

Main Ministries: Dignity/Boston has three main ministries. First, to the church, to work for the development of its sexual theology and for the inclusion of LGBTQI persons as full and equal members of the Church. Second, to society, to work for justice and social inclusion through education and legal reform. And finally, to individual LGBTQI persons, to reinforce self-acceptance and a sense of dignity as well as to aid everyone in becoming a more active member of the Church and society.

About Ordinary Time: In the liturgy of the post-Vatican II Roman Rite, Ordinary Time is that part of the Christian liturgical year that has no distinctive characters and is divided into two periods: between Christmas and Lent, and between Eastertide and Advent. In this season the Church celebrates no particular mystery in the life of Christ but rather focuses on the teachings and public ministry of Christ. In the usage of the Revised Common Lectionary, the term "Ordinary Time" applies only to the second of these two periods. The word "ordinary", as used here, is not meant to suggest that this period is plain or unremarkable, but is instead related to the word "ordinal" and emphasizes that these weeks are counted, from the 1st week of Ordinary Time to the 34th week.

Homilies: If you've missed a week here at Dignity, please note that many of our Homilies are up on the Dignity/Boston website. You can logically find them under the header "Homilies".

Come Worship With Us: If you'd like to find out more information about the thinking behind how we worship, please check out the section of the Dignity/Boston website called "Come Worship With Us". This is a major header on our front page at www.dignityboston.org

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.



Dignity/Boston

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

February 9, 2020 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Isaiah: 58:7-10

Second Reading
First Corinthians: 2:1-5

Gospel
Matthew: 5:13-16



"A salty Christian makes others salty for Jesus, the Water of Life."

--Unknown

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Our Songs

Gathering: Now the Feast and Celebration (742)

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

Preparation: What You Hear in the Dark (sheet)

Communion: Let Us be Bread (816)

Sending Forth: We Are the Light of the World (508)

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

Our Readings

In tonight's readings, the prophet Isaiah, never one to mince words, reminds his contemporaries that an authentic relationship with God can never be private, but must find expression in right relationships with others (First Reading). These words give perspective to the challenge from Jesus to illumine the world with our good works (Gospel). Do we accomplish this by ourselves? No, says St. Paul. Faith rests not on human wisdom but on the power of God (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

Aging with Dignity: Last April Dignity/Boston met for a community conversation on aging in collaboration with the DignityUSA Aging with Dignity Caucus. Please join us next Sunday (2/16) for part 2 of our conversation following our liturgy. We'll review our first discussion (part 1) and set our sights on "next steps". Dinner will be provided. For information see Jon S.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the Liturgy Committee will be Sunday, 2/23 after service. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday: We ask that you please consider joining us on Sunday, 2/26 at 7:00 p.m. as we join with the St. Stephen's community for our Ash Wednesday Service. This service will mark the start of our Lenten season. Dignity/Boston will have a member of our community read the First Reading. The Responsorial Psalm will also be offered by Dignity/Boston.

New Theme for Our 2021 Conference: DignityUSAs Board of Directors and the National Conference Committee are excited to announce the theme for the 2021 National Conference, 8-20-21 to 8-22-21, in San Diego. The theme is: Proclaiming Our Vision: Church Transfigured. This theme for the 2021 Conference looks to the future of DignityUSA. DignityUSA acknowledges the past 50 years of advocacy and service to the Catholic LGBTQI+ community and now moves into the next phase of the journey to create a place of welcome and inclusion within our Church.

One of Our Own Has a Scholarship! In recognition of Peggy Burns' long-standing commitment to making membership in DignityUSA accessible to all, upon her retirement, the DignityUSA Board established the Peggy Burns Membership Scholarship Fund. This Fund will supplement what people with financial need are able to pay towards dues. Seeded with both a corporate contributions and gifts from individual Board members, the Fund is now accepting additional gifts, as well as available to be drawn on by those unable to pay the full cost of membership. DignityUSA thanks all who have donated to this new initiative, and is excited to have a new way to fulfill our commitment to making membership accessible broadly.