



# 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.*



DECEMBER 20 - 21, 2025 - 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 27 - 28, 2025 - THE HOLY FAMILY

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

## A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL!



**MAY THE PEACE AND JOY OF THE HOLY FAMILY BE YOURS**

**FROM THE PAULIST CENTER STAFF  
AND THE PAULIST FATHERS**

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:

- \* Sat, Dec 20 - 5pm
- \* Sun, Dec 21 - 10am\* & 6pm

#### Christmas Eve:

- \* Wed, Dec 24 - 4pm\* & 8pm

#### Christmas Day:

- \* Thurs, Dec 25 - 10am



#### Feast of the Holy Family:

- \* Sat, Dec 27 - 5pm
- \* Sun, Dec 28 - 10am\* & 6pm

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- \* Wed, Dec 31 - 5pm\*

#### Solemnity of the Epiphany

- \* Sat, Jan 3 - 5pm
- \* Sun, Jan 4 - 10am\* & 6pm

\*Livestreamed & recorded on [youtube.com/ThePaulistCenter](https://www.youtube.com/ThePaulistCenter) (see pg 2 for links)

The order of worship for each livestreamed Mass is available at [paulistcenter.org/order-of-worship/](https://www.paulistcenter.org/order-of-worship/)

**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 LINKS

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:

\* Sun, Dec 21 - 10am

### Solemnity of the Nativity:

\* Wed, Dec 24 - 4pm



### Feast of the Holy Family:

\* Sun, Dec 28 - 10am

### Solemnity, Mary, Mother of God

\* Wed, Dec 31 - 5pm

### Solemnity of the Epiphany

\* Sun, Jan 4 - 10am

At the time of each livestream, the appropriate **Order of Worship** will be available at [paulistcenter.org/order-of-worship](http://paulistcenter.org/order-of-worship).

## JESSE TREE GIFTS



We are still accepting Jesse Tree gifts until **Sunday, December 21**.

If you feel so moved, please take a tag and bring the **unwrapped** gift/ giftcard back to the Center and drop off at the Food Pantry (elevator lobby). Or, **mail it 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!*



## 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 until **Sunday, December 21**.

Contact [supperclubfood@gmail.com](mailto:supperclubfood@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. *Thank you!*



## LGBTQ+ MINISTRY ADVENT VIRTUAL PRAYER - **MONDAY, DECEMBER 22**



Please join us as the Paulist Center's LGBTQ+ Ministry leads our virtual prayer session **via Zoom**. The last session of the Advent season is **Mon, Dec 22** from **7:00 - 7:30pm**.

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



*Please note that the office is closed **Thur, Dec 25; Fri, Dec 26; Thur, Jan 1; and Fri, Jan 2.***

*There is no 12:00pm Mass or Confession on those days.*



## SPECIAL THANK YOU'S!

*I want to express immense gratitude for all who contributed to this past weekend's celebration of song, story, prayer, and reflection.*

*My heartfelt thanks to all our musicians; to Susan Rutkowski, Liz Framski, and our wonderful youth pageant participants, parents, and assistants; to the entire Paulist Center staff, to everyone who supported the logistics and receptions; and to those who offered generous donations and sponsorships. Your dedication, artistry, and spirit made this year's celebration especially meaningful, and I am profoundly grateful.*

*Wishing you and yours an abundance of grace and blessings this Christmas and in the New Year.*

— Norm



We can never fully express the depth of our gratitude for all the time and diverse talents **Norm Gouin** brought to the spiritually moving and artistically beautiful **2025 Come To Set Us Free Festival of Readings and Carols**. We are incredibly fortunate to have you as our community's **Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music, Norm**. You have our deepest appreciation.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - WINTER BREAK

**O**ur Religious Education Program is on Winter Break for the holidays. All Religious Ed classes are on break Dec 21 and Dec 28.



**THANK YOU** to all the catechists and leaders who share their faith with the children of our community. You've earned a well-deserved break!

Classes resume **Sunday, January 4, 2026!**

**First Communion Classes** start up in January! The first meeting is on **January 25 at 11:15am**.

If you have not signed up and would like to register, the registration form is posted on our website, here is the [link](#).

Please contact Susan Rutkowski at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org) with any questions.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS TO HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

**H**onor 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.*

## RJAG INTERGENERATIONAL FREP SESSION

Please join us for our January FREP Intergenerational Session with our Racial Justice Advocacy Group, held on **January 11** during our FREP hour at 11:15 am in the auditorium.

Please join us to learn about the **Saintly Seven**, the **group of inspiring Black Catholics from the US on the path to sainthood**. The hour will include a child-friendly approach to introducing these saints and writing a letter to the Pope advocating for them.

The candidates on the path to sainthood are:

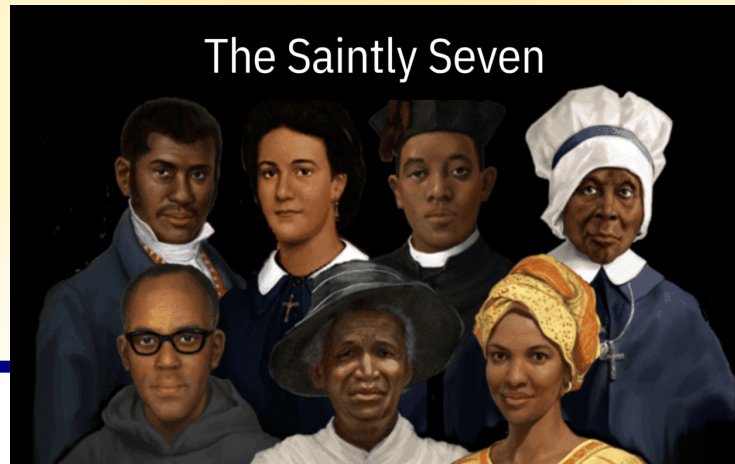
Back Row:

Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Venerable Henriette DeLille

Father Augustus Tolton

Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange



Front Row:

Friar Martin de Porres Maria Ward

Servant of God Julia Greeley

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman

## 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](https://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](https://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](https://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 20 and 21 we raise up Boston Rescue Mission** which operates an emergency overnight shelter, offers meals, basic necessities, and helps homeless individuals achieve life skills necessary to become self-sufficient.

The weekend of **Dec 27 and 28 we raise up Penelope's Place** which operates as part of **Health Imperatives**. Penelope's Place is an emergency domestic violence shelter - offering safety, security, and comfort to survivors and their children.

**Pastoral Staff:** Normand Gouin; Gus Kellerman; Susan Rutkowski; Rick Walsh, CSP

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