



# 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 28 - 29, 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**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**

## PROTECTING HUMAN DIGNITY IN PRAYER AND ACTION: SPOTLIGHT ON MIGRATION



Please join us for our final **Zoom Prayer in Action** - to pray and organize around the injustices our immigrant brothers and sisters are facing.

**Tues, March 31 @ 7:30pm. Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/05o0KuEQ9>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - THIS SUN, MARCH 29



Classes K - 6, will meet in their usual locations. Teens will meet at Mosaic Interfaith at 2pm.

\*There are no religious education classes next Sunday due to the Easter holiday. Classes will resume on April 12.

\*\*The first communion families will gather on Sun, April 12 at 11:15am to celebrate a Seder Potluck Supper in the auditorium.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



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

**P**alm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week.

There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's 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, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle A, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew.

## 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. Please join us we celebrate the Paschal Triduum 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](#)

*\*Livestreamed - Join us online at [www.youtube.com/thepaulistcenter](http://www.youtube.com/thepaulistcenter)*



### **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

## EXCEPTIONS TO OUR USUAL SCHEDULE

There will be no 12:00pm Masses on 4/2, 4/3, or 4/6. **Office closed on Easter Monday, 4/6.** We apologize that no confessions are available on 4/3. ***We wish you the blessings of Holy Week and Easter!***

**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 29, 10am

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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.*



Donations must be made/checks received by Tuesday, April 7 and a listing of the flower donations will be included in the bulletin for the April 18 weekend.

## WORSHIP MATTERS

### Palm Sunday: The King We Choose

This year, an unexpected juxtaposition invites our reflection. On March 28 in Boston and throughout the country, crowds will gather for the third "No Kings" rally—a collective rejection of worldly power, of leadership rooted in domination, control, and self-interest. It is a public witness against the kind of power that elevates authority over dignity, force over compassion.

And then, on that same weekend, we will gather for Palm Sunday—also known as Passion Sunday—where once more crowds converge. But this time, they will cry out: *"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"* They hail Jesus as King, Messiah, Son of David, lifting their palm branches along with their hopes in the air.

The irony is striking.

In one moment, we reject a would-be king. In the next, we proclaim one.

But Palm Sunday invites us to look more deeply—not simply at the title of "king," but at the nature of the one we acclaim.

Jesus enters Jerusalem not with displays of power, but in humility. He is not surrounded by armies, but by ordinary people. He does not command through fear but draws near through love. This is a king who heals the sick, who seeks out the lost, who welcomes the sinner, who reminds us—again and again—that every person is precious in the eyes of God.

And yet, the same crowd that cries *"Hosanna!"* will soon echo *"Crucify him."*

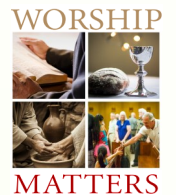
Why?

Because the kind of kingship Jesus embodies unsettles the status quo. It challenges the world's logic and exposes our attachment to power, control, and certainty. In the liturgy of Palm Sunday, we are confronted with the divide between apparent worldly success and faithful personal commitment. Jesus—the one who models true servant leadership—remains steadfast, and invites us to do the same, despite the many pressures, both within and around us, that pull us otherwise.

Palm Sunday is about exposing and holding this tension. It is both celebration and warning. It asks us not only what we reject—but what and whom we are willing to follow.

In a world still captivated by power, the Gospel offers another way: a king who kneels to wash feet, who embraces the outcast, who pours himself out in love.

This is the king we proclaim as we begin our observance of Holy Week. This is the one who is truly worthy of our endless songs of honor, glory and praise.





## 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 below:

- ★ **DONATE AN ITEM:** We are looking for items for our silent and live auctions. Dinners, sporting or cultural events, vacation homes, themed baskets, and more, are all welcome. Go to: [tinyurl.com/donatepaulistauction26](http://tinyurl.com/donatepaulistauction26).
- ★ **SPONSOR THE AUCTION:** Go to [paulistcenter.org](http://paulistcenter.org), click on [Giving/Donate Online](#), and select **Auction Sponsorship** and notate your sponsorship \$ amount, and how you would like to be listed. Sponsors will be recognized in the program as follows:
  - ◆ *Captain's Circle* (\$300 or more) ◆ *First Mate* (\$200 to \$299) ◆ *Seafarer* (\$100 to \$199)
- ★ **BUY YOUR AUCTION EVENT TICKET(S):** One of the most important ways that you can be involved is by joining us for this special evening. **You can buy tickets in the following ways:**
  - ◆ In person after all Masses the weekends of April 11/12, April 18/19, and April 25/26.
  - ◆ Online by completing the form at: <https://tinyurl.com/Auction26Tickets>. At the bottom of the form, click the link: [I want to pay for my ticket\(s\) now. Take me to Electronic Giving!](#) Select Auction Event Ticket and note the number you wish to buy @ \$50/ea. Or note that you will send a check.



*Many of us may be feeling discouraged by events both close to home and in the larger world. As a faith community, we can dispel darkness by deepening our bonds to one another and by celebrating life with one another. We hope to see you!*



Please contact **Auction Co-chairs Maggie Keefe or Jordan Johnson** with any questions or ideas at [Auction@PaulistCenter.org](mailto:Auction@PaulistCenter.org).

**Thank you!**

### INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

**This is for parents and godparents.** We offer this class for those participating in an infant Baptism elsewhere as well as for members of the Center community who wish to have their child baptized here.



Upon completion, you will receive a needed **"Certificate of Attendance"** to send to the parish.

Next Session will be on **Saturday, April 11 from 10am to Noon at the Center.**

Please write to **Fr. Rick Walsh** at [rick@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rick@paulistcenter.org) to register for the class.

We ask for a **\$25 donation** to the Paulist Center for this class.

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

Please join us for our next session, **April 12**, as we reflect on key documents 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.

On **Sunday, April 12 at 7pm** the topic will be *Centesimus Annus: On the Hundreth Anniversary of Rerum Novarum* (John Paul II, 1991) - focus on finding a middle way between communism and capitalism, while affirming the importance of the common good.

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

We will meet in the 3rd Fl Library - pizza will be served.



## LGBTQIA CATHOLIC COLLECTIVE

The Paulist Center is a member of the **Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective** which offers monthly Zoom meetings for friends and family of LGBTQIA Catholics and could be a resource for Paulist Center members who are actively supporting their families in embracing transgender or nonbinary family members.



Email [greaterbostonlgtbiacatholics@gmail.com](mailto:greaterbostonlgtbiacatholics@gmail.com) for the meeting schedule and Zoom links.

More info @ <https://www.bostonlgtbiacatholics.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](http://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 **March 28 - 29** we raise up **Freedom Ministries, Inc.**, an organization that provides free rides so families can visit their children in prison and other facilities all over the state.

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