

Lenten Resources for Members of the Paulist Center Community:

Ash Wednesday 2021

First of all, we earnestly hope that you will (continue to) join the Paulist Center Community's various electronically connected Worship and Prayer, including

- Sunday Livestream Mass on YouTube (10am; available as a recording afterwards)
- Sunday Family Liturgy of the Word Zoom Church (10am)
- Rosary (Zoom, Mondays at 7:30pm)
- Half Hour Prayer (Zoom, Wednesdays, 7-7:30, led alternately by the Center's LGBTQ community and various ministry groups at the Center)
- Special Holy Week LiveStreamed Services (YouTube)
- Watch for offerings in our Antiracism

Other ways to mark Lent:

Featured Resource:

Words for the Weary: Embracing the Lenten Season after a challenging Pandemic Year by Ann Naffziger. At the recommendation of Susan Rutkowski, the Paulist Center has purchased this very practical, to-the-point daily resource, prayer guide and devotional. Use this link to download it.

<http://products.pastoral.center/pc/pc109e/1/download-tn3l/index.html>

A number of "book conversation groups" are gathering around ***Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery*** by Cheri Mills. This Lenten devotional invites readers to learn more about the brutal institution of slavery and its impact on Black people in America and recognize how its evolution and legacy continue to harm their descendants in the United States today. Each of the forty devotions includes the testimony of a person who escaped slavery through the Underground Railroad, a Scripture passage, and a reflection connecting biblical and historical themes to challenge modern readers to work for liberation. Reflecting on Lenten themes of exodus, redemption, discipline, and repentance, readers, both Black and white, will be empowered for the work of racial justice. (Westminster John Knox Press)

First, BUY THE BOOK IMMEDIATELY so that you can have it soon. Then contact me if you wish to join up, and I will forward your interest to Deb Gregson, the coordinator. michael@paulistcenter.org Since it's a daily devotional, you can jump in at any time.

Other Lenten Resources:

More than you can handle from **Jesuit Creighton University** in Omaha:

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

Reflections on Art and Lent: From Loyola Press, this description: "Enter into a visual prayer experience this Lent with *Arts & Faith: Lent*. Each week we'll provide a video commentary about a work of art inspired by the Sunday Scriptures. Use these videos to take a new look at this season of spiritual renewal through the lens of sacred art." <http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/arts-and-faith-for-lent>

Daily Emails into Your Inbox:

From Loyola Press: The *Living Lent Daily* e-mail series for 2021 will be filled with lessons of hope and courage. Go to https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily/?utm_source=YOCC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=lld&utm_campaign=lent2021

Daily Lent Gospel Reflections from Bp Robert Barron:

<https://dailycatholicgospel.com/lent-reflections-2021>

Daily Meditations from Fr. Henri Nouwen (now deceased):

<https://henrinouwen.org/read-nouwen/free-daily-meditation/>

Franciscan Fr. Richard Rohr:

<https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/>

From Busted Halo, the Paulist Fathers' outreach to seekers. These are fun, short and very instructive:

Ash Wednesday in Two Minutes:

<https://bustedhalo.com/video/ash-wednesday-in-two-minutes>

“You Don't Know Jack” about Lent

<https://bustedhalo.com/video/you-dont-know-jack-about-lent>

Lent in three Minutes

<https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-lent-3-minutes>

Holy Week in Three Minutes:

<https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-holy-week-in-three-minutes>

25 Great Things You Can Do for Lent...besides giving up chocolate

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/25-great-things-you-can-do-for-lent>

Reading Material (already mentioned last week):

1. ***What Are We Hoping For? Reflections on Lent & Easter*** by Richard Leonard, SJ (Paulist Press)
2. ***Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery*** by Cheri Mills. This Lenten devotional invites readers to learn more about the brutal institution of slavery and its impact on Black people in America and recognize how its evolution and legacy continue to harm their descendants in the United States today. Each of the forty devotions includes the testimony of a person who escaped slavery through the Underground Railroad, a Scripture passage, and a reflection connecting biblical and historical themes to challenge modern readers to work for liberation. Reflecting on Lenten themes of exodus, redemption, discipline, and repentance, readers, both Black and white, will be empowered for the work of racial justice. (Westminster John Knox Press)

3. ***The Gospel of Mark.*** The shortest of the four gospels and the one that we read for parts of this year's Lent. Start at the beginning, read to the end. Repeat. Then repeat.

A retreat: Go to <https://paulist.org/Retreat> to learn more about a national Paulist Fathers Retreat, led by Frs. Frank Desiderio, Terry Ryan, and Mark-David Janus. Saturday, February 27th, 1-3pm, by Zoom. Donation: \$25.

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As last year, we dearly miss our weekly **Taizé Prayer during Lent.** However, its rhythm of silence and chanted prayer seem supremely unsuited to Zoom. For those who would like to tune in to others' Taizé prayer, go to [#Taizé](#). (be ready with your rusty High School French; It is usually 24 minutes. You can follow this evening prayer from 8.30pm CET on Facebook, Instagram and <http://taize.fr>. We eagerly look forward to when we can have Taizé prayer in our own chapel...maybe Lent 2022.