



# 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.



**APRIL 1 - 2, 2023**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

**WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES**

**Saturday**

5pm

**Sunday**

10am

6pm

**WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES**

**Monday – Friday**

12:05pm

**CONFESSIONS**

**Monday and Friday**

11:00-11:45am,

and by appointment

## HOLY WEEK AT THE PAULIST CENTER



### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

#### Mass of the Lord's Supper

**7:00 pm\*** ([YouTube Link](#), [Order of Worship Link](#))  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

#### Seven Last Words of Christ

Ecumenical Service

**12:05 pm\*** ([YouTube Link](#), [Order of Worship Link](#))

#### Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death

**3:00 pm\*** ([YouTube Link](#), [Order of Worship Link](#))

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

#### Easter Vigil Celebration

Light, Word, Christian Initiation, & Eucharist

**8:00 pm\*** ([YouTube Link](#), [Order of Worship Link](#))

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

#### Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

**10:00 am\*** ([YouTube Link](#), [Order of Worship Link](#))

**12:00 pm**

\*Livestreamed services

## EXCEPTIONS TO OUR USUAL SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday, April 6:** no 12:05pm Mass. **Good Friday, April 7pm:** no 11am confessions. **Holy Saturday, April 8:** no 5pm Mass. **Easter Sunday, April 9:** no 6pm Mass. **Monday, April 10:** Office closed, so no confessions or Mass.

## WELCOME, NO MATTER WHAT!

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

*Director*

We're glad you're here with us today! Maybe you haven't had a regular relationship with any faith community for a while. Maybe you or a loved one has been hurt or alienated by a community of believers. Or maybe you're someone who's been coming to the Paulist Center regularly for decades. No matter what your circumstances are, you are most welcome here!

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## FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Grades K-6 will meet on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Confirmation teens will meet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library. Jr. High Youth Group will meet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor seminar room. **Please join us in praying for our first communion children and their families as they celebrate a traditional Seder in our auditorium at 11:30am.**

*Religious Education Classes will not meet on April 9 or April 16 because of Easter and Patriot's Day.*

**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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## 10 AM PALM SUNDAY MASS, APRIL 2:

If you're joining us online -

**Livestream: [link](#); Order of Worship: [link](#).**

If you're joining us in person, please join us downstairs for a **Community Coffee**.



Thanks to **Kate, Jim, Daria, Nancy, and Raoul** for organizing this!

## CREATION CARE MINISTRY

**The Creation Care ministry's meetings are open to all.**

Our next meeting is **this Sunday, April 2 at 11:30am, by zoom or in person on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Room 13.**

For the **zoom link** email:

**[paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com).**



## PAULIST CENTER AUCTION UPDATES: VISIT THE AUCTION TABLE AFTER MASS!

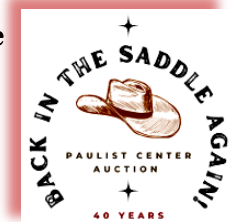
**The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Paulist Center Auction is coming around the bend on Saturday, April 29!**

For those new and returning, there is a role that everyone can take to support our biggest community-building fundraiser.

**For those out of town, we hope you'll buy a raffle ticket after Mass - you don't have to be present to win a prize!**

Meet our amazing volunteers at the **Auction table in the elevator lobby after each Mass this weekend - April 1 & 2, and the weekend of April 14 & 15.**

The Auction table is a one-stop shop to become a financial sponsor, buy tickets, and sign-up to volunteer!



Looking to do these things online? Visit **[PaulistCenter.org/Auction2023](https://PaulistCenter.org/Auction2023)** for seat tickets, sign-ups, FAQs. Contact Auction Co-Chairs at **[Auction@PaulistCenter.Org](mailto:Auction@PaulistCenter.Org)** with any questions.

***Let's get Back in the Saddle Again!***

## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



**Help us decorate with a lily or other Easter flower** in honor of a family member or friend, living or deceased. **Suggested donation is \$10.**

You can contribute at the front desk, during the week from 10:30am-4:30pm;

by using the "Flower Donation" envelopes in the pews; go to **[Donate Online](#)**, and choose

"Flower Donation" and note that it is "in honor of, or in memory of" in the space provided.



## YOUNG ADULT EASTER GATHERING



**Will you be in the Boston Area on Easter, April 9? Are you looking to gather with friends to share an Easter meal?**

All those 21-39 years old are invited to celebrate with the Paulist Center Young Adult community. **[Please add your contact info here](#)** to find the best time for the gathering.

## YOUNG ADULT - FELLOWSHIP & FUN

**Congratulations to our winning Sunday Dinner Trivia Team: the taquitos!** A big thank you to our amazing MC, **Kirk Duran**, for making the evening such a success.

All Young Adults 21-39 are invited to **Game Night Sunday Dinner on April 23 after the 6pm Mass**. If possible, please RSVP by signing up for our newsletter at: **[tinyurl.com/PCYASignUps](https://tinyurl.com/PCYASignUps)**.



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This sacred space is steeped in the history of inclusion and welcome. In the 1880s, the building that then stood at 5 Park Street housed the offices of *The Woman's Journal*, a publication that advocated for women's suffrage and the reform of child labor laws. The current structure was first built in the 1950s to educate tens of thousands of non-Catholic Bostonians about the faith, and many of them went on to join the Church. Members of this community founded the original Walk for Hunger to support our own in-house ministry to the hungry that continues to this day. The Paulist Center is known for its inclusion of divorced and separated Catholics, people identifying as LGBTQ+, and women who long for greater leadership roles within the Church. We have successfully advocated for many justice initiatives over the years. Three of our most active advocacy groups today focus on justice for immigrants, care for creation, and racial justice.

As you continue discerning how to relate to God and to organized religion, please know that we would be honored to journey with you. We are a community that values inclusion, reconciliation, healing, and justice. While the Paulist Center is a Roman Catholic community, our celebration of liturgy, our sense of community, and our emphases in preaching and programming welcome people who belong to other Christian denominations or other religious traditions, people who are formerly Catholic, as well as people who continue to fully identify as Catholic, even if they question aspects of Catholicism.

On Palm Sunday and Good Friday, we witness the complexities in how a faith community evaluates who belongs, who behaves, and who believes properly. Some leaders in the religious establishment and the Roman government felt so threatened by Jesus, the Christ, that they arranged his betrayal, railroading, abuse, torture, and execution. Yet Jesus remained true to the Almighty. The Resurrection is a victory for us all!

A closer examination of Matthew's and John's Passion narratives may surprise us, as they may not be as antisemitic as we see them depicted in many movies and in the way many churches proclaim these narratives. Throughout his gospel, John speaks of "the Jews" aiming to have Jesus killed. But as we can see in passages such as 19:6-7, John uses the phrase only to refer to those chief priests and elders who directly pushed for Jesus' death. It is they who shout "Crucify him," not the assembled crowd. Matthew speaks of "the crowd" shouting outside Pilate's balcony, but they have been manipulated by that same small group of leaders (27:20-25). As the Church has forcefully declared: "What happened in [Christ's] passion cannot be charged against all the Jews, without distinction... The Jews should not be presented as rejected or accursed by God, as if this followed from the Holy Scriptures... The Church... decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone." (*Nostra Aetate*, #4).

In a year when antisemitism is on the rise, it is worth noting the three lessons Jesus gives his disciples just before Holy Thursday (Matthew 25:1-46). Our actions – no matter how small – make a difference in how the reign of God breaks into the world. When do we contribute to evil, like Judas? When do we try to change the course of events, like Pilate's wife? When do we quietly accompany those who suffer, like Mary Magdalene? When do we wash our hands, like Pontius Pilate? As Jesus teaches about the Last Judgment, whatever we do for a brother or sister – whether we recognize it or not – we do it for Christ.

Please know that you are always welcome at the Paulist Center, no matter where you are on your faith journey. We are not a community exclusively dedicated to Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Even our unique crucifix simultaneously depicts both the agony of the Passion and the hope of the Resurrection. We hope to see you again throughout the Easter season, when we celebrate anew that nothing is impossible with God!

### **A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERFAITH PRAYER**

**2023 is one of the rare years when all three Abrahamic religions celebrate holy days simultaneously.**

**We pray for our Jewish neighbors who begin the observance of Passover on April 5.**

**We pray for our Muslim neighbors who began the month of Ramadan on March 22.**

**And, of course, we pray for all of our Western Christian neighbors who celebrate Holy Week along with us.**



## A CREATION-CARING LENT

### Fasting From Overconsumption and Living More Simply



#### APRIL 2: WEEK SIX – GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY

**O**ur Lenten practice this week is almsgiving – exploring new ways of opening our hearts.  
*(source: Lent 4.5, Passionist Earth and Spirit Center, Louisville, KY)*

#### CONSIDER:

Practice acts of kindness in your neighborhood and with strangers. Use your voice on behalf of the poor, the immigrant, the unborn, & the Earth. Support work toward climate solutions. Bigger picture: urge elected officials to sponsor legislation prioritizing justice and creation-care.

#### 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 **April 1 and 2** we raise up **Freedom Ministries, Inc.**, an organization that provides free rides so families can visit their children in prison in facilities all over the state. **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!**

#### THIRD ANNUAL "SPIRIT OF HECKER" AWARDS

**T**he Paulist Fathers will broadcast the Third Annual "Spirit of Hecker" Awards at 7:30pm on Saturday, April 22. As part of this broadcast, the Boston Paulists will honor the Paulist Center's LGBTQ+ Ministry for exemplifying the Paulist mission. Please join us for a watch party starting at 7pm in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library!

If you can help with technology or hospitality, please email [rich@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rich@paulistcenter.org) by Wednesday, April 12 with subject line "Spirit of Hecker."



Whether you watch with us or on your own, please visit [paulist.org/heckerawards](http://paulist.org/heckerawards) to make a donation to cover the broadcast costs and to enter a raffle.

#### SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING TEAM FOR THE MAY 7 WALK FOR HUNGER



**W**e've joined **Project Bread's The Walk for Hunger (2023)** to help get food relief to kids and families across Massachusetts. **Will you join our effort to get food relief to hungry kids and families in Massachusetts?** Please click here to join **our team** - *The Paulist Center: Home of Wednesday Supper Club*, or make a donation: <https://tinyurl.com/4hdsjzke>

#### SAVE THE DATES - MAY 12 - 13!

**F**or the first in-person Adult Education Program in three years!  
 Dr. Jessica Coblentz, Associate Professor at St. Mary's College at Notre Dame will facilitate a presentation focusing on Mental Health. It will be held on May 12- 13. Details to follow.



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*Please see our [website](#) for direct contact information.*