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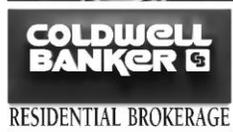
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## Dignity/Boston Bulletin

*Todos son bienvenidos en la casa de Dios*

**December 30, 2018**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**First Reading**  
**Numbers: 6:22-27**

**Second Reading**  
**Galatians: 4:4-7**

**Gospel**  
**Luke: 2:16-21**

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*"Images of Mary remind us of God's favor. Mary is what it looks like to believe that we already are who God says we are."*

*--Nadia Bolz-Weber*



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## Dignity Announcements

*Note: The glass chalices contain consecrated grape juice, for those who wish to abstain from alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available as well. Please turn off cell phones during liturgy. 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 Order of Service and 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.*

**Presider(s):** Gene

**Gathering:** O Little Town of Bethlehem (363, v. 1, 2, 4)

**Psalm:** Magnificat (788)

**Preparation:** As Gently as New Fallen Snow (sheet)

**Communion:** It Came upon the Midnight Clear (367)

**Sending Forth:** Go Tell It on the Mountain (359)

*Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.*

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**Musical Prelude:** Throughout the Christmas Season, members of the Music Ministry will offer a musical prelude prior to the start of our liturgies. A chime will sound to signal the start of the prelude, followed by a greeting from a member of the Board. The liturgy will then start as usual.

**Dignity/NH Liturgy:** The next liturgy of Dignity/NH will be held in the UU Church of Nashua's Chapel at 1:00 pm on next Sunday (1/6). All are welcome to attend. For your GPS or app, the address is 58 Lowell St. in Nashua.

**Christian Unity Sunday:** This year Dignity/Boston welcomes Rev. Louis Mitchell to our Christian Unity Sunday service on Sunday, 1/27. He will offer the homily to our community. More details in next week's Bulletin.

**First Event:** Dignity/Boston will once again be registering at First Event. First Event is one of the longest running conferences in the U.S. for transgender and gender expansive people and those who love and support them. The event runs from 1/30 to 2/3 at the Best Western Royal Plaza hotel in Marlborough. We plan to have more details soon.

**2019 Executive Board:** In just two days we welcome in our new 2019 Dignity/Boston Executive Board: April Cummings, Mary Beth Cummings, Chris Lawrence, Bert Ouellette, Abdel Sepulveda, Julia Spiegelman, and Michael Sullivan. We look forward to all that they accomplish, in God's name, during the new year! Congratulations to all!

**New Order of Liturgy:** We hope you like our new Dignity/Boston Order of Liturgy. Many thanks to the Dignity/Boston Liturgy Committee for their hard work on putting this together. The booklet is designed to help you follow and participate in our weekly liturgies. It includes the Order of Liturgy, Healing Prayers, and a selection of shared Eucharistic prayers. We worship in the Catholic tradition, with an openness to where we see the Holy Spirit guiding us in liturgical practice.

**Gender-Inclusive and Gender-Balanced:** Dignity/Boston strives to be gender-inclusive and gender-balanced at all of our liturgies. We continue to grow in awareness about gender diversity, and we recognize and welcome a spectrum of gender identities and expressions. If you notice that any of our hymnals or printed materials do not reflect that, we welcome and encourage you to change the language as you prefer.

**Homilies:** Dignity/Boston is very proud of our thoughtfully composed and presented homilies by all of our presiders. Note that many of our most recent homilies have been posted on our new Dignity/Boston web site. They are under the header labeled "homilies" at [www.dignityboston.org](http://www.dignityboston.org) We hope you take a look and enjoy.

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