



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.



MAY 16 - 17, 2026

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

**this Sunday, May 17
at the 10am Mass
First Holy Communion**



LESSONS FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS LAST SESSION - THIS SUNDAY, MAY 17



The last session of our Catholic Social Teaching series is **this Sunday, May 17 at 7 pm.**

It will be led by the talented **Dr. Raúl E. Zegarra**, Community member and Asst. Prof. of Roman Catholic Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School.

Dr. Zegarra will focus on

Dilexi te: I Have Loved You (Leo, 2025) for our final gathering.

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

Please join us!

FIRST COMMUNION RECEPTION & END-OF-YEAR FREP PARTY

This Sunday, May 17 there will be a **First Communion Reception and end-of-year FREP party!**

Please join us at 11:15am in the auditorium.

All are welcome!



RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

If our faith has you concerned about Creation Care and environmental justice in Massachusetts, **this month is a great time to send a few emails / make a few calls.**



The Paulist Center's Creation Care ministry is sharing an easy to use template to follow, in the next two weeks when the Senate and House are deliberating environmental legislation.

If you would like to receive tips on 'who and what' for brief emails, contact us at:

paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com

**The office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, May 25.
There will be no 12noon Mass that day.**

Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](http://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, May 17, 10am
7th Sunday of Easter

YouTube [Link](#)



Order of Worship [Link](#)

WORSHIP MATTERS

May 17, 2026, Issue #25

ASCENSION TO PENTECOST: Getting Down to the Mission Part



We're familiar with the scene when Jesus sends the disciples out, two by two, on a mission. He instructs them to travel throughout Judea and beyond, to heal the sick, cast out unclean spirits, and proclaim the reign of God. And if that wasn't challenging enough, Jesus tells them to take nothing with them but a walking stick—no bread, no bag, no money, not even a second tunic (Mark 6:8).

In *Two by Two*, an episode from the TV series *The Chosen*, the creators vividly depict the disciples' shock and resistance to Jesus' command. We witness their barrage of protests and questions: "Rabbi, we are not you, how are we supposed to heal?" "What are we supposed to eat?" "They will kill us in that region." "How can we do this without you?" Unphased, Jesus firmly but gently tells them to trust him and believe that God's Spirit will be with them. Then he departs alone.

In the first reading for the Solemnity of the Ascension—celebrated this past Thursday—we encounter a similar scene. A moment of shock and confusion for the disciples that no doubt elicited more questions: "Is he really gone?" "What are we supposed to do now?" One can imagine how unprepared and disoriented they must have felt.

In Paul's Letter to the Ephesians from that same liturgy, we hear the prayer: "May the God of our Lord...give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened that you may know the hope that belongs to his call." What a prayer for reluctant, confused disciples! And yet, these are precisely the gifts both the disciples and all of us need to move forward—to get down to the mission part.

Author and educator, Mary McGlone, CSJ, equates our circumstances with that of the disciples immediately after the Ascension: "Like them, we must face the very real dispiriting events of our times, the circumstances that cannot and should not be ignored. We may share their desire to simply stand looking heavenward for a solution, but we will also hear the promptings of angels and prophets who remind us that prayer is only part of the equation."

As we journey towards the celebration of Pentecost, may we have the courage to pray for the blessings of wisdom, awareness, and enlightened hearts. That through our prayer we will be impelled to "get down to the mission part" and act together, strengthened and encouraged in the knowledge that Christ, who sends us forth to preach the good news, will be with us for all eternity.

FAMILIES PLANTING TREES! - SATURDAY, MAY 30



Our very last Family Religious Education activity is planned as an intergenerational session with our Creation Care Ministry team on **Saturday, May 30 from 10 AM to 2 PM.**

Together, with Catholic Climate Covenant, the Catholic Cemetery Association, and along with **Speak for the Trees, Boston**, we will help plant 10 trees in Roslindale and Mattapan. This is an activity for all ages! We need strong teens and adults to dig and plant and we need smaller children to fill holes and help spread mulch.

Speak for the Trees, Boston is designing specific child friendly activities for the day.

We hope you'll join us by planting, preserving and advocating for trees in under canopied, underserved neighborhoods to combat climate change and address environmental justice.

THE 43RD PAULIST CENTER AUCTION - A SUCCESS!

We've been tallying up the receipts and expenses for our 43rd Annual Auction and it would appear from the early results that we have broken some records with this year's event!

Details to follow!!!

Meanwhile, we had a **busy photographer** in the room and have put a number of **pictures on the Auction 2026 webpage**: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/auction2026/>

Thank you ALL so much for making this a great FUN and FUND raiser!!



SPIRIT AND SOLIDARITY:

A MONTHLY MOMENT OF PRAYER AND ACTION ON BEHALF OF MIGRANTS

Seasons of Faithful Witness - Boston

A meeting was held last **Tuesday** (May 12) at **BC High School** and welcomed people to join the following workstreams:

Responding to direct needs in our communities:

This group will support the direct needs of heavily migrant Catholic parishes whose members have been detained or risk detention by ICE by coalescing the anonymized stories to call for solidarity and explore direct support including financial and legal resources.

Public Witness on Corpus Christi:

Corpus Christi, the feast celebrating the body of Christ and that we are the body of Christ, takes place on **Sunday, June 7**. This group will coordinate a Catholic coalition at Bearing Witness for Corpus Christi.

IAG Thursday Monthly Virtual Gathering -

Theme: partnering with Seasons of Faithful Witness - Boston

Join the Paulist Center's Immigration Advocacy Group by **Zoom on Thursday, May 21, from 7 - 8:00pm**. We will start with a prayer, review the May 12th meeting, and as a group consider our partnership with this effort.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83054229759?pwd=NJbToCyu4ULpR8phxN9284Q9B6z8bP.1>

Meeting ID: 830 5422 9759

Passcode: 245183



The Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective

Composed of: The Paulist Center, St. Anthony's Shrine,
St. Cecilia Parish (Boston), Blessed Trinity Parish (Littleton/Westford),
St. Susanna Parish (Dedham), St. Ignatius (Chestnut Hill),
Dignity Boston, and Mary Queen of Martyrs Parish (Plymouth)

Invites everyone to the annual
All Are Welcome Mass

Friday, June 5 at 6:30 pm
The Paulist Center
5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108

Festive reception to follow

For more information please email:
greaterbostonlgbtqiatholics@gmail.com

SUMMER BULLETIN DEADLINES

Plan ahead! We are returning to a once-every-two-weeks bulletin for the summer.

May 24/31: text due 5/19, 12pm

June 7/14: text due 6/2, 12pm

June 21/28: text due 6/12, 12pm
(early due to Juneteenth)

July 5/12: text due 6/26, 12pm
(early due to July 4th)

July 19/26: text due 7/14, 12pm

Aug 2/9: text due 7/28, 12pm

Aug 16/23: text due 8/11, 12pm

Aug 30/Sep 6: text due 8/25, 12pm

**Back to a weekly schedule starting with the
September 12/13 bulletin, text due 9/8, 12pm**



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 **May 16 and 17** we raise up **New Ways Ministry**, a Catholic outreach that educates and advocates for equity, inclusion, and justice for LGBTQ+ persons, equipping leaders to build bridges of dialogue within the Church and civil society.

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