

2020 Executive Board: Dignity/Boston is seeking members to run for the 2020 Board. We'll be nominating members on Sunday, 11/3 after liturgy. Those who accept nomination to the Board will then be available for a question/answer session the following Sunday (11/10). Consider if a run for the Board is a good way for you to give back.

The Solidarity Pledge: "I will work for civil and human rights for all people, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex people. Civil rights are not special rights. I will seek to stop jokes and unkind language about anyone, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex people when spoken in my presence. Words that hurt and bigotry are not funny. I will speak out against any slander, debasement, lies or dehumanization of anyone, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex people including when spoken by political or religious leaders. Violent speech leads to physical violence. I will work to stop physical violence against anyone, including violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex people. Violence against any person is violence against all people."

Don't Forget! Our Activist Minute is still very much a part of Dignity/Boston and very much a part of who we are as community. Are you volunteering, marching, phone banking, canvassing, contacting public officials, writing letters, or working for social justice in other forms? Would you like to let your community know about your efforts to make the world a better place and invite others to join you? Sign up before liturgy to be called upon to speak briefly to the community during the community announcements. Interested members of the community can follow up with you at the social hour. A signup clipboard will be near the nametags or roving before church. For more information about how it works, please see Peggy H.

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, including 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.



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October 6, 2019 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Hakakkuk: 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Second Reading
Second Timothy: 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel
Luke: 17:5-10



"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." --Mahatma Gandhi

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Our Songs

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

Psalm: If Today You Hear God's Voice (89—Psalm 95)

Preparation: Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move (685)

Communion: Here at This Table (sheet)

Sending Forth: I Will Lift My Eyes (sheet)

Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers. Samples of our music can be found on the Dignity/Boston website.

Our Readings

In Reading 1, frustrated by God's apparent silence before injustice, the prophet Habakkuk receives a divine response: the just person who lives in communion with God despite all odds, will flourish. Jesus adds that faith can surprise us with its power in today's Gospel. Paul reminds his colleague Timothy that faith and love are a rich trust in our Second Reading.

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.

During our liturgy each Sunday, we ask you to please silence your cell phone.

Find us on:



Our Announcements

We Did It! Thank you for getting us to 1,000 Dignity/Boston likes on Facebook!

Thank You! Thanks to all who participated in today's Blessing of the Animals.

October is Membership Month: During the month of October, here at Dignity/Boston, we have a special membership going on. Join or renew your membership starting on Tuesday and you'll be discounted 20% of the normal cost. With this discount, an individual membership becomes just \$40 and a couple membership just \$80. To renew or join, all that you need to do is go to the DignityUSA website. Go to the URL www.dignityusa.org/join. In the "other amount" field, enter \$40 or \$80. Complete the form. Choose "Dignity/Boston" under "chapter affiliation". It's as easy as that! Please note that your membership in DignityUSA and Dignity/Boston supports the social justice efforts toward full inclusion of LGBTQI+ persons in the church. We hope you take advantage of this special offer.

Solidarity Sunday: Today is Solidarity Sunday, which is a faith-based anti-violence initiative. To participate, pray for an end of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex violence, wear a rainbow ribbon, and educate as many people as possible about the need to stop violence against all people, especially LGBTQI.

Liturgy of Remembrance: Please join us for our Dignity/Boston Liturgy of Remembrance on Sunday, 10/27. During this liturgy the names of those who passed away during the past year will be read aloud at our service. These will be the names from our Book of Names.

Book of Names: Our Dignity/Boston Book of Names is now available at the back of the church. We ask that you please consider writing the names of those who have passed away within the last year in the book. Please provide a pronunciation guide to facilitate the name reading for the readers and to ensure the name of your friend or loved one is read correctly.