

**Save the Date:** Please save the date for our Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, 2/26. We hope to have more details soon.

**Join our choir!** Do you like to sing? Can you carry a tune? Have you previously sung with a choir or other group? Come join the Dignity/Boston choir! We rehearse at 4:00 p.m. on Sundays, before the weekly 5:00 p.m. liturgy. Prior experience is helpful but not required. Instrumentalists are welcome as well. See Jane P. after liturgy with any questions.

**The Friday Night Supper Program:** The Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP) meets the food security needs of homeless and formerly homeless individuals in Greater Boston. The mission of the Friday Night Supper Program is to provide a warm, nutritious meal to anyone in need in a safe and dignified environment every Friday evening. It is a secular organization, co-founded in 1984 by Arlington Street Church, a Unitarian Universalist congregation, and Dignity/Boston. As one of the oldest homeless dinner programs in Boston, it's dedicated team of volunteers has served thousands of warm, healthy meals every Friday night, serving on holidays and through snow, storms, and power outages for 35 years. Arlington Street Church donates space and utilities for the program and Dignity/Boston members continue to contribute as volunteers and board members. The Friday Night Supper Program benefits from a large dedicated group of regular volunteers and strong, long-term relationships with other area hunger-relief organizations, including the Greater Boston Food Bank, the American Red Cross, and Project Bread.

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 Mary Beth Cummings, 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.



**Dignity/Boston**

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

## January 5, 2020 Feast of the Epiphany

**First Reading**  
Isaiah: 60:1-6

**Second Reading**  
Ephesians: 3:2-3, 5-6

**Gospel**  
Matthew: 2:1-12



*"Refugees have done more for my heart and my spirit than I can ever express in words."*

*--Angelina Jolie*

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## Our Songs

**Gathering:** Brightest and Best (379)

**Psalm:** Every Nation on Earth (sheet)

**Preparation:** The First Nowell (377)

**Communion:** What Child is This/Child of the Poor (380)

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

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

## Our Readings

Once again, the prophet Isaiah proclaims boundless hope, in this instance, to exiles returning to the Holy City. Jerusalem shall “arise and shine” and be a light to the peoples of all nations, who shall stream toward it bearing royal gifts (Reading I). The magi bear such royal gifts to the infant Savior, the Light of the World and the hope of all nations (Gospel). The gentile magi represent all peoples, whom St. Paul considers partakers of the promise of Jesus and common heirs with all believers (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.*

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## Our Announcements

**St. Stephen's Appeal:** The Appeal and Second Collection for St. Stephen's Youth Programs together has raised \$1,693 for the program.

**About Epiphany:** Today (1/5) is the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally, but not solely, the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus Christ's physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

**About Christian Unity Sunday:** Dignity//Boston celebrates Christian Unity Sunday on Sunday, 1/26 at our 5:00 p.m. liturgy. At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that “they may be one so that the world may believe” (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. We hope to have more information in the Bulletin as it becomes available.

**First Event:** Dignity/Boston is participating in First Event, which is one of the longest running conferences in the U.S. for transgender and gender expansive people and those who love and support them. It is being held from 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. Register now! The hotel registration deadline is 1/13.