



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.



MARCH 14 - 15, 2026

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

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

All FREP classes will meet in their usual locations **this Sun, March 15.**

****Parents:** At the same time **this Sunday @11:15 am** in the auditorium, please join us for a **FREP Parent Listening Session.**

We want to hear your voices especially around re-imagining FREP as one of our goals for the Pastoral Plan.



Coffee and refreshments to keep you awake!

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION AND REFLECTION - WED, MARCH 18

Join us **this Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00pm** in the Chapel for this time of healing and reconciliation.

Individual Confession will be available.



PROTECTING HUMAN DIGNITY IN PRAYER AND ACTION: SPOTLIGHT ON MIGRATION TUESDAYS IN LENT



All that we do in the service of justice is a form of prayer: march, accompany our neighbors, organize, attend training, write letters to our legislators, carry banners, speak out, or witness – all these activities are prayer in action, working to make real God's call for justice and mercy.

Join us for – **Zoom Prayer in Action** – to pray and organize around the injustices our immigrant brothers and sisters are facing. **Tuesdays at 7:30pm: March 17, March 24, and**

March 31. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/05o0KuEQ9>

A LENTEN SATURDAY: PRAYER AMIDST RESISTANCE IN TROUBLED TIMES MARCH 21, 9AM - 2PM, AT THE PAULIST CENTER



These months are propelling some to activism, prayer, or a stunned and frozen state. Join us for pause and prayer that's: A time to look inward and bear witness to one another's experiences, and to embrace Lent as we point towards hope together.

\$20 donation - if you are able - to cover lunch. Please bring something to share for a morning treat.

We'll have coffee and tea available. **Emily Spicer Hankle** and **Sonia Caus Gleason** will facilitate.

Contact sonia@soniacausgleason.org with questions. Register at: <https://forms.gle/CJvLnzX6YeIFraEV6>

PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE

In this Lenten Season, when our nation subjects other nations to the violence of war, and we search for answers and can't find any, communal prayer allows us to gather with others, and offer our fears, frustrations, and longings. The Rosary is a form of meditative prayer through the repetition of prayers. Frequently associated with a more backward looking spirituality, **the rosary is just as much a spiritual tool for those engaged in social justice, and solidarity with the marginalized.** The Paulist Center Rosary Circle **meets via Zoom every Monday at 7:30pm.** We are a welcoming group who believe in the power of prayer to restore us, to help grow bounds of fellowship, and to effect change in the world. This Lent, please consider joining us in prayer.



Zoom Link. ID: 487 503 158; passcode: 021078.

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, March 15, 10am

4th Sunday of Lent

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



FLOWER DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Honor your loved ones, living or deceased, by making a donation towards Easter flowers with which we'll adorn the Chapel throughout the Easter Season. 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"; or
- by using the envelopes in the pews. *Please write legibly when notating your loved ones' names.*



WORSHIP MATTERS

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LITURGICAL YEAR: The Three Pillars of Lent-Part II: Prayer

This week we continue our journey through the **three pillars of Lent** by turning our attention to prayer. Lent does invite us to pray more often, but perhaps its deeper invitation is to rediscover what prayer truly is.

Prayer is the foundation of the Christian life. It is through prayer that we grow in intimacy with God, seek God's guidance, and intercede for the needs of the world. Again and again, the Church reminds us that Lent is a season of intensified prayer—a time to draw closer to God in repentance and renewal.

But prayer is not only words spoken or devotions practiced. Spiritual writer Stephen Mitchell once described prayer simply as a "**quality of attention.**" Prayer, in this sense, is the gentle turning of our awareness toward God.

The Desert Mothers and Fathers understood this well. Taking Paul's invitation to "pray without ceasing" to heart, they embraced what is known as the **Jesus Prayer**—"Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me." They repeated this prayer quietly throughout the day, some even attempting to pray it with every breath, until the rhythm of prayer became the rhythm of their lives.

Perhaps this is why Lent can feel like a **school of prayer**. The season offers many opportunities—Mass, communal prayer, moments of reflection—but its deeper purpose is to help us cultivate a posture of attentiveness. Prayer begins to emerge not only in quiet moments, but in the ordinary encounters of the day: in conversation, in struggle, in moments of unexpected grace.

Slowly, prayer becomes less something we simply *do* and more something we *become*—a way of living with an awareness that God is present and near.

Prayer also invites honesty. Beyond quieting the mind, it calls us to stand before God without pretense, speaking as we would to a trusted friend.

Spiritual writer Adam Bucko recounts advice given by a rabbi who ministers among the poor on the streets of New York: "When you pray, the rabbi said, speak to God as you would to your closest friend. Tell God everything—your worries, your wounds, your struggles. Take off the mask and simply speak. Some days there will be tears, and that is a grace.

Then, when the words are finished, rest quietly in God's presence, letting God hold you.

And for the rest of the day, walk with joy and hope—remembering that you are God's beloved, and that you carry a sacred gift within your heart."

WORSHIP



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43rd Annual Paulist Center Auction
Set Sail Together: A Mediterranean Journey
Saturday, May 2 - 6:15pm

Step aboard and set sail on an unforgettable evening inspired by the beauty and romance of the Mediterranean! We hope you'll join us for the Paulist Center's largest annual fundraiser in support of our ministries and operations.

You can help make our Auction a winds-at-our-back triumph!

If you can assist by: **donating an item, sponsoring, or volunteering your time**, please see our [2026 Auction Page](#) or visit tinyurl.com/donatepaulistauction26.

Starting this weekend - March 14/15 - after Mass, in the elevator lobby, you can register for Admission to the Auction with a \$50 payment and completing the registration form.

Please contact Auction Co-chairs Maggie Keefe or Jordan Johnson with any questions or ideas at Auction@PaulistCenter.org.

Thank you!



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Adult Confirmation classes with Fr. Rick Walsh will begin on **Thurs, March 26 from 7pm to 8:30pm** and continue for 4 consecutive **Wednesdays: April 1 - April 22**. Please register in advance [here](#).



No Kings Day - Sat, March 28, 1-4 pm

The Paulist Center will be **open for gathering** before the start of the No Kings Protest on the **28th**.

Please join us if you'd like to go as a group. The Center will be **open by 12:30 pm**.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM: HOLY WEEK AT THE PAULIST CENTER

The word "**TRIDUUM**," the celebration of the Lord's passion, death, and rising, means "**three days**." In the biblical keeping of time, great days of celebration begin on the evening before the feast. Thus, the Triduum begins on Holy Thursday evening and ends with the liturgical celebrations on Easter Sunday.

Because the celebration of the Paschal Triduum - in its entirety- is the most important liturgical expression of our common faith, please join us as we celebrate together as a community.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

*7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3

Seven Last Words Ecumenical Service

*12 noon

Celebration of the Passion and the Death of the Lord

*3:00 pm



HOLY SATURDAY, April 4

Easter Vigil

*8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5

Mass of the Resurrection

*10:00 am

12:00 pm

**Livestreamed Visit our YouTube Channel to join us online - www.youtube.com/thepaulistcenter*

PASTORAL PLANNING COMMUNITY MEETINGS



Thank you to everyone who attended the community meetings this past week! The slides that were shared at the meetings can be found on our website at this [link](#). We discussed the future staffing structure of the Paulist Center and the draft of our pastoral plan, including strategic anchors and priorities for the Paulist Center. If you attended one of the meetings, you can provide feedback at <https://tinyurl.com/PCCMarchfeedback>.

We are excited to begin the hiring process for a lay Executive Director and have posted the job in numerous locations. The job description can be found at

<https://www.paulistcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/Paulist-Center-Executive-Director-job-description.pdf>

IMMIGRANTS' DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Join the [Paulist Center Immigration Advocacy Group](#) for the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition's (MIRA) 30th annual Immigrants' Day at the State House! We'll meet at the Center at 9:00am and walk the half-block up to the State House together.

We will be advocating for the PROTECT Act and other policies that ensure our neighbors can live in dignity and without fear. In 2025 we had 12 people attend - we'd like to double that this year.

RSVP at paulistcenterimmigration@gmail.com



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 **March 14 - 15** we raise up [New Entry Food Hub](#) which helps beginning, immigrant, and refugee farmers in eastern Massachusetts successfully sell their produce, and to expand access to healthy foods in underserved areas through production of locally grown foods.

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