



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 21 - 22, 2026

5th 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 K-6 will meet in their usual locations **this Sun, March 22** for **SAFETY SUNDAY**.

This is the weekend we review the curriculum put forth by the Archdiocese, which is a requirement for all Catholic faith communities in the Diocese.



The curriculum teaches children how to stay safe and keep strong boundaries in all areas of life.

PROTECTING HUMAN DIGNITY IN PRAYER AND ACTION: SPOTLIGHT ON MIGRATION

All that we do in the service of justice is a form of prayer: march, speak out, witness – 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 24 and 31. Zoom link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6128280777>

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Adult Confirmation classes with Fr. Rick Walsh will begin this **Thurs, March 26** and continue on **Weds: April 1, 8, 15, 22**. All classes will take place at **7pm at the Paulist Center**. Please register in advance [here](#).



"NO KINGS" - NEXT SAT, MARCH 28 @ 11:45AM

The Paulist Center community will be joining our friends at the **Cathedral Church of St Paul** for prayer at **12pm on Sat, March 28**, then we'll go out as a group to the rally after that.

We will **gather at 11:45 at the Paulist Center** for anyone who wants to walk over to the Cathedral together. The church is just a few blocks away at 138 Tremont St. Please join us!



WELCOME TO THE PAULIST CENTER!



The Paulist Center warmly welcomes recently registered member **Alyx Liberator** from Boston.

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 [Link](#)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3
Seven Last Words Ecumenical Service
*12 noon [Link](#)

Celebration of the Passion and the Death of the Lord
*3:00 pm [Link](#)



HOLY SATURDAY, April 4
Easter Vigil
*8:00 pm [Link](#)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5
Mass of the Resurrection
*10:00 am [Link](#)
12:00 pm

*Livestreamed - Join us online at www.youtube.com/thepaulistcenter

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, March 22, 10am

5th 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



MATTERS



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.

This weekend - March 21/22 - 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!



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 28 - 29

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Next Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum—three days that are the highlight of the Church year.



There are two Gospels proclaimed at the Palm Sunday Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. **Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!"** This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

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.**



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.

The Paulist Center Rosary Circle meets via **Zoom every Monday at 7:30pm.**

Zoom Link ID: 487 503 158; passcode: 021078

PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE INTENTION FORM



PRAYERS
REQUESTS

Do you have a special intention that you would like the Paulist Center Community to pray for? Our weekly **Rosary Circle** (*see above*) is happy to include your intentions (*may be anonymous*).

Go [here](#) for the form

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 **March 21 - 22** we raise up **MissionSAFE** that works with youth, families and communities who face systemic obstacles to success, to gain the skills, resources, joy and confidence to thrive—not just survive—and to positively impact their community and the larger world.

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