

**Solidarity Sunday:** Solidarity Sunday is a faith-based anti-violence initiative (this year on Sunday, 10/6). DignityUSA initiated Solidarity Sunday in 1995 as a way of making our opposition to anti-LGBTQI violence visible. To participate, pray for an end of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex violence, wear a rainbow ribbon, educate as many people as possible about the need to stop violence against all people, especially LGBTQI. We also ask you to please take the Solidarity Pledge: I will work for civil and human rights for all people, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex people. Civil rights are not special rights. I will seek to stop jokes and unkind language about anyone, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex people when spoken in my presence. Words that hurt and bigotry are not funny. I will speak out against any slander, debasement, lies or dehumanization of anyone, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex people including when spoken by political or religious leaders. Violent speech leads to physical violence. I will work to stop physical violence against anyone, including violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex people. Violence against any person is violence against all people.

**Contemplation:** Contemplation is the action of looking thoughtfully at something for a long period of time. It involves deep reflective thought. Dignity/Boston is very thankful for your presence and membership in our community. With 2020 approaching in a few months, we ask you to contemplate your relationship with our community. Would this be the right time for you to consider a run for leadership on our Executive Board? Could you utilize your skills in our choir? If you're a good speaker, could you use that talent to lector? Perhaps, you have an interest in our liturgies and could contribute your talents to our Liturgy Committee. We thank you as you contemplate your next steps in Dignity/Boston.

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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.



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

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## September 15, 2019 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading**  
**Exodus:** 32:7-11, 13-14

**Second Reading**  
**First Timothy:** 1:12-17

**Gospel**  
**Luke:** 15:1-32



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*"In searching for myself, I have created myself."*

*--Ljupka Cvetanova*

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## Our Songs

**Gathering:** Come to Us (743)

**Psalm:** Here I Am (sheet)

**Anointing:** The Peace of God (sheet)

**Preparation:** Do Not Fear to Hope (596)

**Communion:** Pan de Vida (848)

**Sending Forth:** God Has Chosen Me (682)

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

## Our Readings

How easy it is to lose one's sense of direction. The people of Israel replace the God of the Exodus with a golden calf. Sensing divine displeasure, Moses calls upon the promise and patience of God in the First Reading. Two short parables display the extravagant love of God who ceaselessly seeks us out and finds joy in reunion in our Gospel. No one seems more mindful of this than Paul, to whom God's grace is given in overflowing measure as shown 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

**Thank You:** Thanks to all who participated in Harbor to the Bay in any way. We were able to raise \$7,705 as of this printing.

**Executive Board Meeting:** The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board is next Sunday (9/22) from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. here at St. Stephen's. If you're considering a run for the 2020 Executive Board you might consider attending this meeting as all are welcome to attend.

**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Liturgy Committee is next Sunday (9/22) following our weekly 5:00 service. All are welcome to attend.

**Second Collection:** Next week's Second Collection will benefit the Ken Garber Scholarship Fund of the Tiffany Club of New England. This fund provides financial support for eligible applicants attending the annual First Event, which welcomes all genders, non-binary, queer and questioning persons, their families, allies, and professionals to celebrate, meet old friends, make new friends, and teach and learn from each other at one of the oldest and largest transgender conferences in the world. If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to Dignity/Boston. We'll then write one larger check to the scholarship. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

**Blessing of the Animals:** Please join us on Sunday, 10/6 for our annual Dignity/Boston Blessing 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.

**Quick and Easy Membership:** Just go to the "Join" tab on our Dignity/Boston website. Click on the "join DignityUSA" link. Thank you for showing your support by becoming a member. Scholarships are available if you face any hardship.