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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 November 2024

Botanical Watercolor Fig Tree by Vincent Redouté

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PRELUDE | *Andante Sostenuto* from *Symphony Gothique*, Op. 70, no. 2
Brett Maguire, organist

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | City of God

Dan Schutte

1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your
2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh - ters of
sleep!
day. A new day is dawn - ing
The One who has loved us
for all those who weep. The peo - ple in
has bright - ened our way. The Lord of all
dark - ness have seen a great light. The Lord of our
kind - ness has called us to be a light for his
long - ing peo - ple has con - quered the night.
to set their hearts free.

Refrain

Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be
turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our
love, has turned the night in - to day!


Verse 3

3. God is light; in him there is no
dark-ness. Let us walk in his light, his
chil - dren, one and all.
O com-fort my peo - ple; make gen-tle your
words. Pro - claim to my cit-y
the day of her birth. D.S.

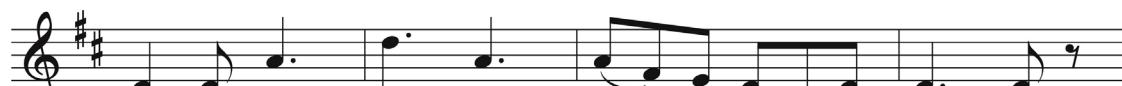
4. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your
voice. Pro - claim the good tid - ings
that all may re - joice! **D.S.**

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,



and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

Verse 1



1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we



glo - ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.

Verse 2



2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a-way the



sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you



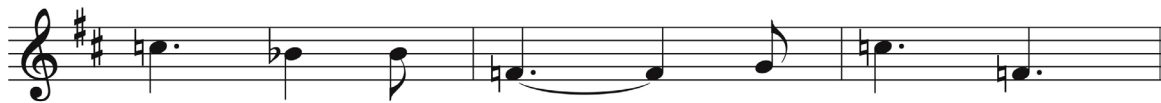
take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our



prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Verse 3



COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Daniel 12: 1-3



You are my in - her-i-tance, O Lord. You are my in - her-i-tance, O Lord.

O LORD, it is you who are my portion
and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.
I keep the LORD before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall
not be moved. R̃.

even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to
Sheol,
nor let your holy one see
corruption. R̃.

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is
glad;

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss forever. R̃.

SECOND READING | Hebrews 10: 11-14, 16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Unity Mass

Norah Duncan IV



GOSPEL | Mark 13: 24-32

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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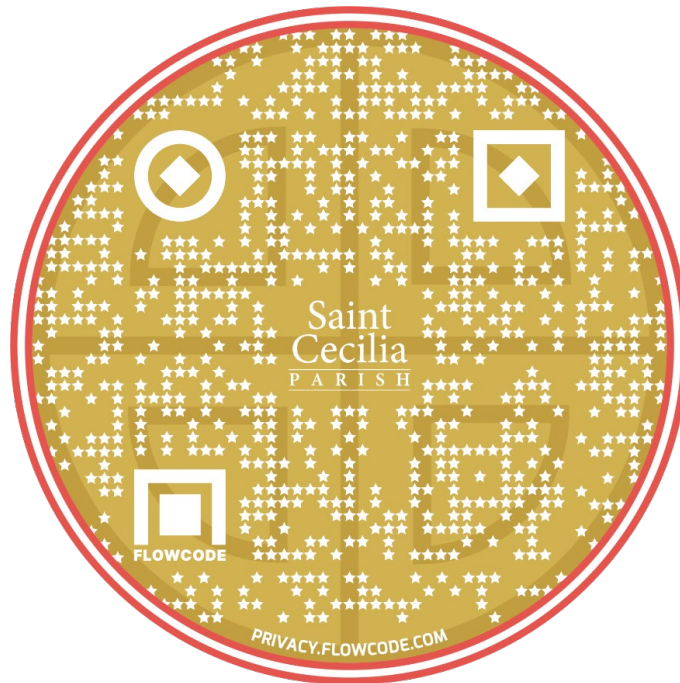
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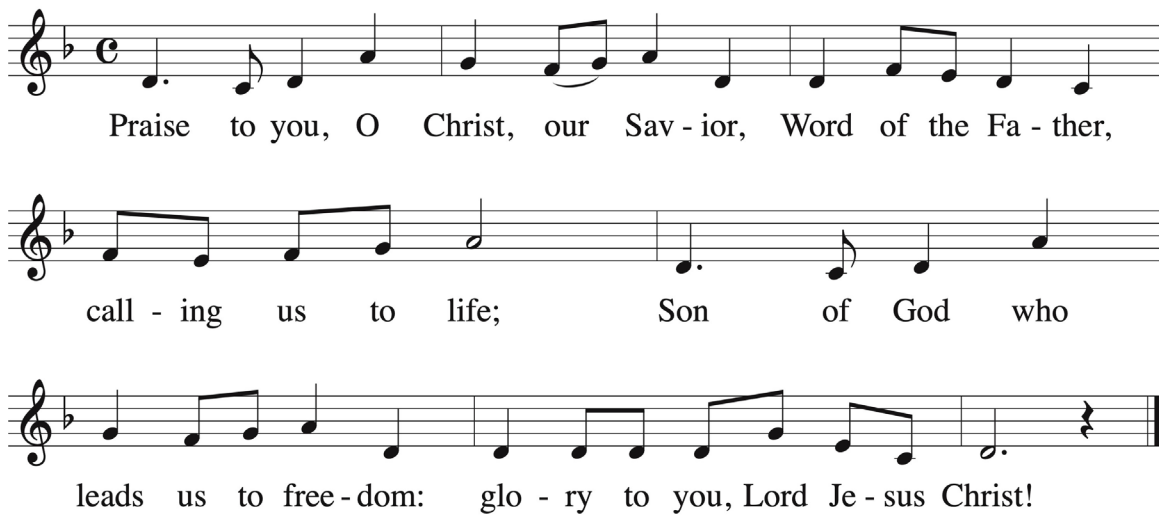
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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

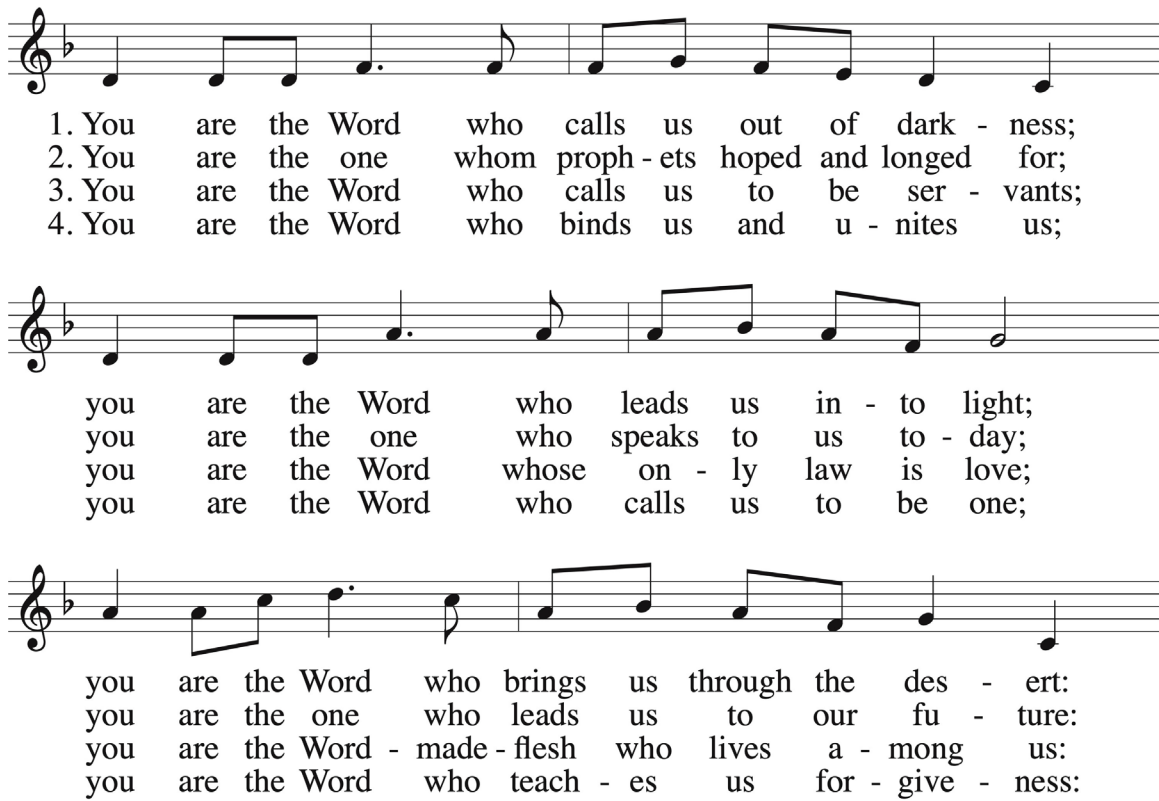
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Praise to You, O Christ the Savior

Bernadette Farrell



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther,
call - ing us to life; Son of God who
leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!


Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;

you are the Word who leads us in - to light;
you are the one who speaks to us to - day;
you are the Word whose on - ly law is love;
you are the Word who calls us to be one;

you are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:
you are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:
you are the Word - made - flesh who lives a - mong us:
you are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:



glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✕ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✕ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✕ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note and a whole note. The lyrics are written below the staff.

GREAT AMEN | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 6/4 time. The melody consists of half notes and whole notes, with a final half note and a whole note. The lyrics are written below the staff.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

Cantor or choir: *All:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
 Prince of Peace,
 God of Love,
 Bread of Life,

Repeat as needed

world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time *Cantor or choir:*

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

All:

world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

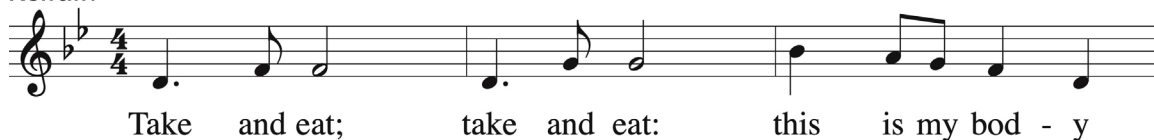
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an "Act of Spiritual Communion." When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus,
 I believe that you
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
 I love you above all things,
 and I desire to receive you into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace you as if you were already there
 and unite myself wholly to you.
 Never permit me to be separated from you.

Refrain



Verses



1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4. I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;
5. I am the light that came in - to the world;
6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;



- I am the seed that died to be re - born;
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
 I am the gate that guards you night and day;
 A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;
 I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;



- I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
 You are my flock: you know the shep-herd's voice;
 You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;
 I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;
 I am the bride-groom, this my wed - ding song;



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.
You are my bride, come to the mar - riage feast.

COMMUNION MEDITATION | Deep River

African-American Spiritual
Arr. Mack Wilberg

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast that promised land where all is peace?

CONCLUDING RITES

- ✠ The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
- ✠ May almighty God bless you, the Father, (+) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.
- ✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.
All: Thanks be to God.



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
 3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
 5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
 suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry
 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph
 light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
 like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.
 o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
 peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

POSTLUDE | *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland*, BWV 665
 Brett Maguire, organist

Johann Sebastian Bach
 (1684-1750)

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For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia,
 please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: RDuff@stceciliaboston.org.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children's faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus' teachings.

Saint Cecilia Parish was established in 1888. At that time the Back Bay section of Boston along Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street was the residential section of the Yankee aristocracy. The maids ("Irish working out girls") and coachmen who served these residents had long requested a church of their own. When Archbishop Williams granted their request and carved the parish from the territory of the Cathedral, they built a magnificent church out of their meager earnings. Our church building resides on the ancestral homeland of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts tribal nations.

The church was dedicated on April 22, 1894. Its architecture is Romanesque, XII Century Norman. The main altar, notable for its massive simplicity, was carved from a single block of white Carrara marble. The painting in the center reredos is a reproduction of da Vinci's The Last Supper, and the dome above is an array of 24K gold rosettes.

For the sixtieth anniversary celebration in 1954, a massive renovation project was undertaken. During this renovation, a statue of Pope Saint Pius X (canonized that same year) was imported from Italy and placed on the right side of the sanctuary. Above the statue are paintings from Pius' life. On the left side is a statue of Saint Patrick, principal patron of the Archdiocese of Boston, and above it are three scenes from his life.

Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two oak cases of the organ—was installed in 1954 (the Marian Year) in spaces originally designed for windows but not until then used.

The original organ of 24 stops was built in 1902 by the Hutchings-Votey Organ Company, Opus 1465, and was rebuilt in 1954 with 32 stops. In 1998, Timothy Smith and Theodore Gilbert began a massive reconstruction of the organ. The current Smith & Gilbert Organ of 4 manuals, 54 ranks, and 3,084 pipes was dedicated on the Feast of Saint Cecilia, November 22, 1999.

Today we are experiencing something of an awakening within these old walls. Our numbers are increasing by 350 new households each year, and we continue to grow in our commitment to issues of peace, justice, and service to our neighbors, both near and far.

We've been right here on Belvidere Street, in the same building for over 125 years, but that does not mean that life here is stale, stagnant, or even predictable. We are proud to be entrusted with the legacy of Saint Cecilia Parish, where everything is the same, yet always changing; where we honor tradition while embracing the future; where God's love makes all things new.

AWAKEN TO *Joy*

A Saint Cecilia Day
Concert in honor of
Saint Cecilia,
the patron saint of
music and musicians

Friday, November 22
7:30 p.m.
Saint Cecilia Church

Join us for an unforgettable
evening of music and
inspiration.



This choral-orchestral concert will feature
the Saint Cecilia Choir, soloists, and orchestra performing:

J.S. Bach's
Catata 140
*Wachet auf, ruft uns die
Stimme – Awake, a voice
is calling us*

Felix
Mendelssohn's
Psalm 42
Cantata

and
Organ works
performed by our
parish organists

We hope you'll join us for this powerful exploration of faith, hope, and joy—an opportunity to reflect on the passing year as we look forward to the year to come.

This concert will also be livestreamed at stceciliaboston.org
Admission is free.

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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, November 16 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Maggie Giles, lector

Sunday, November 17 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. John Predmore, SJ, celebrant
Emily St. Germain, lector

Sunday, November 17 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Cole Young, Karen McMenamy, and
Nikko Mendoza, lectors

Sunday, November 17 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Elli St. George and Peter Haley, lectors

Sunday, November 17 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Gina Filloramo, lector

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 17 | 9:30 a.m.

Simone Banks, *Memorial*
Vincent Loporchio, *Memorial*
James McDonough, *Memorial*
John Callaghan, *Memorial*
Peter Lanzetti, *15th Anniversary*
Dolores Cecere-DiGiulio Zankowski,
14th Anniversary
Brian McGraw, *Memorial*
Joseph Dettore, *Memorial*
David Kennedy, *Memorial*

Sunday, November 17 | 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Anthony J. Bravo, *Memorial*

Thursday, November 21 | 8:00 a.m.

Elena Paez L, *Anniversary*

Friday, November 22 | 8:00 a.m.

Cristobal Paez L, *Memorial*
Maria Cristina Campo de Paez, *Memorial*

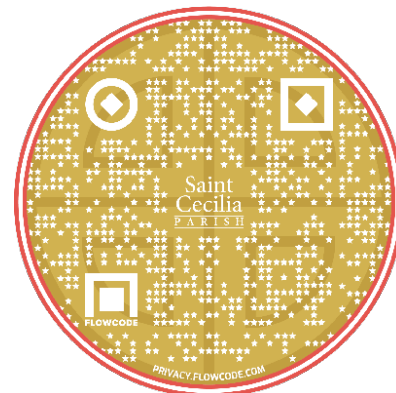
TODAY'S READINGS

Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

PLEASE SCAN THIS CODE
FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased

David Kennedy died on Thursday, November 14. Pray for the repose of his soul, as well as for the consolation of his wife, Donna, and their family and friends. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Sick

Pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Peggie Breslin, Mark Brown, Joan Dunphy, Tom Franzago, Jacqueline Lavelle, Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Michele Maniscalco, and Fred Tufts.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish!

We are pleased to welcome the following new registrants: **Mary Louise Piret** of Watertown, and **Sarah Barrett** and **Robert Legare** of Boston. If you have not previously registered, you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Pray for Our Parishioners on Retreat

This weekend, 58 of our community members are on retreat: 35 parishioners are at Eastern Point Retreat House in Gloucester and 23 of our young adults are at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. We pray that all our retreatants find rest and refreshment as they step away from their ordinary lives to spend some time encountering God through prayer, reading, and reflection.

November—the Month of All Souls

November is a traditional time to remember and pray for all our dead. During this month, you are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in The Book of the Names of the Dead. The Book of the Names of the Dead is located near the baptismal font as a reminder that our deceased loved ones have shared in the waters of baptism—dying with Christ and rising to new life.

The El Salvador Martyrs — November 16, 1989

This Saturday marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of the murder of six Jesuits, their housekeeper, and her daughter. They were brutally murdered at the University of Central America in El Salvador by soldiers of the Salvadoran Army. Remember them in your prayer. Pray too for their families, for the Society of Jesus, for victims of war, and for all who place themselves in harm's way at the service of the Gospel.

Thanksgiving Meal Drive

Thank you to everyone who took home a meal kit bag. A reminder that all filled bags are due back to the church next Sunday (November 24). We are still in need of gift cards, so if you were not able to take home a meal kit bag, please consider donating a \$25 gift card to a large grocery store like Shaw's, Star Market, or Market Basket. Thank you for your customary generosity.

World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence

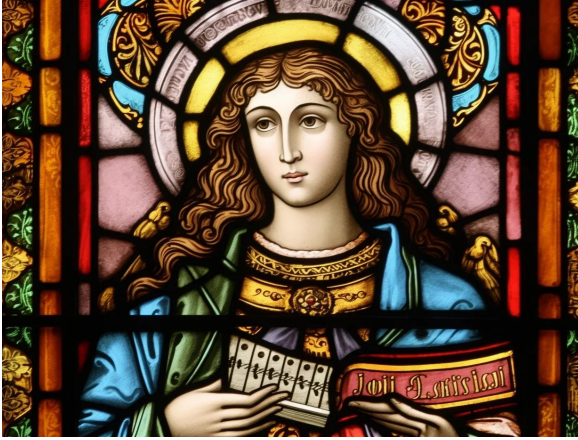
The Archdiocese of Boston joins the United Nations in recognizing November 18 as the World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence. The archdiocese asks all Catholics to pray for those impacted by child abuse and reaffirm the Church's commitment to remain vigilant in our efforts to keep all children safe. It is important that we all do what we can to prevent abuse wherever it occurs by interrupting and reporting it when it is happening and then helping to heal those who have been abused.

Special Collection for Retired Sisters—Next Weekend

Since 1988, the Collection for Retired Sisters has provided needed financial support for religious communities of women who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and healthcare and social service providers. Please take this opportunity to say thank you by giving generously to the Sisters in recognition of their years of dedicated service to the Church in Boston. Your contribution will make a difference! You may donate here: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/retired-religious-sisters-collection-2024>.



The flowers in front of the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dolores Cecere-DiGiulio Zankowski, by her daughter Doreen Zankowski.



AWAKEN TO JOY

A SAINT CECILIA DAY CONCERT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | 7:30 P.M.

Join us on our patronal feast day for an unforgettable evening of music and inspiration. On Friday, November 22, we will celebrate the patron saint of music with a magnificent choral-orchestral concert featuring J.S. Bach's beloved Cantata 140, *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (Awake, a voice is calling us). This well-known and oft-performed church cantata tells the Parable of the Ten Virgins from Matthew's Gospel. Performed by the Saint Cecilia Choir, soloists, and orchestra, this masterpiece is a joyous, celebratory cantata that will awaken your spirit with its stirring harmonies.

On the threshold of the Solemnity of Christ the King and the beginning of the season of Advent, this concert offers an opportunity to reflect on the passing year, as we look forward to the year to come. The late Bach scholar William G. Whitaker wrote of this work, "*It is a cantata without weaknesses, without a dull bar—technically, emotionally, and spiritually of the highest order. Its sheer perfection and its boundless imagination rouse one's wonder time and time again.*"

This performance will also include Felix Mendelssohn's setting of Psalm 42, written for choir, soloists, and orchestra and organ works performed by our talented parish organists.

We hope you'll join us for this powerful exploration of faith, hope, and joy, perfectly suited to the season.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

While at Saint Cecilia, children should never go to the restrooms alone. We are happy that the church building feels safe, but please remember that we are in an urban neighborhood in a building that is very open and that has multiple entrances. For the safety of our children, please never allow them to wander around unsupervised and please do not ever allow them to go to the restroom unaccompanied by a parent.



CONCERT TO BENEFIT WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 7:00
NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY | BROWN HALL
290 HUNTINGTON AVENUE | BOSTON

The second Boston concert of Music for Food's 15th season—"Birthings: Beginnings and Farewells"—will feature works by Mendelssohn, Ades, and a world premiere by Ari Shi. Artists include: the Parker Quartet, Peter Jablonski (viola), Kim Kashkashian (viola), Hye Jin Kim (violin), Ara Gregorian (viola), Ayano Ninomiya (violin), and Marcy Rosen (cello).

Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$40/adults and \$15/students. No tickets or reservations are necessary. All proceeds will go to support the good work of Women's Lunch Place.



ADVENT GIVING TREE HELP WANTED!

Our Advent Giving Tree team is looking for help on two upcoming dates: Saturday, November 23 from noon to 4:00 p.m. and on weekdays from December 4 to December 18 (times to be arranged).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | 12:00–4:00 P.M.

Help is needed to cut and hole-punch paper ornaments, cut and tie ribbons, labeling, setting up the Giving Trees, and hanging ornaments.

Please note: There are limited spots available for volunteers on this day and sign up is required. We encourage new parishioners to get involved. Adults only, please.

WEEKDAYS, DECEMBER 4–18 | TIME TBD

Help is needed to sort, check, wrap, and deliver gifts. We are looking for volunteers who can commit to a three-hour time slot during the week, with times to be arranged.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please call the parish office and be sure to leave your name, contact information, and availability.

THANKSGIVING AT MORVILLE HOUSE

For more than fifteen years, Saint Cecilia parishioners have been serving Thanksgiving dinner at Morville House, a 147-unit federally subsidized home for low-income elders at 100 Norway Street in the Fenway neighborhood. We are once again in need of assistance and are looking for the following:

- 5 Turkeys (20 to 25 pounds each; roasted & carved) delivered to Morville House anytime on Wednesday, November 27 or by 10:00 on Thanksgiving Morning.
- Desserts (cookies, brownies, and cakes) delivered to Morville House anytime on Wednesday, November 27 or by 10:00 on Thanksgiving Morning.
- 6 volunteers to set up. 10:30 to 12:30 on Thanksgiving morning.
- 20 volunteers to serve dinner and clean up. 12:00 to 3:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day

There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex both this weekend and next. We hope you can join us!





More than
just a pie

This year, your \$35 donation means more than ever. Buy a pie and feed a critically ill neighbor for a week this holiday season.

Buy a pie to support a Saint Cecilia nonprofit partner agency!

Morville House



women's lunch place



Pine Street Inn
Ending Homelessness

**Or buy a pie for a
Community Servings client!**

With limited quantities Pecan Pie in the Sky pies available for purchase, we're hoping you'll help us "bake the world a better place" by making a 'Pie for a Client' donation!

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What does it mean to be a truly synodal church? To find out, Sebastian Gomes traveled to Rome in October for an up-close look at the second Vatican assembly of the global Synod on Synodality. This assembly brought together clerics and laypeople for nearly a month of in-depth discussions on the future of the Catholic Church. Sebastian is looking forward to sharing with us what he learned.

Sebastian Gomes is America Media's executive director of audio and video. He was the producer and executive editor of the 2022 groundbreaking feature documentary, *People of God: How Catholic Parish Life is Changing in the United States*.

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IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO KEEP SMILING

BY PIERRE EAU CLAIRE

Did Shakespeare get it wrong? Is life's basic question "to smile or not to smile," rather than "to be or not to be"?

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a French Jesuit, scientist, paleontologist, philosopher and theologian, had a zest for living. He loved this world, calling it a "divine milieu." He attempted to see deeply the abiding presence of God's Spirit in all things and, in the process, he encouraged people to smile. He wrote: "It is absolutely necessary to keep smiling. The essential, and doubtless most fruitful, gesture is to smile, with something of love in the smile." The alternative was unacceptable to him, for it short-circuited the élan and joy of living.

Another Jesuit, Pope Francis, consistently encourages us to encounter and accompany one another on this journey of life. Part of the encounter is to offer a hospitable smile. As the pope journeys from country to country, his radiant face says "Welcome, I am with you on this long journey called life. Let us travel together, hold hands and live life to the fullest." A non-Jesuit named Jesus came to give us life to the full.

Recently, The *New York Times* columnist David Brooks wrote a challenging and insightful piece entitled, "How to Save a Sad, Lonely, Angry and Mean Society." The very title of the article captures what many people are experiencing today—sadness and loneliness (our national disease), rage and cruelty.

With an O. Henry surprise ending to the article, Brooks writes about one of his heroes: Samuel Johnson, of all persons, the dictionary compiler, poet and critic. Johnson's early life was difficult but gradually he matured and became a generous man. He sheltered outcasts and lived the Gospel with the fullness of life, a zest for living and, surely, a smile on his face.

Then we have Mother Teresa of Calcutta. We know the story of her working with the poorest of the poor. But not until her private writings were published did many know that she suffered from a deep sadness and many dark nights of the soul. Yet her constant admonition to her sisters in community was to smile: "Take whatever He



gives and give whatever He takes with a big smile." She also said, "If you don't go to the people with a cheerful face, you only increase their darkness and their miseries and their sorrows." Mother Teresa would surely agree with Chardin that the smile given must have some love in it.

Some poets, too, join Chardin, Pope Francis and Mother Teresa in promoting the smile. Dorothy Donnelly begins her poem "Smiled At" with: "The smile's one syllable sign says you're seen, / so you know you're there." Interestingly, below the title of her poem "Smiled At," Donnelly quoted the famous Austrian philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein who expressed a wish: "What I'd like would be someone to smile at me occasionally." Is that not our wish, too?

To not be seen, really seen, by our fellow humans is to live in the dark. Maybe Emily Dickinson had that experience and spoke about it when she cried out: "I'm Nobody! Who are You?" Being ignored is worse than a slap on the face.

More poets are part of the smile club. In *The Divine Comedy*, Dante says of Beatrice: "The radiant smile with which she spoke to me / would gladden even one burning at the stake." I'm not quite sure if a smile is that powerful. But good old Dante was smitten by a smile.

George Herbert in his poem "Love III" tells of how God took him by the hand and "smiling did reply / who made the eyes but I." John of the Cross would confirm this: "When God looks, God loves." Good news, here.

We hear about the smile even from the animal world. Ruth Pitter's poem "By a Plain But Amiable Cat" has the cat utter: "See what a charming smile I bring." What brings about the cat's smile is the recognition that she realizes that she exists (unlike dogs that don't reflect on "being"). Would that all of us in the human world could smile at the basic fact that we

exist, and that the gift of life is precious. Yet, if love is not experienced, that precious gift may never lead to the art of smiling (with love).

We must not forget about the novelists. In *Jane Eyre*, Charlotte Bronte has a few words to say about the smile: "but the smile expired" and "coin one of your wild, shy, provoking smiles." Those who have developed the art of smiling realize that a loving smile can expire, or can be provocative and wild, or can even be seductively shy. So, recipients of a smile beware.

Like Baskin-Robbins ice cream, smiles come in many flavors. The novelist and screenwriter Raymond Chandler, in his 1953 *The Long Goodbye*, got somewhat carried away by the facial expression known as the smile: "the distant smile / a cool smile / a hesitant little smile / that plastic smile / a bleak smile / a sour smile / a slow smile / the small smile" and the list goes on.

A final word and warning about the art of smiling. Deception! An art critic said about *Mona Lisa* that though she had a mysterious smile to the nth degree, it was a half-smile. The critic went on to say that Mona Lisa's eyes were not smiling. Teilhard de Chardin would disqualify her smile. It didn't have love in it.

—*Pierre Eau Claire is a poet, gardener, and searcher from the wilds of Wisconsin. This article was reprinted from the November 2, 2024 online edition of National Catholic Reporter.*



MINISTRY PROFILE

KNITTING & CROCHETING MINISTRY

Saint Cecilia's Knitting and Crocheting Ministry is five years old! Born in 2019, due to the gratitude, wisdom, and ingenuity of Ann Marie Turo, this community is now both international and intergenerational, with more than 50 people on the email list. Members from across the United States and into Canada gather via Zoom on the first Monday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (EST).

Members of this ministry have been knitting and crocheting prayer shawls, baby blankets, headbands, hats, and many, many pumpkins. Some members are experts, but many are just beginners. In this very collaborative and cooperative group, members enjoy spending time with one another and being of service to those in need.

To date this year, our knitters and crocheters have made 982 items (including 212 pumpkins!) that have been donated to neonatal intensive care units at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Boston Medical Center. They are now collaborating with the parish Hunger & Homelessness Ministry to craft much-needed items for Women's Lunch Place, Catholic Charities Inn, and the Huntington Avenue YMCA's Families in Transition program.

If you are interested in exploring this ministry, please contact Ann Marie Turo by calling the parish office.

PARISH RESOURCES

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Geoffrey Edwards, Livestream Videographer

Schedule for Liturgy

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.

Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30*, 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.

Holy Days | 8:00 a.m.

* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in person and livestreamed.

Hearing Assistance in Church

The church is equipped with an assistive listening system. If you would like to use one of the small receivers, please ask one of our greeters.

For Those with Celiac Disease

If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten.

Building Accessibility

Both the church and Parish Hall Center are accessible by elevator.

Parking

There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski's Tavern), for \$13, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and \$13 after 4:00 every day of the week. To get this discount, ask a greeter for a chaser ticket at Mass or ask a staff person during the week. Chaser tickets must be used at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.

Baptism for Infants

Infant baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office.

Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for Faith Formation, contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Carly-Anne Gannon.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God's Children program (VIR-TUS). They provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche, Letitia Howland, Erin Young, or Kathy Sanders, MD if you have any questions. The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full policy is available in the narthex, Parish Office, and on our website.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation.

Marriage

Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Care of the Sick

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

Order of Christian Funerals

The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Joining Our Community

We're happy that you're with us! Our community offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics. We come from many neighborhoods in and around Boston, but also have long distance parishioners from around the country and around the world. We invite both local and long distance individuals and families to fill out a new parishioner form on our website. No matter what your background or location, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.

Please note:

According to online safety guidelines released by the Archdiocese of Boston, we have removed email addresses from our online parish bulletin to avoid the danger of potential phishing scams. If you need a staff member's email address or a ministry email address, please call our reception desk (617-536-4548) and our receptionists will be happy to share the appropriate information. Thank you for helping us maintain our parish security online.