



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 24 - 25, 2026
3RD 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

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) - THIS SUN, JAN 25

All religious education classes resume this Sunday, Jan 25 after the 10am Mass in their usual locations.

- ◆ Kindergarten - 1st grade: 6th Fl, Rm 17
- ◆ Grades 2 - 3: 2nd Fl Seminar Rm
- ◆ Grades 4, 5, 6: 6th Fl, Rm 22
- ◆ Jr High Youth Group: 3rd Fl Library



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

The first meeting is this Sunday, Jan 25 at 11:15am in the auditorium. This is a meeting for both parents and children looking to celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sun, May 17 at the Paulist Center. 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 with any questions.

THE PAULIST CENTER'S 43RD ANNUAL AUCTION - KICK-OFF MEETING **THIS MONDAY, JAN 26 AT 7PM VIA ZOOM**



Please join us for the Auction Kick-off Meeting this Mon, Jan 26!

Believe it or not, it's time to begin planning for the Center's biggest fundraiser and community building event of the year. The Auction is a time to come together as we share a meal, enjoy each other's company, and participate in silent and live auctions.

At this kickoff meeting, we will select the theme for this year's special evening. All are welcome to join and provide input to the theme.

We will meet from 7:00 - 8:30pm via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/PCCAuctionKickoff2026>

The auction will be held on **Saturday, May 2**; more information will be coming in February about how to get involved - you don't want to miss it!

The Auction also provides many opportunities for volunteering- a great way to become more connected to each other. Two very important roles that we need your help with right now are a **graphic designer** and a **lead decorator**.

If you are interested, please contact us at auction@paulistcenter.org or speak to one of the co-chairs.

Thank you!

Maggie Keefe and Jordan Johnson, Auction Co-Chairs 2026

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, January 25, 10am
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)



Order of Worship [Link](#)

WORSHIP MATTERS

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THE LITURGICAL YEAR: Ordinary Time: Contemplation and Connection

As the last vestiges of the Christmas season are carefully packed away—trees and lights, ornaments and nativity scenes—we find ourselves entering one of two extended periods in the liturgical year that, though labeled “Ordinary,” are anything but. Rather than being plain or uneventful, these weeks invite us into deeper contemplation and renewed connection.

Ordinary Time, the longest season of the Church year, encompasses those weeks that do not focus on a single, particular aspect of the mystery of Christ (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 43). Christmas Time celebrates the Incarnation, the birth of Christ. Easter Time proclaims the joy of the Resurrection. Ordinary Time is devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness—his life, teachings, ministry, and abiding presence among us.

Over the centuries, the Church has revised the liturgical calendar several times, carefully pruning feasts and holy days that lacked historical grounding or universal significance. These reforms were intended to sharpen our focus on the two great poles of Jesus’ life: his birth and his resurrection, the foundational mysteries of our faith.¹

Within Ordinary Time, we are invited to pause—to linger. As Joan Chittister so beautifully suggests, this is a season to “rest in the contemplation of those centers of the faith that are the lodestones of our soul.” It is a time not for spectacle, but for depth; not for franticness, but for attentiveness.

Chittister further reflects that the stretches between Christmas and Lent, and between Pentecost and Advent, are inherently contemplative. “It is in the contemplation of the mysteries of the faith,” she writes—“the birth, life, passion, death, and resurrection”—that we find the motivating power to become what we behold in Jesus.

In this in-between time, the Gospels open before us the depth and breadth of Jesus’ message—of life, of love, and of what it truly means to be a disciple. This extended annual retreat invites us, again and again, to resist fear and despair and the world’s false promises and persistent pull toward money, power, security, and success. Instead, to enter real life, Jesus tells us, is to stand with the poor; to offer refuge and welcome to migrants and refugees; to uplift the dignity and voices of women and all who live on the margins; to reject war and injustice in every form; and to lay down our lives in love for one another.²

By quieting the noise of endless distractions, Ordinary Time continually draws our attention back to Jesus—who was, who is, and who is to come.

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¹ Joan Chittister, OSB, *The Liturgical Year: The Spiraling Adventure of the Spiritual Life* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2009), 96.

² *Ibid.*, 98.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY FAITH SHARING GROUP - THIS SUN, 7PM



Young Adults (21-39) are invited to join the first weekly faith sharing group of the new year after the 6pm Mass this Sun, Jan 25 in the 3rd floor library.

Starting this Sunday, and continuing through the end of May, the Young Adult group will meet after the 6pm Mass in the 3rd floor library for some **light snacks, conversation, and communal reflection**. We hope to see you there!

BRAINS & BLESSINGS TRIVIA NIGHT - FEB 6

The Pastoral Council is hosting **Brains & Blessings Trivia Night** on Fri, Feb 6.

It will be held in the auditorium from 7 - 9pm.

\$20 per person at the door includes pizza, salad, and non-alcoholic beverages.

RSVP: email Mares at supperclubfood@gmail.com. Teams will be decided on Feb 6.



FREP THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

FREP students will once again be **collecting items for hygiene kits to be donated to Catholic Charities**. These kits are even more important this year as federal funding cuts are hitting people who use Catholic Charities services hard. Our goal is to assemble 400 hygiene kits.

You can help:

- ◆ by donating items through our Amazon wish list
- ◆ by decorating *You Are Loved* cards
- ◆ by helping to assemble kits on **Sunday, Feb 8 after the 10am Mass**.

The Amazon wish list can be accessed through this website: <https://tinyurl.com/2kssp9sf> or by using the **QR code**.



More information about the event, including a link to *You Are Loved* cards, and ways to donate other than through Amazon, is here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/frep-service-project/home>

You can also contact **Brigid Rowlings** at brigidrowlings@gmail.com.

PRAYER AND ACTION IN TROUBLED TIMES: LESSONS FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

Join us for our next session on key documents from our Catholic Social Teachings that have challenged and inspired our faith tradition over time. We will learn about them and consider what insights and actions they inspire as we face myriad assaults on social justice today.

Raúl E. Zegarra, a community member and Asst. Prof. of Roman Catholic Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, will lead the sessions.

Sunday, February 8 at 7pm in the 3rd Fl Library.
Pizza will be served.



CORI

The Paulist Center appreciates everyone in our community who donates their time and volunteers with us in our ministries, projects, events, and more. For those of you who have volunteered with us in the past, you know what time of year it is!

All volunteers and staff must fill out a CORI (Criminal Offender Record of Information) form with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts every year in order to comply with our safety guidelines.

This background check helps us ensure the safety of our community and those we serve. We are grateful for all the time and effort you all already put into our community, and ask you to take the time to fill out the CORI form with us.

Liz will be available before and after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays through January and February to assist everyone. Part of this process includes ID verification, so please bring a government-issued identification with you if you intend on filling out a CORI form. An email will be sent out to previous volunteers explaining this process in more detail.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Liz Framski via email at liz@paulistcenter.org

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.



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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 **January 24 and 25** we raise up **Bethany House Ministries**, an organization that provides support to prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families.

Thank You!

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