



Scenes of the life of Fr. Hecker are details from this painting by Lumen Martin Winter

## HECKER PRAYER

**If you or a loved one is need of a miracle for healing, please consider praying the words below and stating your request where indicated. Two miracles must be attributed to Servant of God Isaac Hecker's intercession before he may be canonized as a saint.**

### ***Prayer for the Intercession of Servant of God Isaac Hecker***

Heavenly Father, you called Isaac Hecker to preach the Gospel to the people of North America and to know the peace and the power of your indwelling Spirit.

Like St. Paul the Apostle, he spoke your Word with a zeal for souls and a burning love for all who came to him in need.

Hear our prayer and through the intercession of Father Hecker, grant *(state the request)*.

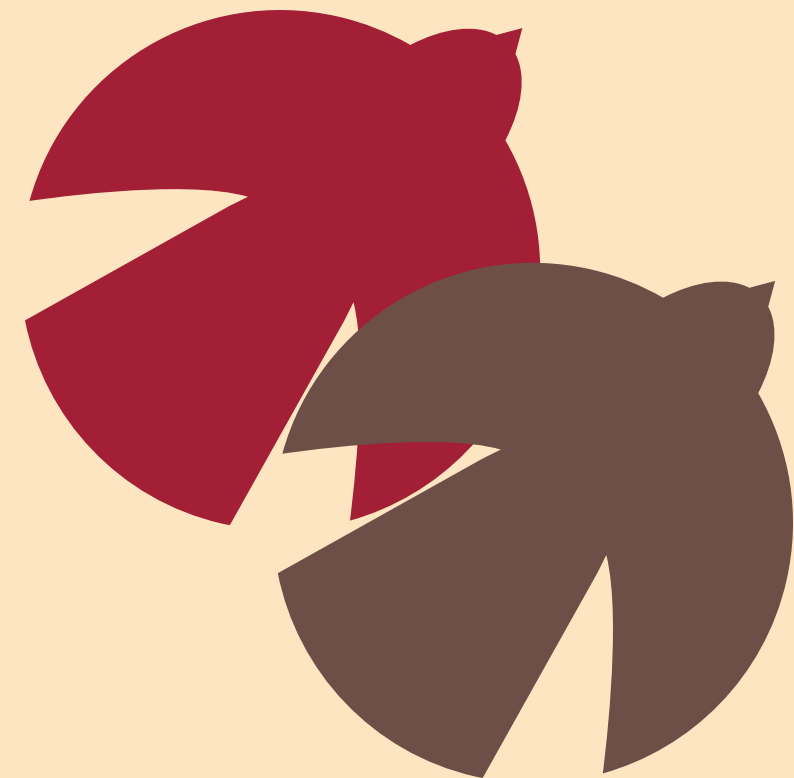
We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.  
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

**If God grants your prayer at the intercession of Fr. Hecker, please contact the Paulist Fathers at (212) 586-2074 or [media@paulist.org](mailto:media@paulist.org).**

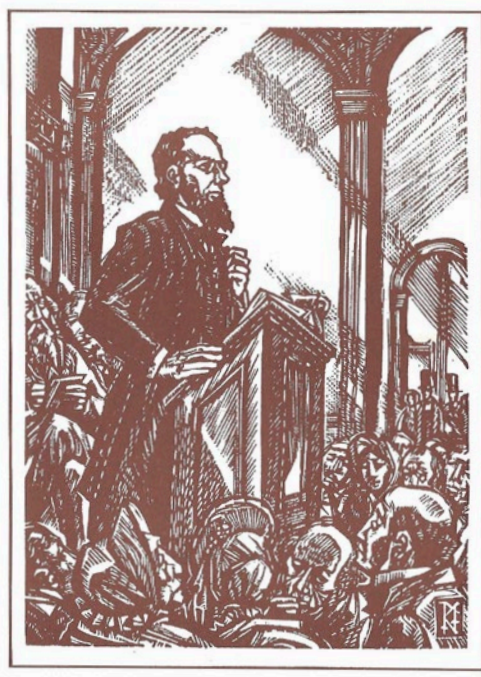


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# Servant of God Isaac Hecker and The Church in Our Age *A Symposium on the Founder of The Paulist Fathers*



**Thursday, May 18 & Friday, May 19, 2023**  
**Church of St. Paul the Apostle**  
**Columbus Avenue at West 60th Street, New York City**



## Servant of God Isaac Hecker and the Church in Our Age

Fr. Hecker and his companions  
founded the Paulist Fathers in 1858.

To learn about his life and cause for canonization,  
please visit: [paulist.org/hecker](http://paulist.org/hecker).

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 18

4:30 p.m. – Mass for the Ascension of the Lord

5:30 p.m. – Social and Dinner in the St. Paul's Parish Center  
for Paulists and registered participants

Dinner will include presentation on "The Discovery of Fr. Hecker's Relic"  
by Paulist Fr. Frank Sabatté, C.S.P.

Friday, May 19

9:00 a.m. – Pentecost Novena

9:30 a.m. – ***The Old Isaac Hecker for a New Age: What We can learn  
about the Church and Society from Hecker's Gilded Age Vision***

Presentation by Dr. John Farina, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at George Mason  
University. He is the author of *An American Experience of God: The Spirituality of Isaac Hecker*  
(Paulist Press, 1981) and editor of *Isaac T. Hecker The Diary: Romantic Religion in  
Ante-Bellum America* (Paulist Press, 1988)

10:30 a.m. – Responses to Dr. Farina's presentation  
Benjamin Chisholm, C.S.P., *Paulist Student*

David de la Fuente, *Pastoral Associate and Catechumenate Director, St. Paul the Apostle Parish*  
Fr. Ronald Franco, C.S.P., *Postulator, Cause of Servant of God Isaac Hecker*

11:00 a.m. – General Discussion

12:10 p.m. – Daily Mass



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**Presentation by Dr. John Farina,  
biographer of Fr. Hecker:  
"The Old Isaac Hecker for a New Age:  
What we can learn about the church and  
society from Hecker's Gilded Age vision"**

John Farina is an Associate Professor of Religious Studies at  
George Mason University. He was the editor-in-chief of the  
award-winning Paulist Press *Classics of Western Spirituality*  
series (65 vols.) and *Sources of American Spirituality*  
series (25 vols.) as well as the general editor of the Crossroad/  
Herder and Herder *Spiritual Legacy* series (12 vols.). Prior  
to coming to George Mason, he was a Senior Fellow at the  
Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University.  
There, he directed the Catholicism and Civic Renewal program,  
sponsored by the Henry Luce Foundation. That project explored  
the links between Catholicism and civil society, incorporating the disciplines of theology,  
law, and history. He has also practiced corporate and church-state law and published  
articles on current topics on law and religion. He was a member of the Healthcare Practice  
Group at the firm of Ice Miller LLP of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Prof. Farina specializes in the areas of religion and society, law and religion, American  
religious history, and the history of Western spirituality.

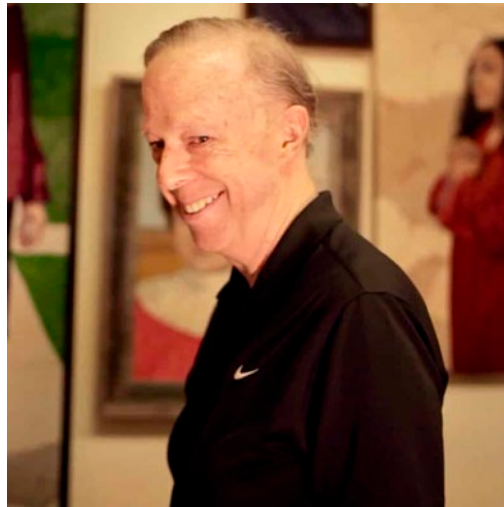
He holds degrees from Vassar College (BA), Yale University (M.Div.), Columbia University  
(PhD), and New York University School of Law (JD).

### CURRENT RESEARCH

Dr. Farina is currently at work on *The Intelligible Sphere: Religion in the Twenty-first  
Century*, a book on religion and civil society.

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Prof. Farina was editor-in-chief of the critically acclaimed Paulist Press 65 volume *Classics  
of Western Spirituality* series and general editor of the 25 volume *Sources of American  
Spirituality* series. He edited the 12-volume *Spiritual Legacy* series for the Crossroad  
Publishing Company. His own writings include *An American Experience of God: The  
Spirituality of Isaac Hecker* (Paulist Press, 1982) and *Great Spiritual Masters* (Paulist Press  
2002), a popular presentation of classical writers for today's reader. He is the editor of  
*Isaac T. Hecker, the Diary: Romantic Religion in Ante-Bellum America* (Paulist Press, 1998),  
*Beauty for Ashes: Spiritual Reflections on the Attack on America* (Crossroad, 2002),  
which won the Catholic Press Association award for Best Book in Spirituality 2001, and  
*The Legacy of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin* with James Salmon, S.J. (Paulist Press, 2011).



**“The Discovery of Fr. Hecker’s Relic”  
By Fr. Frank Sabatté, C.S.P.**

Paulist Fr. Frank Sabatté was ordained on May 17, 1980.

He is the Paulist Fathers artist-in-residence in New York City, where he directs the Openings Collective, a group of visual artists in New York City that often exhibits at our mother church, the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

Fr. Frank also serves as senior curator of the Gallery at the Sheen Center in New York City.

Fr. Frank Sabatté, C.S.P., holds a BA in Studio Art from UCLA and an MA in Sacred Theology from The Catholic University of America. He was the former vice-president of the Liturgical Arts Guild of Ohio and has exhibited in San Diego, Santa Barbara, Columbus, Ohio and New York City. He has worked as an illustrator for the Paulist Press since 1977. While at UCLA he studied under James Vallerio, Lee Mullican, Elliot Elgart and Oliver Andrews. A member of the Paulist Fathers, a society of Roman Catholic priests, Fr. Sabatté served in campus ministry for over 23 years and has extensive experience working with young adults in developing peer leadership.

In 2022 Fr. Sabatté was presented with the Gaudium Award by the Breukelein Institute “for illuminating the horizon of human experience.”

## Mass for the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 18, 2023

**OPENING: Praise to the Lord (LOBE DE HERREN)**

### PRAISE TO THE LORD

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the king of cre - a - tion! O my soul,  
2. Praise to the Lord, who shall pros-per our work and de-fend us; Sure-ly his  
3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us a-dore him! All that has

1. praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion! Come, all who hear:  
2. good-ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at-tend us. Pon-der a - new  
3. life and breath come now with prais - es be-fore him! Let the “A-men”

1. Now to his al - tar draw near, Join-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
2. what the Al-might-y can do, Who with his love will be-friend us.  
3. sound from his peo-ple a - gain, Now as we wor-ship be - fore him!

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Music: *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665; adapt. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

## OFFERTORY: I, the Lord (Tom Kendzia)

## I, THE LORD

Tom Kendzia

Refrain

I, the Lord, am with you, al - ways by your side.

Come and take my hand, for I will lead you home. Fol-low

me, fol-low me.

Final

Fol-low me, fol-low me.

Verse 1

1. I am the res - ur - rec-tion, and I am the life; if

to Refrain

1. you be-lieve in me, you shall live for - ev - er.

Verse 2

2. You shall have new life and live it to the full.

to Refrain

2. Turn your sor-row in - to joy, for life has just be - gun.

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## RESPONSE — ANTIPHONAL

God of compassion,  
 You sent Jesus to proclaim a time of mercy  
 reaching out to those who had no voice,  
 releasing those trapped by their own shame,  
 and welcoming those scorned by society.

Make us ambassadors of reconciliation.  
 Open our ears that we may listen with respect and understanding.  
 Touch our lips that we may speak your words of peace and forgiveness.  
 Warm our hearts that we may bring wholeness to the broken-hearted  
 and dissolve the barriers of division.

Guide the work of your Church  
 and renew us with the Spirit of your love.  
 Help us and all people shape a world  
 where all will have a place,  
 where the flames of hatred are quenched,  
 and where all can grow together as one.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 Amen.

— Paulist Reconciliation Ministries

## FROM SERVANT OF GOD ISAAC HECKER: Paulist Associate Paula Cuozzo

The Holy Spirit is at work among Chinese, Moslems, and all nations, peoples and tribes, in every rational soul. The love of God, so to speak, compels this. ...

“The Holy Spirit fills the whole earth,” acts everywhere & in all things, more directly on the minds & hearts of rational creatures, dwells substantially in the souls of the faithful, and is the light, life, soul of the Church. This all-wise, all-powerful action now guides, as He ever has & ever will, all men & events to His complete manifestation and glory. Pentecostal days! Were the promise of His universal triumph.

— The Purpose of Christianity

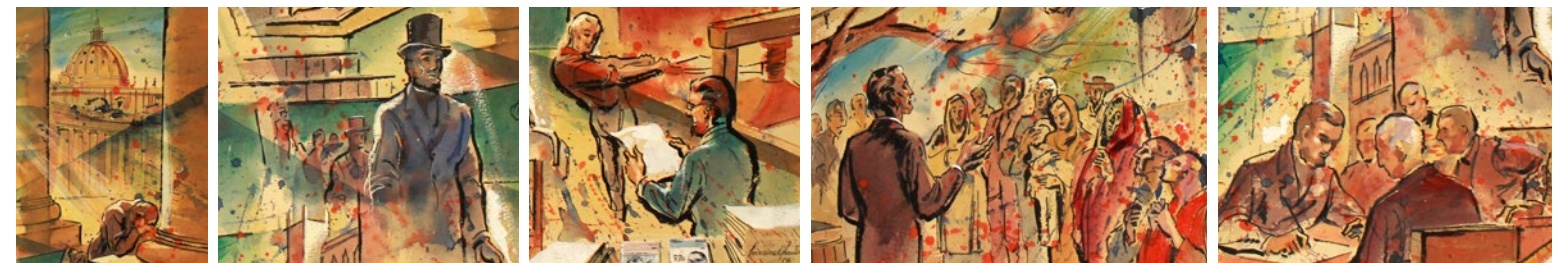
Spent time reflecting on the abiding Spirit in each soul and offer a prayer of intention.

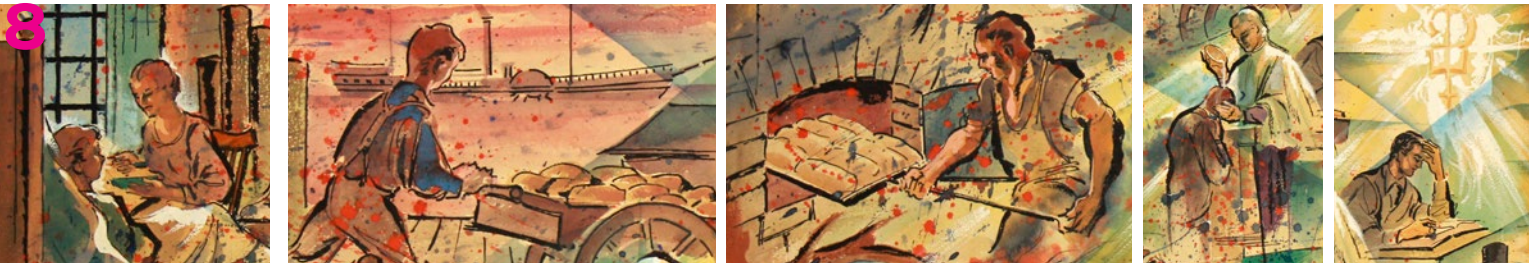
## CLOSING PRAYER

Good and gracious God, you who love humanity and call us to live in unity, pour out your gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may live in one accord. We pray we may live lives which bear witness of your truth to all people. Help us to work for unity of faith, a fellowship of reconciliation, and peace. We pray this through our one savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

— from Prayer Service for Unity The Paulist Prayer Book

For the remaining days of the novena, please visit the website: [paulist.org/novena](http://paulist.org/novena)





## From Novena to the Holy Spirit: Toward a More Perfect Union

DAY ONE — Friday, May 19

**LEADER:** Fr. Frank Desiderio, C.S.P.

### INVOCATION

L: Come, Holy Spirit.

R: Fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

L: Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

R: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

L: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructed the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit we may know what is right and always rejoice in his consolation, through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

### OPENING PRAYER

O God, our love is imperfect, and our compassion is not strong, yet we struggle to live in the love of Jesus.

Help us to grow in your love, and to bring it alive in acts of charity.

Help us to be gentle, and to strive to make others happy.

Let us give away the grace you give to us.

May we work to diminish human suffering.

May we console the afflicted, care for the sick,

and give to those who have less than ourselves.

Help us to be forgiving and merciful.

Help us to not judge others.

Open our hearts to experience the love that comes from Jesus your Son, who gave his life for all.

Help us to abide in Christ's love, that you may abide in us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

— Augustine Hewitt, C.S.P., 1865

### SCRIPTURE READING: Paulist Associate Barbara Lapinskas

For through faith, you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendant, heirs according to the promise.

— Galatians 3: 26-29

## COMMUNION: Worthy Is the Lamb (Fr. Ricky Manalo, C.S.P.)

### WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Ricky Manalo

Refrain

Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive  
hon - or and glo - ry. Wor - thy are the ones who be - lieve  
to re - ceive the good - ness of God.

Verses

1. Wor - thy are you, O Pas - chal Lamb.  
2. Wor - thy are you, O Bread of Life. Sal -  
3. Wor - thy are you, O Ris - en Christ.

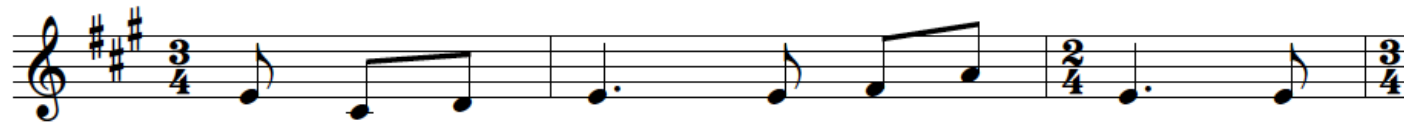
1. Wis - dom and strength be - long now to you. You  
2. va - tion and joy be - long now to us. By  
3. Won - ders and signs, re - veal - ing your might. Your

1. laid down your life and died up - on the cross: we've be -  
2. con - quer - ing death and ris - ing to new life, we've be -  
3. pow - er and glo - ry shine up - on our lives: we've be -

2 to Refrain

1. come a peo - ple of hope.  
2. come a peo - ple of praise.  
3. come your light for the world.

## We Walk by Faith



- 1., 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No  
 2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor  
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, And  
 4. That when our life of faith is done In



gra - cious words we hear Of him who spoke as  
 fol - low where he trod; Yet in his prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound; To call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve him near.  
 we re - joice, And cry "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near, And seek where you are found:  
 as you are In full and end - less sight.

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Music & St. Paul's

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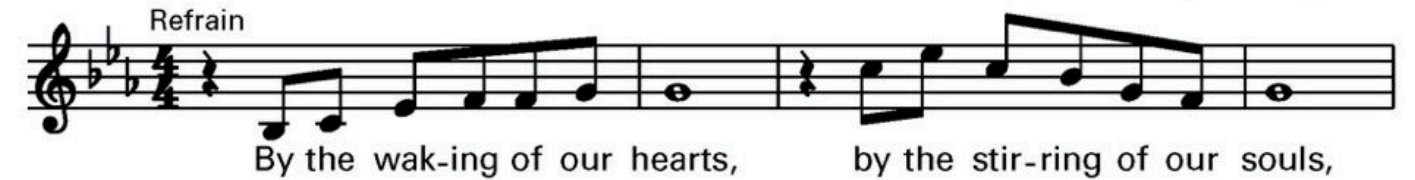
Opening Prayer for Friday, May 19, 2023

WELCOME BY: Fr. Frank Desiderio, C.S.P.

PRELUDE: Fr. Ricky Manalo, C.S.P.

### BY THE WAKING OF OUR HEARTS

Ricky Manalo, C.S.P.



By the wak-ing of our hearts, by the stir-ring of our souls,



may the Spir-it of God a-bide and bring us to-geth-er in Christ.



1. Come, O Spir - it, from a - bove, come from your ce - les - tial heights.  
 2. Come, O Sav - ior of the poor, come, O source of gifts en - sured.  
 3. In our la - bor, rest most sweet; grate - ful cool - ness in the heat.  
 4. Bend the stub - born heart and will, melt the fro - zen, warm the chill.  
 5. Grant us vir - tue's sure re - ward, may your gra - cious love be sent.



1. Come with your bless - ed light so — ra - diant bright.  
 2. Come with your gen - tle hope, so — won - drous and pure.  
 3. Con - sole our rest - less lives, by your com - fort, we seek.  
 4. Come guide our search - ing minds toward your prom - ise ful - filled.  
 5. Come with your peace and joy that shall nev - er end.

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