

Pre-Register for the 25th Biennial Conference: Plan now to be part of our Dignity USA 2021 25th Biennial conference in San Diego, CA. The conference will be held at the Westin Gaslamp from Thursday, 8/19/21 to Sunday, 8/22/21. We invite you to pre-register today! Your \$100 deposit holds your spot. In addition, it guarantees you a 10% discount on the conference registration fee. If you'd like to be part of the conference planning committee, please email your interest area for serving as a volunteer to info@dignityusa.org We hope to see you in San Diego!

Small Print: Don't forget to read the small print in our Bulletin. You'll get such information as to how to be welcoming to all of those across the gender spectrum as well as information on the cancelation of Dignity/Boston services due to inclement weather.

Family Members Always Welcome: Consider bringing members of your family to our weekly liturgy. Show your family members just what a progressive and inclusive Catholic community looks like. All are welcome!

New Lectors Welcome: If you are a good reader and would like to contribute to our Dignity/Boston by lecturing, we invite you to see Bert O. before service. Your time and talent is welcome here!

Get to Know Us: If you're new to our Dignity/Boston community, get to know us. Each week after liturgy Dignity/Boston has a Social Hour after service. There will be coffee or a beverage and yummy desert-like treats during this time. Many thanks to Bert O. and other members of our community for supplying the treats.

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 Mary Beth Cummings, 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.



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

January 26, 2020 Christian Unity Sunday

First Reading
Isaiah: 8:23-9:3

Second Reading
First Corinthians: 1:10-13, 17

Gospel
Matthew: 4:12-23



"Believers are never told to become one. We already are one and are expected to act like it."

--Joni Eareckson Tada

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Our Songs

Gathering: Gather Your People (sheet)

Psalm: The Lord is My Light (39—Psalm 27)

Preparation: Pescador de Hombres (696)

Communion: One Love Released (sheet)

Sending Forth: We Are Called (718)

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

Our Readings

Jesus inaugurates his ministry in the backwaters of his day, Galilee, far from the center of religious life in Jerusalem and draws his first followers from among the fishers and common folk (Gospel). The evangelist cites the prophet Isaiah (Reading I), who announces to the those who have dwelt in darkness that a great light has dawned, marked with joyful exuberance and freedom from the oppressor. The second reading for the next several Sundays are from I Corinthians. The community of believers at Corinth enjoyed gifted leadership by both women and men, but Paul has received disquieting reports of internal issues that have torn at the fabric of communal life (Reading II).

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

Christian Unity Sunday: Today is Christina Unity Sunday. Tonight our guest co-presider will be Lisa Loughlin from First Congregational Church in Winchester, The Outdoor Church Cambridge, and the Dwelling Place meal program. She is approved for ordination with United Church of Christ pending a call. Lisa has focused her ministry to meal programs, helping the homeless, and those in recovery. She was raised Catholic but found her call to ministry at UCC. Lisa identifies as Lesbian and her pronouns are She, Her, Hers.

Second Collection: Tonight's Second Collection will benefit the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR). The scope of the conference's concerns is broad and includes collaborating in Catholic church and societal efforts that influence systemic change, utilizing their corporate voice in solidarity with people who experience any form of violence or oppression, and creating and offering resource materials on religious leadership skills. If you're writing a check, please make it payable to "Dignity/Boston". Dignity will then write one larger check for LCWR. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

First Event: Dignity/Boston is participating in First Event. It is being held from this Wednesday, 1/29 to Sunday, 2/2 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. First Event is hosted by Trans Club of New England (TCNE). The organizing team is committed to creating an accessible and inclusive conference for all trans and gender non-binary communities while maintaining the same great content and social events that you've come to enjoy and expect. There will be workshops, a job fair, an art show, professional networking, and more. There will be some celebrity sightings too! Among those in attendance will be Carmen Carrera, model/actor/activist; Jes Tom, actor/writer/comic; Carter Brown, the executive director of Black Transmen; Ce Ce Mc Donald, activist of Trans prison reform; and Dale Le Page, Pride TV host and Worcester native.

Ash Wednesday: Please join us on Sunday, 2/26 as we join with the St. Stephen's community for our Ash Wednesday Service. Dignity/Boston will have a member of our community read the First Reading. The Responsorial Psalm will also be offered by Dignity/Boston. This service marks the start of Lent. All are welcome!