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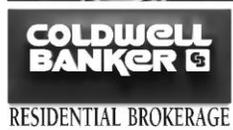
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Todos son bienvenidos en la casa de Dios

January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading
Isaiah: 60:1-6

Second Reading
Ephesians: 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel
Matthew: 2:1-12

"Love is the epiphany of God in our poverty."

--Thomas Merton



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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: Silent Night/Noche de Paz (352, Sp. v.1, Eng v. 2, 3)

Psalm: Every Nation on Earth (sheet)

Preparation: Carol at the Manger (369)

Communion: What Child is This/Child of the Poor (380)

Sending Forth: The First Nowell (377)

Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.

New Officers: We welcome our new officers for 2019! They are Chris Lawrence (president), Mary Beth Cummings (vice-president), Michael Sullivan (secretary), and Aidan Hennigan (treasurer). Our 2019 Board also includes, as members-at-large, April Cummings, Bert Ouellette, Abdel Sepulveda, and Julia Spiegelman. Congratulations!

Christian Unity Sunday: This year Dignity/Boston welcomes Rev. Louis Mitchell to our Christian Unity Sunday service on Sunday, 1/27 as our homilist. Rev. Mitchell is a pioneering “intentional man”, elder, and advocate who serves as the Executive Director for Transfaith, a national non-profit that is led by transgender people. Rev. Mitchell has been involved in the fight for health, respect, and self-determination since the late 1980s with deep engagement in political, mental health, recovery, and black church contexts. We welcome Rev. Mitchell to Dignity/Boston.

First Event: Dignity/Boston will once again be registering at First Event. First Event is one of the longest running conferences in the U.S. for transgender and gender expansive people and those who love and support them. The event runs from 1/30 to 2/3 at the Best Western Royal Plaza hotel in Marlborough. We plan to have more details soon.

Liturgy Cancellations: Winter weather is upon us! Please see the small text at the bottom of this column to learn more about accessing information when services are canceled, usually because of inclement weather.

Dignity Membership: DignityUSA sends renewal reminders via email. You can check your membership status by following these steps: first, log into the DignityUSA website. Using the "Log In" link at the top of the website, use your username or email address. To create a username, select "Sign Up" at the login screen. Second, once logged in, use the menu across the top of the website to select "My Account." This brings you to your user information. Third, click on the link at the bottom of that page labeled "View Contact Dashboard." You can view your contribution history and membership information. Fourth, to renew your membership, go back to the website and click on "Give" at the top of the website.

Email List: If you're not on the Dignity/Boston email list, please consider subscribing to it. It's easy to do. Just go to our Dignity/Boston website. Click on the header “receive announcements”. You'll then notice an easy to fill out form. Fill that out, click “subscribe”, and you are then added to our list, which will provide you with timely Dignity announcement direct to your email.

Name Tags: You're invited to wear a name tag at liturgy. By doing this, you are a welcoming presence to new folks in our community. By identifying your pronouns on your name tag, we show that we are a welcoming community to all, especially those who identify as transgender. Name tags are available as you enter the church.

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.