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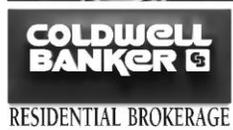
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Dignity/Boston Bulletin

Todos son bienvenidos en la casa de Dios

December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent/Anniversary Liturgy

First Reading

Jeremiah: 33:14-16

Second Reading

Thessalonians: 3:12-4:2

Gospel

Luke: 2:25-28, 34-36

"Anniversaries are like birthdays: occasions to celebrate and to think ahead, usually among friends with whom one shares not only the past but also the future."

--Zbigniew Brzezinski



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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, Mary Beth, and Chris L.

Gathering: Sing Out Earth and Skies (499)

Psalm: To You O Lord (36-Psalm 25)

Preparation: You Weave A Story (sheet)

Communion: A Place at the Table (sheet)

Sending Forth: City of God (678)

Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.

Welcome! We welcoming our DignityUSA President, Chris Pett, to our Anniversary Liturgy this evening.

Musical Prelude: Beginning tonight (12/2) and throughout the Advent and 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.

Milestone Anniversaries: Tonight we are honoring of our members who have milestone anniversaries with a special pinning ceremony. Please join us after service for this and some sparkling cider, some celebratory chocolate, and a non-caffeine alternative.

Commissioning Ceremony: Please join us tonight after our liturgy for the commissioning of the new 2019 Dignity/Boston Executive Board.

Second Collection: Next Sunday's (12/9) Second Collection will benefit the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) is an association of the leaders of congregations of Catholic women

religious in the United States. The conference has about 1350 members, who represent nearly 80 percent of the approximately 48,500 women religious in the United States. The conference assists its members to collaboratively carry out their service of leadership to further the mission of the Gospel in today's world. If you're writing a check, please make it payable to Dignity/Boston. Dignity will then write one larger check to the association. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Discerning Our Path Forward: Please join us next Sunday (12/9) after liturgy for our final Jubilee community conversation: Discerning our Path Forward. We will reflect and build on the visions for our future as both a local chapter and member of DignityUSA that we discussed in our November Jubilee evening and now consider how we will make these visions come to life. Dinner will be served!

Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve: With the Fourth Sunday of Advent falling on Sunday, 12/23, and schedule challenges such as access to the church and work schedules, we will not be offering a Christmas Eve liturgy on 12/24. All are warmly welcomed to join St. Stephen's Christmas Eve liturgy this year. We will publish the time in the Bulletin in December. Please join us on Sunday 12/23, as we close the Advent season and welcome the Christmas season.

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. More details soon!

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. To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Chris Lawrence, email dignityinfo@dignityboston.org, or call 617-421-1915. Please leave a detailed message. For bulletin submissions, send an email to Dave Houle at 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.