



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.



AUGUST 12 - 13, 2023 ~ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 19 - 20, 2023 ~ 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

¡GRACIAS POR TODO, HACIENDA VIEJA!

It is with joy and sadness that we will honor and celebrate our 35-year collaboration with *Hacienda Vieja* on Sunday, August 13 at the 10am Mass.

The Paulist Center has always been a dynamic place where passionate members collaborate with staff to create ministries and advocacy groups. But with limited resources and a desire to address new needs in the world, we must inevitably “sunset” ministries that have run their course. Please join us to say thanks, share memories, and enjoy delicious refreshments together!

A profound **THANK YOU** to the remaining members of the **Sister Community Committee, Judy Stover, and Gary Cunniff**, and to **all their predecessors**. We also extend our deep appreciation to the Paulist Center community for their support of the Committee and to Hacienda Vieja.

After the 10am Mass, our final Sister Community craft sale will take place out on the sidewalk. (Selling fair trade crafts has been the primary way we’ve raised funds for our sister community for 35 years!) Please take a few minutes to peruse the beautiful selections of jewelry, scarves, and Salvadoran crosses.

All proceeds will go directly to Hacienda Vieja as our final donation. Please bring cash or checks.

And so with prayers and gratitude, we conclude a chapter of solidarity with our sisters and brothers in *Hacienda Vieja*.



*Thank you,
Hacienda Vieja,
for sharing your faith and
friendship with us!*

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Join us for the Solemnity of the Assumption on **Tuesday, August 15!** It is a holy day of obligation in the United States.

Masses will be celebrated at:

- **7:55am** (spoken),
- **12:05pm** (with music), and
- **7:00pm** (livestreamed [here](#), with music)

The Solemnity of the Assumption is a feast celebrated in the Catholic Church which honors Mary, the mother of Jesus, who having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.

It's one of the best days of the liturgical year for us to contemplate the destiny God has prepared for each of us in heaven.



RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES STARTING SOON!



Do you know someone over 18 who's considering becoming Catholic? Encourage them to reach out ASAP to **Fr. Rich Andre**, who will be coordinating the 2023-24 RCIA team.

RCIA will most likely be held on Tuesday nights at 7pm, starting Sept 5 and continuing into May 2024.

You don't have to commit to becoming Catholic — or going through the entire process — if you reach out!

Do you know a Catholic over 18 who made their first communion, but was never confirmed?

Encourage them to reach out to **Fr. Rick Walsh**.

We'll celebrate Adult Confirmation some time this fall, but the class dates and times have not been set yet.



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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LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

Sunday, August 13, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Tuesday, August 15, 7pm

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, August 20, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, August 27, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



SUMMER APPEAL

Many community members have received the Summer Appeal. If you haven't received it yet, you can read it [here](#). Thank you for prayerfully considering helping us eliminate our remaining projected deficit. To donate, please visit tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter and use the **Summer Appeal** donation line; or use the envelope enclosed in the appeal mailing. **Thank you for your prayerful support!**

PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!

What good news? **The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic Faith!** Families are now registering their children to learn more about the Catholic faith. You can help them by becoming a **religious ed teacher; co-teacher** (share a class with another volunteer); or **substitute teacher for grades 1-6**, and our **Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Programs**. Catechists must possess a love of the Catholic faith, and a desire to nurture children's spiritual and religious potential. We provide training, materials, and support. Weekly classes/group gatherings are on Sundays after the 10am Mass, from late September until late May.



2023-24 FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION (FREP)

Parents! Please use this [link](#) to register online, or on our website [here](#). Registration fees are as follows: **1 child** - \$175; **2 children** - \$200; **3 children** - \$225; **4 children** - \$250. You can pay the fee **online** (Family Ministry line), or mail send a check with your registration form. ***As always, if the fee is a financial hardship, we can make other arrangements.*

Please contact Susan Rutkowski, Pastoral Minister of Family Religious Education and Social Justice, at susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426 with questions or concerns.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB - SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"Summer time, and the living is easy..." except if you're in the kitchen at the **Wednesday Night Supper Club!** Summer features our highest volume of guests and lowest number of available volunteers. The fewer people we have, the more it weakens our ability to minister to our guests by providing homelike quality meals

For the **next two months**, we are in **desperate need of help** in all areas of the Supper Club:

- **preparing the meal** (2 - 4 pm);
- **servicing** (5:30 - 6:30 pm);
- **cleaning up** (6:30 - 7:30 pm); and
- **providing desserts** (drop off 10am - 5pm Mon-Fri, or >15 min before weekend Mass).



Please email supperclubfood@gmail.com if you have questions, or mary.mctigue@gmail.com if you can help with desserts. **Thanks!**

YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS - LOTS STILL TO DO IN AUGUST!

This summer, many young adults moved to the Boston Area, for internships, summer break, or with new jobs! This August we're hosting spiritual, social, and service gatherings for young adults ages 21 - 39:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16- WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB VOLUNTEERING

Let's gather to lend a hand at the weekly Wednesday Night Supper Club! Supper Club is a Paulist Center Ministry that has been serving a sit-down meal to guests every week for over 55 years. Join us to continue this legacy of service either at **4pm to help set up**; or **5:30 to serve**, followed by **clean up starting around 6:45**. **Express interest [here](#)**. Afterward, we'll meet to enjoy a Young Adult group dinner together at a local restaurant!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 - BIBLE STUDY

Join us at the Paulist Center at **5:30 for snacks**, and at **6pm for Bible Study!** Fr. Rich has graciously offered to lead a Bible Study and discussion. **Sign up [here](#)** to help Fr. Rich prepare and so he can keep an eye out for you. We'll send an email reminder for all those who sign up with details on directions to the 6th floor meeting room.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - MONTHLY YOUNG ADULT DINNER

Join us for our **Monthly Young Adult Dinner!** We'll meet **after 6pm mass at the Paulist Center**. **Sign up [here](#)** to let us know about dietary needs or to lend a hand. We appreciate your help with meal prep, set up and clean up in advance!

Upcoming events!



SAVE THE DATE! - DAY RETREAT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

We look forward to growing with you on the retreat where we will have opportunities for team building, individual and group prayer, and reflection. More details to follow!

TODOS, TODOS, TODOS!

Fr. Richard R. Andre, CSP

Director

Our gospel passage for August 19-20 is one of the most challenging passages in Matthew. Some people say that the Canaanite woman in Matthew 15:21-28 had to **convince Jesus** to expand God's mercy. Really? Why would this be the one instance of the adult Jesus, God's Anointed One, the Christ, making a mistake until someone else corrects him?

Let's look to chapters 13 and 14 of Matthew for some help in interpreting this passage. In chapter 13, Jesus said that the reign of God was like seed sown indiscriminately all over the land, but some seed fell on good soil and produced 30, 60, or 100-fold. Then, in chapter 14, when the disciples wanted to dismiss a huge crowd of 20,000 people, Jesus said, "feed them yourselves." The disciples apparently didn't remember Jesus' teaching about the good soil, so he showed them that it was possible to feed the crowd with five loaves and two fish.

In chapter 13, Jesus said that the reign of God was like a mustard seed that grew into a mighty tree. Then, in chapter 14, Peter took several steps on the pitching surface of the stormy sea, and when he began to sink, he sank at a rate much slower than what we would expect from the force of gravity.

Today's passage is another example of how we are to bring forth the reign of God. In chapter 13, Jesus said it was like farmhands who should not try to separate the weeds from the wheat until the harvest. And yet, the disciples – perhaps because they didn't want to be bothered with strangers while on a beach vacation? – decided right then and there that the Canaanite woman was a weed. Jesus said nothing; the **disciples** begged Jesus to send her away because she was bothering **them**.

When Jesus says that he came to save the lost sheep of Israel and that it's not right to take food from children, I think he's talking to the disciples, testing them. Jesus had been spoon-feeding them about the expansiveness of God's mercy, but they fail to absorb even a morsel. The Canaanite woman understands this expansiveness. Looking at the silent, uncomprehending disciples, she points out that her request takes **nothing** from the disciples – she is taking the food that they have chosen not to eat. And Jesus, who called Peter "you of little faith," declares, "O woman, **great** is your faith!"

It's notable that the Church has paired this gospel with other readings that deal with the issue of race. In Isaiah 56:1, 6-7, God announces that justice is about to break through, and when it does, all foreigners will be welcome to worship on the LORD's mountain. Paul concludes that Jews who reject the gospel are still part of God's plan. Therefore, this combination seems to emphasize that the gospel should be interpreted in the same open and inclusive Spirit. Or, as Pope Francis said so passionately earlier this month at World Youth Day in Portugal:

There is room for everyone in the Church and, whenever there is not, then, please, we must make room, including for those who make mistakes, who fall or struggle... Do not go about hurling accusations – telling people "this is a sin" or "this is not a sin." Let everyone come... Please, do not turn the Church into a customs house: there the righteous, peoples whose lives are in order, those properly married, can enter, while everyone else remain outside. No. That is not the Church. Righteous and sinners, good and bad: everyone, everyone, everyone!

Francis then invited the crowd to repeat after him in their native language, "Everyone, everyone, everyone!" ("Todos, todos, todos!")

RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP – AUGUST 15



The Paulist Center Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG) is always looking for new team members!

Please join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, August 15 at 7pm via Zoom**. For the Zoom link and information, please email **Tom Sharkey** at sharkey.te@verizon.net. Hope to see you there!

PAULIST CENTER CREATION CARE MINISTRY



The Creation Care ministry works on: Spiritual transformation – finding God in all creation; Lifestyle change - walking the talk in personal choices; and Advocacy - working toward systemic and policy change. Next meeting is on **Thursday, September 7 at 5pm on Zoom**. All are welcome. For the Zoom link, email paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com.

Around the Community

MOUNT ALVERNIA ACADEMY (MAA)

MAA is enrolling for Preschool, Pre-K, & Kindergarten with limited availability in Grades 1-6. As a Franciscan Catholic Independent School, and a two-time Blue Ribbon School for academic excellence (2015 & 2022), MAA focuses on educating the whole child - academically, spiritually, and emotionally. For more information, please email admissions@maa.school or visit www.maa.school.

STEWARDSHIP

The Paulist Center receives no funding from outside sources. All costs to operate our ministries for both members and the wider Boston community, maintain the building, and pay our staff are supported solely by your financial donations. *We are so grateful for your financial support!*

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>, or scan the QR code.
2. Text a whole dollar donation to **844-899-7511**; this will be designated as your "Weekend Offering."



COMMUNITY GIFT

The Paulist Center gives 5% of our annual offertory to 52 other charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory.

The weekend of **August 12 and 13** we raise up **Victory Programs** which opens doors to hope, recovery, and community for individuals and families facing homelessness, addiction, or other chronic health conditions.

The weekend of **August 19 and 20** we raise up **The Society for the Propagation of the Faith**, which through the prayers and offerings from Catholics worldwide, is building Church communities in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote areas of Latin America. This includes aiding in education, health care, and social services. 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".

A LOSS (AND AN OPPORTUNITY) FOR OUR COMMUNITY

We've been so honored to have **Anna Costello Duran & Kirk Duran** as part of our community since November. **Anna became our part-time Young Adult Minister** in January, and she was also **one of the co-chairs of "Back In the Saddle,"** our 40th — and most financially successful — annual Auction. Together, Anna & Kirk have helped out on our Marriage Preparation Team, too. Happily for Anna & Kirk, but unfortunately for us, they are moving to Anna's hometown of San Luis Obispo, CA, where Kirk has just accepted a position at the local university. Anna will also be traveling for a few weeks in August, but will continue to foster welcome and connection among young adults until her last day on staff, **Sunday, September 10**. That evening, we'll offer her a special blessing — and have many more nice things to say about her — at the **6pm Mass**.



AN OPPORTUNITY

Obviously, we are currently **looking for another part-time Young Adult Minister...** and we're exploring some changes in how we do young adult ministry here, suggested by Anna in consultation with our current young adults and those who have recently "aged out" of our young adult group. **If you know anyone who might be interested in the position, email Patty at patty@paulistcenter.org for a copy of the new job description. Thanks!**

LGBTQIA COLLECTIVE



The Paulist Center is a member of the **Greater Boston Catholic LGBTQIA Collective**, which hosts a monthly online discussion for family and friends of people identifying as LGBTQ+.

At **2:00 pm Sunday, August 20**, we'll be watching a keynote from **this summer's Outreach Symposium** and discussing it afterwards.

Email **Jay** at lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org for the **Zoom** link.

GIA IS COMING BACK TO THE PAULIST CENTER!

Join us for a Summer Choral Reading Session, Tuesday, August 22, 7 - 9pm. Free registration at www.giamusic.com/srs or call **1-800-GIA-1358**.



Clinician: **Michael Silhavy**

Each guest receives a complimentary packet of octavos.

Packets are available only by attending the reading session.



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