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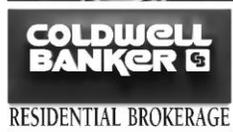
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Todos son bienvenidos en la casa de Dios

**September 9, 2018
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading
Isaiah: 35:4-7**

**Second Reading
James: 2:1-5**

**Gospel
Mark: 7:31-37**

"All healing is first a healing of the heart"

--Carl Townsend



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Dignity Announcements

Note: The glass chalices contain consecrated grape juice, for those who wish to abstain from alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available as well. Please turn off cell phones during liturgy. Dignity/Boston continues to grow in awareness about gender diversity, and we recognize and welcome a spectrum of gender identities and expression. Unfortunately, our current Order of Service and hymnals do not reflect that well. As we strive to do a better job, we encourage you to change language as needed. We also encourage you to identify the pronouns you use on your name tag.

Presider(s): Abdel

Gathering: Healing River (584)

Psalm: Bless the Lord, My Soul (141—Psalm 147)

Preparation: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory (762)

Communion: All Who Hunger (820)

Sending Forth: We Will Drink the Cup (709)

Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.

Dignity/Boston Rides Harbor to the Bay: Our Dignity/Boston riding team, the Cardinal Sins, will be taking it to the streets and bike paths to ride over 100 miles from Boston to Provincetown this Saturday (9/15). Crew are still needed for this event. Please contact Matthew to help. Donations are still being accepted. Please go the web site: www.harbortothebay.org/donate and then click on the radio button for “team”. Scroll down and click on Cardinal Sins, where you can enter in your donation. Thank you for your support!

World Meeting of Families Concludes: The Duddy-Burke’s and DignityUSA are just back from the World Meeting of Families in Ireland. DignityUSA’s presence has been noticed in the mainstream press and additionally there have been interviews by the Washington Blade, NBC Out, and NET TV. The issue of treatment of LGBTQI persons has been recognized as an issue dominating conversation at the meeting. Our Executive Director, Marianne Duddy-Burke, reflected on her family's decision to attend the WMF: "For me and my family, it is important that we be here. We may be the only rainbow family in the entire gathering but without us the group gets to speak about us as 'them.' Because we are present, we are 'us' and our church is 'us' ". More information about the World Meeting of Families can be found in this month’s Dateline USA.

Take A Peek: Our new Dignity/Boston web site is under development. You’ll see a little about our history, information about our liturgies, some of our most recent homilies, and samples of our music. In addition, you’ll find our Dignity/Boston calendar and contact information for us as well. Check it out at www.dignityboston.org and click on “New Website Under Development” in the middle of the page.

Blessing of the Animals: Join us for our Blessing of the Animals in early October. All are welcome—members and non-members, people and pets, people and pictures of pets. It’s a very touching ceremony held outdoors. We recently sent out a Doodle poll to determine the best date/time for you. If you didn’t receive the Doodle poll and would like the link to it, please contact Dave H. at houlivan@gmail.com

Solidarity Sunday: Dignity/Boston and DignityUSA participate in Solidarity Sunday. It is held every year on the Sunday before 10/11, which is National Coming Out Day. This year the date is Sunday, 10/9. Even with the progress made in LGBTQI civil rights the past few years we still need this day. It is a faith-based anti-violence initiative. Although it is understood that most Catholics are appalled by anti-LGBTQI attacks, DignityUSA initiated Solidarity Sunday in 1995 as a way of making our opposition to anti-LGBTQI violence visible. To participate, pray for an end to anti-LGBTQI violence, wear a rainbow ribbon, educate as many people as possible about the need to stop violence against all people, especially LGBTQI, and take the Solidarity Pledge, which is found at www.dignityusa.org/article/solidarity-pledge

Run for the Board! One way to give back to your Dignity/Boston community is to make a run for the Dignity/Boston Executive Board. We ask you to please consider. Nominations are in early November.

The Bulletin is a weekly publication of Dignity/Boston. Listings are at the discretion of the Dignity/Boston Board. The chapter does not endorse nor will be responsible for any personal views expressed in these announcements. In unusual circumstances, such as when the Governor declares a State of Emergency because of bad weather, Dignity/Boston may cancel its events, including the regular Sunday liturgy. Cancellations will be posted on our website and recorded on our voicemail message at 617-421-1915. We will email the cancellation to the listserv. Dignity/Boston is a progressive and inclusive Catholic community for people of all sexual orientations, genders and gender identities, especially gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex persons, our family, friends and supporters. Board meetings and Liturgy Committee meetings are open to all members of Dignity/Boston. Both groups meet monthly year-round. All meetings are announced in the bulletin, during announcements at the end of liturgy each Sunday, and at www.dignityboston.org. To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Chris Lawrence, email dignityinfo@dignityboston.org, or call 617-421-1915. Please leave a detailed message. For bulletin submissions, send an email to Dave Houle at houlivan@gmail.com. The Bulletin deadline is every Wednesday at 9 p.m. except during the summer when the Bulletin deadline moves to 3:00 p.m. each Wednesday.