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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 January 2024

Samuel Relating to Eli the Judgements of God upon Eli's House
by John Singleton Copley

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PRELUDE | Prelude on Deep River

Adolphus Hailstork
(b. 1941)

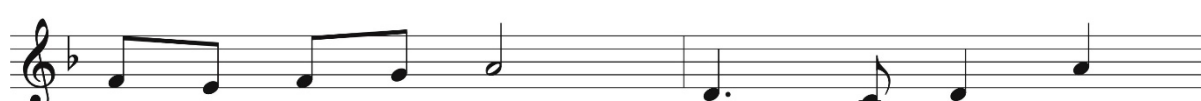
THE ORDER OF THE MASS INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN | Praise to You, O Christ Our 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!
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glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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.

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA | Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan



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
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19



I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. *R.*

In the scroll of the book it stands
written of me:
“I delight to do your will, O my
God;
your instruction lies deep within
me.” *R.*

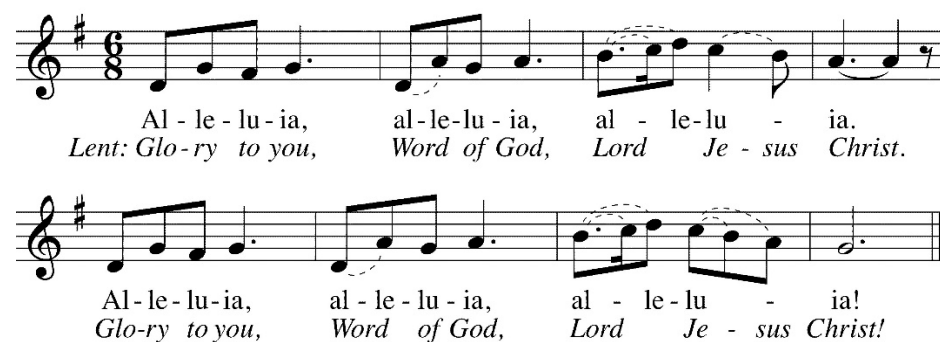
You delight not in sacrifice and
offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin
offering.
Then I said, “Behold, I have
come.” *R.*

Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O LORD. *R.*

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Jubilation Mass

James Chepponis



GOSPEL | John 1: 35-42

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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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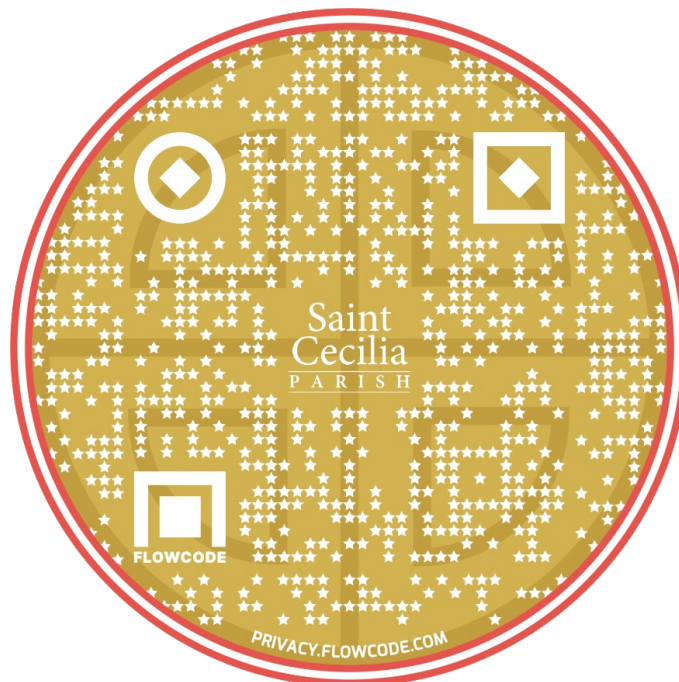
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

Using the Flowcode with the camera on your smartphone is as easy as Aim & Tap. Aim your camera at the Flowcode image and tap the notification banner when it appears on your phone's screen. You may need to zoom in a bit to focus on the code.

If the Flowcode doesn't work for you, please visit www.flowcode.com/page/stceciliaboston.

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS | Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move

KINGSFOLD



1. Moved by the Gos - pel, let us move With
2. Let weav - ers form from bro - ken strands A
3. O Spir - it, breathe a - mong us here; In -

ev - 'ry gift and art. The im - age of cre -
tap - es - try of prayer. Let art - ists paint with
spire the work we do. May hands and voic - es,

a - tive love In - dwells each hu - man heart. The
skill - ful hands Their joy, la - ment, and care. Then
eye and ear At - test to life made new. In

Mak - er calls cre - a - tion good, So
mime the sto - ry: Christ has come. With
wor - ship and in dai - ly strife Cre -

let us now ex - press With sound and col - or,
rev - 'rence dance the word. With flute and or - gan,
ate a - mong us still. Great Art - ist, form our

stone and wood, The shape of ho - li - ness.
ching and drum God's praise be ev - er heard.
com - mon life Ac - cord - ing to your will.

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 | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

GREAT AMEN | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

COMMUNION RITE

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.

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte



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. Amen.

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I, who made the
 They turn a - way. I will break their
 My hand will save. Fin-est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✠ May almighty God bless you, the Father, (+) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

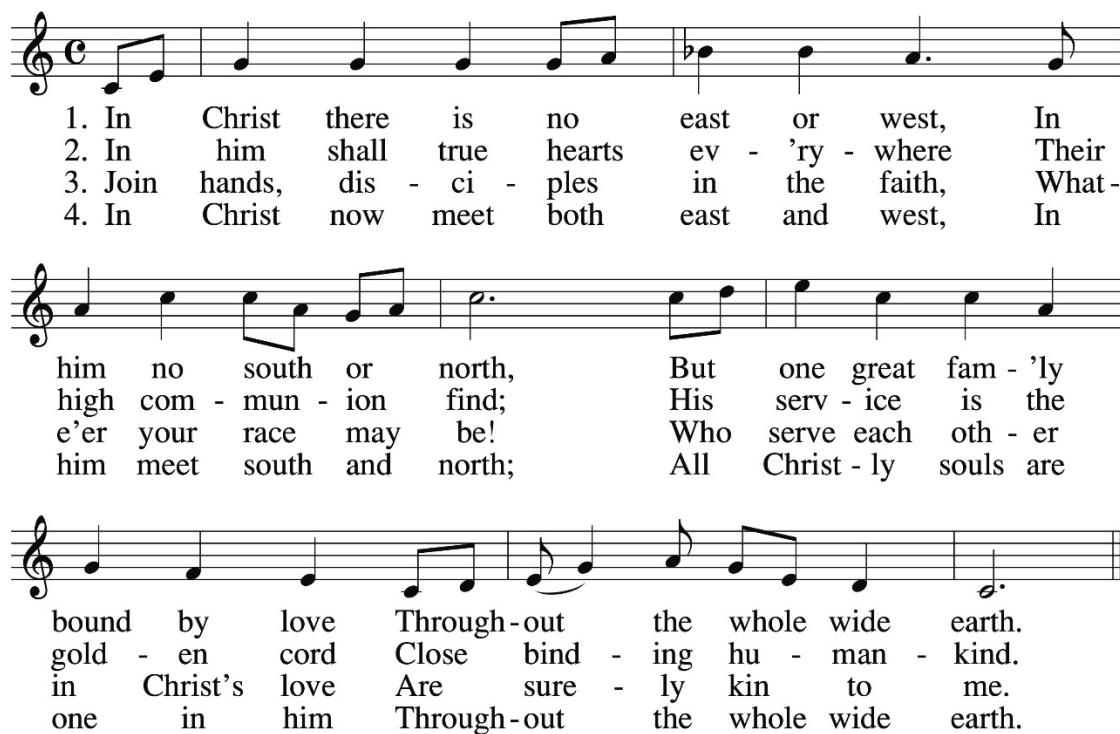
All: Amen.

✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL | In Christ There is No East or West

McKEE



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In
 2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In

him no south or north, But one great fam - 'ly
 high com - mun - ion find; His serv - ice is the
 e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er
 him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are

bound by love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord Close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him Through-out the whole wide earth.

POSTLUDE | Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho

arranged by Fela Sowande
(1905-1987)

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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.

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, January 13 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Emily Bogert, lector

Sunday, January 14 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Nicholas Hayes-Mota, lector

Sunday, January 14 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Virgen Palermo, Moira Macdonald, and Karen Vachon, lectors

Sunday, January 14 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Eileen O'Brien, James Paradis, and Linda Frayling, lectors

Sunday, January 14 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Esteban Vanegas, lector

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13 | 5:00 p.m.

Manuel Velasquez, *Memorial*

Sunday, January 14 | 8:00 a.m.

John & Angelina Machado, *Memorial*

Sunday, January 14 | 9:30 a.m.

Eileen Bolesky, *2nd Anniversary*
Grace Rett, *4th Anniversary*
Delia Conlon, *Memorial*
Cornelia Davidson, *Memorial*

Sunday, January 14 | 11:30 a.m.

Alphonse R. Ferent III, *7th Anniversary*
Joseph Francis MacDonald, *52nd Anniversary*
Celia Corcoran, *Memorial*

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

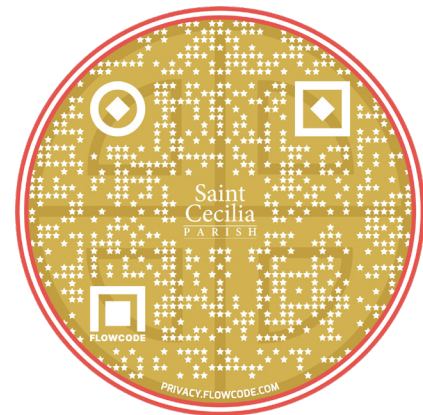
John 1:35-42

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20



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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased

Jean Marino died on Monday, January 8. Jean's family will receive visitors on Monday, January 15 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., Boston. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephen Church, 401 Hanover St., North End. Pray for Jean's eternal repose and for the consolation of her family and friends. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Jacqueline Lavelle, Tim Finn, Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Michele Maniscalco, and Fred Tufts.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish

We are pleased to welcome the following newly-registered members of our parish: **Ellen Mule** of Boston, **Darragh Houlihan** of Newton, **Robert Houlihan** of Orange, Connecticut, **Melinda Headrick** of Boston, **Charlotte and Giacomo Alfieri** of Boston, **Marianne Abdelahad** of Cambridge, **John Fraser** of Boston, **Sandra and Wayne Halverson** of Cohasset, **Devin Violette** of Dorchester, **Lauren Marvinney** of Cleveland, Ohio, **Matthew Rotondaro** and **Miranda Miller** of South Boston, **Beth Lynch** of Boston, **Dorothy Buck** of Medford, the **McGaughey-Randazzo Family** of Boston, **Mikal Terrinca** of Boston, **Nan and Paul Bouche** of Falmouth, and **Carole Barrett** of Naples, Florida. If you have not previously registered, you can do so at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tomorrow, January 15, we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. This is a day for praying for the rediscovery of lost values and for the courage to stand in opposition to hatred and prejudice in all its forms. This holiday is also known as a "Day ON, not a Day OFF," and so we encourage you to read, reflect, and donate in service of racial equity, anti-racism, and dismantling the systems of oppression that are still so prevalent in our society.

Parish Offices Closed Tomorrow

Please note that the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of MLK Day.

For an End to Racism

Pray that our parish may cultivate welcome, extend hospitality, and encourage the participation of people of all cultures,

ethnicities, and backgrounds. And pray that we respond boldly to the Holy Spirit's call to act together to end violence and racism.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Thursday, January 18, and ends on January 25. Since 1908, this week has been dedicated to prayer for Christian unity and this year's theme is "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself," from the Gospel of Luke 10:27. The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbor." In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

Sunday, January 14

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom

Tuesday, January 16

Communion Circle at Saint Cecilia House, 10:30 a.m.
RCIA, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. via Zoom
Rainbow Ministries: LGBTQ Space to Share,
6:30—8:00 p.m.
SCYA Women's Group, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
SCYA Happy Hour, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 18

Communion Circle at Hale House, 4:00 p.m.
SCYA In-Person Catechism Study, 6:30—8:00 p.m.
Wisdom Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Sunday, January 21

Wisdom Group, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom
VIRTUS Training, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Lector Training, 2:00—3:00 p.m.

54TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

Monday, January 15 | 9:00 a.m.
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center & Online

This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast celebration will be a hybrid event with both in-person and online components. The 2024 theme is: "Keeping the Promise of Democracy." In light of the assaults on affirmative action, civil rights, reproductive care, and protections for LGBTQ+ people, the event is inspired by the words of Dr. King on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, "This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy." The keynote speaker will be Khalil Gibran Muhammad, Ph.D., Ford Foundation Professor of History, Race and Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School. Muhammad is the award-winning author of *The Condemnation of Blackness*, a "brilliant work that tells us how directly the past has formed us" (The New York Review of Books), and his work has been featured in the landmark New York Times "1619 Project" as well as Ava DuVernay's Oscar-nominated Netflix documentary *13th*. Tickets for the in-person breakfast are \$50 and can be purchased by visiting <https://bostonmlkbreakfast.org/breakfast-2024/>.

JOIN OUR WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP!

The Saint Cecilia Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group holds two weekly online gatherings—Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Members of the group gather to share ways in which faith informs and enriches the second half of life. For more information about meetings or to join their mailing list, please contact the group via their ministry email.

FEBRUARY PARISH RETREAT

We're pleased to announce that we're hosting a day retreat at the parish on Saturday, February 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you'd like to join us, you can register by filling out this short form: <https://forms.gle/5mXmzRD3HnYUWng58>. If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility, Scott Macdonald, at his parish email address.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

**BOSTON COLLEGE
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ONLINE COURSES

New Testament Visions of Faith

January 24 – March 5 | 6-Week Online Course
Registration Required | \$60.00

The Creed: What We Believe

January 24 - February 28 | 5-Week Online Course
Registration Required | \$60.00

For further details or to register for these events, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education.html#tab-stm_online_crossroads

SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

Enlivening a Spirit Community Through Faith and Racial Justice!

Presenter: Reverend Myra Brown, Pastor of Spiritus Christi Church in Rochester, NY

Monday, January 22 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Zoom

For further details on this presentation, please check the website: https://www.saintsusanna.org/adult_faith_formation.html

DONATIONS FOR DORCHESTER FOOD PANTRIES

Please consider participating in our food donation ministry during the upcoming months so that the volume of our donated food remains strong. The local economy might have improved for some of us, but the working poor and unemployed continue to face enormous economic challenges—especially in light of rising food prices. Saint Cecilia has committed to providing these items to food pantries: Cheerios or cornflakes, peanut butter, white flour pasta and spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna fish, canned chicken breast, cooking oil, and tomato sauce. While any canned or shelf-stable items are appreciated, it is particularly helpful when parishioners can help with the staples listed above. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations of baked items or produce in the narthex.

CONCERT TO BENEFIT WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE

**Sunday, January 28, 7:30 p.m. | New England
Conservatory's Brown Hall**

"Music for Food" is a musician-led initiative to fight hunger in our local communities. According to Project Bread: "Prior to the pandemic, household food insecurity in Massachusetts was at 8.2%. The coronavirus pandemic fueled a hunger crisis unlike any other in our lifetime, at its peak rendering 19.6% of households food insecure." Music for Food's concerts have raised funds to create more than 1.5 million meals.

Music for Food's 14th season continues at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 28 in New England Conservatory's Brown Hall. This program includes two masterworks for string quartet by Franz Joseph Haydn: his *Seven Last Words of Christ* and his Quartet in d minor, op. 103. Also featured is the world premiere of Da-Yu Liu's *Echoes of Loss* for viola and piano.

Admission is free with a suggested donation (\$40/adult, \$15/student), no tickets or RSVPs are necessary, and ALL proceeds will benefit Women's Lunch Place (WLP), which is celebrating its 41st anniversary of providing needed resources to vulnerable women in Boston.



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2023 TAX STATEMENT**

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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN


**VIRTUS Training | Sunday, January 21, 11:00 a.m.
Community Room**

VIRTUS is the umbrella term for a two-part training designed to keep children safe in the parish setting. The Archdiocese requires this two-part training of all volunteers and staff who have the potential for direct contact with children or the vulnerable due to their involvement in the parish. The first part, Protecting God's Children (or PGC), is a training on how to recognize the signs and symptoms that a child is being abused and how to talk with children about these issues. The second part is a mandated reporter training. All parish staff and volunteers are mandated reporters and are required to attend this one-time training. If you intend to volunteer in the future and haven't attended this training before, please join us. Please note that both parts will be covered in Sunday's session and the training will be approximately 3 hours, including videos and group discussion. Help us by officially registering for this course on January 21 at 11:00 a.m. at <https://www.virtusonline.org/>. Doing so will create a permanent record of your participation and completion of the training. If you can't register online, please join us anyway and come a few minutes early so you can be registered in the system. Thank you so much, and we look forward to seeing you!



WINTER WALK BOSTON

Ending homelessness is within our reach! For the eighth consecutive year, a consortium of agencies focused on homelessness are sponsoring a 2-mile fundraising walk through the streets of Boston. The event takes place on Sunday, February 11 at 8:30 a. m. and we will walk during the coldest month of the year. The Walk will begin and end on the Boston Common at the open field at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets. Participants, housed and unhoused, will walk shoulder to shoulder and then share a meal together. It is hoped that each adult walker will raise \$100—either by paying it as a registration fee or raising it from friends and family. There is a Saint Cecilia Hunger & Homelessness Ministry team again this year—we've participated each year since the event began. We would like to designate Women's Lunch Place as the recipient of the funds we raise this year. If you would like to join or support our team, please go to: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/winterwalk2024-boston/team/943814/>. Please contact Mark Lippolt at the Hunger and Homelessness Ministry email with questions.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SHOWS US HOW JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CAN BE LIVED—IN AND OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

BY MARCIA CHATELAIN

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In the summer of 1967, *Ebony* magazine readers were offered a rare and deeply personal look into the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The esteemed leader had dispensed with his suits and ties—the standard uniform for mass meetings and court appearances. An elegant photo spread captured King in swim trunks, pajamas and slippers. King was at rest. Surrounded by the natural beauty of Ochos Rios, Jamaica, and unknowingly in the penultimate winter of his life, King's time away from his multiple responsibilities to the freedom movement revealed an intimate portrait of a leader in transformation.

Although *Ebony* titled the somewhat breezy feature “MLK's Tropic Interlude,” the reporter noted that despite King modeling his life after Gandhi, the pastor failed to devote any great portion of his time to “leisurely reflection.” The frequently overworked and exhausted King agreed and the article concluded that “nobody deserved a vacation more than MLK.” King used his time on the telephone-free estate to complete the draft of his final book, *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?*, which was published the following summer.

In presenting the two possibilities for the global future in the book's title, King presented the solution to growing militarism, escalating racial unrest and deepening levels of poverty: togetherness. Despite his partial isolation in Jamaica, King's mind was always fixed on the strength and the radical potential of human connection, from the crowds that marched behind and beside him to the scores of people whose hearts were transformed by the images of protestors assaulted while at prayer.

Many of us today may not be able to understand King's commitment to nonviolence or his unshakeable focus on the beloved community. In a year in which most of this year's celebrations of the King holiday will be convened virtually and apart, due to the scourge of Covid-19 and with

a heightened vigilance due to the most recent rash of white supremacist attacks on the U.S. Capitol and statehouses across the country, King's vision is woefully out of focus.

As an educator routinely tasked with teaching the U.S. civil rights movement or invited to reflect on King's legacy for the annual holiday, I often return to King's retreat in Jamaica because it set in motion the pivotal 11 month-period between the appearance of *Where Do We Go From Here* and his final oration, delivered the day before he was assassinated on April 4, 1968. In thinking of this period in King's life, I am reminded of St. Ignatius Loyola's 11 months in Manresa, Spain. For Catholics, particularly those who find great wisdom and hope in the life of St. Ignatius, King provides us numerous examples of how Ignatian spirituality can be lived and modeled outside of the church.

In the same way that nearly a year of contemplation allowed St. Ignatius to bequeath Catholics a roadmap for faith in the *Spiritual Exercises*, King provided keys to understanding the complexity of realizing racial justice and defined the moral grounds in which this work could happen in *Where Do We Go From Here*. The collection of essays answered timely questions about the direction of the civil rights movement, the roots of Black radicalism, and highlighted the importance of economic justice to ending his “three evils”—racism, excessive materialism and militarism.

While in Jamaica, King undoubtedly reflected on how he would communicate the urgency of his nascent Poor People's Campaign, which would include advocacy for a \$12 billion investment in universal basic income, a federal jobs guarantee program and fair, affordable housing. The leader most likely meditated on how he would make a weary public empathize with victims of police brutality. He probably prayed for the courage to continue to speak out against a growing American military presence in Vietnam and knew that these actions would alienate some of his veteran allies and the president of the United States.

King's time in Jamaica was drastically different than

Ignatius's cave, but both men found themselves needing to turn inward to feel the graces that would inspire their hearts and their pens to share how God was working through them in moments of personal strife. I often wonder if King's time gazing upon the Ocho Rios Bay imbued him with confidence in the next phase of his journey, in the same way that encountering the Cardoner River gave Ignatius tremendous clarity.

It is hard to relate to the King that is rightfully memorialized in voluminous biographies and artful documentaries. Yet we are able to return to King's writings and speeches, and when paired with a review of the *Spiritual Exercises*, we can sharpen our gaze and our resolve to do justice to these compatible visions. Both provide us inspiration in seemingly opposite models, which are both necessary to identify and repair our fractured world: Ignatius' mystic experience and King's most humble revelations of faith; Ignatius' great emptying of ego while alone and King's luminous spirit in front of many. In 1959, King wrote: "My call to the ministry was neither dramatic nor spectacular. It came neither by some miraculous vision nor by some blinding light experience on the road of life. Moreover, it did not come as a sudden realization. Rather, it was a response to an inner urge that gradually came upon me."

The slow and gradual process of King's life reminds us that our own purpose requires patience, moments of retreat and ultimately a return to ourselves and others to build community. King's Ignatian spirit impressed itself on those he loved and cared for, and for many of us who never knew him personally. It is particularly fitting that in the foreword to the revised edition of *Where Do We Go From Here*, his widow, the activist Coretta Scott King, described her late husband as having "toiled vigorously to offer discerning leadership." King's many discernments throughout his life and in his final year were declared in the last minute of the last speech he gave before his death. While delivering an address that assessed the history of human struggle, called for economic solidarity with striking sanitation workers and recounted his many near-death experiences, King shared the greatest desire of his life:

"Like anybody, I would like to live a long life—longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will."

~ *Marcia Chatelain is professor of history at Georgetown University. She is the author of two books, South Side Girls: Growing up in the Great Migration and Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America.*

A Prayer for Moving Forward

Loving God, as we venture forth to be women and men of service, go before us as our Guide. Renew us with the spirit of service and sacrificial love exemplified in the life of Dr. King. May we be vessels of hope and justice in a world inundated with countless forms of violence and injustice. May we never stand on the sidelines as we witness injustice done upon our sisters and brothers but walk with eyes open to the needs of our communities, with ears open to the needs of our world, and with hands open in helpful service to our neighbors. Then we will not only be blessed, but be a blessing to our world. This is our prayer. Amen.

~ Prepared originally by Dianna Ortiz, OSU
adapted by Francis DeBernardo,
Pax Christi USA Anti-Racism Team

SAVE THE DATE: WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SYNOD AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US?

Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 p.m ET | Hybrid

Join us on January 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room for a talk with Sebastian Gomes, *America Media's* executive editor of audio and video. Gomes was one of several members of *America's* staff who traveled to Rome for an up-close look at last October's assembly of the Synod on Synodality, and so we're excited to learn more about the Synod from him. This event will also be livestreamed on the Saint Cecilia YouTube.



From the projects Gomes has worked on at *America*, you may recognize him from the feature documentary "People of God: How Catholic Parish Life is Changing in the United States." This hour-long documentary is culmination of the conversations Gomes and his team had with Catholics across the country, and Saint Cecilia is one of the four highlighted parishes. If you haven't already, we encourage you to watch this documentary to learn more about the shifts and trends in American Catholic parish life.

PARISH RESOURCES

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Parish Staff

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Vasily Izumchensky, Livestream Sound Engineer

Reception

Keith Brinkley, Joe O'Brien, Juliette Kaoudji,
Paul Keating, & Ellie Sanderson

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.

Building Accessibility

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

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.

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, at cgannon@stceciliaboston.org.

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.

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 ministry email address, please call our reception desk (617-536-4548) and our receptionists would be happy to pass along the appropriate information. Thank you for helping us maintain our parish security online!