



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.



NOV 22 - 23, 2025 - CHRIST THE KING

NOV 29 - 30, 2025 - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Nov 23: Classes K - 6 meet in their usual classrooms, 11:15am - 12:15pm.

Teen Youth Group meets in the 3rd Fl Library, 11:15am - 12:15pm.

Celebration of the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation @ 12:30pm in the Chapel. All are welcome!

Nov 30: Due to Thanksgiving, there are **no classes**.

Dec 7: Christmas Pageant rehearsal during FREP hour, 11:15am - 12:15pm.

Jr. & Sr. High meeting at Mosaic Interfaith, 2 - 5pm

LESSONS FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

Please join us on **Sun, Nov 23** for our next Catholic Social Teachings session led by **Raúl E. Zegarra**. We will learn about key documents and what actions they inspire as we face assaults on social justice.



Meet in the **auditorium** after the 10am Mass for **Community Coffee and discussion**.

THANKSGIVING EVE MASS

Join us for our annual **Thanksgiving Eve Mass** at **7pm on Wed, Nov 26**.

The Mass will be **livestreamed**, but we warmly invite you to attend in person and **bring the bread** you plan to use at your Thanksgiving meal for a special blessing.



The Center will be closed on Thurs and Fri, Nov 27 and 28. There will be no confessions or Mass on these days.



Come to set us Free

FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT THE PAULIST CENTER • 2025

COME TO SET US FREE:

A FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS

- Sat, Dec 13 at 8:00 pm
- Sun, Dec 14 at 2:00 pm

Join us for one of the major spiritual and community-building events of the year. This year's program will feature readings and carols as we wait in hope and joyful expectation.

On Sun, Dec 14, the program begins with a Christmas Pageant presented by the youth of the Paulist Center.



Donations and Sponsorships

- To donate online, please click [here](#) and select the "**Festival of Readings and Carols**" category and specify the number of attendees, and preferred concert date.
- For mail-in donations, please make checks payable to "**The Paulist Center**" with "**Come To Set Us Free**" in the memo.

Sponsorship Levels

- **Angelic:** \$100 - \$149
- **Celestial:** \$150 - \$199
- **Archangel:** \$200 and above

Please consider inviting family and friends to be a sponsor!

Sponsorship Acknowledgements

Sponsorships received by **December 3** will be acknowledged in the program. **Please indicate how you would like your name to appear.**

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, November 23, 10am

Christ The King

YouTube [Link](#)



Sunday, November 30, 10am

First Sunday of Advent

YouTube [Link](#)

WORSHIP MATTERS

Weekends of November 22 - 23 and November 29 - 30:



For these weekend's columns on the liturgical year and Advent, please visit www.paulistcenter.org/WorshipMatters



PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS

As part of our pastoral planning process, we are holding **two focus groups in December**. Both will be on **Zoom** and both have the **option to participate via an online survey** if you are interested but unable to join the conversation at these times.



- One focus group is for **young adults (ages 18-39)** and will be held on **Thurs, Dec 4 at 7:00pm**. To receive the Zoom link or the Survey Link, please **RSVP** to our **Young Adult Minister, Gus Kellerman**, at gus@paulistcenter.org.
- One focus group is for **adults who identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color)** and will be held on **Tues, Dec 9 at 7:30pm**. To receive the Zoom link or the Survey Link, please **RSVP** to **Deborah Heimel** at deborah@paulistcenter.org.

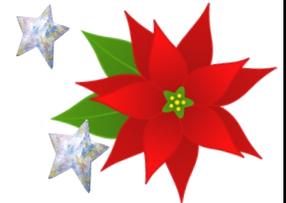
Thank you for considering and supporting the pastoral planning process.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS TO HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Honor your loved ones, living or deceased, by making a donation towards the Christmas decorations with which we'll adorn the Chapel. The suggested donation is \$10. Contributions can be made:

- at the front desk Mon - Fri from 10:30am - 4:30pm
- by going to [Donate Online](#), and choose "**Flower Donation**" and **note** who it is "**in honor of, or in memory of**"
- by using the **envelopes in the pews** which will be **available starting Nov 29/30**.

Please write legibly when notating your loved ones' names.



FEEDBACK SESSION - CAC REVISIONING CONFERENCE: "WHAT TO DO WITH CHRISTIANITY?"

If you are interested in participating in a **discussion group** and sharing insights from the Oct. 24th webcast to inform our pastoral planning session, please email susan@paulistcenter.org. We'll find a time either after Mass or on Zoom. And, as a reminder, **you can still watch the replay** using this link and sign-in information:

Access ReVision Online

Username: susan@paulistcenter.org

Password: **Contemplate2025** (Please note, password is case-sensitive.)

DAILY REFLECTIONS *for*

Advent & Christmas

Waiting in Joyful Hope 2025-2026

Pick up your copy in the vestibule of the Chapel.

Suggested donation per booklet is \$3.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please join us on
Monday, December 8
for the
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Masses will be celebrated at:

8:00 am

12:00 pm



JESSE TREE/GIVING TREE

The Jesse Tree, the Paulist Center's Advent Giving Tree, is now up in the Mary Alcove. This is an opportunity for community members to support the families our Immigration group has resettled from Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Haiti. We also support families living at Crossroads Family Shelter, the Catholic Worker House in Worcester, and the Agape Community, as well as some of the families who come to our food pantry and supper club.



The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1:

"A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."

Jesse was the father of King David.

The Jesse Tree is adorned with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. These ornaments tell the story of God in the Hebrew Bible, connecting the Advent season to God's faithfulness across four thousand years of history.

If you feel so moved, please take a tag and bring the **unwrapped** gift/giftcard back to the Center **by Sunday, December 14**. Many of our agencies request **gift cards** for their guests, as they afford people the dignity to choose what they'd like. Gifts/giftcards can be **dropped off at the Food Pantry** (elevator lobby) or **mailed to Susan Rutkowski at the Center**. Please do not leave any gifts under the tree or anywhere that is unsecured. **Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

LGBTQ+ MINISTRY ADVENT VIRTUAL PRAYER - MONDAY EVENINGS



The LGBTQ+ Ministry will be leading virtual prayer sessions **via Zoom during the Advent Season**.

The sessions are **30 minutes** each on **Mondays, December 1, 15, and 22** from **7:00 - 7:30pm**. The access link is <https://tinyurl.com/ysccxudn>. *All are welcome!*

NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE CATHOLIC FOR THE ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE!

Since 1974, the Paulist Center Community has presented the **Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice** to an outstanding North American Catholic. Please consider **nominating** a North American Catholic - **Deadline is Dec 1**.

Guidelines are on our website: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/hecker-award/>

Please send nominations to **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org





THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE



We are collecting **NEW** hats, gloves, scarves, and socks of all sizes to prepare small gifts for our guests this holiday season. Items can be dropped off at the Paulist Center by **Sun, Dec 21**.



Contact supperclubfood@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.



Thank you!

CALENDAR YEAR-END GIFTS TO THE CENTER WARMLY WELCOMED

Are you required to take minimum distributions from your IRA? Consider making a year end, tax advantaged donation through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to the Paulist Center.



We are a qualified 501c(3) organization, tax ID 04-2012978.

Check is **payable** to the "Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle in MA" at 5 Park St, Boston, 02108.

Contact **Deborah Heibel** at deborah@paulistcenter.org with any questions or consult your tax professional.

Thank you for ALL you give in so many ways to the Center!

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 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, 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.



Use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** by visiting donorbox.org/paulistcenter, scanning the **QR code** on the red cards in the pews or 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 charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory.

The weekend of **Nov 22 and 23** we raise up the **The Society for the Propagation of the Faith** which supports building Church communities in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote areas of Latin America.

The weekend of **Nov 29 and 30** we raise up **Preble Street**; their mission is to provide accessible barrier-free services to empower people experiencing problems with homelessness, housing, hunger, and poverty, and to advocate for solutions to these problems for the people of Maine.

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