



# 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.*

**NOVEMBER 23 - 24, 2019**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

## WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday**

5:00 PM

**Sunday**

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

6:00 PM

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday - Friday**

7:55 AM

12:05 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** on  
First Fridays from 11-11:45 AM and  
by appointment

## YOUNG ADULTS DINNER - THIS SUNDAY

Come downstairs to the Auditorium after the 6pm liturgy this Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for good food and even better company.

While our **Thanksgiving Dinner** is primarily social in nature, we will take some time to discuss what we're **thankful for this year!**

Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of the meal or something to share!

**All young adults (18-39) are welcome!**



## THANKSGIVING EVE MASS

Please join us **this Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm** for the **Thanksgiving Holiday Mass**, to give thanks to God for the year's many blessings. We encourage you to **bring any bread** to be used at your own Thanksgiving tables for a **special blessing at the liturgy.**



## REMEMBER OUR FOOD PANTRY IN THE SEASON OF GIVING

Every Fall we ask for **donations** for our **Emergency Food Pantry**, which is open on Tuesday afternoons. Over 400 people a month come through our pantry. We buy most of the food at the Greater Boston Food Bank, as we can get it at significantly reduced prices.



Please consider making a donation (marking it **Food Pantry**) so we can continue to serve those who are hungry.

**Thank you!**

## SHINE THE LIGHT!

### Advent/Christmas Concert

**Saturday, December 7 7:30pm**

**Sunday, December 8 2:30pm**

**Tickets are now on sale after Mass.**

**We hope you will join us!**

### Advance Tickets:

Adult	\$15
Youth (5-17)	\$ 5
Under 5	free



### At Door Tickets:

Adult	\$20
Youth (5-17)	\$10
Under 5	free

### Celestial Choir sponsorships:

Seraphim	\$150	Cherubim	\$100
Archangel	\$ 50	Angel	\$ 25



**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Welcome!** If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form, found in the welcome brochure at the entranceway to the Chapel or 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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## JESSE TREE/GIVING TREE

**O**ur Jesse Tree is up! The Jesse Tree is the Paulist Center's Advent Giving Tree.

This is an opportunity for community members to buy **gifts for families living at Crossroads Family Shelter, the Catholic Worker House in Worcester, and the Agape Community.**

The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: *"A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."* Jesse was the father of King David.

The Jesse Tree is adorned with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. The ornaments of the Jesse Tree tell the story of God in the Hebrew Bible, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

Please take a tag off the tree and bring the unwrapped gift back to the Center by **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**



Gifts can be dropped off at the Food Pantry (1<sup>st</sup> Floor elevator lobby) or with **Susan Rutkowski at the Center.** Please do not leave any gifts under the tree or anywhere that is unsecured.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



## STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$9,854	\$102,471
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$127,270
Difference	(\$1,310)	(\$24,799)

**W**e remind you that it is only through the generosity of your resources that makes the activities of the Paulist Center possible. Weekend collections are the "bread and butter" of our operating budget. If you wish to make an offering, please make checks payable to the **"Paulist Center"** and mail to 5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108. Even better, sign up to give electronically through our website. We thank you for your generosity.



## 5% COMMUNITY GIFT

**W**e give 5% of our total fiscal-year weekend collections to various organizations. This weekend we designate our gift to **Retired Women Religious** to help provide for their retirement and health care needs. Envelopes are available in the pews if you wish to make an additional donation to the Sisters.

***We thank you for your continued support!***

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	11/24	FREP - Rms 2, 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		RCIA/Break Open the Word - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Rm 22	12:30pm
		RCIA catechesis - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
Tues	11/26	Prayer of Heart and Body - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl, Library	5:45pm
		Christmas Concert Rehearsal - Chapel	7:00pm
Wed	11/27	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Thanksgiving Eve Mass - Chapel	7:00pm
Thur	11/28	<b>Thanksgiving - Center Closed</b>	
Fri	11/29	<b>Center Closed</b>	
Sun	12/1	RCIA/Break Open the Word - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Rm 22	12:30pm
		RCIA catechesis - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm
		Christmas Concert Rehearsal - Chapel	1:00pm
		Immigration Advocacy - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl, Seminar Rm	4:00pm

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

**C**lasses will be held on **November 24<sup>th</sup> and then off on December 1<sup>st</sup>, Thanksgiving weekend.** (The brochure incorrectly states that we are meeting that Sunday.)

## PARKING AT THE PAULIST CENTER

### One Beacon Street Garage \$12.00

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. All weekend and after 4pm on weekdays. Validate your own ticket with the stamp on the shelf in the Chapel vestibule during Masses or in reception weekday evenings.

### Boston Common Garage \$10.00

Purchase single tickets in the reception office weekday evenings or purchase a 20 ticket booklet at the garage office. Valid after 4pm weekdays and all weekend, as long as you exit before 8am the next day.

## DIRECTOR'S REFLECTION

Dear Companions on the Journey,

There's a story told of an elderly pastor who had come to the end of his days. In a letter to a friend, he "marveled at the goodness of the Lord to him – a fruitful ministry into his eighties, a wonderful marriage for more than 60 years, a loving family, and a host of friends, many of whom became believers through his witness. Looking back over his life, he said, 'I don't know if I am finishing well, but I am finishing thankful.' I [the friend] told him I believe that anyone who finishes life thankful, finishes well."

Indeed.

This coming week, we celebrate our national observance of Thanksgiving. I hope a large number of us can gather around the table of the Lord for **Eucharist this Wednesday evening, 7pm**, to say "thank you" as a community. For the Greek word *eucharistia* means "thanksgiving." So every Mass, every Eucharist, is a Thanksgiving meal. (Our two Holy Places – the Chapel and the Auditorium – will be used on Wednesday, for downstairs our Wednesday Night Supper Club welcomes our neighbors, and upstairs we have another *eucharistia*.)

This past weekend, I was talking with our children who are preparing for their first Confession, their First Sacrament of Reconciliation. I sought to impress on them the importance of saying (not just thinking), "I'm sorry." Not the fake apology that says something like "I'm sorry you feel bad about something I did." Rather a *real* apology that says, "I'm sorry for the bad thing I did." Because if you don't *say* you're sorry, you're not sorry.

Similarly, as Robert Brault wisely observes, "There is no such thing as gratitude unexpressed. If it is unexpressed, it is plain, old-fashioned ingratitude." A bit harsh? You be the judge. But one "take away" from our national day of saying thanks in our huge national echo chamber is to *say it out loud*.

So think of someone for whom you are grateful. Say it out loud: "I am grateful to you for [must be explicit, more than 'I am grateful for you']."

And say it to our gracious God...I am grateful for [be explicit, concrete].

Or as Meister Eckhart said, "If the only prayer you said was 'thank you,' that would be enough."

I'll tell you one thing: I am so grateful for our Paulist Center Community.

*What do you think?*

And let us pray for/with one another.

*Michael*

The Paulist Center

## FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Visit us at **Community Coffee** after the 10am and 12pm Mass this **Sunday** to see crafts including:



- Nativity sets
- ornaments
- gifts that are perfect for Thanksgiving hostess gifts
- Equal Exchange coffee, cocoa, almonds and chocolate bars

Your purchase makes a difference to artisans and farmers across the globe, and **will support the tuition of two college students** from *Hacienda Vieja*, our Sister Community in El Salvador.





MESSAGES FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS  
IN *HACIENDA VIEJA*

**T**his year, the Paulist Center *Sister Community* committee formally began a **college scholarship program** with our sister community in El Salvador, *Hacienda Vieja*; supporting two young women, **Yensi and Dalila**. Though many from *Hacienda Vieja* have made the dangerous journey to the US to find better economic opportunities, a college degree will help Yensi and Dalila find work in El Salvador and contribute to the betterment of their country.

**Proceeds from the Fair Trade crafts sold at Community Coffee go to the scholarship fund set up for Yensi and Dalila.**

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Dear Paulist Center,

We are from the community of Caserio Hacienda Vieja and studying at the Andres Bello University in the municipality of Chalatenango. We are very grateful with Paulist Center for the support you are giving us because our purpose is to finish our degree, be professionals and support our community in whatever is necessary. We hope you can visit us because our small community is your house, and we are waiting for you with open arms.

With love, Yensi and Dalila

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**Dalila Maria Otero de Rodas, 26yrs**  
**Major: Accounting**

**Hobbies:** *I like to study hard, read books, especially I love the accounting career. In my spare time, I dedicate myself to tailoring.*

**Community service:** *I like to help people and motivate young people to study.*

**Motivation for studying:** *Studying is something I have always wanted to do in my life and for the lack of resources I had to stop. Now, I am starting again and with my trust in God, I will fulfill my goal. Studying is gaining knowledge that no one can take out because it is the best gift parents can give to their children.*

**Goals:** *To work as an accountant, earn my own money, to continue studying and be a professional.*

**Message for the Paulist Center:** *Thank you very much for helping me to fulfill my dreams.*

**Yensi Henríquez Cruz, 20 yrs**  
**Major: Marketing**

**Hobbies:** *Cook different types of dishes, I like pastry and gardening.*

**Community service:** *Conduct and support community meetings with the Directive Community Board to solve problems together.*

**Motivation for studying:** *The desire to succeed and be someone independent.*

**Goals:** *To finish my studies and get a university degree, and with the help of God find a job to improve myself and be better every day.*

**Message for the Paulist Center:** *It is a huge blessing for me to receive this help. With your support I can become a professional, without your help I would not be able to continue my studies. Thank you for this opportunity. I wish you a life full of blessings; you are a clear example of solidarity.*

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS**

**H**elp us decorate with a poinsettia plant and other Christmas decorations in honor of a family member or friend, living or deceased. **Suggested donation is \$10.**

You may contribute:

- at the reception desk, or
- by using the envelopes marked "Flower Donation" in the pews, or
- go to Donate Online on our website, and use the Miscellaneous Donation Category and note that it is for "decorations" and note "in honor of, or in memory of" in the space provided.

**All donations are greatly appreciated!**



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