

**Documentary:** Michael Goldrick, who joined us at the Chicago conference, is producing a film about a gay Catholic man's fight to get justice for a gay youth wrongfully incarcerated for a crime he did not commit. Watch a trailer for the film, which is called "On My Knees" and contact Michael for more information on this important project.

**Homilies:** Perhaps you've missed church recently and would like to hear a recent homily or perhaps outside street or fan noise has caused you to miss some part of our homilies. If that's the case, please note that many of our homilies are available online at our new, revised website, [www.dignityboston.org](http://www.dignityboston.org). We hope you can take advantage of this resource.

**Our 2019 Dignity/Boston Executive Board:** Our Dignity/Boston Executive Board has been hard at work all year. At mid-year, we wanted to remind you of those members who have been serving all year in this capacity. Those members include April C., Mary Beth C. (vice-president), Julia D-S, Aidan H. (treasurer), Chris L. (president), Bert Ouellette, Abdel S., and Michael S. (secretary). Thank you for your hard work and service to our Dignity/Boston community.

**The Assumption of Mary:** In two weeks on (8/18), Dignity/Boston celebrates The Assumption of Mary. This is, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern and Oriental Orthodoxy, the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Catholic Church teaches as dogma that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". The actual feast day is Monday, 8/15.

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. except during the summer when the Bulletin deadline moves to 3:00 p.m. each Wednesday.



**Dignity/Boston**

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

## August 4, 2019 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading

**Ecclesiastes:** 1:2, 2:21-23

### Second Reading:

**Colossians:** 3:1-5, 9-11

### Gospel

**Luke:** 12:13-21



*"If they don't bring you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."  
--Shirley Chisholm*

*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.*



Dignity/Boston  
PO Box 170428  
Boston, MA 02117  
617-421-1915  
[dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com)  
[www.dignityboston.org](http://www.dignityboston.org); [www.dignityusa.org](http://www.dignityusa.org)

## Our Songs

**Gathering:** All Are Welcome (753)

**Psalm:** In Every Age (call and response)

**Preparation:** At Evening (759)

**Communion:** One Bread, One Body (830)

**Sending Forth:** How Can I Keep From Singing (603)

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

## Our Readings

In the First Reading we hear that it's ultimately futile to pursue vanity and the accumulation of treasures. Jesus agrees, and suggests that we are rich not in what we own, but in who we are, in God, wherein there is lasting wealth that does not fade, as we hear in this week's Gospel. Subsequently, we are continuously called to put *aside* what is insignificant and put *on* a "new self" in Christ (Second Reading from Colossians).

## 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

**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Liturgy Committee is next Sunday following our 5:00 service here at St. Stephen's. All are welcome to attend.

**Worcester Pride:** This Pride celebration is Saturday, 9/7. If you're interested in representing Dignity/Boston at Worcester Pride, please see a member of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board.

**Harbor to the Bay:** On Saturday, 9/14 our Cardinal Sins Harbor to the Bay team rides again! If you're interested in helping at Pit Stop #5, please see Matthew M.

**Pre-Register for the 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference:** Plan now to be part of our 25th biennial conference, in San Diego, CA. The conference will be held at the Westin Gaslamp on 8/19/21 to 8/22/21. Preregister today! Your \$100 deposit holds your spot and guarantees you a 10% discount on the registration fee. If you'd like to be part of the conference planning committee, please email your interest area for serving as a volunteer to [info@dignityusa.org](mailto:info@dignityusa.org).

**By-Laws Voting:** In May, all DignityUSA members in good standing were contacted by email or postal mail with information about the proposed amended version of the DignityUSA Bylaws. Developed in a multi-year process, the proposed revisions seek to achieve the following objectives: to update our bylaws to reflect current operational and environmental realities, to ensure the format and content better conform to the requirements of the District of Columbia Code where we are officially registered, and to simplify and streamline our bylaws to maximize our efficiency and ability to adapt to changing internal and external conditions. We asked members to study the revised bylaws document to provide their input by mail and during the Membership Meeting at the 2019 Chicago Conference. Members in good standing received either an electronic ballot from Survey Monkey or a paper ballot in the mail. Voting began on Saturday, 7/27 and will conclude on Monday, 8/26. Results will be announced to all members by Monday, 9/16. If you did not receive either an electronic or paper ballot and believe you should have, please contact [info@dignityusa.org](mailto:info@dignityusa.org) or call 1-800-877-8797.