn't pray like them. Then, I paused and wondered how often I judge others. We all do it and Jesus is making us check ourselves this week. Like the Pharisee, when have we said, "Thank God I'm not like *those* Catholics or *those* people?" Everyone's faith journey and experience in the Church is different. We can't judge them because their prayer rituals and devotions are different from our own. It's unrealistic to think that everyone prays the same way.

When it comes to humility in prayer, I always think I approach it with a humble heart. Don't we all? After sitting with the image of the tax collector, a man who may have been in deep distress or anguish, I also wondered when have I come to the Lord and just offered it up or surrendered. For me, it wasn't hard to think back to the beginning of the pandemic when I was living and working in the L'Arche community in Seattle. I felt very isolated and anxious and one type of prayer that my community enjoyed was body movement prayer. It was something universal even for our Deaf members. My fellow assistants often did it during our Zoom team meetings, because we were carrying so much and couldn't fully express and process all that we were feeling. This Sunday's psalm reminds me of those times: "...the Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves."

I carried this practice into Lent of 2021. Originally, I wanted to journal every day and open my Bible more frequently, but quickly failed at that. Every entry was the same because I was still holding so much pandemic grief. I was struggling with my ADHD so much so that I couldn't focus on reading a passage or listening to an audio reflection. Eventually, I turned to body movement prayer where I would do four yoga-like poses in a cycle while listening to instrumental music or a mantra in a different language. Even though life felt very slow and isolated, it was important for me to show up in prayer even if I felt like I had nothing new to say to God. I could at least offer the Lord my struggles and use these body postures to clear my mind to wait and listen to Him. A line from Sirach says, "The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds," and that is what it felt like. Over time, I realized that this really worked for me and I started to incorporate a psalm or Gospel passage before I started my movements. It became more contemplative over the coming months and I explained it to others in the community that I felt like a glow stick that had been cracked open and I was radiating light. I felt very alive in the Holy Spirit.

Throughout this pandemic, many of us have learned what our mental and emotional needs are, but is it time for another spiritual check in with ourselves? What do we need at this point in 2022 to authentically and humbly show up in prayer? If you have ADHD, or other types of neurodiversity, what does your brain and sensory system need for you to show up in prayer? Maybe praying in neurotypical ways isn't always effective. This is a reminder for everyone to not box ourselves into one or two types of prayer when we are constantly cycling through different seasons of this pandemic. It's important to always be incorporating our whole selves into prayer and not judge others if their approach is different from ours. As we spend time in prayer this week, let us ask the Lord to show us when we have been self-righteous so we may humble ourselves; and may we continue to humbly approach the Lord with our whole hearts.



## COMMUNITY GIFT

**O**ur Community Gift is the Paulist Center's tradition of giving 5% of our annual offertory to other charitable organizations.

The weekend of **October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** we lift up **The Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Through the prayers and offerings from Catholics worldwide, the Society is building Church communities in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote areas of Latin America.

Envelopes will be in the pews if you wish to make an additional donation. Please make checks payable to "Society for the Propagation of the Faith" and notate "World Mission Sunday" on the check memo.

### Two ways to give to the Paulist Center:

1. To make a one-time or recurring donation to the Center using your bank account or credit card, click on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter>
2. Giving by text: Text a whole dollar donation to **844-899 7511**; this will be designated as your "Weekend Offering."



## BEWARE SPEAR PHISHING

**I**nternet scammers are getting more sophisticated! This past week, several PCC members received fake email messages, claiming to be from staff and other members, asking for gift cards or personal information. **DO NOT CLICK ON LINKS OR RESPOND!** Here's [a guide on techniques currently used by scammers.](#)

## IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

**BREAKING NEWS: SYNOD EXTENDED!** On October 16, Pope Francis announced that the **Synod of Synodality process**, originally scheduled for 2021-2023, **has been extended for an additional year, with the culminating meeting scheduled for October 2024.** We have an excellent opportunity in Boston to learn what this is about! The highest-ranking woman in the history of Church leadership, **Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XMCI**, speaks on **"Becoming a Synodal Church: Issues & Challenges" 5:30-7:30pm, Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Boston College.** Register [here](#) to attend virtually or in-person.

**VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL (VOTF)** celebrates **"20 Years of Keeping the Faith, Changing the Church" Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am - 5pm at the Boston Marriott, Newton.** It includes Mass (with music by Norm and some of our Paulist Center musicians), a keynote, & updates on major programs. VOTF was founded with the help of many Paulist Center Community members and **our member, Donna Doucette, is the executive director.** She would love to see you there! Among other things, VOTF has supported survivors of clergy abuse, priests of integrity, and spearheaded major initiatives on lay participation and financial transparency in the Catholic church. Visit [votf.org](http://votf.org) for info and to register.



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