



Reverend Oscar Joseph Pratt, II

Fr. Pratt is a native of California, being born in Los Angeles and reared in Carson, California. He moved to Boston in 1985 to attend New England Conservatory of Music. He received a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and a Master of Music in Vocal Pedagogy from the Conservatory before entering the seminary.

In the fall of 1991 Fr. Pratt entered St. John's Seminary in Brighton to study for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Boston. On May 25, 1996 Fr. Pratt was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Boston by Cardinal Bernard Law. His first assignment as a priest was to serve as the Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish in Lynn. From there, he served for three years as the Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Boston. Fr. Pratt was the founding pastor of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish in Roxbury. Fr. Pratt served for seven years as the Parochial Vicar of Holy Name Parish in the West Roxbury and Roslindale neighborhoods of Boston. Currently he has returned to St. Katharine Drexel Parish as Pastor.

Since his seminary days Fr. Pratt has been involved in the work of the Office for Black Catholics for the Archdiocese. He is also a member of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. Fr. Pratt has spent several summers at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of New Orleans, Louisiana, completing a Master of Theology in 2018.

Fr. Pratt comes from a very musical family and has always enjoyed singing and performing. Music is not merely a means of entertainment but is also an instrument of prayer for Fr. Pratt and his family. It is the desire of the Pratt family to heed the words of the Lord, "The gift you have been given, give as a gift".