



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.



DEC 14 - 15, 2024 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 WEEKEND!



GOD WITH US: A FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS



Our annual Advent-Christmas Program is here! Join us on:

- Sat, Dec 14, 8pm
- Sun, Dec 15, 2pm

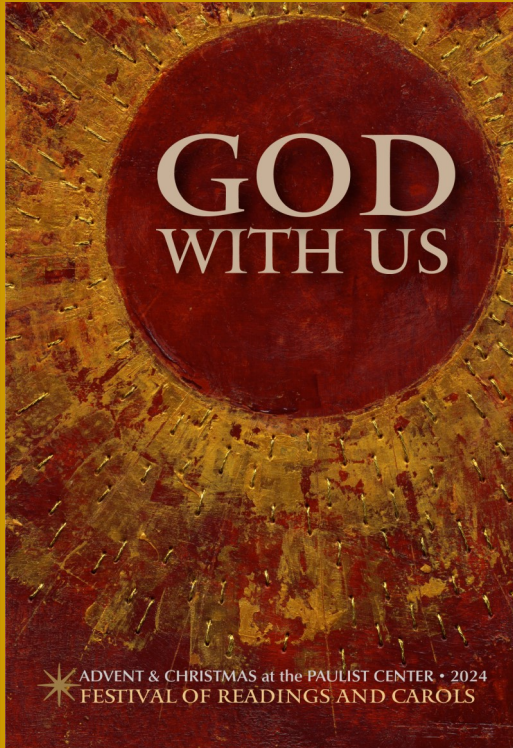
Please invite friends and family for this joyful celebration of community and faith. Both concerts will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. [Sat, Dec 14 Link](#) [Sun, Dec 15 Link](#)

We are not selling tickets; instead, we welcome free-will offerings. Click [here](#) to donate online and select the "Festival of Readings and Carols" category. In the donation form, indicate the number of attendees and the concert date you plan to attend.



On Sun, Dec 15 at 2pm, the children of the Paulist Center, under the direction of **Christine Tardiff**, will open the concert with a presentation, *The Christmas Story*.

A **reception** will follow each concert. We look forward to celebrating with you!



LAST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS OF 2024!

This Sun, Dec 15, is our last class for 2024 before enjoying a long winter break!

Grades K - 6, and Jr. High, will meet in their classrooms on the 2nd and 6th floors as usual.

Classes for K - Jr. High, and Confirmation classes will resume **Sun, Jan 5, 2025**.

First Holy Communion classes will start the **end of Jan 2025**.



If you have not registered, please do so through our [website](#).

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION AND REFLECTION *Our God Will Come to Save Us*

This Wed, Dec 18 @ 7pm

Please join us for this annual lay-led service of prayer, song, and reflection.



Opportunities for individual confession will be available.

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 LINKS



Sun, Dec 15, 10am
3rd Sunday of Advent



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

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

DAILY REFLECTIONS for
**Advent &
Christmas**
Waiting in Joyful Hope 2024-2025

*Pick up your copy in the vestibule of the Chapel.
Suggested donation per book is \$3.*

LAST COMMUNITY COFFEE OF 2024!

Join us for one last Community Coffee this year **after the 10am Mass on Sun, Dec 15.** Please join us in the auditorium for yummy refreshments and social time to catch up with community members, and to welcome any new faces!

Thanks to Kate & Jim Stewart for tending to the beverages and set-up.



Thanks to Raoul Vincent who does all the intergenerational and social community coffees!

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH THIS CHRISTMAS



The Wednesday Night Supper Club team is collecting NEW winter items to distribute to the guests at Christmas.

Please drop off **hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and socks** by this Wed, Dec 18 to the reception office.

Thank you for your support!

CREATION CARE MINISTRY - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **Mon, Jan 6 at 5pm** on Zoom.

All are welcome!

For the Zoom link please email paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR?

Christmas falls on a Wednesday this year and we are currently gathering names of volunteers who may be able to help us **cook, set up, serve, and cleanup a Christmas meal for our guests.**

Please send an email to supperclubfood@gmail.com if you can help.

The Weds. Night Supper Club has never missed a meal in 53 years of operation.

Please help us keep our record going by **volunteering on Christmas and/or New Year's Day!**



JESSE TREE!

Our beloved Jesse Tree is now up in our Mary Alcove! If you feel so moved, please take a tag and buy the gift listed, returning it to the Paulist Center by **Sat, Dec 21**. The earlier the better!



You will notice that a lot of request are for **gift cards**.

Families and individuals use gift cards for variety of things: food, medicine, T passes, toiletries, rent for storage units (if they're in a shelter), hotel rooms (if they are unhoused) and gifts for their children.



Gift cards allow parents the dignity to go into stores and personally choose items for their kids and families; a freedom they do not often enjoy.

On the weekends, gifts can be returned to the Food Pantry, or placed in the gift card receptacle in the Mary Alcove. During the weeks, gifts can be dropped off at the Front Desk. **Thank you for your continued support!**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS TO HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Honor your loved ones, living or deceased, by making a donation towards the Christmas decorations with which we'll adorn the Chapel. 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"
- by using the envelopes in the pews.



Please write legibly when notating your loved ones' names.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY



Christmas Eve:

- 5pm Tues, Dec 24 ([Livestream link](#))
- 8pm Tues, Dec 24



Christmas Day:

- 10am Wed, Dec 25

CATHOLIC MOBILIZING NETWORK

Joe Biden made history as the **first U.S. president to openly oppose the death penalty**. But while federal executions have been paused during the Biden presidency, **40 lives are still at stake, with a new administration weeks away**.

The Catholic Mobilizing Network and others have launched a petition asking the President to exercise his constitutional authority to grant clemency to these 40 prisoners. You can find the petition at catholicmobilizing.org/take-action/tell-president-biden-commute-the-federal-death-row/

Please sign on!



One Beacon Street Garage \$12/\$14

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. \$12 on weekends. \$14 on weekdays after 4PM. Validate your own ticket with the stamp on the shelf in the Chapel vestibule.

Boston Common Garage \$10

Purchase ticket in reception office on weekdays. On weekends, ask a staff member after Mass. Or, purchase at garage office. Nights & Weekends valid between 4PM thru 8AM.

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. Giving by this method helps us with our budgeting and stewardship efforts.



Use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** by visiting donorbox.org/paulistcenter, scanning the QR code on the red cards in the pews, or scanning the QR code 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 other charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory.



This weekend, **Dec 14 - 15**, we raise up **Urban Edge** - a national leader in the community development field, dedicated to strengthening communities and families. Together, we build affordable housing and vibrant, prosperous neighborhoods.

CALENDAR YEAR-END GIFTS TO THE CENTER WARMLY WELCOMED

As you are likely aware, your financial gifts are key to the Paulist Center's financial sustainability. While we did not bombard you with Giving Tuesday requests, please know that we warmly welcome calendar year-end gifts, which are very helpful to our budget.



If you wish to donate stock, or remember the Paulist Center in your will, please be in touch with **Patty Simpson**, patty@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2428, for specifics on our legal name, tax ID and account information for transfers.

Thank you for ALL you give in so many ways to the Center!

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS



Low-gluten hosts are available upon request.

Please see the presider in the Chapel or Sacristy **fifteen minutes before Mass** and **indicate where you will be seated in the Chapel** so the communion minister in that section will have the low-gluten host for you at communion.

Pastoral Staff: Normand Gouin; Gus Kellerman; Susan Rutkowski; Patricia Simpson; Rick Walsh, CSP

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(See our [website](http://paulistcenter.org) for staff contact information.)