

**2020 Dignity/Boston Executive Board Announcement:** Our 2020 Executive Board will be announced at our Anniversary Lunch as well as our Anniversary Liturgy. Both are on Sunday, 12/8. Many thanks for those who ran and made a commitment to serve. Just a reminder that, at this point, you should have received an electronic or paper ballot. Paper ballots need to reach our Boston post office box by Saturday, 12/7 in order to count. All voting will stop at that point and a team of Dignity members will tally the votes.

**Dignity/Boston Anniversary Lunch:** Our Anniversary Lunch will be on Sunday, 12/8 at 12 Noon at Maggiano's Little Italy. There will be a presentation by four Dignity members, long-term and new. The meal consists of two of each: appetizers, salads, pastas, entrees, and desserts. Beverages, such as coffee, hot and ice tea, and soda as well as a cash bar, are also available. Maggiano's Little Italy is at 4 Columbus Ave in Boston's Back Bay.

**Payment for the Lunch:** Please ensure that you've submitted your \$20 payment for the lunch either today or next Sunday in order that Maggiano's Little Italy can have full payment by their Wednesday, 12/4 deadline. Both cash and checks addressed to Dignity/Boston are accepted. Dave H. or Mike are available before/after liturgy to accept payment.

**Milestone Anniversaries:** There will be a pinning ceremony to mark Milestone Anniversaries for members of our Dignity/Boston community after our 12/8 Anniversary liturgy. Please join us!

**Save the Date:** Our Christmas liturgy will be on Christmas Eve, 12/24, at 9:00 p.m. here at St. Stephen's. All are welcome!

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](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.



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

## November 24, 2019 Liturgy of Thanksgiving

**First Reading**  
Isaiah: 63:7-9

**Second Reading**  
First Corinthians: 1:3-9

**Gospel**  
Matthew: 7:7-12



*"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."*

*--Melody Beattie*

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## Our Songs

**Gathering:** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (564)

**Psalm:** You Are All We Have (505)

**Preparation:** We Give You Thanks (sheet)

**Communion:** Bread to Share (sheet)

**Sending Forth:** Deep Down I Know (sheet)

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

## Our Readings

Parts of chapters 6 and 7 in the Sermon on the Mount are a series of teachings which each stands on its own; they are like a string of pearls. Today's teaching draws a correlation between prayerful trusting in the power of divine providence and the generosity of a loving God. The Golden Rule completes the teaching (Gospel). The prophet's prayer, probably composed toward the end of the exile, is a grateful recalling of past divine interventions and favors (Reading I). The early believers at Corinth were struggling to realize the implications of baptism. St. Paul opens his letter with heartfelt gratitude to God for the rich spiritual gifts granted them (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

### Welcome to our Liturgy of Thanksgiving!

**Thanksgiving Potluck:** Please join us after tonight's liturgy for our Thanksgiving Potluck. Whether you just walked in the door for the first time tonight or you're a long-standing member, all are welcome to partake in our table of plenty!

**Thanksgiving Collection:** Tonight's Dignity/Boston Thanksgiving collection will benefit the Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP). FNSP is a community meal program dedicated to hunger relief, located in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood. It was co-founded in 1984 by Arlington Street Church and Dignity/Boston and has a dedicated team of volunteers that has served over 7,800 meals yearly to disadvantaged people every Friday evening for the past 35 years. Each guest is served a nutritious three course meal consisting of soup, dinner, and dessert at their table by our courteous volunteer servers. FNSP serves 150 guests each Friday night from various backgrounds including veterans, those coping with AIDS, mental illness or substance abuse, youth living on the streets, elderly, disabled, abused women, individuals who are jobless, minimally employed, or living below the poverty level. If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to Dignity/Boston. Dignity will then write one larger check to the program. Thanks for your generosity.

**World AIDS Day:** Next Sunday is World AIDS Day and our liturgy, in addition to being the First Sunday of Advent, we will also be dedicated to World AIDS Day. It is an international day focused on raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease. Government and health officials, non-governmental organizations, and individuals around the world observe the day, often with education on AIDS prevention and control. As of 2017, AIDS has killed between 28.9 million and 41.5 million people worldwide, and an estimated 36.7 million people are living with HIV, making it one of the most important global public health issues in recorded history. Thanks to recent improved access to antiretroviral treatment in many regions of the world, the death rate from AIDS epidemic has decreased since its peak in 2005 (1 million in 2016, compared to 1.9 million in 2005).