

**Equally Blessed:** Did you know that DignityUSA is part of a broader coalition? Equally Blessed is a coalition of three Catholic organizations that have spent more than 120 years working on behalf of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex people and their families. Collectively and individually, Call To Action, New Ways Ministry, and DignityUSA, and are devoted to informing, supporting, and giving voice to the growing majority within the Catholic Church in the United States that favors equality under law for LGBTQI people. The coalition seeks to educate, to inspire, and to prompt Catholics to take action in the church and in the wider culture on behalf of LGBTQI people, their families and friends. The work, as organizations and as a collective, encompasses the pastoral, the political and the theological. Equally Blessed acquaints state legislators and members of the U. S. Congress with the opinions of the Catholic majority, serves as a point of contact in the Catholic community for secular organizations working on behalf of LGBTQI people and their families, speaks frequently with reporters, issues statements and writes op-ed articles for secular and religious publications, develops and circulates sound theological and scriptural resources that make the case for LGBTQI equality, and calls bishops back to fidelity when they make hurtful statements or take stands contrary to the church's teaching on the dignity of every human person. The roots of the Equally Blessed organizations run deep in Catholic soil, and are nourished by the deep wisdom of the Catholic spiritual tradition, by the incomparable gift of the Holy Eucharist, and by the love and support of the faith communities in which our members live and worship. Equally Blessed is fired by a vision of a church that transcends cultural prejudices and is faithful to its own profound insight that each of us is a beloved child of God, created in the divine image. DignityUSA is proud to be a part of this strong coalition.

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](http://www.dignityboston.org). To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Chris Lawrence, email [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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

## September 1, 2019 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading

**Sirach:** 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

### Second Reading

**Hebrews:** 12:18-19, 22-24

### Gospel

**Luke:** 14:1, 7-14



*"Jesus cares about our smallest needs—caring if we are wet and cold, if we are hungry and discouraged, if we are frightened or lonely, if we are marginalized and excluded." --Suzanne DeWitt*

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## Our Songs

**Gathering:** Gather Us In (744)

**Psalm:** You Have Made a Home for the Poor (67—Psalm 68)

**Preparation:** The Harvest of Justice (711)

**Communion:** Bread for the World (827)

**Sending Forth:** Send Down the Fire (466)

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

## Our Readings

In our Gospel tonight we hear “the exalted shall be humbled and the humble exalted.” The true places of honor are for those who walk humbly (the parable of the wedding guests). Therefore conduct your affairs with a sensible heart in gentleness and charity, says Sirach. So, it is with those who dwell in the city of the Living God, as mentioned 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.*

*Please silence your cell phone.*

**Find us on:**



## Our Announcements

**Worcester Pride:** Dignity/Boston will be represented at Worcester Pride this year but, of course, we welcome all who wish to come. The Worcester Pride celebration this Saturday (9/7) includes a Pride March at 11:00 a.m. that runs from Worcester’s Institute Park down to City Hall in the downtown. There is also a festival on the Worcester Common throughout the entire afternoon (Noon to 5:00 p.m.). The Worcester Pride Tea Dance starts at 5:00 p.m. and the Worcester Pride Block Party @ MB Lounge starts at 5:30 p.m. In addition, there is a Youth Pride Dance at the YWCA from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There are many more events in advance of this date too. Check out <https://worcesterpride.org>

**Last Week’s Second Collection:** Last week’s Second Collection raised \$623 for Harbor to the Bay. To donate to our bike team, who is riding over 100 miles to Provincetown to fight HIV/AIDS, please go the Harbor to the Bay website. The website is located at <https://www.harbortothebay.org> Once there, please click on the “donate” header. Then click on the radio button to choose “team”. From the list of teams, choose “Cardinal Sins”. You may also click on the radio button for “person” and enter in the name of one of our wonderful riders. Also, we need crew to help on Saturday, 9/14 for our Cardinal Sins/Harbor to the Bay bike ride. In particular, we will need help at Stop #5. This pit stop is at the Barnstable Fire Station behind 3249 Main St. in Barnstable. We will need help from 10:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Please see Matt M. to sign up to assist. Harbor to the Bay offers scholarships for first time riders and for folks with HIV. Join our team, the Cardinal Sins! Thank you for considering to ride, crew, and/or donate as we continue to fight HIV/AIDS.

**Blessing of the Animals:** Please join us on Sunday, 10/6 for our annual Dignity/Boston Blessings of the Animals. This is a simple, beautiful, and touching ceremony where we say prayers and bless each of our Dignity pets who are present as well as pictures of our pets who can’t attend. You are welcome to attend whether you have a pet or not. The ceremony is at 3:15 p.m. in the park (Blackstone Square Park) across from St. Stephen’s. We hope that you can attend and participate in this service which gives blessing to our precious pets. Many pets stay after the ceremony and continue to play in the field.