



# 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.

MARCH 4 - 5, 2023

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

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

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

<b>Monday – Friday</b>
12:05pm

## VIRTUAL BUSY PERSONS RETREAT (BPR)

The BPR, Sunday, March 12 through Thursday, March 16, will assist you with personal Lenten prayer and reflection time on your own schedule.

Register by Monday, March 6 at:  
[tinyurl.com/LentBPR23](https://tinyurl.com/LentBPR23)



For more information email  
Fr. Ed at [ed@paulistcenter.org](mailto:ed@paulistcenter.org).

## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

Saturday, March 4, 5pm

[YouTube Link](#)

[Order of Worship Link](#)

Sunday, March 12, 10am

[YouTube Link](#)

[Order of Worship Link](#)

## WEDNESDAY LENTEN PRAYER

All are invited to attend our  
**Wednesday Lenten Prayer**  
led by members of the LGBTQ+ ministry.

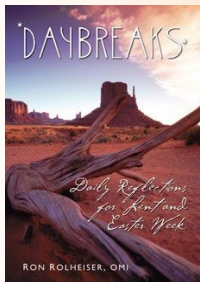


The prayer service will be held via **Zoom**  
on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-7:30pm:  
March 8, 15, and 22.

Zoom link: [bit.ly/LentOnlinePrayers2023](https://bit.ly/LentOnlinePrayers2023)  
Meeting ID: 827 2190 5689  
Passcode: 366636

## DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

The daily reflection series for Lent and Easter Week, "**Daybreaks**" by the world-renowned spiritual writer **Fr. Ron Rolheiser**, provides scripture readings and meditations for each day of Lent and Easter Week.



Booklets are available in the chapel.  
Suggested free-will offering is \$3.

## INTERGENERATIONAL RACIAL JUSTICE AND LENTEN GATHERING - THIS SUNDAY

The Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG) and the Family Religious Education Program (FREP) invite all to our next **intergenerational event, this Sunday, March 5, 11:15am in the auditorium.**



We will start with **Community Coffee**. Afterwards, we'll watch a **short film entitled, "Good Hair"** with discussion following.

For the second half of our hour, we will mark the beginning of Lent by **creating Resurrection Gardens, a beloved family request!**



Please join us!  
All are welcome.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

This Sunday, March 5, all grades (K-6) and the Jr. High Youth Group will go directly to the auditorium for the FREP/Intergenerational Racial Justice event, followed by the Lenten Gathering. Confirmation Teens will meet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library.

**Welcome!** If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found 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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**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE  
OUR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PAULIST CENTER AUCTION  
AN UNFORGETTABLE SHINDIG!**



**A**re you interested in getting to know other members of the Paulist Center?  
Are you looking to contribute your time, talents, or treasures to support the community?

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29!** After 3 years apart, we are getting “Back in the Saddle Again” to celebrate The Paulist Center Auction, our largest annual fun and fundraiser, in-person! Whether you’re new to the Paulist Center, returning, or beginning to come back to in-person events for the first time, we sincerely hope that you will join us.

**Here are some ways you can help:**

- ✦ Donate an item or service to the auction.  
Examples range from event tickets and vacation home stays to making a fancy dessert to hosting members for a boat ride!
- ✦ Sign up to be a financial Sponsor.
- ✦ Volunteer leading up to or on the day of the auction.
- ✦ Buy and/or sell raffle tickets.
- ✦ Purchase a ticket to attend (available starting March 25). Invite friends and family to reserve a table together!

Please see the Bulletin Insert for detailed information on Auction Sponsorship, Volunteering, and Donations. **To learn more about the Auction and access online signups, visit [PaulistCenter.Org/Auction2023](https://PaulistCenter.Org/Auction2023).** Feel free to contact **Auction Co-Chairs - Tara & Michael Rousseau and Anna Costello Duran** - with additional questions or donation information at [Auction@PaulistCenter.Org](mailto:Auction@PaulistCenter.Org).

## **CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**T**he Archdiocese of Boston takes up the Catholic Appeal the weekends of March 4-5 and 11-12. In the words of Cardinal Sean O'Malley, "The Appeal is the primary means by which we carry Christ's light into darkness and care for our brothers and sisters spiritually, emotionally, and physically."

We at the Paulist Center especially commend that the **Appeal helps to fund Mission Grammar School (MGS) in Roxbury and the iTHIRST program for addiction recovery.** MGS serves children as young as three months old, offering a support system for families in an underserved community. iTHIRST has grown into a worldwide ministry, providing training and ongoing support for laity and clergy to become Certified Spiritual Companions to accompany addicted individuals and their families along the road to recovery.

You will find envelopes in the vestibule for the Catholic Appeal.

**PLEASE NOTE: Checks should be made payable to "The Catholic Appeal"**

You may also give electronically by going to the **Archdiocese of Boston's Catholic Appeal giving page:**  
<https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/ways-to-give/>

## PICKING THE RIGHT VERB FOR OUR GOALS FOR LENT

Rev. Richard R. Andre, C.S.P.

*Director*

We believe that the Transfiguration likely took place on Mt. Tabor, only 8 miles from Jesus' childhood home of Nazareth. From there, one has a sweeping view of the beautiful Jezreel Valley, one of the most important travel routes in the ancient world, connecting Africa, Asia, and Europe. Whoever controlled the Jezreel Valley – and its tax revenues – controlled intercontinental trade.

From Mt. Tabor, Jesus, Peter, James, and John overlooked the scene of many important military battles over the millennia – those waged by Egyptians against Canaanites and by Philistines against Israelites. Did Jesus know that it was here that Saladin would defeat the Crusaders, that Napoleon would conquer the Ottomans, and that the Book of Revelation would predict the final triumph of good over evil?

The Jezreel Valley is a place not only of war and death, but also of beauty and life. Two million years ago, it was an underwater channel that connected the Mediterranean Sea to other major bodies of water. As geological forces raised this land upwards out of the water, it became the best farming land in the region, the very “heart” of the Holy Land.

On Mt. Tabor, things probably seemed easy to Peter, James, and John. Jesus was God's Beloved. Victory was guaranteed. Who would want to go back down into the valley? Jesus had already told them that they were headed to Jerusalem for him to suffer and die. Why pass through this valley where there was death, hard work to do, and many previous defeats?

This weekend is a great time to consider three different verbs we can use regarding our Lenten goals: *change*, *transform*, and *transfigure*. To *change* means to become different, perhaps only temporarily. To *transform* means to become thoroughly or dramatically different. It's still a neutral term: transformation may be thorough, but it's not necessarily better. But to be *transfigured* means to be elevated, to become thoroughly or dramatically more beautiful.

This Lent, are we praying for our lives to be changed, transformed, or transfigured? Likewise, are we praying for our **world** to be changed, transformed, or transfigured? Even when we use the verb in a positive sense, **changing** the world is relatively easy. We do our part to build towards an easy-to-see, straightforward goal, and we trust that others will do their part, too. But to **transfigure** the world requires the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must build consensus towards a harder-to-see goal with no clear pathway to achieve it. Such a goal requires us to believe that God will sustain us at every moment of the endeavor, because we know that we cannot achieve it otherwise.

From one generation to the next, it's easy to see the historical **changes** from Mt. Tabor: the flags flying in the region keep changing. But it requires a longer view to appreciate the transfiguration of the area. As God has elevated the land of the Jezreel Valley over the eons, it has literally become more beautiful.

Our mountaintop experience on the Second Sunday of Lent is temporary. We need to return to the valleys of challenge, of risk, of engaging with people who hold differing viewpoints. We must continually ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us. May we find ways to work together to achieve our dreams for a better world, even when the paths for reaching that place are not yet clear.



# A CREATION-CARING LENT

Fasting From Overconsumption  
and  
Living More Simply



## MARCH 5: WEEK TWO – WATER

Our Lenten practice this week is to conserve and protect the gift of water.  
(source: Lent 4.5, Passionist Earth and Spirit Center, Louisville, KY)

### CONSIDER:

- Pray for appreciation of the gift of water.
- Conserve household water by turning off running water when you are not actually using it, when washing dishes or hands, shaving, brushing teeth, etc.
- Bigger picture: support legislation for climate action.

## COMMUNITY GIFT

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

The weekend of March 4 and 5 we raise up Church in Africa, and Central and Eastern Europe which funds projects in 28 countries to build the pastoral capacity of the Church and to rebuild and restore faith in these countries.

### 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". **THANK YOU!**



## LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

Low-gluten hosts are available upon request.

Please see the presider in the Chapel or Sacristy **fifteen minutes before Mass** and **indicate where you will be seated in the Chapel** so the communion minister in that section will have the low-gluten host for you at communion.



## "RICH THOUGHTS"



All of Fr. Rich's Sunday homilies are available in blog and video format at, <https://paulist.org/RichThoughts>.



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