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Mary of Magdala: On 7/28, Dignity celebrates the Feast of Mary of Magdala. Dignity/Boston began its annual liturgy observing the feast of Mary of Magdala in 1997, the year Future Church began the movement dedicated to "promote contemporary scholarship about Jesus' inclusive practice and to provide a place for women to serve in visible liturgical roles." Over 300 faith communities around the globe now make this feast an annual part of their liturgical calendars, committing to an annual reflection on the ways that women do – and do not – figure into our communal worship. The feast day is 7/22.

Worcester Pride: Worcester Pride recognizes, promotes, educates and unifies the Central Massachusetts LGBTQI+ community, allies, and supporters. Worcester Pride welcomes participation in and volunteers for community goals and a variety of sponsored events and celebrates those who make specific strides to enhance the visibility of Worcester's LGBTQI+ community. The Pride march, festival, block party, and dance are all on 9/7 with several events over the next couple of months. Interested in representing Dignity at Worcester Pride? Please see a member of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board.

Name Tags: You're strongly encouraged wear a name tag at liturgy. By doing this, you act as a welcoming presence to new folks in our community. By identifying your pronouns on your name tag, we show that we're 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 dignityboston@gmail.com, 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.



Dignity/Boston

gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex Catholics & allies

July 14, 2019 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second Reading:
First Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel
Luke: 10:25-37



"Justice is what love looks like in public." --Cornel West



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Our Songs

Gathering: God of Day and God of Darkness (761)

Psalm: Your Love is Never Ending (131—Psalm 136)

Preparation: Abundant Life (710)

Communion: One Love Released (sheet)

Sending Forth: Your Wonderful Love (sheet)

Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.

Our Readings

In the First Reading we learn that God's word is not beyond us but as close as our hearts. Jesus reinforces this as he summarizes the entire law of God and offers a dramatic illustration in the Gospel. The poetic hymn of Colossians in the Second Reading is an exquisite portrait of the Cosmic Christ.

Our Liturgy

The glass chalices contain consecrated grape juice, for those who wish to abstain from alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available as well.

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.

Please silence your cell phone.

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Our Announcements

Thank You! DignityUSA capped our 50th anniversary with a series of three spectacular events in Chicago last week. As always, Dignity/Boston and our members made tremendous contributions to the success of the conference, Forum, and GNRC Assembly. Boston members served on the National Conference Committee, planning committees, and staff, were in the choir and served as on-the-ground volunteers, and had strong representation at the events. During the conference, Boston members participated in the Visioning Session which will shape our future priorities and activities. The Chapter and many members also contributed substantial financial support, which was also deeply appreciated. We hope everyone had a mountaintop experience, and took the opportunity to make new friends, including with our colleagues from around the world. Thanks to all who helped make these unprecedented events so memorable! (And remember to pre-register for our San Diego DignityUSA conference in August of 2021).

Second Collection: Next Sunday (7/21) we will have a Second Collection for Freedom for Immigrants, a non-profit organization and movement that aims to abolish immigrant detention. Over 50,000 adults and children are trapped in immigrant jails and prisons on any given day, many of whom are subject to medical neglect, assault, and other forms of abuse, and who are denied access to a court-appointed attorney, free phone call, or a speedy trial. Freedom for Immigrants works towards its mission through policy advocacy, a visitation network and hotline, a national bond fund, education and storytelling, by advocating for alternatives to detention, and through international organizing efforts. The organization's name is inspired by Fannie Lou Hamer: "Nobody's free until everybody's free." If you'd like to write a check please make it payable to "Dignity/Boston", Dignity will then write another check to the organization. Thanks, in advance, for your generosity.

Save the Date: Our Cardinals Sins biking team is taking to the streets once again this year to fight against HIV/AIDS through the Harbor to the Bay Ride. The date is Saturday, 9/14. In future weeks, we'll let you know ways that you can participate and support this important cause.