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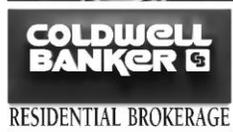
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*Todos son bienvenidos en la casa de Dios*

**March 10, 2019  
First Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading  
Deuteronomy: 26:4-10**

**Second Reading:  
Romans: 10:8-13**

**Gospel  
Luke: 4:1-13**

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*"Fasting is, first and foremost, an exercise for identifying and managing adversity in all its forms. With faith, in full conscience, fasting calls for all to an extra degree of self-awareness."*

*--Tariq Ramadan*



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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 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):** Ted

**Gathering:** Led by the Spirit (sheet)

**Psalm:** The Cry of the Poor (48—Psalm 34)

**Preparation:** Deep Within (399)

**Communion:** On Eagle's Wings (611)

**Sending Forth:** Return to God (389)

*Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.*

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**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Liturgy Committee is tonight (3/10) after service. All are welcome!

**Lazarus Ministry:** Hope you were able to see the lead article in last Sunday's Boston Globe regarding this ministry. For Easter, Dignity/Boston will again be collecting money to be donated to the Lazarus Ministry at the Arch Street Shrine. This Ministry offers its services free of charge, including its facilities, Mass of Christian Burial, and grave space for those who would otherwise be buried in a pauper's grave. It also pays for the cost of opening and closing the grave before and after the burial, and a modest grave marker. Other services may include clothing for the deceased, flowers and continued prayers. You may also give the money in honor of loved ones who have died. Their names will be listed in the Bulletin. See Bert or a board member to donate or for more information.

**Lent at Dignity/Boston:** As part of our Sunday liturgies during Lent here at Dignity/Boston, there are a few things we would have you note: the Kyrie will be sung, there will be a period of extended silence following the homily, and there will be a sheet with suggested text to recite the Confiteor. We request no applause after the Song of Sending Forth, and that people leave the church quietly at the end to enable others to remain and pray. Thank you and blessed Lent!

**Healing/Anointing During Lent:** During the Lenten season in addition to the usual third Sunday in March, there will be an opportunity for healing on Sunday, April 7. On 4/7, we will have a blessing of oils ritual (in which the oil/balm to be used in the coming year will be blessed by the community). Whenever anointing is offered, we'll have an abbreviated Prayers of the Community as well.

**Dynamic Dialogue:** A key component of our DignityUSA 50th Anniversary Conference will be to discuss and discern our path forward for LGBTQI equality and justice in the church and society in the decades to come. During the last 18 months of this Jubilee period, Dignity communities and members have committed to thoughtful examination and discussion of our movement and organization. We have reflected on and honored our rich history, taken stock of where we are today, and begun to envision the possibilities of our future. When we gather in Chicago, we will devote our time and energy to a "dynamic dialogue." The Board of Directors will propose several main "thrusts" for the future of our LGBTQI Catholic justice movement, building on what was learned from the Jubilee discussions. Participants will choose one topic of keen interest, join others who share the interest, and develop the idea together in small groups. Groups will be able to communicate with others in the ballroom in real time using facilitated interactive technology enabled by personal devices such as a cell phone or tablet. The resulting output will inform our leaders in forging DignityUSA's exciting future. Join us for this dialogue as well as all of the other wonderful opportunities that the conference will bring from Friday, 7/5 to Sunday, 7/7. Don't forget to register on the DignityUSA website for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference!

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