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The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins by William Blake (c.1799–1800)

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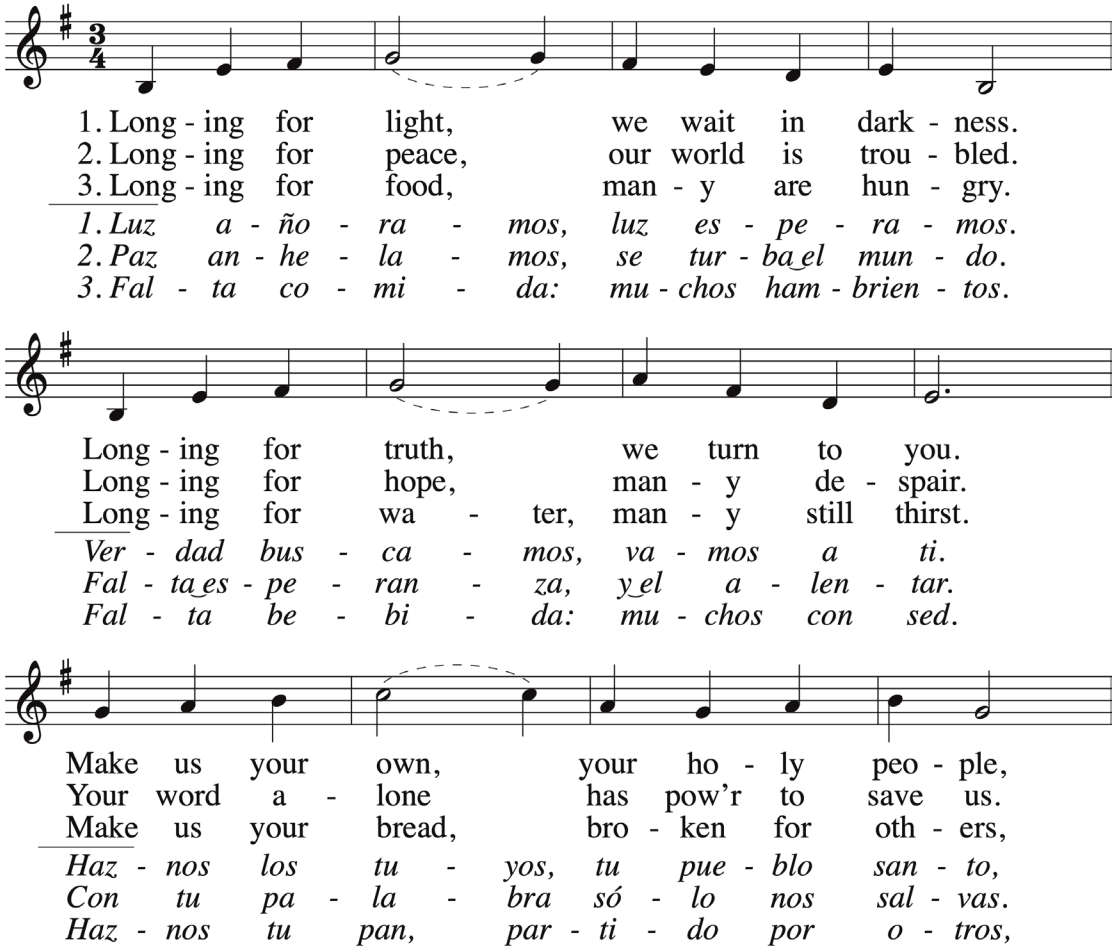
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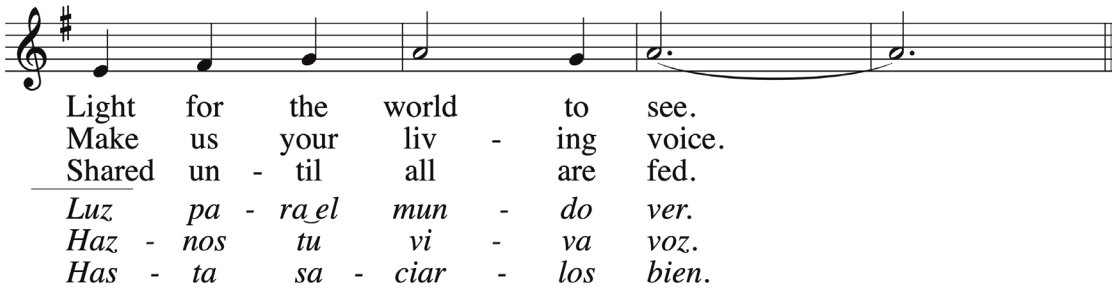
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Prelude | Trio Sonata No. 3 in D minor, BWV 527, Andante — Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

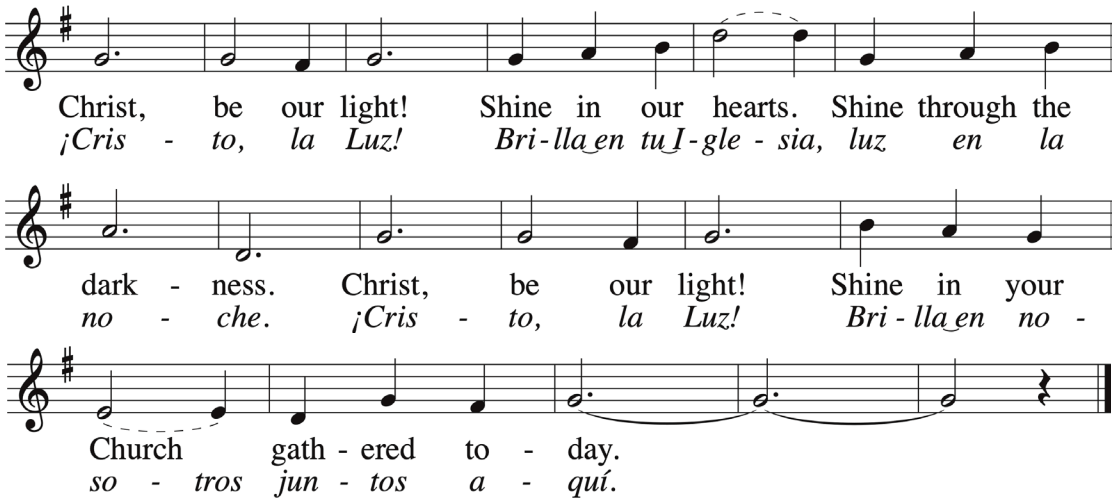
Entrance Procession | Christ, Be Our Light — Bernadette Farrell

Verses / Estrofas





Refrain / Estribillo



4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

4. Muchos sin casa buscan abrigo.
Falta calor: yertos están.
Haznos tu albergue, tus piedras vivas
Que tu refugio dan.

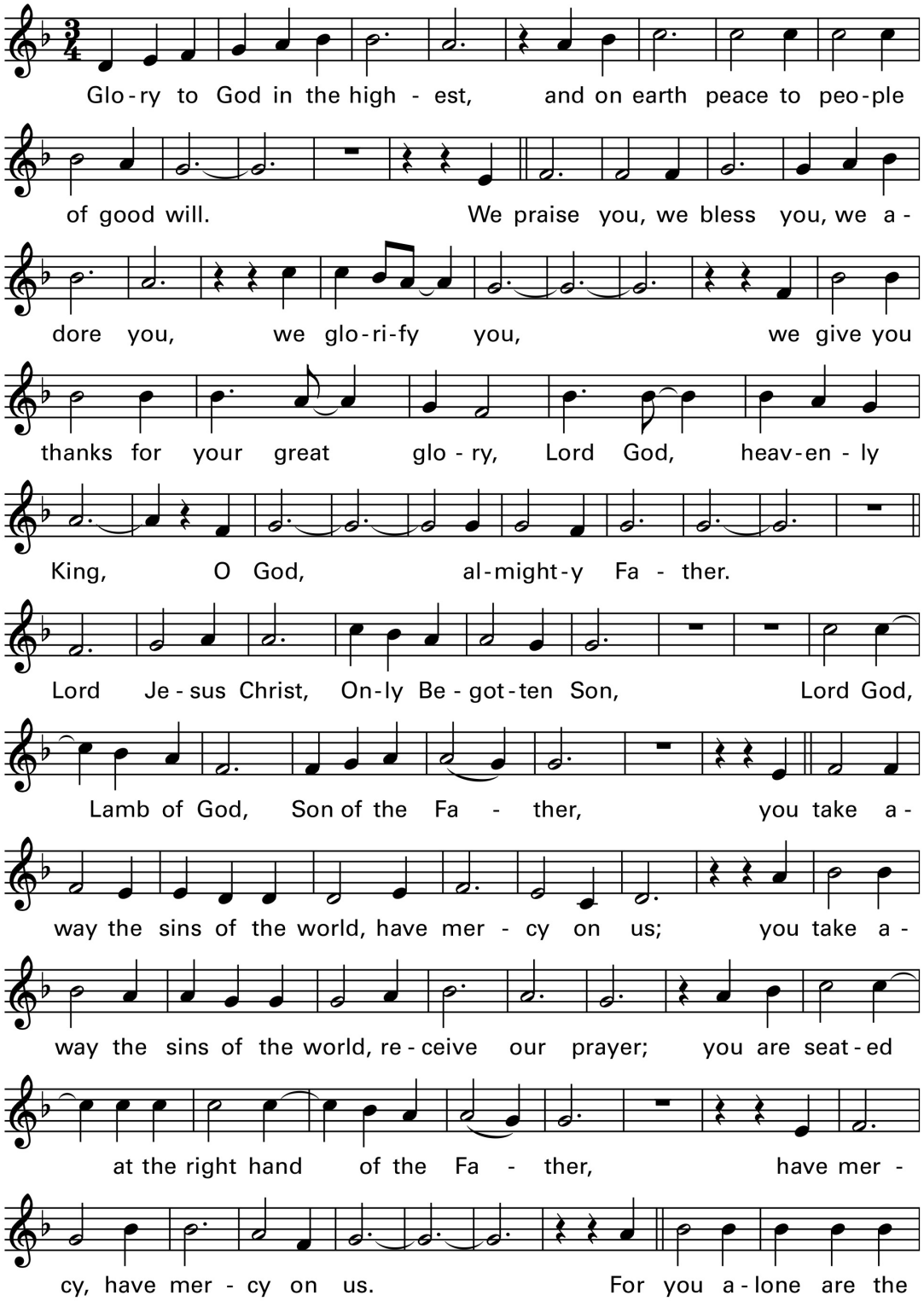
5. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

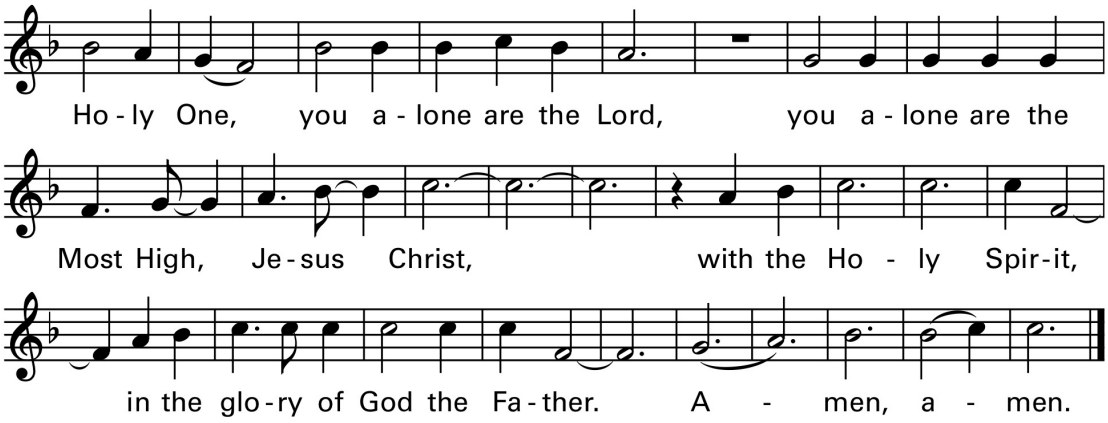
5. Muchos los dones, mucha la gente,
Muchos desean pertenecer.
Haznos sirvientes unos de otros.
Venga tu reino, oh Dios.

Call to Worship

✠ 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-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. 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.
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 Fa - ther, have mer -
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the

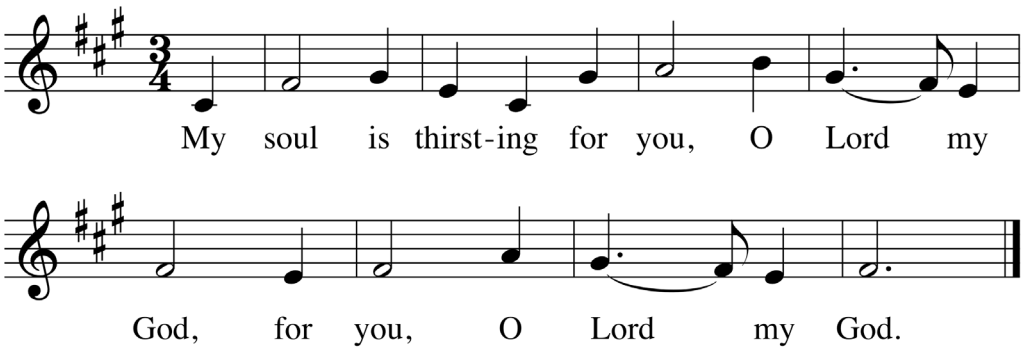


COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Wisdom 6: 12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 63: My Soul is Thirsting — Marty Haugen



1. O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you; for you my soul is thirsting.
   For you my flesh is pining, like a dry, weary land without water.

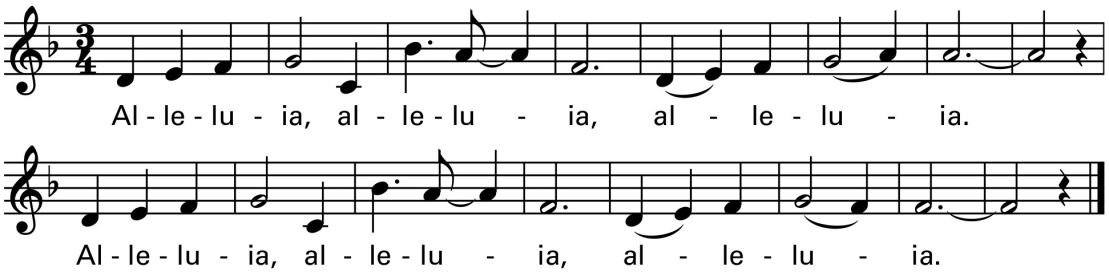
2. I have come before you in the sanctuary, to behold your strength and your glory.
   Your loving mercy is better than life; my lips will speak your praise.

3. I will bless you all my life; in your name I will lift up my hands.
   My soul shall be filled as with a banquets; with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

4. When I remember you upon my bed, I muse on you through the watches of the night.
   For you have been my strength; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

SECOND READING | 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Renewal Curtis Stephan



GOSPEL | Matthew 25: 1-13

HOMILY

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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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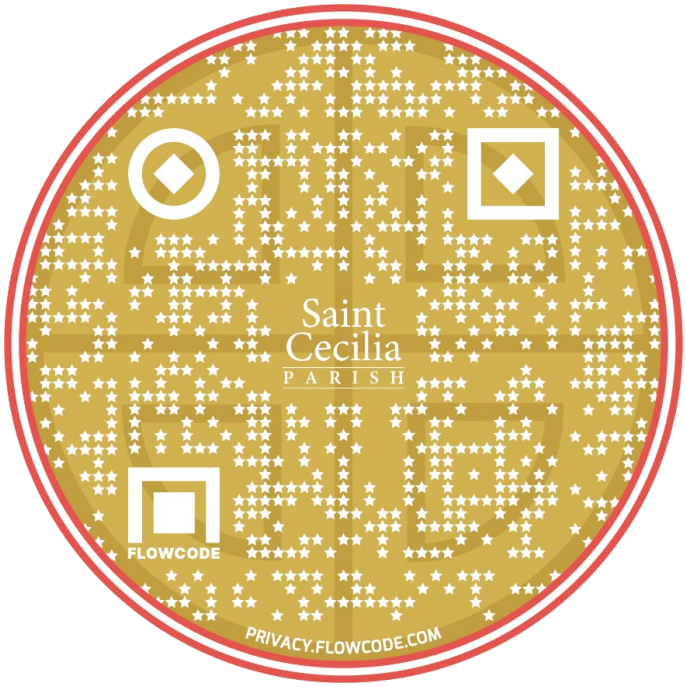
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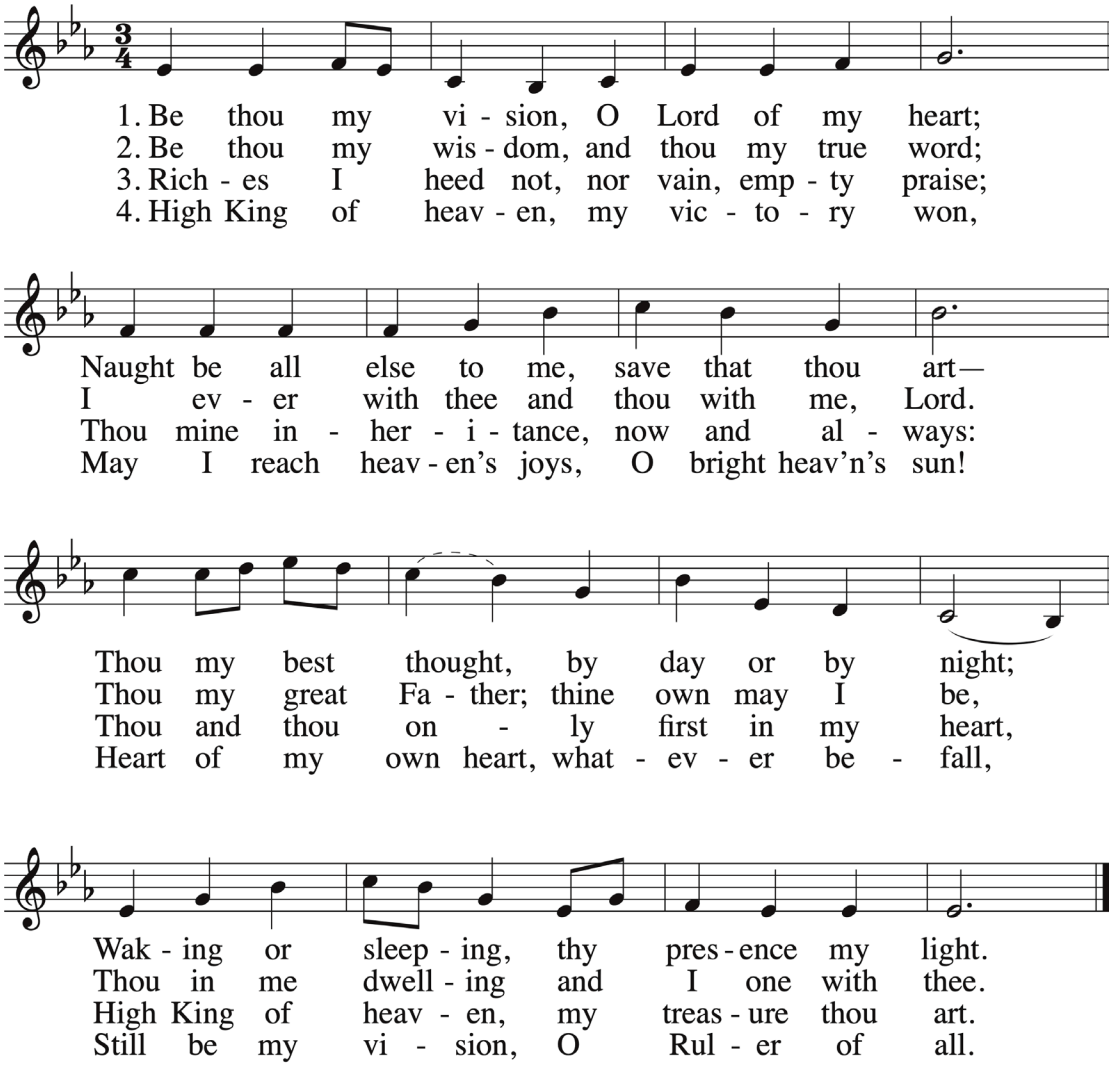
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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Be Thou My Vision SLANE



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

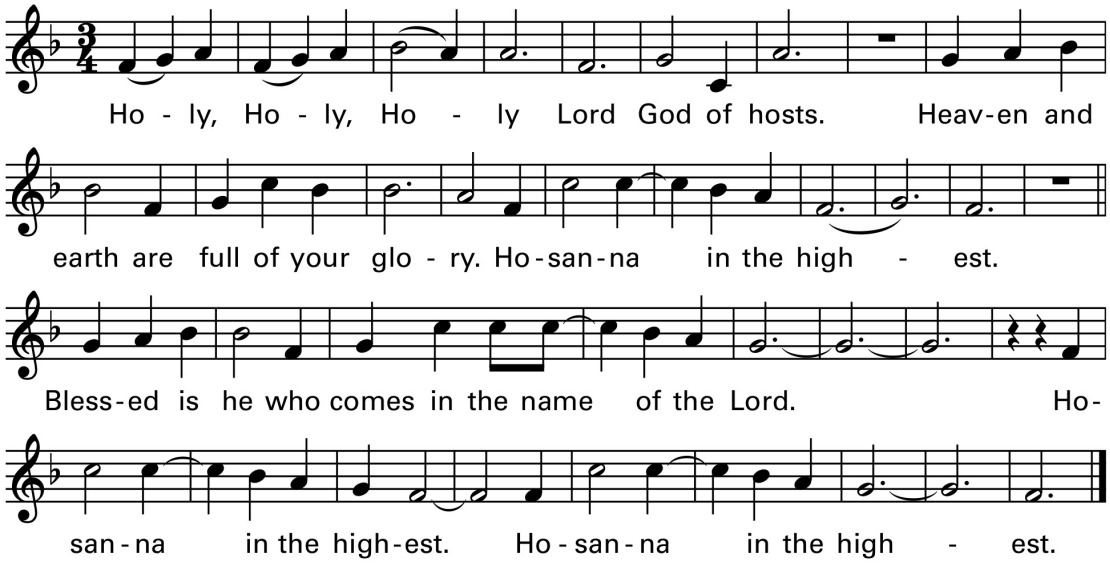
✠ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

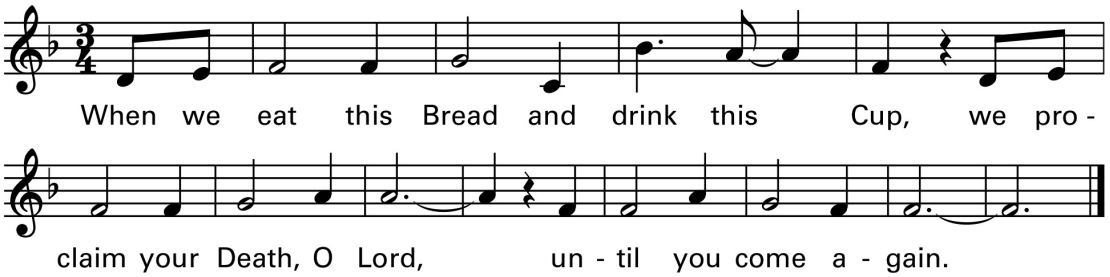
✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

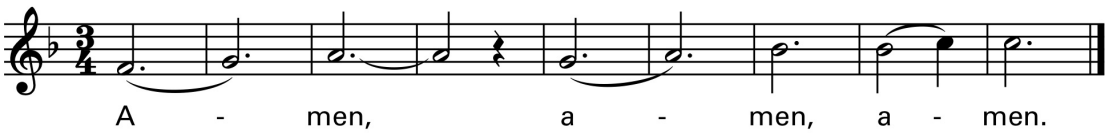
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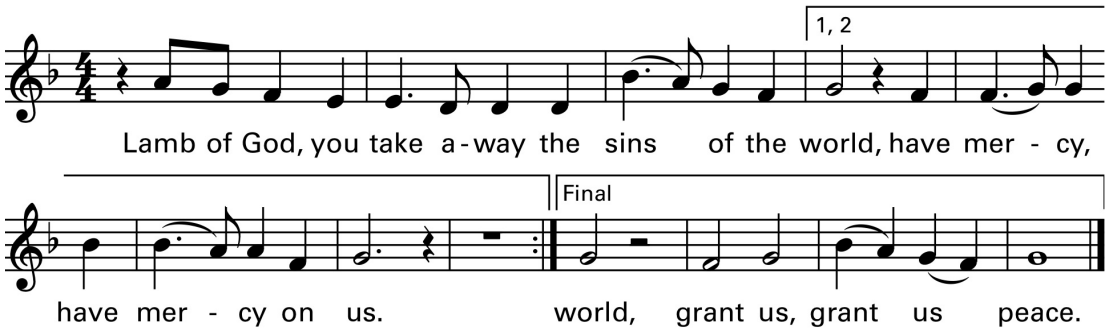
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The Exchange of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And with your spirit.

Agnus Dei | Mass of Renewal — Curtis Stephan

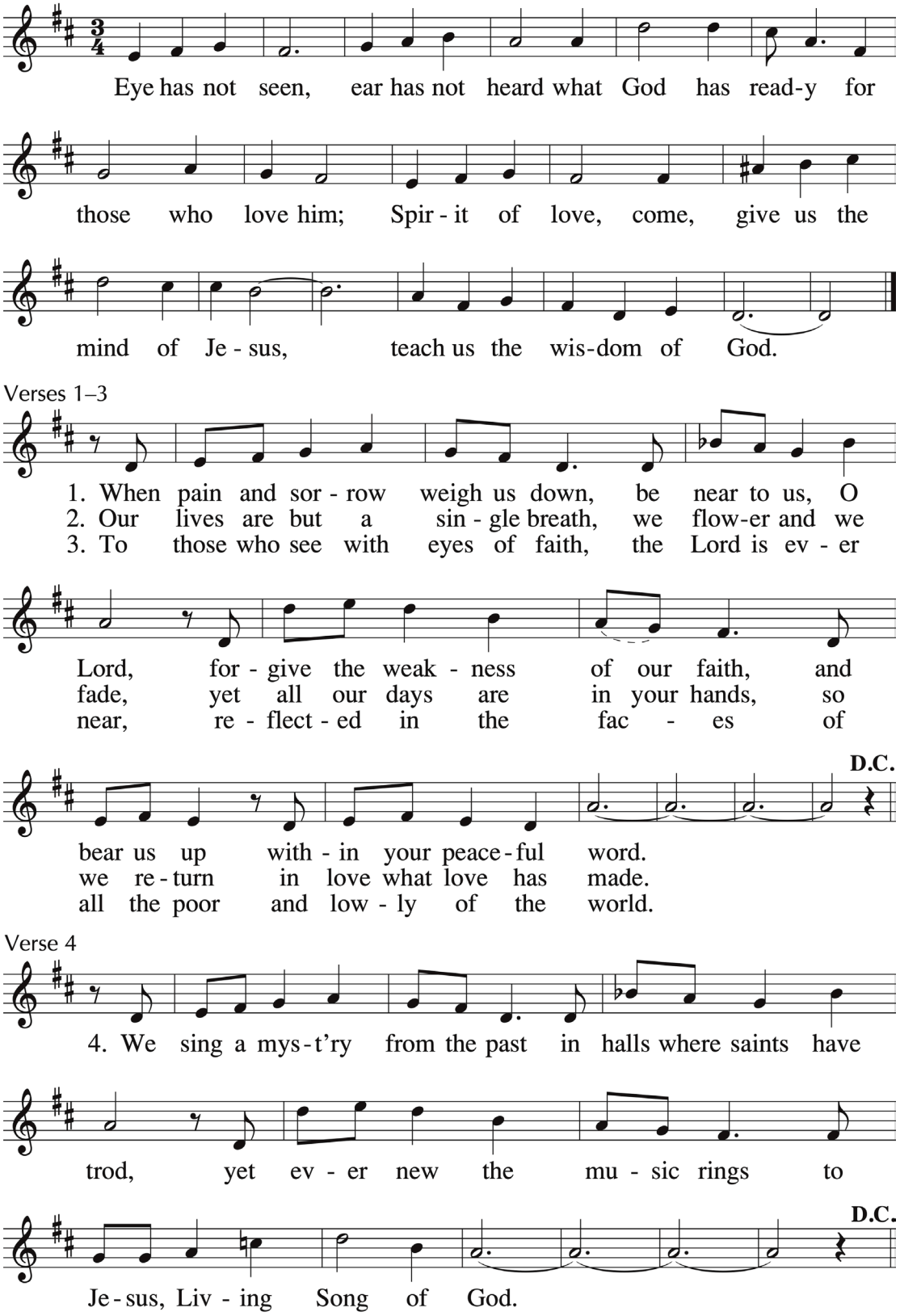


Spiritual Communion

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.


Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
those who love him; Spir - it of love, come, give us the
mind of Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.
Verses 1–3
1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er
Lord, for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of
D.C.
bear us up with - in your peace - ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.
Verse 4
4. We sing a mys - t'ry from the past in halls where saints have
trod, yet ev - er new the mu - sic rings to
D.C.
Je - sus, Liv - ing Song of God.

COMMUNION MEDITATION | The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams
arranged by Mack Wilberg
Poem by George Herbert

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;
Such a Way as gives us breath,
Such a Truth as ends all strife,
Such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;
Such a Light as shows a Feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length,
Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
Such a Joy as none can move,
Such a Love as none can part,
Such a Heart as joys in love.

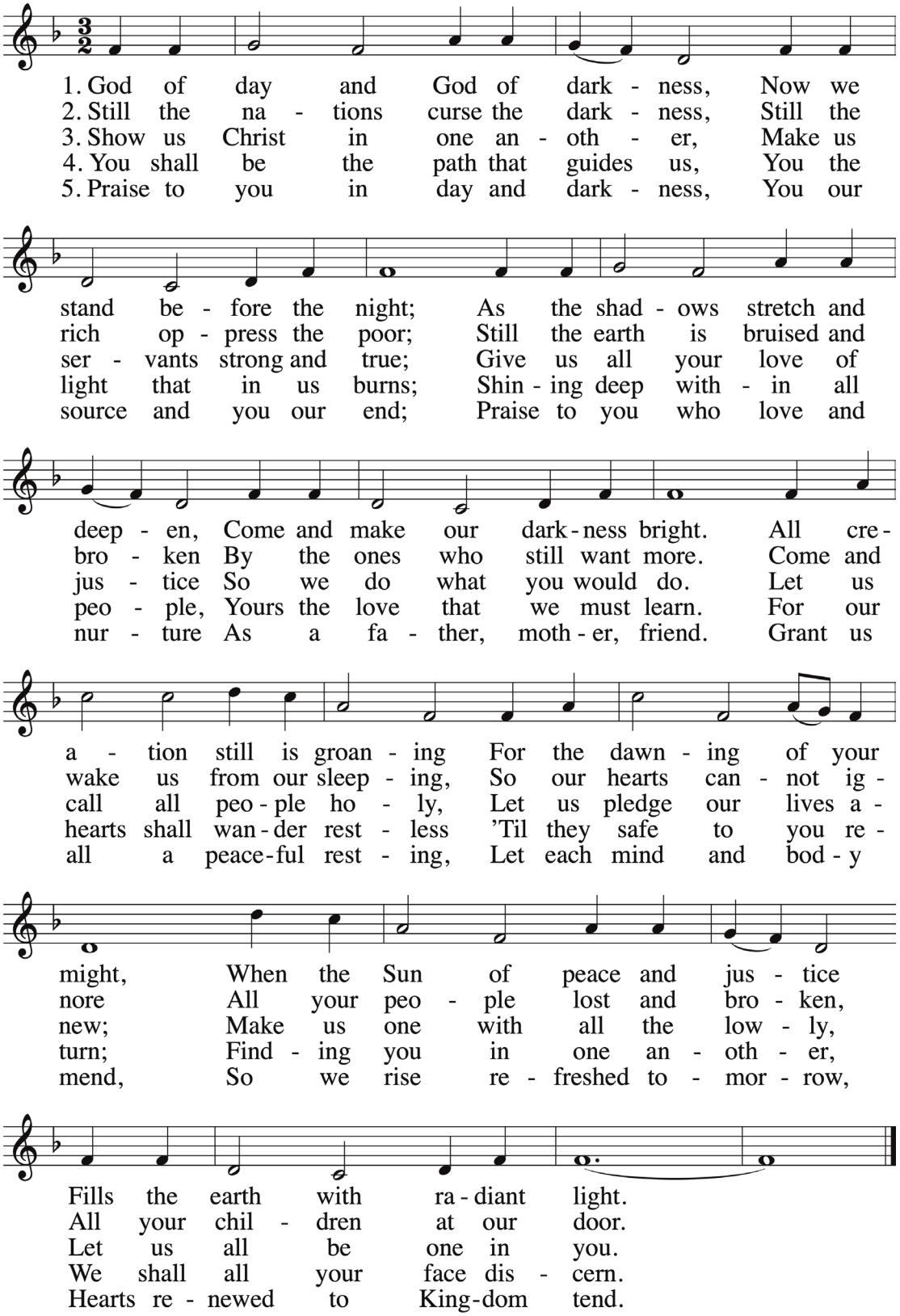
CONCLUDING RITE

✠ 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.


1. God of day and God of dark - ness, Now we stand be - fore the night; As the shad - ows stretch and deep - en, Come and make our dark - ness bright. All cre - a - tion still is groan - ing For the dawn - ing of your might, When the Sun of peace and jus - tice Fills the earth with ra - diant light.
2. Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, Still the rich op - press the poor; Still the earth is bruised and bro - ken By the ones who still want more. Come and wake us from our sleep - ing, So our hearts can - not ig - nore All your peo - ple lost and bro - ken, All your chil - dren at our door.
3. Show us Christ in one an - oth - er, Make us ser - vants strong and true; Give us all your love of jus - tice So we do what you would do. Let us call all peo - ple ho - ly, Let us pledge our lives a - new; Make us one with all the low - ly, Let us all be one in you.
4. You shall be the path that guides us, You the light that in us burns; Shin - ing deep with - in all peo - ple, Yours the love that we must learn. For our hearts shall wan - der rest - less 'Til they safe to you re - turn; Find - ing you in one an - oth - er, We shall all your face dis - cern.
5. Praise to you in day and dark - ness, You our source and you our end; Praise to you who love and nur - ture As a fa - ther, moth - er, friend. Grant us all a peace - ful rest - ing, Let each mind and bod - y mend, So we rise re - freshed to - mor - row, Hearts re - newed to King - dom tend.

POSTLUDE | *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*, BWV 642 — Johann Sebastian Bach

Brett Maguire, *organ*

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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 Massachusett 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.

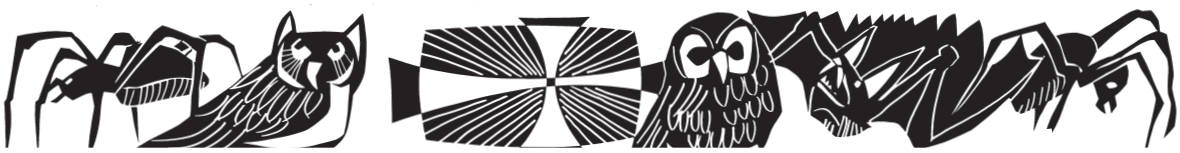
Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two 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.

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, November 7 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Theresa Chaklos, lector

Sunday, November 8 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. John Predmore, SJ, celebrant
Cole Young, lector

Sunday, November 8 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Bobbi Moran, Karen McMenamy, Natasha Bolton-Pierre, lectors

Sunday, November 8 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. Christopher Brolly, SJ, celebrant
Kate McGillicuddy, Tim McGillicuddy, lectors

Sunday, November 8 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Virgen Palermo, Nikko Mendoza, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 8 | 8:00 a.m.
John & Angelina Machado, Memorial

Sunday, November 8 | 9:30 a.m.
Dr. Paul Duggan, *1st Anniversary*
Carmen Matta*, 2nd Anniversary*
Catherine & Anna Farrell, *Memorial*
Donald LeBlanc, *Memorial*
David Johnson*, Memorial*
Archibald Hogge*, Memorial*

Friday, November 13 | 8:00 a.m.
Joanne Beique, *Anniversary*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish!

We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our community: **Katie Donnellan**, **Carol** and **Les Crandall**, **Colin Colpoys** and **Morgan Whittlesey**, **Daniel Disisto**, **Ruojun Wu**, **Robert** and **Shahrnaz Loughlin**, **Olivia Storti**, and **David Kneeland** and **Lora Pellegrini**. If you have not previously registered, you can do so online at *www.stceciliaboston.org*.

November: The Month of Remembrance

The month of November is traditionally dedicated to remembering and praying for the faithful departed. During this month, parishioners are invited to inscribe the names of their deceased loved ones in *The Book of the Names of the Dead*, located in front of the side altar dedicated to Pope St. Pius X. You are also invited to bring photographs of your deceased loved ones to display on the Pope St. Pius X altar. The book and photographs will remain on display throughout November as we remember those who have gone before us and commend them to the loving mercy of God.

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (11/9)

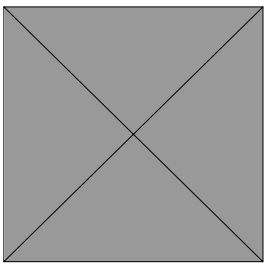


What would you say is the "mother church" of Catholicism and the Cathedral of Rome? Hint: It is not Saint Peter's Basilica! Both of those honors belong to the Basilica of St. John Lateran in the city of Rome. On November 9th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome. The land where the basilica now stands originally belonged to the Laterani family but was eventually acquired by the wife of the Emperor Constantine. The basilica was built in the fourth century and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the basilica called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" as a sign of love for and union with the pope.

Following Election Day

As we reflect on this week's election, we pray for all those elected to public office. May they serve with wisdom, integrity, humility, and compassion, working for the common good and respecting the dignity and rights of every person, especially those who are most vulnerable. May we, too, remain committed to listening across differences, seeking common ground, and building a society rooted in justice, peace, and care for one another.

Veterans Day



As we commemorate Veterans Day this upcoming Wednesday, we pray that the Lord will look kindly on all of our departed veterans who gave their lives in service of our country. We pray also for all men and women who have put their lives at risk so that our nation might dwell in peace and safety. We ask God to watch over those currently serving in the US Armed Forces—that they will be kept safe and that the Holy Spirit will instill in the hearts of men and women everywhere a firm desire to live in peace and goodwill toward all. In observance of Veteran's Day, the parish office will be closed.

Healing Mass

Please join us for a Healing Mass on Wednesday, November 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Father James Shaughnessy, SJ will preside. We will gather in prayer, asking God for healing, strength, and peace for ourselves and those we love.

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SMALL GROUP CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | AFTER THE 9:30AM MASS
CLASSROOM 3

Looking to deepen your faith and connect with fellow parishioners? Join Small Group Connections—a space for prayer, reflection, and meaningful conversations inspired by Sunday's message. Groups meet every other week. To sign up, please email the Parish Pastoral Council – we can't wait to welcome you and to grow together in faith!

COFFEE & CONNECTION WITH MARRIAGE MINISTRY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 11AM - 12:30PM
CLASSROOM 3

Join Marriage Ministry for connection, reflection and fun on November 8th! Marriage ministry brings couples together to deepen our faith and grow our community. We have couples married for a year, over 50 years and a range in between. All are welcome. Stop by to say hi and learn about our future events. Looking forward to getting to know you!

COMING UP AT SAINT CECILIA

NOVEMBER 8 - 12

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Wisdom & Mature Spirituality | 8:30am via Zoom

Small Groups | After the 9:30am Mass | Classroom 3

Coffee & Connection with Marriage Ministry

11am - 12:30pm | Classroom 3

Special Presentation: Understanding the Mass with Fr. Christopher Brolly, SJ | 1pm | Church + Livestream

Sunday at Five | Mass at 5pm, Supper to follow

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Veteran's Day | Parish Office Closed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Wisdom & Mature Spirituality | 7:30pm via Zoom

NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS MONTH

November is recognized in the Catholic Church as All Souls Month, a sacred time to remember our loved ones who have died, honor their lives, and hold them in prayer as we entrust them to God's eternal love and mercy. While the community is called pray for those we've lost, we can still feel isolated in our grief and loneliness.

The **Saint Cecilia Bereavement Ministry** offers compassionate space through prayer, reflection, meaningful conversation and the support of others. Healing does not mean forgetting, and that even in our deepest sorrow, we can find hope in the promise of the Resurrection and the assurance that love never ends, and we remain united in Christ.

- **Monthly In-Person Group**: Sunday, November 15 | 1PM Classroom 1
- **Surviving the Holidays in Grief**: in-person on Sunday, November 15 | 3 PM
- **Healing Mass**: in-person on Wednesday, November 18 at 6PM

For more information, please contact Mary Wessel at her parish email.

PIE IN THE SKY

Saint Cecilia volunteer pie sellers will be available after this weekend's Masses to take your orders for Thanksgiving pies to benefit one of our non-profit partner agencies, Community Servings. Pie in the Sky fosters community spirit and engages the public in the mission of Community Servings -- Massachusetts' free, home-delivered meals and nutrition program for the critically ill. Each pie, which can be picked up a couple of days before Thanksgiving at over 40 locations in Greater Boston, costs $37, providing a week's worth of nutritious, home-delivered meals to a Community Servings' client.

And if you won't be in town for Thanksgiving, no worries. You can still donate a Pie for the Thanksgiving meal at one of our other non-profit partner agencies: Women's Lunch Place, Morville House, or Pine Street Inn. For more information or to place an order: *www.pieinthesky.org/team/saint-cecilia-boston/*.

JOIN THE COFFEE HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Curious how our team creates a warm & welcoming environment in the Parish Hall every Sunday? Join the coffee hospitality ministry after the 9:30am, 11:30am, and 5pm Masses! Contact Lisa Pickering at her parish email to learn more.

BE THE FIRST TO WELCOME! BECOME A GREETER

Greeters help create a welcoming, Christ-centered atmosphere at Saint Cecilia by welcoming parishioners and visitors before and after Weekend Masses, attending to the needs of the assembly, and assisting with the Communion procession. Whether you're young or young at heart, you can help everyone feel the Spirit of Christ from the moment they arrive. Training is provided, and all are welcome to serve! For more information, please contact Mary Wessel at her parish email.

6TH ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL & AUCTION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 6-8:30PM
67 NEWBURY STREET

Each year, this vibrant community event brings neighbors together in support of two important non-profit Back Bay institutions making an impact across Boston: The Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) and Women's Lunch Place (WLP). Through advocacy and community-building, NABB works to preserve and strengthen the quality of life in the Back Bay. WLP addresses hunger, homelessness, and poverty through integrated services that restore dignity and promote hope, healing, and opportunity for women in Greater Boston. Secure your tickets or become a sponsor today at *https://womenslunchplace.org/nabb*.

THANKSGIVING AT MORVILLE HOUSE

For over 25 years (through a three year pandemic hiatus), St Cecilia parishioners have been serving Thanksgiving dinner at Morville House, a 147-unit federally subsidized home for low-income elders at 100 Norway Street. We are once again looking for assistance and are in need of the following:

- 5 Turkeys (20 to 25 lbs. each, roasted and carved) delivered to Morville House anytime on Wednesday, November 25th or by 10:00 am on Thanksgiving morning
- Desserts (cookies, brownies, and cake) delivered to Morville House anytime on Wednesday, November 25th or by 10:00 am on Thanksgiving morning
- 6 volunteers to set-up (10:30a – 12:30p Thanksgiving morning)
- 20 volunteers to serve and clean-up (12:00p – 3:30p Thanksgiving day)

There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex on **November 14th-15th** and **21st-22nd**. We hope you can join us!

Catholic Lessons for Catholics

Whether you're new to the Catholic faith and looking for a deeper understanding of what we believe and why, or a lifelong Catholic who feels like you didn't retain quite as much from those Sunday morning CCD classes as you'd hoped, these sessions are for you.

This year, we're opening six of our OCIA sessions to the entire parish. Together, we'll explore essential beliefs, traditions, and practices of the Catholic faith, with plenty of opportunities to ask questions, deepen our faith, and reflect on what it means to follow Jesus as Catholic Christians.

Join the next session
open to the entire parish:

Understanding the Mass

with Fr. Christopher Brolly, SJ

Date:
Sunday, Nov. 8
Time:
1pm after the 11:30 Mass
Location:
Church + livestream



All are welcome!



SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE IN THE HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | 1PM | CLASSROOM 3

The Saint Cecilia Mental Health Ministry offers a safe and supportive space for healthcare professionals to share the burdens, challenges, and emotional realities of their work. Rooted in prayer, compassion, and the teachings of our Catholic faith, we come together to listen, encourage, and support one another while nurturing our spiritual well-being. Together, we seek to find strength, hope, and meaning in our calling to care for others. For more information, please contact Mary Wessel at her parish email.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS WITH GRIEF: SUPPORT & PRACTICAL TIPS FOR FACING HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AFTER LOSS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | 3 PM VIA ZOOM

While the world tells us that the holidays are “the most wonderful time of the year,” we know that for many, this can be an emotional and difficult season. Anyone in need of consolation and healing is invited to join this session, a space where individuals who have experienced loss can come together to share their thoughts, feelings, and strategies for coping during this time. Created by GriefShare, you’ll find encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season. There is no charge to attend, and a free guidebook is included. To register, contact Mary Wessel at her parish email.

MARRIED COUPLES ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION: QUIETING OUR HEARTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | 7–8PM VIA ZOOM

All married couples are invited to join us for an evening of prayer and reflection as we prepare our hearts for Advent. In the midst of the busyness of the season, we’ll slow down, spend some quiet time together, and consider our marriages, the hopes and challenges we carry, and the ways God is present to us. Together, we’ll reflect on the grace and joy of the Sacrament of Marriage and the vocation we share. Please spread the word and join us for this special evening of prayer, reflection, and conversation. Join us on Zoom: *https://zoom.us/j/95744621563?pwd=Cxl2e5yZlmZaa6rxrBRJ3fbe4a4jhu.1*

LISTENING SESSION: TEEN PROGRAMMING AT SAINT CECILIA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | AFTER THE 5PM MASS PARISH HALL

What would you like to see for the teenagers of our parish? On Sunday, November 15, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, our Director of Family and Youth Faith Formation, Kate Burns, invites parishioners to join her during Sunday Supper for a listening session about the future of teen programming at Saint Cecilia. High school and middle school students, parents, and all interested parishioners are welcome to share their thoughts. We'll explore the strengths and gifts of the teens in our community, our hopes for them, and the kinds of opportunities, activities, and partnerships that might help those hopes become reality. Your ideas about what would work, including timing and ways to get involved, are important. If you are unable to attend, you'll also have an opportunity to share your thoughts through an online form. More information will be shared in upcoming Faith Formation emails and bulletins.

COME FOURTH SUNDAY: OUTREACH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | AFTER 9:30 & 11:30 MASSES PARISH HALL

Ministry work is the heartbeat of Saint Cecilia. Whether you're looking to become better connected to others or to provide outreach, look out for "Come Fourth Sunday" on the fourth Sunday of the month, a special opportunity to discover the many ministries that bring our parish to life.

In November, we're featuring some of our outreach ministries: the Advent Giving Tree and the nonprofit agencies we work with. Stop by after Mass to meet members of the community and learn more about their spiritual, social, and service opportunities. If you'd like more information on ministries, please reach out to Mary Wessel at her parish email.

JOIN THE SAINT CECILIA YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

The Saint Cecilia Young Adults ministry (SCYA) fosters intentional community among young adults who accompany each other in deepening our Catholic faith. To learn more about our upcoming spiritual, service, and fellowship events and to sign up for our weekly newsletter, please visit: *https://linktr.ee/scyoungadultsboston*.

JOIN BEARING WITNESS NEW ENGLAND

WEDNESDAYS | 11AM - 1PM

Bearing Witness New England invites members of the community to gather outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations Office in Burlington each Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. These peaceful, nonviolent gatherings offer an opportunity to stand in solidarity with immigrants and to reflect on questions of human dignity, immigration, and constitutional rights. The gathering begins with welcome and announcements, followed by an hour of standing or sitting with signs. Participants may also read portions of the U.S. Constitution outside the ICE office. The gathering concludes with a short walk along District Avenue.

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Office
1000 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803

Parking in the area is limited, and some nearby private lots do not permit parking for the gathering. Carpooling is available. Please sign up for the Bearing Witness New England email list, as gatherings may be canceled because of severe weather or other circumstances. You can sign up by visiting: *https://bearingwitnessne.org/email-sign-up-form*. For more information or to arrange a carpool, please contact the parish office to receive Moira Macdonald's email or visit *https://bearingwitnessne.org/*.

GBIO: MOVING INTO THE ACTION PHASE

What does it mean to put our faith into action in response to the needs of our neighbors? Saint Cecilia's Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) team is moving into the next phase of its work, focusing on three priority areas: affordable homeownership, food insecurity, and mental health. These issues touch the lives of people in our neighborhoods and communities, and they invite us to consider how we can help bring about meaningful change. Parishioners are invited to take part in this advocacy work. Opportunities include attending an introductory organizing training, participating in upcoming actions, sharing what they learn with others, or praying for these efforts. Those interested in taking on leadership roles are especially encouraged to get involved. As St. Paul reminds us, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord” (1 Corinthians 12:4–5). There are many ways to contribute, and every person's participation matters. Listening sessions are also being planned, offering a chance to learn more about GBIO's priorities, share perspectives, and explore how these issues connect with our own experiences and those of our neighbors. To learn more or get involved, contact the Saint Cecilia GBIO team.

When Death Comes

by Mary Oliver

When death comes
like the hungry bear in autumn;
when death comes and takes all the bright coins
from his purse

to buy me, and snaps the purse shut;
when death comes
like the measle-pox

when death comes
like an iceberg between the shoulder blades,

I want to step through the door full of curiosity,
wondering:
what is it going to be like, that cottage of dark-
ness?

And therefore I look upon everything
as a brotherhood and a sisterhood,
and I look upon time as no more than an idea,
and I consider eternity as another possibility,

and I think of each life as a flower, as common
as a field daisy, and as singular,

and each name a comfortable music in the mouth,
tending, as all music does, toward silence,

and each body a lion of courage, and something
precious to the earth.

When it's over, I want to say all my life
I was a bride married to amazement.
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my
arms.

When it's over, I don't want to wonder
if I have made of my life something particular, and
real.

I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,
or full of argument.

I don't want to end up simply having visited this
world.

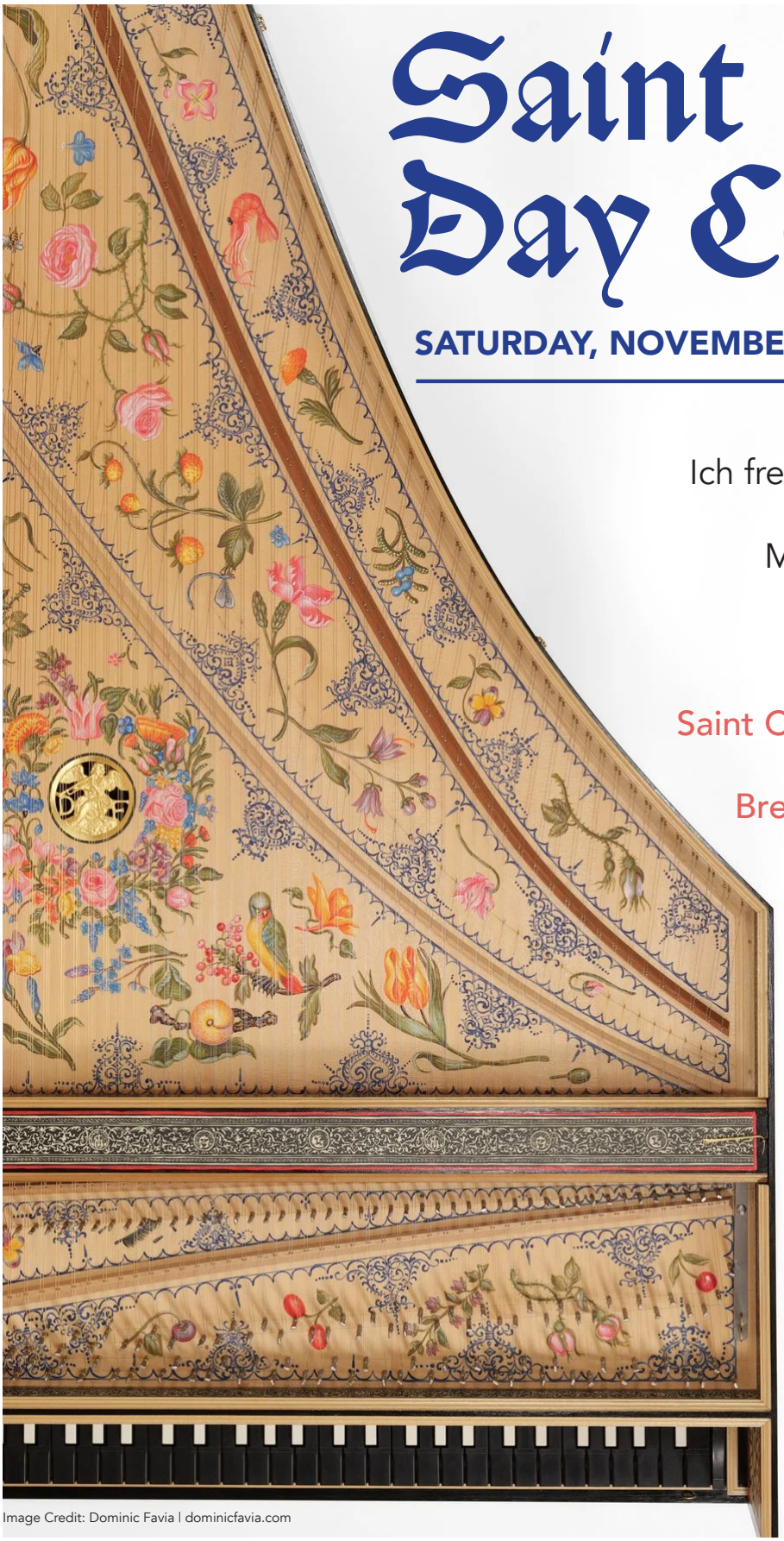


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Saint Cecilia Day Concert

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026 AT 8:00P.M.

Johann Sebastian Bach:
Ich freue mich in dir, BWV 133
Francesco Durante:
Magnificat in B-flat Major
Antonio Vivaldi:
Gloria, RV 589

Saint Cecilia Choir & orchestra
Robert Duff, conductor
Brett Maguire, harpsichord & organ

For centuries, the Feast of Saint Cecilia—the patron saint of musicians— has served as a focal point for celebrating the divine power of song. We invite you to an evening of music making as the Saint Cecilia Choir explores Baroque works that celebrate the birth of Christ.

This concert is free to the public and discounted parking is available.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Anthony Abbruzzi, Korea
Karl Ackermen, Vietnam
Art Adkision †
Ronald Albany
Charles J. Allen, Army †
Walter Ambrose †
Donald Anders, Korea
William Anderson, Sr.
Paul Annese †
William 'Billy' Arnold, Army †
Louis S. Astramowicz, WWII
Fred Bachofner Jr., WWII †
Edward Bamonte, Korea
Joseph Barna, Army
Robert Baron, Army †
Vaughn D. Bass
Robert Batson, Vietnam
John Battaglino, Army
Allan Batzel †
Ana Bautista, Air Force
Dick Belanger †
Charles Benhayon, WWII
Bob Bensettler
Al Berg, Navy
Frank Bergin
John Bianco, Army, WWII †
Miriam Binkerd, Army †
Wilfred Binkerd, Army †
James Bish
John Bobrowiecki, Marine Corps
Edward Borges, Army
Charles C. Botosh Sr., Army †
Charlie C. Botosh Jr., Navy
Joseph R. Bouman, Vietnam
Paul Edmund Bourque, Army †
Steve Bowen †
Colin Boyle, Army †
John Brain, Navy WWII
Donald Brawn, Marine, Korea
John E. Breen, Navy †
Stanley A. Brodnik, Army †
Louis A. Brodnick, Army †
Thomas J. Brodnick, Army †
Howard C. Brooks
Walter Brosean, Army †
Gilbert A. Bruno, WWII
Warren Bruno, Korea

Anthony Bufalini, Marine Corps, WWII †
Carl Bufalini, WWII †
Joe Bufalini, WWII
Leonard Bufalini, WWII
Louis Bufalini
Luigi Bufalini, WWII †
Oreste Bufalini, Army, †
Jim Burke, Army, Vietnam
John Burke †
Steve Burke, Vietnam
William M. Burke, Army
Hugh D. Burnham
Louis Percival Byrne, Korean War
Aaron Mark Caffee Jr., U.S. Air Force
Andrew Caisse
Jim Campbell, WWII
Francis Cannistraro, Army †
Joseph Cannistraro, Army †
Joseph Cantalupa
Albert Carfagno, Army †
Charles Carfagno Jr., Army †
Richard Carfagno
Russel "Bunny" Carfagno, Navy †
John Carpenito, Army †
Cody Carpenter
Dennis Carr, Coast Guard
Dennis Carrier
Ronald Carrier †
Wilfred Carrier †
Paul Carty, Army †
Paul Carty †
Rev. William Carty, WWII
John C. Casey
David Castaldi, Army
Douglas Castro, Army
Rene Champagne, Navy
Aguida Chua
Antonio Chua
Ramon Chua
Tomas Chua
Zeny Chua
Theodore J. Cincottaa, Army
Thomas Cinnamond, Navy
Brian Clancy
Thomas Roger Clancy †
Thomas James Clancy †
Francis Clark

Peter Clements
Will Cloney †
John Coderre
Charles Cognato, Army Reserves †
Ford Cole †
Eugene Colleary, Army
Vincent R. Collins Clay Conard, Army
Raymond Condren
John J. Conley Sr., Army, WWI †
John J. Conley Jr., Army, WWII †
Patrick Leon Conley, Army WWII †
Jack Connelly, Navy, WW II †
David Connolly
Ed Conroy
Steve Cooper
Kenneth E. Coppola, Marines, Iraq †
William Corey
Elzear Cormier, Army †
William Cosgrove †
Lino Costa
Denis Cote †
Marc Cote
Philip Cote
Edward Marc Couture, Army †
William P. Crane, Coast Guard, WWI †
Charles E. Crandall, Navy, WWII
Robert Crowe, Army
Joseph Crowley
Ernest W. Crozier, Army, WWI †
John M. Crozier, Air Force
Josephine E. Crozier, Coast Guard, WWII †
Wilfred T. Crozier, Navy, WWII †
William T. Crozier, Air Force
Daniel J. Crumlish
John Crusc, Army
Harry Crusc, Army
William Leo Cullen, WWII †
John Culley
Roy E. Curry
Donald Curtin, Army, Vietnam †
Alfredo Dalao
Bill D'Amato, Army, Vietnam
Richard S. Daniels, Army †
Sgt. John Humphrey Davis, Army, WWII †
Bill Day, Army †
Taylor Dedrick, Marine Corps
James Deffet, Air Force

Bernard M. DeFusco, Marine Corps †
Bernard DeFusco, Marine Corps †
Angelo DeFusco †
Marco DeFusco †
Capt. Matthew Delvaux, Army
Frank DeMare †
Walter J. Dembiczak, WWII
Joe Deneen, Air Force
Dick Derenne, Army †
Thomas L. Derry, Navy †
Kevin Dick, Air Force, Vietnam
Steve Differ
Frank DiGennaro
James T. Dillon, Army †
Sgt. Chad Diment, Army
Steve Diment, Navy
Paul Dionne †
Arthur Dolken, Navy, WWII †
Tim Donley, Marines
John Joseph Donovan, Vietnam †
Laurence E. Donovan, Army, WWII
Mary E. Donovan, Marine, WWII, Korea
Edward Doran
Francis Doran
Michael Doran
Katherine Lally Dougherty, Army Air Corps †
Kevin Dougherty, Marine Corps
Robert Doyle, Army
Lt Paul E. Doyle, Army
DPW Jr., Army
John S. Drabik, Army, WWII †
Henry Duchainey
Paul J. Duggan, Navy
Jonathan Duralde
Tom Durant
Mark Dunay
Arthur Dunnett
Joseph Dwyer
Francis W. Eastman, Jr., Marine Corps †
Sgt. George Egan, Marine Corps
Pvt. Edward Egan, Marine Corps
Richard V. Ellcott, Air Force, Korea
Robert Emmet, Army Air Corps †
Larry Engler
Lavern Engler
Leonard Engler
Morris Estep
Henry J. Evans, Army †
Dick Fabian
Jean Fabian
Bob Fahey
Dick Fahey
Donald Fahey
John P. Faldetta, Army, WWII †
John Joseph Falvey, Navy †
Frank Famiglietti, Army, Korea †
John Famiglietti, Army, WWII †
Rocco Famiglietti, Army, WWII †
Joseph Famiglietti, Army †
Marshall Famiglietti, Army †
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Jeff Fidler, Army
Edward J. Finn, Army, WWII †
Ervil Fitts, Army †
Jim Fitzgerald
Col. John I. Fitzgerald Jr., USMC, WWII
Cornelius J. Fitzpatrick †
James Fitzpatrick
John Paul Fitzpatrick
James Flatley
John Fleming †
Kevin Travis Flink, Army
Emma Flynn
Lt Col John G Flynn, Marine Corps
Ryan Flynn
Richard Forsey
Leo Fonseca, Sr., Army
Peter Foote, Army †
Antonio "Jerry" Franchi, Navy, WWII †
John Frazier, Navy
Arthur Robert Frithsen
Harold Frithsen
Donald A. Frost Jr., Army †
Thomas Gallagher, Navy †
Thomas Gallagher Jr., Navy †
Anthony Gallo Joe Garza, Navy
Ray Garza, Navy
Rudy Garza, Navy
Nelson Genest, Marine Corps, Korea
Colonel James M. Gifford, Air Force
Richard Gilbert, WWII
Gregory Gillia, Army
Tom Gilliam †
Brian Gillis, Air Force
Dougal Gillis
Joseph Gillis, Navy †
Thomas J. Ginter Pierce Glaze, Marines WWII †
Colonel Bill Glynn, Korea, Army †
Vernon V. Goss, Army †
Alan Grapski
Terrance Graves, Marine, Vietnam †
William E. Green †
Claire D. Green †
Robert Green
Major General Harold Greene, Army †
Emily Griffin, Army
Joe Griggs, Army Reserves
Victor Gronenthal, Army, Afghanistan, Iraq †
Jerrold Haley, Iraq
Gen. Jack Hammond
Robert B. Hanley, Army Air Corps, WWII †
Victor Hanley, Army, Special Forces, Afghanistan, Iraq
Amanda Hanley, Marines
David Hanschke, Marines †
Cecil Wayne Harrington, Navy
Ethan Harmon
Jonathan Harmon
Philip Vincent Harol, WWII
Thomas Haron, Army †
John Peter Hartlage III, Navy †
Kenneth Hartman, Army
William Haughey, Marines
John S. Hayes
Courtlan C. Hazelton, Air Force †
Fr. John J. Healy, Army
Wilfrid Hebert
John J. Hedderman
Lt. J. Paul Henderson, Army, WWII †
Thomas Heron, WWII †
Benjamin Hinsdale, WWII
William Hinz, Navy, Vietnam
Francis Houck, Air Force, Vietnam
John Houston
Richard Howland, Air Force †
James Lee Hullett, Army †
Rick Hutchings, Army
Tim Hutchings, Navy
Ronald Igo Antoni Igras, WWII
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Ed Imson
Estelita Imson
Romy Imson
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Carter Jefferson
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George Arthur Joseph
George Arthur Joseph Jr.
John Joyce, Army †
Joseph Judge, Navy †
John W. Kane
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Joseph Kaufmann, Air Force, Korea †
Mary Kaye, Navy
John B. Keane, Korea
Thomas Keane, Vietnam
Joe Kebartis
William F. Keith, Army †
Cornelius Kelleher †
James Kelleher
Steve Kelleher
William Kelliher
James Kelly
John F. Kelly, Navy
Paul Kelly, Marines †
Major Eleanor F. Kennard
William Kerrigan
Robert Key, USMC, Army, Navy, Vietnam †
Edwin Kiley, Navy †
John Kiley, Air Force, WWII
Joseph Paul Kiley, Navy, Korea
Brig. Gen Leo A. Kiley, Air Force
Capt. Tony Kim, Air Force, Korea †
Regan King, Marines
Michael Kippenberger
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Dr. Robert Louis Koller, Air Force †
Capt. Charles H. Kouyoumjian, Air Force †
Raymond Adam Krahe, Army †
David Elliott Kronenfeld, Army
John Krumpotich, Army †
Richard Kuhlow
Joe Kulas, Vietnam
Joseph Kurta, WWII Army †

Hans Dieter Laaser, Army †
Rene F. L'Abbe, Army, WWII †
David Lafferty, Air Force †
Beatrice Jutras Langlois, Army WAC, WWII †
Lt. Col, Christopher Todd Langlois,
Air Force, Middle East Conflicts
Joseph LaPiana, Army, Korea †
Theodore Larkin, Army †
Maj. Margaret Larson, Army
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John Larivee
Gaspar LaSala, WWII
John Lavelle, Army, WWII †
Jackson Lawlor
Peter LeCam, Army, Vietnam
Gerard Lecours
Matt Lecours
Francis Leonard, Navy †
John Libby, Navy, WWII, Korea, Vietnam
Thomas W. Little, Jr., Navy, WWII †
John T. Long, WWII
Brendan Looney
Gilbert Lorenzana
Matthew Lottes, Marines
Beirne Lovely, Purple Heart Marine †
Arvo J. Luukkonen, Army †
Gerald J. Lynch, Army, Vietnam †
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Donald Macauley, WWII
Jack Macauley, WWII
Norman Macauley, WWII
Joe Macdonough
Joseph G. Maciora, WWII
Edward Madden WWII †
John Madden, Korea †
Kathleen Madden, WWII †
Robert Madden, WWII †
Leo Madden, WWII †
William C. Madsen, Army †
Dan Magoon
Richard J. Maguire, Army
William Malloy, Navy
Gerald D. Maloney, Army †
Travis Manion
Ignazio (Nelson) Maniscalco, WWII†
Mary Manley
Eugene Mann, WWII
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Willie Masley
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Joseph V. "Buddy" Mason, Navy †
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Taylor Matthews, Army, Korea †
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SSgt. Jane G. McBryde, USMC †
Bob McCaffrey
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George McCrea
William T. McCue, WWII
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John Girard McDonald †
John McDonald
Martin Joseph McInerney, Navy †
Martin McLaughlin †
James McGee
Jim McGrath
John McGrath
Kip McGuire †
Mary A. McGuire, Navy, WWII †
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Joseph McGurn
Adam McInnish
ISG Andrew McKenna, Army †
Capt. George McKenna, Army, WWII
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William McNally
Jack McSherry
Aimee Melvin
Stephen K. Mendoza, Navy †
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Frank Miaskowski †
Joe Miaskowski †
Albert Mickler
A. John Miele, Army
Raymond J. Mik Sr., WWII
Bret T. Miller
Ernest Molle, Army, Korean War
Frank Montesanti †
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John Thomas Montague
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Philip J. Morabito, Navy †
John G. Moran Jr. †
Rodolfo Morelos Jr., Navy
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William L. Morton, Navy, WWII †
Rocco Pasquale Morra
Francis Mosley, Army, WWII †
Francis Mullin, Marines
James Mullin
James M. Murphy, Navy, WWII †
Lt. Patrick J Murphy, Marines, Vietnam †
Cpt. Patrick J. Murphy, Marines
Cpt. Joseph P. Murphy, Marines
Danny Murray
Joe Nadeau
James A. Nausadus, Army †
Elwood “Gene” Neal
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Rob Nelson, Navy
Lt. Col. Bob Neu, Army
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John Noyes, Army
Dave Nuttall, Navy †
Martin O'Connell †
Christopher L. O'Connor, Army
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Donald O'Keefe
Robert O'Keefe †
Kathleen Teater O’Malley, Army †
Martin O’Malley, Army
Michael O’Meara
Nicholas E. Ortyl, Army †
2LT William Ortyl, Army
William O'Sullivan, Army
Lawrence Ostwald
David E. Owen Sr., Army WWII
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Richard Paczkowski, Army †
Mark Pagnozzi
Ernesto Palermo, Army, WWII †
Neil Pallotta, US Army Ranger
Frank Pantano
Louis Papia, WWII †
Kristen Parrinello
Ern Parsons
Alexander Pasechnick, WWII
Alexander Pasternak, WWII
C.P. Patterson
John Payne, Vietnam
Joseph Papaz
Alda Paz
Rosendo Paz
Apolonio Peña, Air Force †
Carlos Peread
Roxana Peredo
Nelson Pidgeon Jr.
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Col. Roy F. Pille, WWII, Vietnam †
Berry Powell, Army, WWII †
Depsey Powell, Army, WWII †
William J. Powell, Air Force †
Francis Powers
Msgt. Frank Quinlan
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George A. Raboin
Henry G. Rakowski
J.L. Ramsey
Eugene Ramsey
Alfred Reilly, Navy
Donald Reilly, Navy
Dave Reis

Barker Regan †
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Michael J. Remo, WWII
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Jimmy Rodriguez
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James Rogers
Jacques Romberger
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Tom Searby, Army, WWII †
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Rev. Dennis Sheridan, Vietnam
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George H. Tice, Army, WWII †
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Edwin Torres
John Touw, Army, Vietnam
Rambo Tran, Army †
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Paul Viano Sr.
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PINE STREET INN & SAINT CECILIA PARISH
THANKSGIVING MEAL BAG DRIVE

Saint Cecilia Parish and Pine Street Inn are partnering again this Thanksgiving to provide meal kit bags filled with shelf-stable foods for tenants in Pine Street Inn's supportive housing. These bags help make it possible for residents to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal in their homes with family and friends—and to have enough food for a second comforting meal as well.

We invite parishioners to fill a meal kit bag with the food items listed below. This has become a wonderful Saint Cecilia tradition over the past five years, and we have received many expressions of gratitude from both parishioners and Pine Street Inn tenants.

PICK UP A BAG: Meal kit bags will be available in the church narthex beginning **Sunday, November 1**, after each Mass (8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.). Bags will also be available at the reception desk.

FILL YOUR BAG: Because food insecurity and food costs continue to rise, we are asking this year for two of each item. This will give residents some extra food to enjoy another meal after Thanksgiving.

PLEASE FILL YOUR BAG WITH:

- 2 boxes stuffing mix
- 2 packets instant mashed potatoes
- 2 packets dried gravy mix
- 2 cans cranberry sauce
- 2 cans corn and/or green beans (pop-top lids, please)
- 2 boxes brownie mix or cake mix
- 2 boxes macaroni and cheese
- 2 cans soup (pop-top lids, please)
- 2 packages hard candy (i.e. Life Savers or Jolly Ranchers)
- 1 shaker each salt and pepper

Please add one Thanksgiving holiday item, such as a kitchen towel, oven mitt, hand soap, or lotion.

RETURN YOUR BAG: On **Sunday, November 15**, a Pine Street Inn van will be in front of Saint Cecilia from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to receive your filled meal kit bag. Please return your bag to the church on this date.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP: If you would prefer not to prepare a meal kit bag, you can help by donating a $25 gift card to a large grocery store, such as Shaw's, Star Market, or Market Basket. You can also donate white athletic socks for men and women. A basket for sock donations will be available near the Pine Street Inn van on November 15. Gift cards may be dropped off on November 15 or mailed to: *Thanksgiving Meal Kit Bag Drive, Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115.*

Thank you for helping make Thanksgiving a little more abundant and welcoming for our neighbors in Pine Street Inn's supportive housing.

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WHY EDITH STEIN IS THE PERFECT SAINT FOR ALL SOULS' DAY (AND A WORLD PLAGUED BY ANTISEMITISM)

BY TERRANCE KLEIN



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Edith Stein: Jew, Philosopher, Sister, Saint (Triptych) by Lisa Thorpe (2023)

They gave her 10 minutes to gather her things and say goodbye. The bishops of the Netherlands had recently denounced Nazi deportations of Jews and Dutch citizens. The Nazis retaliated by arresting 245 Catholics of Jewish descent. The cloistered Carmelite sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was one of them.

She had been born Edith Stein into a secular Jewish family. Edith was one of the first women in Germany to gain a doctorate, which she did while studying under the renowned philosopher Edmund Husserl. A Jew could not hold a professorship in Nazi Germany, but Edith Stein taught for several years outside that system before becoming a Catholic and entering a Carmelite monastery. Fearing the direction of events in Germany, her Carmelite superiors had sent Sister Teresa Benedicta to a Carmel in the Netherlands.

Her biological sister Rosa, a fellow Carmelite, accompanied her.

Try to imagine those 10 minutes, offered only to degrade them! A Carmelite would not have much to pack, but who can say goodbye in such a short amount of time? Who can collect up and close a life? Sister Teresa Benedicta said to her sister, "Come, Rosa, we are going for our people."

On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for our dead. Why? Because they are "our people" in life and in death. As we say in the opening of the vigil for the departed, "we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death." Hence, the dead still pray for us, and we still pray for them. This belief is found both in Scripture and in the practice of the early church.

But what is there to pray about? We surely need the prayers of the saints, but what might be required by those who already stand judged before the face of God? Even if they have been worthy of God, for most souls the answer is still quite simple: time to get ready.

Of course, there is no time in eternity, but, by God's grace, there is still a "becoming." God calls us into life for a single purpose, to offer himself to us. But note that God calls us into life, into a becoming. We are fashioned unfinished. God creates us for love, so God creates us in time, in a becoming. This is what it means to be free creatures. During our lives, hopefully, we become someone who can love God in return.

We are those who become. In contrast, God is utter fullness, more than we can possibly imagine! Yet we were created for God. If you think that you are already capable of receiving the fullness of God, you either have a very large view of yourself or a quite small understanding of God.

Yes, God decrees our salvation just as God decreed our creation. But in both, we continue to become. Even after death we become our acceptance of God.

When we die, if we have not yet become someone capable of receiving God, then God, in mercy, allows us to complete the process. And there is a process, because, unlike God, we are always those who are becoming. As St. Thomas Aquinas insisted, even the Beatific Vision is not something accomplished once forever. How can it be if God cannot be fathomed?

Is purgatory a time and a place? Is heaven? Heaven is a consummated relationship, and it has a physical, albeit glorified, component. Purgatory is best understood as heaven's portal—in Dante's *Purgatorio*, its people are smiling! It is a post-mortem process of becoming, aided, as all human growth is, by the prayers of others.

"Come, Rosa, we are going for our people." The sisters would die a few months later in Auschwitz. But Edith Stein, now St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, did not see this as severing either her relationship to God or to her people. She had lived for both, and she would die for both. If, in the mercy of God, her death could aid others in becoming who they were meant to be before God, before or after death, then, Amen. "Come, Rosa, we are going for our people."

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Edith Stein pictured in an undated photo (OSV News photo/CNS Archive)

BELIEVE IN THE AFTERLIFE

BY JAMES MARTIN, SJ

Here are two beliefs that trouble some people but have never troubled me: belief in the afterlife and belief in purgatory.

These beliefs are at the heart of the feast of The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls Day. [Last Sunday] we celebrated All Saints Day, remembering all those who now enjoy eternal life with God in heaven. On All Souls Day, we pray for all those who have died, including those who may not have reached their heavenly reward yet—in other words, those in purgatory.

When I was a Jesuit novice, a fellow novice recounted a story from his childhood. He once happily told his elementary-school teacher, who was a Catholic sister, that one of his aunts had just given birth to my friend's new cousin. "Well, you tell your aunt to baptize the baby right away," Sister said. "Because if he dies before he gets baptized, he will go to limbo and spin like a top for all eternity!" I've never gotten that bizarre image out of my head.

The concept of limbo was downgraded from a doctrine to a hypothesis or theory by the International Theological Commission in 2007. (It was probably helpful that this was done during the papacy of Pope Benedict XVI, since he had more than enough theological *bona fides* to satisfy everyone in the church.) But our belief in purgatory, the time of purification of the soul before one meets God face to face, remains.

As I said, this belief has never proved a problem for me. I've always thought that none of us would be truly ready to meet God as soon as we die. Now, I know that God is outside of time and space, so speaking about "as soon as" is a bit of a misnomer. Still, at the end of our lives all of us, even if we have gone through great suffering, times of reflection and have even confessed our sins, are probably still in need of a kind of transition period where we review our lives and come to recognize our need for God's mercy. At least that's how I conceive of it. So purgatory, a time of purification or purgation, has always made sense to me. On All Souls Day, we remember all those who have gone before us who still need our prayers as they make their way through that experience.

Even more important, All Souls Day reminds us of the promise of everlasting life that Jesus offers all believers, as expressed in the Gospel reading when he says, "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." This message comes in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, in which Jesus reveals himself to the disciples as the "Bread of Life." Jesus tells his followers that, unlike Moses who gave manna to his followers, who would die,



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All Souls' Day by Aladar Korosfoi-Kriesch (1910)

Jesus is the eternal bread, which his followers will eat and live.

Eternal life can be a hard thing for even some devout Christians to believe. But we have to remember that Jesus does three things to help us accept this promise. First, he *tells* his disciples about eternal life, as he does here in John 6. Second, he *shows* his disciples that he has power over death, by raising his friend Lazarus from the dead, in John 11. Finally, Jesus definitively *reveals* the pattern of eternal life, the "first fruits," as St. Paul says, at the Resurrection.

But if that doesn't "convince" you, perhaps you can look at it this way: God is love. God loved you into being and entered into a loving relationship with you, at the moment of your conception. Why, then, would a loving God let something like death end that loving relationship? No, God has a place prepared for each of us, a place where we will dwell with God until the end of time.

Hope in this. Trust in this. Most of all, believe in this.

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PARISH RESOURCES

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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., and 5:00 p.m.
Holy Days | 8:00 a.m.
* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in person and livestreamed.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Father Jim Shaughnessy, SJ is available by appointment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To schedule an appointment, please call the Parish Office.

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.

Baptism for Infants
Infant baptism is celebrated on the first and third weekends of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office.

Parking
There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski's Tavern), for $15, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $15 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.

Faith Formation for Children
To register your child for Faith Formation, contact our Director of Family and Youth Faith Formation, Kate Burns.

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 (VIRTUS). They provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche, Letitia Howland, or Erin Young 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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)
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. For more information, contact Mary Wessel in the Parish Office.

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 parish offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics from many neighborhoods in and around Boston; we also have friends from around the country and the world. We invite local individuals and families to fill out a new parishioner form on our website. No matter your present status in the Catholic Church, current family or marital situation, gender or gender expression, sexual orientation, personal history, age, race, or self-image, you are invited and will be welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected here at Saint Cecilia. We are here to accompany and serve you.

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.

