



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.



FEBRUARY 7 - 8, 2026

5th 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, FEB 8!

All children and families, and all community members, join us for our **3rd Annual FREP Service Project** this Sunday after the 10am Mass in the auditorium.

Our goal is to make **400 hygiene kits for our migrant brothers and sisters to donate to Catholic Charities. Please join us!**



NO FREP - Feb 15 and Feb 22

There are no Religious Education Classes on Sun, Feb 15 or Sun, Feb 22 due to the school vacation break. **Have a great break!** Classes resume March 1.

First Communion Gathering - March 1

The next First Communion gathering will take place on Sun, **March 1** in the auditorium from 11:15am to 12:30pm. Please email Susan Rutkowski, susan@paulistcenter.org, with any questions.

Annual Paulist Appeal 2026 **Building Bridges Through Charity**



We welcome our former Director this weekend, **Fr. John Ardis CSP**. John will share what our support does for the Paulists.

We do more than help educate and train future Paulists, and provide care for the senior Paulists. With our mutual efforts, the Paulist Center Community and the Paulists nationwide will help bring our forthcoming pastoral plan to fruition not just here, but, going forward, at other Paulist foundations.

Starting a couple of years ago, the Paulist Fathers have been gifting our local foundations with grants to help us continue our programming. **This year, we received three "Mission Impact Grants".**

These three "Mission Impact Grants" that we received from the Office of Mission Advancement give us a foretaste of what is to come. The grants will provide seed money for the following initiatives:

- ◆ a program for spiritual formation and fellowship among college students;
- ◆ the training of more non-ordained people to lead prayer services;
- ◆ ministry with those who consider themselves “spiritual but not religious.”

Please join the Paulist mission again with a gift of any amount: complete the reply envelope in the pews, or scan the QR code to give at paulist.org/apa.

Please make checks payable to the “Paulist Fathers”.



Together we're building bridges of faith, charity, and hope!

Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](http://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

Sunday, February 8, 10am
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)



Order of Worship [Link](#)

WORSHIP MATTERS

February 8, 2026, Issue #16

LITURGY AND JUSTICE: Part Two: The Prophetic Word

In this week's column, we continue with part two of our examination of the connection between liturgy and justice and turn our attention to the Liturgy of the Word.

Radical Hospitality

Each Eucharistic celebration begins with the Introductory Rites, drawing us into communion as the Body of Christ through song and greeting. Almost immediately, the penitential act invites us to confront the sins and omissions that wound that communion and to ask a deeper question: who is not here? From the outset, the liturgy challenges us to embody Christ's inclusive welcome, calling us to hospitality, justice, and the full dignity of every person—especially those most often excluded.

The Prophetic Word

In a culture saturated with words and unceasing streams of information—through social media, email, and endless commentary—it is easy to miss the depth and transforming power of the proclaimed Word. Yet Scripture is, at its heart, the story of God's relentless love: a persistent call drawing all whom God has created and named beloved back into the ways of truth, justice, and peace. Through the prophets, God's voice resounds again and again, affirming human dignity and demanding justice—a theme echoed more than a thousand times throughout Scripture and nearly one hundred and fifty times in the Psalms.¹ As noted in the previous column, we are invited not only to listen attentively to the Word, but to profess our faith through our "Thanks be to God," the sung psalm response, or the acclamation, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ," and to affirm our commitment to living the prophetic Word in the world.

In the homily, this prophetic Word is broken open so that we may further discern its meaning for our lives and be challenged to embody God's justice and peace in the world. In the General Intercessions (Universal Prayer), the Church gives voice to the needs of the world and the local community, lifting before God a broken creation longing for healing and wholeness. When we respond, "hear our prayer," we do more than ask for God's intervention; we commit ourselves to solidarity with all who suffer, and to becoming instruments of the very justice, mercy, and peace for which we pray.

In the next and final column on Liturgy and Justice we will examine how the liturgy's call to justice and the transformation of the world is expressed and embodied in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

¹Caruso, Lucio, *Liturgy and Justice, Part 2* © 2007 Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, Washington DC 2007, www.fdlc.org

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PRAYER AND ACTION IN TROUBLED TIMES: POSTPONED UNTIL FEB 22

The February 8th session on Catholic Social Teachings has been postponed until Sun, Feb 22 at 7pm.



Please join us then to hear about the encyclical, *Economic Justice for All*, a landmark pastoral letter by US Catholic Bishops applying Church teaching to the economy, emphasizing that moral principles - not just market forces - must guide economic life. It calls for protecting the poor, ensuring just wages, and upholding human dignity. **Raúl E. Zegarra**, a community member and Assistant Professor of Roman Catholic Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, will lead the sessions.

Sun, Feb 22 at 7pm in the 3rd Fl Library. Pizza will be served.

LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS: SIGN UP BY FEBRUARY 16

Please join us for this prayerful, community-building opportunity as we again convene small faith sharing groups for **five sessions between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday**. We will use the Ignatian Solidarity Network's Lenten series, *Stubborn Hope*, which provides daily reflections to "nourish our faith to build a more just world."

Groups will meet weekly at the Center, or via Zoom, as detailed below.

To register for a group, or for questions, email smallgroups@paulistcenter.org.

Saturdays (February 21 - March 21)

In Person 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Facilitator: Barbara Lapinkas

Young Adult Ministry: Sundays (February 22 - March 22)

In Person 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Gus Kellerman

Mondays (February 23 - March 23)

Via Zoom 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Mary Sullivan

Thursdays (February 26 - March 26)

Via Zoom 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Jonathan Yu-Phelps

Participants will sign up with ISN to receive brief daily written and audio reflections via email, featuring a wide range of contributors. (There is no charge for the series.)

Visit *Stubborn Hope* or scan this QR code to learn more and to receive the reflections.



We hope you will join us!



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

2026 marks a milestone of both progress and persistence in the United States, the 100th anniversary of federal recognition for Black Americans. What began as a singular week of learning and recognition called Negro History Week in 1926, has grown into an overall cultural observance of Black History throughout the month of February.

Our Racial Justice Group will share a poem from a Black artist each week this month, starting with **Amanda Gorman's *The Hill We Climb***.

Amanda Gorman is an American poet, activist, and model. Her work focuses on issues of oppression, feminism, race, and marginalization, as well as the African diaspora.

In 2013, at the age of 15, she became a youth delegate for the United Nations. In 2014, she was named the first youth poet laureate of Los Angeles. In 2017, she was the first person to be named National Youth Poet Laureate.

Her poem, *The Hill We Climb*, was first delivered at the Biden presidential inauguration in 2021.

She encourages us to embrace "all cultures, colors, characters and conditions" and emphasizes that justice is unattainable without our connectedness to each other and the natural world that surrounds us.



CORI FORMS - THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

We at the Paulist Center want to express our sincere gratitude to all of our volunteers who have completed a CORI form over the past few weeks. We appreciate that we have such dedicated community members who donate their time and energy in various ways every year.

We are wrapping up our CORI collection process for this year, and will no longer have someone collecting the forms before and after Mass.

If you still need to submit a CORI form, please reach out to **Liz Framski** (liz@paulistcenter.org) to schedule a time. Liz works Sundays and throughout the week, and can be somewhat flexible to accommodate people's schedules.



Again, we thank all of you for participating in this process year after year.

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 **February 7 - 8** we raise up **the Paulist Fathers and their Annual Paulist Appeal** (*please see page 1*).

Thank You!

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