



## 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.*

JANUARY 18 - 19, 2025 - 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES**  
**Saturday** 5pm  
**Sunday** 10am  
6pm

**WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES**  
**Monday – Friday**  
12:00pm

### CONFESSIONS

**Friday, 11:00-11:45am, and by appointment**

## CELEBRATING DR. KING, AND ADDRESSING THE WORK LEFT TO DO

In observance of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Weekend**, there will be no Family Religious Education classes this Sun, Jan 19. The Paulist Center office will be closed on Mon, Jan 20; there will be no 12:00pm Mass that day.

### Looking for a way to observe the holiday?

Mon, Jan 20 will be the 39<sup>th</sup> observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Dr. King delivered his iconic **"I Have a Dream"** speech on August 28, 1963. In his speech, Dr. King called for equal rights for all citizens, regardless of race. He shared many dreams including: "one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal." He also "dreamed" that one day his children would "live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character." The speech became a powerful voice for the demands of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement, many of which have seen progress but are not yet fulfilled.



The Racial Justice Advocacy group (RJAG) invites you to read Martin Luther King's **"I Have A Dream" speech** on that day. Think about how far we have come since 1968, and what work we have yet to do. What volunteer work can you do in your community and at the Paulist Center to advance Dr. King's vision for America?

And please join community members at the **Strand Theater**, 543 Columbia Road, Dorchester, MA at **1pm on Jan 20** for a **free** celebration of Dr. King and what he stood for, including music by the **Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra** (spirituals and freedom songs), readings that present the "power and promise" of Martin Luther King, and a keynote address by **Dr. Keith Lezama**, the founder and CEO of Building Bridges Education.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025

The guiding biblical text for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes from **John 11:17-27**. The **theme for the week, "Do you believe this?"** (v. 26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus.



This theme, by offering a way to see that faith is not just a static set of beliefs, but an active means of receiving grace, is most appropriate for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. If faith can raise the dead and conquer all fear, surely faith will bring us the miracle of unity as Christians. Remembering that division, separation and rejection are symptoms of sin, the healing of the Church comes about in the power of the Holy Spirit. God wills us to reconcile. God wills us to love one another. God will give those who profess the faith of all the holy ones who have gone before us, the precious gift of unity.



*On this Inauguration weekend, we pray for all members of the new Administration and Congress that God may grant them humility, wisdom and compassion in addressing the most pressing needs of the nation. May they work tirelessly in developing policies that uphold the dignity and well-being of each person. Amen*

**Welcome!** If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](https://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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## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINK



Sun, Jan 19, 10am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)    Order of Worship [Link](#)



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 AT THE PAULIST CENTER

**O**ur First Holy Communion preparation classes will begin next Sun, Jan 26 from 11:15am - 12:30pm. This is a **meeting for both parents and children** looking to celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass on Sun, May 18 at the Paulist Center.

The **Rite of Enrollment for First Communion** will take place on **Sun, Feb 2 at the 10am Mass**.

Primarily a home preparation program using **Pflaum Publication's *Together In Jesus*** curriculum, families join in larger group activities over the course of the 5-month preparation period.

Additionally, participants share a Seder meal (date TBD), learn experientially, and reflect on the significance of the Eucharist at a retreat and rehearsal.

**\*\*Please register online for all sacramental prep programs at [FREP Registration Form](#) or contact Susan Rutkowski at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org) with any questions or concerns.**



## CAN YOU HELP BUY SUPPLIES FOR OUR SERVICE PROJECT?

**P**lease support our **FREP children** and the **Immigration Advocacy Group** in a service project to create **hygiene kits for the migrant shelters supported by Catholic Charities Boston**.

Kits will be assembled **after the 10am Mass on Sun, Feb 9** in the auditorium as part of our FREP curriculum.

We need enough of the following items to assemble **330 kits**:



- ◆ new socks
- ◆ packs of hair ties
- ◆ new hair brushes
- ◆ new hand towels
- ◆ men's and women's deodorant
- ◆ toothpaste
- ◆ toothbrushes
- ◆ soap
- ◆ menstrual pads

You can shop directly for these items on our **Amazon wish list** (<https://tinyurl.com/4dx6x6fd>) or you can drop items off in the Mary alcove. ***We appreciate your help!***



This QR code will also bring you to the Amazon wish list!

## TAX DONATION LETTERS

If you gave to the Center in an identifiable way this past calendar year, you will be sent a **tax donation letter by the start of February.**



There is no need to specifically request a letter, unless you don't receive one by early February. If you have any questions, contact **Patty Simpson** at [patty@paulistcenter.org](mailto:patty@paulistcenter.org) or **617-948-2428.**

**Thank you so much** for your generosity to the Center. **We are greatly appreciative!**

## IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP (IAG) COMMUNITY MEETING

We are called by the Church to assure that migrants' human rights are respected, and that their basic physical, emotional, and spiritual needs are met. As a community, we need to figure out how we can best help. Please join us at our quarterly community meeting on **Sun, Feb 2 after the 10am Mass** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl Library.



We'll gather as a community for a listening session in response to the changing priorities of the Trump administration. We'll also learn about the various activities at the Paulist Center to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are also immigrants.

For further information, email us at [paulistcenterimmigration@gmail.com](mailto:paulistcenterimmigration@gmail.com)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

Every Wednesday night in the Paulist Center auditorium, volunteers serve a hot, delicious, dignified, sit-down meal **for our neighbors who are hungry.**

Please consider coming in on a Wednesday to help serve (5:30pm) and clean up (7pm).

If you can plan on coming, please email [supperclubfood@gmail.com](mailto:supperclubfood@gmail.com) to let our team know.

If it's last minute, no worries. Just show up and we'll put you to work! **Thank You!**



## LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS



**L**ow-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.

### One Beacon Street Garage \$12/\$14

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. \$12 on weekends. \$14 on weekdays after 4PM. Validate your own ticket with the stamp on the shelf in the Chapel vestibule.

### Boston Common Garage \$10

Purchase ticket in reception office on weekdays. On weekends, ask a staff member after Mass. Or, purchase at garage office. Nights & Weekends valid between 4PM thru 8AM.

## 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. See [paulistcenter.org/give/ways-to-give](http://paulistcenter.org/give/ways-to-give) for ways to give. Two options:



Give a one-time or recurring donation using your bank account or credit card by visiting [tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter](http://tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter), or scanning the QR code on this page outlined in **blue**. You can use this method for donations for specific programs, too, and, if you are a registered member with us, these donations **WILL be included** in a year-end tax statement sent to you for any donations that are tax deductible per IRS regulations. Giving by this method helps us with our budgeting and stewardship efforts.



Use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** by visiting [donorbox.org/paulistcenter](http://donorbox.org/paulistcenter), scanning the QR code on the red cards in the pews, or scanning the QR code on this page outlined in **red**. Please note that **these donations will NOT be included** in any year-end giving tax records, and they solely support our general operations.

## 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.



Support the Church in  
Latin America

The weekend of **Jan 18 - 19** we raise up **Church in Latin America** which provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean.

*Thank you*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Please stop by the **reception area during the week**, email **Sal Whooley** at [sal@paulistcenter.org](mailto:sal@paulistcenter.org), or call **617-742-4460**, if you would like to arrange for a Mass and/or purchase a Mass card:



- in memory of someone who has died,
- in honor of a special occasion,
- or for the special intentions of yourself or a loved one

**Pastoral Staff:** Normand Gouin; Gus Kellerman; Susan Rutkowski;  
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