



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.



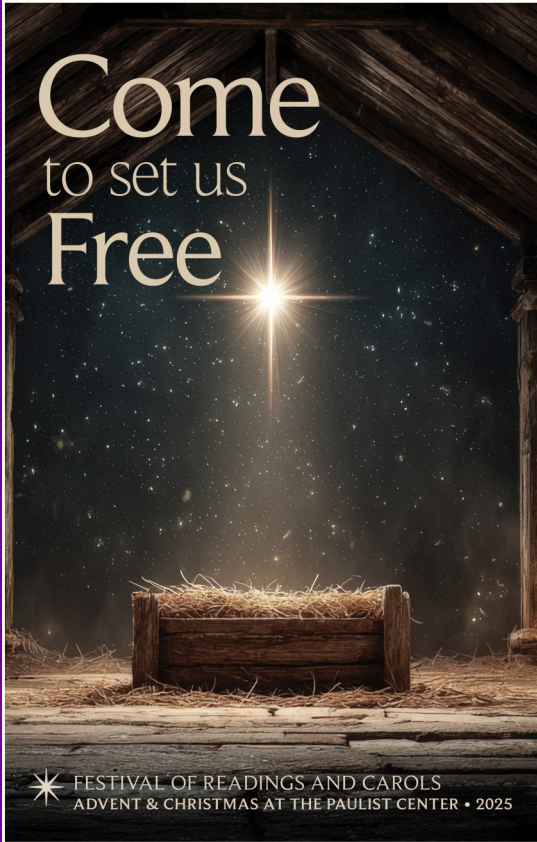
DEC 13 - 14, 2025 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



THIS WEEKEND!



COME TO SET US FREE: A FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS

Our annual Advent-Christmas Program is here!

Join us on:

- **Sat, Dec 13, 8pm**
- **Sun, Dec 14, 2pm**

Please invite friends and family for this joyful celebration of community and faith. Both concerts will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. [Sat, Dec 13 Link](#) [Sun, Dec 14 Link](#)

The **Sunday** program begins with a **Christmas Pageant** presented by the youth of the Paulist Center.

We are not selling tickets; instead, we welcome free-will offerings. Click [here](#) to donate online and select the "Festival of Readings and Carols" category. In the donation form, indicate the concert date you plan to attend.



You do not need to donate in order to attend!

A **reception** will follow each concert.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

This Sun, Dec 14, is our **last class for 2025** before enjoying a long winter break!



- All **FREP classes K - 6** meet in their usual locations.

- **Christmas Pageant rehearsal** begins at **12:15pm** in the **Chapel**. **Please get into costume.**



- **Pizza Party** in auditorium at **1:00pm!**

*All Religious Ed classes are on break Sunday Dec 21 and Dec 28. Classes resume Sunday, January 4, 2026!

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION AND REFLECTION

Our God Will Come to Save Us

This Thursday, December 18 @ 7pm

Please join us for this annual lay-led service of prayer, song, and reflection.



Opportunities for individual confession will be available.

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 LINK

Sunday, December 14, 10am

3rd Sunday of Advent

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



WORSHIP MATTERS

Weekend of December 14, 2025

For recent columns on the Advent season

please visit www.paulistcenter.org/worshipmatters



LAST WEEK TO TAKE A TAG FROM OUR JESSE TREE!

The Jesse Tree, the Paulist Center's Advent Giving Tree, will be up for one more week!

This is an opportunity for community members to support:



- families resettled from Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Haiti
- families living at Crossroads Family Shelter
- families who come to our Food Pantry and Supper Club
- the Catholic Worker House in Worcester, and
- the Agape Community



Many of our agencies request **gift cards** for their guests, as they afford people the dignity to choose what they'd like.

If you feel so moved, please take a tag and bring the **unwrapped** gift/giftcard back to the Center **by Sunday, December 21**. 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!



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MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY



Christmas Eve:

- 4pm Wednesday, December 24
- 8pm Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Day:

- 10am Thursday, December 25



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.

YOU CAN STILL SIGN POSTCARDS TO GOV. HEALEY!

Postcards urging Governor Healey to take **Bold Executive Action** to protect the civil rights of all MA residents from ICE are **available in our Chapel vestibule**.

Our Immigration Advocacy Group, together with the Mass Community Action Network (MCAN), is supporting the **Protecting the People and Sovereignty of Massachusetts** campaign.

Please add your name and town and leave in the basket.

LGBTQ+ MINISTRY ADVENT VIRTUAL PRAYER - MONDAY EVENINGS



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

The sessions are on **Mon, Dec 15 and Mon, Dec 22** from **7:00 - 7:30pm**.

The access link is <https://tinyurl.com/ysccxudn>. **All are welcome!**

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**

Please write legibly when notating your name and your loved ones' names. 



GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH THIS CHRISTMAS



The Wednesday Night Supper Club is 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, MA 02108.

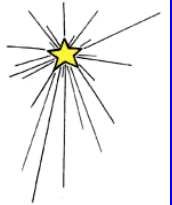
Contact **Deborah Heimel** at deborah@paulistcenter.org with any questions or consult your tax professional.

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

BULLETIN SCHEDULE - EARLY SUBMISSION

The bulletin for the **Solemnity of the Epiphany, Jan 3 - 4**, will have an early submission deadline.

Please **email** all announcements to **your staff liaison**, and **copy** Dorothy at info@paulistcenter.org **by 5pm Fri, Dec 26**. Thank you!



We pray for our Jewish neighbors celebrating Hanukkah December 14 through December 22.

May they have a warm and wonderful Festival of Lights!

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 **Dec 13 and 14** we raise up **United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Boston**. UNCF Boston is charged with raising funds to support UNCF's mission of getting highly motivated deserving students to and through college at UNCF-member institutions and more than 1,100 colleges and universities across the country.

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