

Saint Cecilia

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Take Away the Stone

by John August Swanson (2005)

Fifth Sunday of Lent
22 March 2026

Lent



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22 MARCH 2026

PRELUDE | Oboe Sonata in A minor, TWV 41, no. 2

Elizabeth England, *oboe* and Brett Maguire, *parish organist*

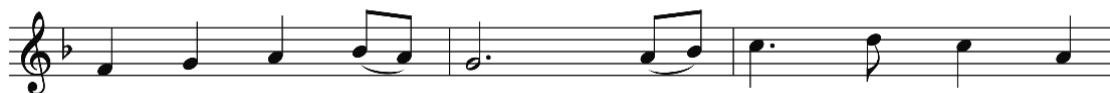
Georg Philip Telemann

(1681-1767)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | All are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness, And as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger, Bear the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of

faith and vault of grace; Here the
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 vealed in time and space; As we
 im - age of God's face; Let us
 faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come

in this place.

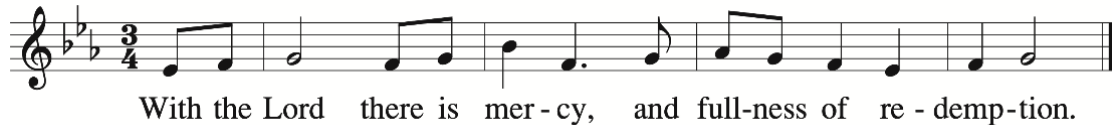
PENITENTIAL RITE

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Refrain



Verses

1. From out of the depths, I cry unto you,
Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer;
O let your ear be open to my pleading.
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
then who could stand within your sight?
But in you is found forgiveness for our failings.
3. Just as those who wait for the morning light,
even more I long for the Lord, my God,
whose word to me shall ever be my comfort.

SECOND READING | Romans 8: 8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony Alonso

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Lent: Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

GOSPEL | JOHN 11: 1-45

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

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

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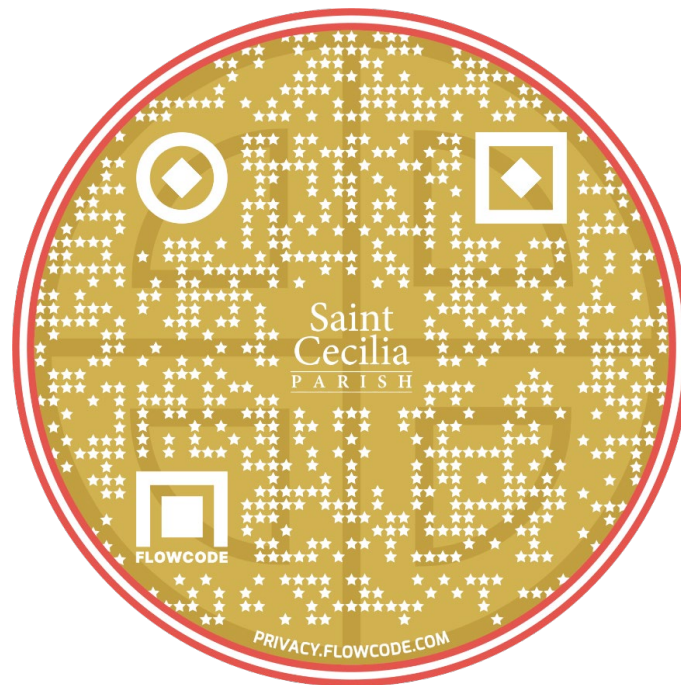
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Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | All that is Hidden

Bernadette Farrell



1. If you would fol - low me, fol - low where life will lead:
2. If you would hon - or me, hon - or the least of these:
3. If you would speak of me, live all your life in me:
4. If you would rise with me, rise through your des - ti - ny:



do not look for me a - mong the dead, for I am
you will not find me dressed in fin - er - y. My Word cries
my ways are not the ways that you would choose; my thoughts are
do not re - fuse the death which brings you life, for as the



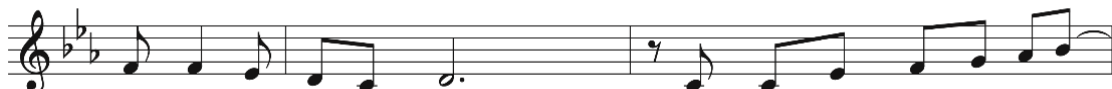
hid - den in pain, ris - en in love;
out to be heard; breaks through the world:
far be - yond yours, as heav - en from earth:
grain in the earth must die for re - birth,



there is no har - vest with - out sow - ing of grain.
my Word is on your lips and lives in your heart.
if you be - lieve in me my voice will be heard.
so I have plant - ed your life deep with - in mine.



All that is hid - den will be made clear. All that is



dark now will be re - vealed. What you have heard in the dark



pro - claim in the light; what you hear in whis - pers



pro - claim from the house - tops.

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.

SANCTUS | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony E. Alonso

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony E. Alonso

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec-tion you have set us free.

AMEN | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony E. Alonso

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

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 Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony E. Alonso

Cantor or choir: Lamb of God, *All:* you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. *Cantor or choir:* Lamb of God, *All:* you
take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

Verses / Estrofas



1. _____ I am the Bread of life. You who
 2. The bread that _____ I will give is my
 3. Un - less _____ you _____ eat of the
 4. _____ I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, _____
 5. _____ Yes, Lord, we be - lieve that _____

1. _____ Yo soy el Pan de Vi - da. A mí
 2. El pan que _____ yo da - ré es mi
 3. _____ Si us - te - des no co - men la _____
 4. Yo soy la _____ Re - su - rrec - ción, _____
 5. _____ Sí, Se - ñor, cre - e - mos que _____



come to me shall not hun - ger; _____ and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, _____ and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man _____ and _____
 I _____ am the life. _____ If you be -
 you _____ are the Christ, _____ the _____

ven - gan: _____ no ten - drán ham - bre. _____ En mí
 car - ne, la vi - da del mun - do. _____ Los que
 car - ne del Hi - jo del Hom - bre, _____ y no
 Yo _____ soy la Vi - da. _____ Si en
 tú e - res _____ el Me - sí - as, _____ el _____



lieve in me shall not thirst. _____ No one can come to
 eat _____ of this bread, _____ you shall _____ live for
 drink _____ of his blood, _____ and drink _____ of his
 lieve _____ in _____ me, _____ e - ven _____ though you
 Son _____ of _____ God, _____ Who _____ has _____

cre - an: _____ no ten - drán sed. _____ Na - die _____ vie - ne a
 co - men _____ de es - te pan _____ vi - vi - rán por
 be - ben _____ de su san - gre, no be - ben _____ de su
 mí us - te - des cre - en, _____ aun - que _____ ha - yan
 Hi - jo de Dios, _____ que has ve - ni - do al

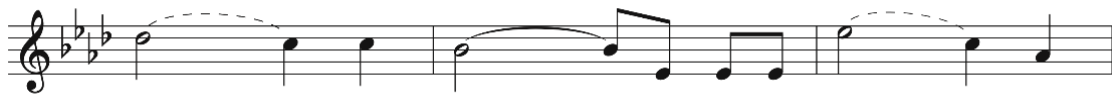


me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.
ev - er, you shall live for ev - er.
blood, you shall not have life with - in you.
die, you shall live for ev - er.
come in - to the world.
mí si mi Pa - dre no lo a - tra - e.
siem - pre, vi - vi - rán por siem - pre.
san - gre, no po - drán te - ner mi vi - da.
muer - to, vi - vi - rán por siem - pre.
mun - do pa - ra re - di - mir - nos.

Refrain / Estribillo



And I will raise you up, and I will
Yo los re - su - ci - ta - ré, *Yo los re -*



raise you up, and I will raise you
su - ci - ta - ré, *Yo los re - su - ci - ta -*



up on the last day.
ré en el dí - a fi - nal.

COMMUNION MEDITATION | *In Paradisum* from Requiem, Op. 48

Gabriel Fauré
(1845-1924)

*In Paradisum deducant Angeli
in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.
Chorus Angelorum te suscipiant
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem.*

May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs greet you at your arrival
and lead you into the holy City of Jerusalem.
May the choir of Angels greet you
and like Lazarus, who once was a poor man,
may you have eternal rest.

CONCLUDING RITE

RECESSIONAL | We Shall Rise Again

Jeremy Young



1. Come to me, all you wea - ry, with your bur - dens and
2. Though we walk through the dark - ness, e - vil we do not
3. We de - pend on God's mer - cy, mer - cy which nev - er
4. Do not fear death's do - min - ion, look be - yond earth and
5. At the door there to greet us, mar - tyrs, an - gels, and



pain. Take my yoke on your shoul - ders and
fear. You are walk - ing be - side us with your
fades. We re - mem - ber our cov - e - nant and the
grave. See the bright - ness of Je - sus shin - ing
saints, And our fam - 'ly and loved ones, ev - 'ry -



learn from me: I am gen - tle and hum - ble,
rod and your staff. On - ly good - ness and kind - ness
prom - ise Je - sus made: If we die with Christ Je - sus,
out to light our way. Lov - ing Fa - ther and Spir - it,
one freed from their chains. We shall feel their ac - cep - tance,



and your soul will find rest, For my yoke is
fol - low us all our lives. We shall dwell in the
we shall live with him, And if we are
lov - ing Je - sus the Son, All God's peo - ple to -
and the joy of new life. We shall join in the



eas - y and my bur - den is light.
Lord's house for so man - y years to come!
faith - ful, we shall reign with him!
geth - er, we shall live on as one!
gath - er - ing, re - u - nit - ed in God's love!



We shall rise a - gain on the last day with the faith - ful, rich and

poor. Com-ing to the house of Lord Je - sus, we will
find an o - pen door there, we will find an o - pen door.

POSTLUDE | Oboe Sonata in A minor, TWV 41, no. 4

Elizabeth England, *oboe* and Brett Maguire, *parish organist*

Georg Philip Telemann

(1681-1767)

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Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H

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.

Holy Week 2026

PALM SUNDAY ~ 28 & 29 March

Mass of the Lord's Passion

Saturday | 5:00 p.m.

Sunday | 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.

[9:30 Mass will be in person & YouTube livestreamed]

The Paschal Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY ~ 2 April

7:30 p.m. | **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

[In person & YouTube livestreamed]

GOOD FRIDAY ~ 3 April

3:00 p.m. | **Stations of the Cross**

[In person and YouTube livestreamed]

7:30 p.m. | **Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**

[In person and YouTube livestreamed]

HOLY SATURDAY ~ 4 April

7:30 p.m. | **The Great Vigil of Easter**

[In person and YouTube livestreamed]

EASTER SUNDAY ~ 5 April

8:00, 9:30, & 11:45 a.m. | **Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord**

[9:30 Mass will be in person and YouTube livestreamed]

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, March 21 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Rev. Mr. Christopher Brolly, SJ, deacon and homilist
Rosaria Salerno, lector

Sunday, March 22 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Jim Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Tom Skorupa, lector

Sunday, March 22 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Rev. James Martin, SJ, concelebrant and homilist
Rev. Mr. Christopher Brolly, SJ, deacon
Letitia Howland, Clare Gillis, Christie Hedges, lectors

Sunday, March 22 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Currie, celebrant
Rev. Mr. Christopher Brolly, SJ, deacon and homilist
Karen McMenemy, Pat Scofield, Laura Melle, lectors

Sunday, March 22 | 6:00 p.m.

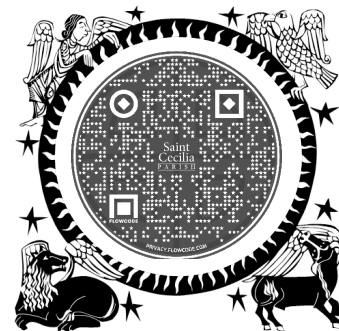
Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Gina Filloramo, lector

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 22 | 9:30 a.m.

Daniel Donahoe, *1st Anniversary*
Stanley Greenwood, *2nd Anniversary*
Glenn Calmus, *19th Anniversary*
Sam Hingston, *Anniversary*
Carmina Garcia, *Memorial*
Raffaele Santoro, *Memorial*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

PALM SUNDAY READINGS

Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14—27:66



PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick

Pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Fred Tufts, Baby Eloise Josephine Mason, Kevin J. Owens, So Kwai Sim, Daria, Maureen McLaughlin, Anne Kenney, Margaret Flagg, Paul Surette, Deirdre Sullivan, and Tracy Porter.**

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish!

We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our community: **Elizabeth Medlinsky, Kaila and Chinonso Nduaguba, Isabel Grojean and John Murphy, Carmen Esquivel, Francesca Rigioli and Pasquale Nigro, Melissa Levoska and David Zheng, Susan Osborn, Eric Penner, Ann DeBiasio, James Palacino, Elisabeth Schaeffer and Collin Reik, Sebastian Gonzalez, and Rosangel Ramos Espinoza.** If you have not previously registered, you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Welcome, Father Jim Martin, SJ!

We are happy to welcome our dear friend Father Jim Martin, SJ who is with us this weekend. Fr. Jim will be our guest speaker on Saturday night and will be the concelebrant and homilist at Sunday's 9:30 liturgy. Following the liturgy, copies of three of Fr. Martin's books will be available for purchase in the parish hall: *Work in Progress: Confessions of a busboy, dishwasher, caddy, usher, factory worker, bank teller, corporate tool, and priest* (\$30); *Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus's Greatest Miracle* (\$30); and *Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone* (\$20). We accept cash, checks made payable to 'Saint Cecilia Parish,' Apple Pay, and credit or debit cards.

Welcome, Father John Currie!

We are grateful to Father John Currie, who will be the celebrant at this Sunday's 11:30 liturgy. Father Currie is the pastor of the tri-parishes of Holy Family (Dorchester), Saint Patrick (Roxbury), and Saint Peter (Dorchester).

The Third Scrutiny

This week at the 11:30 a.m. liturgy we will celebrate the third scrutiny of our Elect. Just as Christ raised Lazarus from the dead, we pray that He will dispel any darkness from our Elect, and draw Lena, Ronan, Olivia, David, Jared, Josie, Caroline, Nicholas, Natalie, and Quinn closer to his great love and light. Please pray for our Elect on their continued journey toward receiving the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

GBIO Virtual Listening Session

The parish GBIO team will be hosting a virtual listening session on Tuesday, March 24, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please note that this listening session is for local parishioners only. For more information, see page 10 of this bulletin.

Lenten Wednesdays — Mass & Reconciliation

On all the Wednesday evenings of Lent (March 11, 18, 25; and April 1) we will celebrate Mass in the sanctuary at 6:00. Following Mass, confessions will be heard until 8:00 for anyone who wishes to celebrate the sacrament. If you've been away from the sacrament for a long time, rest assured, the clergy will guide you through reconciliation and there's no need to be nervous about the structure of the rite. Come celebrate the sacrament of God's mercy and healing love this Lent.

Lenten Accompaniment with Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, SJ

Deepen your spiritual journey this Lent with personal check-ins with Father Jim Shaughnessy, SJ. Available by appointment, Father Jim offers spiritual conversation, blessings, discernment mentoring, and guidance in praying the Ignatian Examen. To schedule a meeting, please call reception at (617) 536-4548.

Catholic Appeal 2026

Please enter into solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need and spread hope by making a gift today. Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Father John's invitation to contribute. Our parish has now reached 47% of our financial goal and 39% of our donor goal. Together, we are on our way to greater success. To donate, head to bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your support!

Easter Flowers

We invite you to remember your loved ones by donating towards our Easter flowers. Please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/ZCB6ZC5Poig8raLB9>, which has the donation link: www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/easter-flowers-2026. Envelopes will also be available in the narthex for people who would like to print the names of their loved ones. The names of those remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Palm Sunday (March 29) will be the last opportunity to donate.

LENTEN PRAYER IN THE IGNATIAN TRADITION

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Fr. John Predmore, SJ is continuing to host Lenten online prayer sessions to accompany participants through the major movements of The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. Participants will gather via Zoom to discuss the major prayer movements of the week, and to discuss the graces received over the past week. Participants will be invited to find some time to spend in prayer each day.

- **Time:** March 11, 18, 25, & April 1 at 7:00 PM (EST)
- **Zoom Link:** <https://bchigh.zoom.us/j/86986460260?pwd=89ugakXLWXzrbqapmvG1JlxpHfeJtP.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 869 8646 0260 | **Passcode:** 674764

WEEKLY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

SATURDAYS | MARCH 14, 21, & 28 | 9AM COMMUNITY ROOM

Our own Lenten awakening is also a journey through the wilderness—a time of both struggle and promise. This Lent, we invite you to join us for a weekly Saturday morning devotional, “Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent!” using resources created by Kate Bowler. Using Kate’s resources, we will companion with one another as we embrace life’s everyday struggles alongside its beauty and navigate the darkness as we move towards the light and promise of Easter.

Lent is a time of renewal and grace, but you don’t have to go it alone. You are welcome to come when you can—no six-week commitment is necessary and drop-ins are always welcome. For more information, reach out to Mary Wessel at mwessel@stceciliaboston.org.

FAST FOR A GREENER LENT

Lenten spiritual traditions include fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Deepen your ecological spirituality this Lent by signing up for the Greener Lent program at <https://greenerlent.org> where there are opportunities to reduce meat consumption beyond the usual Fridays in Lent, or commit to daily prayer for Care for God’s Creation.

When you register, please be sure to pick “St Cecilia Boston” as your group. Also, if you need some vegetarian recipes, check these out: <https://goodnewsveg.com/good-recipes/>.

WINTER WALK BOSTON

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 | 10AM | BOSTON COMMON

The Winter Walk is an initiative that believes ending homelessness is within our reach. The mission of the Walk is to raise awareness and funds towards that goal, and to support organizations that are working on prevention, support, and care for our homeless community.

We hope you can join us on March 22, 2025 on the Boston Common, where the Walk will begin and end. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with the event starting at 10 a.m. Look for the tents on the corner of Charles Street and Beacon Street. It is hoped that each adult walker will raise \$100.00 -- either by paying it as a registration fee or raising it from friends and family.

There is a Saint Cecilia Hunger & Homelessness team again this year -- we’ve participated each year since the event began. We have designated Capuchin Mobile Ministries as the recipient of the funds we raise again this year. If you would like to join or support our Team (donations from non-walkers gladly accepted) please go to: <https://fundraisers.winterwalk.org/mark-lippolt>.

Or a check made payable to Winter Walk can be sent to:

Hunger & Homelessness Ministry
Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115

LEARN WHY GOD NEEDS OUR HELP WITH THE TREES

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 | 1PM | PARISH HALL

Trees have many important functions in our world, they capture pollution to make the air we breathe cleaner, absorb storm water to help protect from flooding, provide shade which can reduce heat by 10 degrees, and so much more.



Come learn from parishioners, and founders of WE Tree Boston Inc, how you can play a role for caring for trees where you live, work or worship.

Come learn about trees and meet others looking to live out Pope Francis's call to action in *Laudato Si'*.

**KNIT-A-LONG FOR ADULTS:
NECK WARMERS FOR CHARITY**

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 | 10AM - 2PM | PARISH HALL

Through the simple yet meaningful work of knitting and crocheting, the Saint Cecilia Knitting & Crochet Ministry creates items such as prayer shawls, blankets, hats, scarves (and more) that provide warmth, comfort, and encouragement to those who are ill, grieving and in need.



To help bolster our efforts, we will be offering a "Learn to Knit" session on Saturday, March 28th from 10am to 2pm. The cost is \$25.00 (materials and reference guide will be provided). The project we will be working on is a neck warmer. Our goal is to expand our group and increase our outreach. By joining us, you will not only share your talent but also your heart, helping us extend kindness, encouragement, and hope to those around us. Together, we can make a meaningful difference - one stitch at a time. For more information contact the ministry email.

**SOLIDARITY IS SACRED:
GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC WORSHIP AND
ACTION FOR IMMIGRATION JUSTICE**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD | 4PM | DOWNTOWN BOSTON

Join Christians and people of all faiths on Good Friday in prayer and protest in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors. During Holy Week, we remember Jesus' persecution and death at the hands of the Roman Empire. This memory calls us to be in



solidarity with the crucified peoples of the present, especially our immigrant neighbors. Through the Stations of the Cross, we will lament the violence against our immigrant neighbors, join in song as one community of faith, and hear again God's call to loose the bonds of injustice and set every captive free (Isaiah 58:6).

To sign up, RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/goodfriday2026>

COMING UP AT SAINT CECILIA

MARCH 21 - 26

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Weekly Lenten Devotional | 9am | Comm. Room

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Wisdom Group | 8:30am via Zoom

Winter Walk | 10am | Boston Common

Helping the Trees | 1pm | Parish Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Belvidere Midday Tuesday | 12pm | Comm. Room

GBIO Virtual Listening Session | 7pm via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Mass + Reconciliation | 6pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Lenten Prayer with Fr. Predmore, SJ | 7pm via Zoom

Wisdom Group | 7:30pm via Zoom

**ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO HAS NEVER
BEEN CONFIRMED?**

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 9AM TO 3PM

Are you an adult Catholic who has been baptized and received first Communion, but was never confirmed? If so, perhaps this is the right time. The retreat will focus on the Catholic Sacraments, Moral Theology, and Catholic Social Teaching. Participants may be confirmed on Wednesday, April 29th at 7:30 PM in Readville, or at Saint Cecilia on Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 PM. If you would like more information or would like to register for this retreat, please contact Mary Wessel at her parish email.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 | 6PM VIA ZOOM

When a loved one dies, everything changes. At Saint Cecilia, we believe no one should walk alone in grief and loneliness. Wherever you are in your grief, you're welcome here. No pressure. No timeline. Just an open, steady invitation to join a supportive community. Please contact Mary Wessel at her parish email for the Zoom link.



Pine Street Inn
Ending Homelessness

Welcome Home Baskets



If you are interested in collecting new items for individuals moving into Pine Street's housing, please contact the Pine Street Inn Volunteer Department (contact information below).

Please consider including the following new items in a laundry basket:

Bedroom:

- 1 New Pillow
- 1 Sheet Set (Full, Twin, or Queen)
- 1 Comforter
- 1 Clock Radio
- 1 Fan

Kitchen:

- 2 Dish Towels 1 Can Opener 1
- Box of Trash Bags 2 Pot Holders
- 1 Dish Scrubber 1 4-Piece Dish
- Set 4 Reusable Storage
- Containers 1 set of Silverware 1
- Kitchen Utensil Set (wooden
- spoon, spatula, measuring cups)

Bathroom:

- 2 Bath Towels
- 2 Hand Towels
- 1 Vinyl Shower Curtain
- 1 Set of Shower Curtain Rings
- 1 Bath Mat
- 1 Package of Toilet Paper
- 1 Full-size Shampoo and
- Conditioner
- 1 Full-size Liquid Bodywash

Cleaning:

- 1 All-Purpose Cleaner
- 1 Package of Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 Package of Paper Towels
- 2 Sponges
- 1 Small Dustpan and Broom
- 1 Liquid Dish Soap



To learn more about this opportunity, please contact:
Volunteer Programs at volunteer@pinestreetinn.org or call **617.892.9184**

Pine Street Inn
444 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02118

A GOOD WAY TO PRACTICE ALMSGIVING THIS LENT

WELCOME HOME BASKETS FOR DISPLACED PINE STREET INN RESIDENTS

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but shows them no compassion, how can the love of God be in that person?" –1 John 3:18

This Lent, join us in practicing almsgiving by preparing a welcome basket for displaced residents returning to one of Pine Street Inn's supportive housing sites after a recent electrical fire. Thirty residents are waiting for renovations to be complete before they can move back to their homes. You are invited to fill a laundry basket with essentials like kitchenware, toiletries, and cleaning supplies that will be given to the residents when they return.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Head to Pine Street Inn's Amazon Wishlist, which can be accessed here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/72721YD3YK0Q?ref=wl_share.
2. Using the list on page 8 as a guide, add the suggested essential items to your cart. Don't forget to include a laundry basket!
3. Once you have filled up your basket, head to the checkout page. When you get to the shipping address, please make sure to select the following: **Pine Street Inn – Volunteer Department, Boston, MA.** (Please note that items purchased through Amazon should NOT be delivered to the church).
4. Once your purchase has been processed, the Welcome Home basket will be on its way!

This project will continue until the end of March. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Pickering at her parish email. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SPACE TO SHARE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 | 6:30PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Space to Share is a place for LGBTQ+ parishioners to speak freely about the challenges and joys of being LGBTQ+ and Catholic (or whatever else is on our minds). Whether it's your first visit or you're a biweekly regular, we'd love to have you join us!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 | PARISH HALL
9:30AM - COFFEE AND CONNECTION
10AM - GROUP DISCUSSION

The Saint Cecilia Women's Ministry will meet for its first session on Saturday, April 11. April's topic is Mary Magdalene: the Apostle to the Apostles. Women of all ages and stages are welcome to join us for faith, fellowship, and encouragement. Through prayer, conversation, and reflection, we seek to support and uplift one another as sisters in Christ.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: CAROLYN WOO



Photo: Purdue University

Carolyn Woo is the former president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community. An expert in corporate strategy and management, Dr. Woo marshalled a comprehensive organizational restructure at CRS and prioritized internal leadership development, positioning the agency for long-term growth while strengthening its Catholic mission. In 2013, Foreign Policy named Carolyn "a force for good" as one of the 500 Most Powerful people on the planet for her work leading one of the largest aid organizations with a global staff of nearly 5,000 and a budget exceeding \$800 million.

Dr. Woo took the helm of CRS in 2012 after a distinguished career in academia. For 14 years, she was dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. During her tenure, the College emerged as a leader in ethics education in business. Previously, she served as a faculty member and associate executive vice president at Purdue University, where she had earned three degrees, including a doctorate in strategic management. After retiring from CRS in 2016, she returned to Purdue as Distinguished President's Fellow for Global Development and continues to promote business ethics and responsibility, serving on a number of corporate and nonprofit boards.

- Wake Forest University

PARISH GBIO TEAM TO HOST A VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 | 7-8PM VIA ZOOM



The Saint Cecilia Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) team is continuing to gather information about social and economic justice issues that matter to parishioners. They are in the early stages of discovering the concerns and experiences of the community, and individual stories

will help shape the focus of the next GBIO campaign.

What is GBIO?

GBIO's focus on advocacy aligns with our faith-based service efforts, recognizing that both are essential expressions of our faith. In Catholic Social Teaching, advocacy is about addressing systemic injustices and promoting policies that support the common good. It's rooted in the principles of human dignity, solidarity, subsidiarity, and the preferential option for the poor. By focusing on advocacy, GBIO can help create lasting change and promote a more just society.

What have we learned so far?

The Saint Cecilia GBIO team wants to thank everyone who has participated in listening sessions. We are at 80% of our goal of hearing from 50 parishioners. While the listening sessions aren't yet finished, it's been inspiring to hear how many of you want to express your faith through action.

Here are some of the social and economic issues voiced by parishioners:

- Immigration
- Justice and systems change
- Housing stability
- Faith-driven action
- Community and belonging
- Food insecurity
- Racial discrimination
- Healthcare access

Join us for an upcoming virtual listening session

A listening session is an opportunity to share your story and hear from others about what's happening in your life, neighborhood, and community. These sessions typically last 45-60 minutes, and you'll have a chance to share a brief, personal story about what's on your mind. Your voice will play a key role in shaping GBIO's next campaign.

For the convenience of local parishioners, we are happy to announce a virtual listening session next Tuesday, March 24 from 7:00 to 8:00pm. *Please note: This listening session is for local parishioners only.

To sign up, email the parish GBIO team and you will be sent the Zoom link.

How can I get involved with the Saint Cecilia GBIO team?

We have been hearing that many of you are looking to put your faith into action. As St. Paul reminds us in his first letter to the church of Corinth, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord." Your participation in our GBIO efforts can take many forms: joining a listening session, sharing what you've learned with someone else, or praying for our efforts. Every gift matters!

If you'd like more information, or would like to schedule a listening session and get more involved, contact the parish GBIO team.

What social or economic issues spark hope and action in you? Join us in the holy work of the building of God's Kingdom in the Greater Boston area. Get involved and let's make a difference together!



BHCHP'S MEDICINE THAT MATTERS GALA

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 | 5:30-9PM
OMNI BOSTON SEAPORT HOTEL

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP) extends a warm invitation to the Saint Cecilia community to attend our Medicine that Matters Gala on April 28, 2026 at the Omni Boston Seaport Hotel. We will be honoring the impact of two longtime partners in our work: Saint Cecilia parishioner Sharon McNally, CEO of Camp Harbor View and the Biogen Foundation. Sharon will be receiving the Dr. Jim O'Connell Award for her 20 year commitment to ensuring the highest quality health care for our patients, and the Biogen Foundation will be presented with the Tim Russert Award for their the extraordinary efforts to improve access to critical resources and innovative services for the people we serve.

Individual tickets are \$500—details on tickets and sponsorships can be found at www.bhchp.org/events/2026-gala/. Your support for the work of Dr. Jim O'Connell and our staff will help us provide the highest quality health care to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Greater Boston. Thank you for all you do for our patients throughout the year! For questions on sponsorship opportunities, please contact: Linda O'Connor at 617-733-5850.

WHAT CAN THE STORY OF LAZARUS TEACH US ABOUT NEW LIFE?

BY JAMES MARTIN, SJ

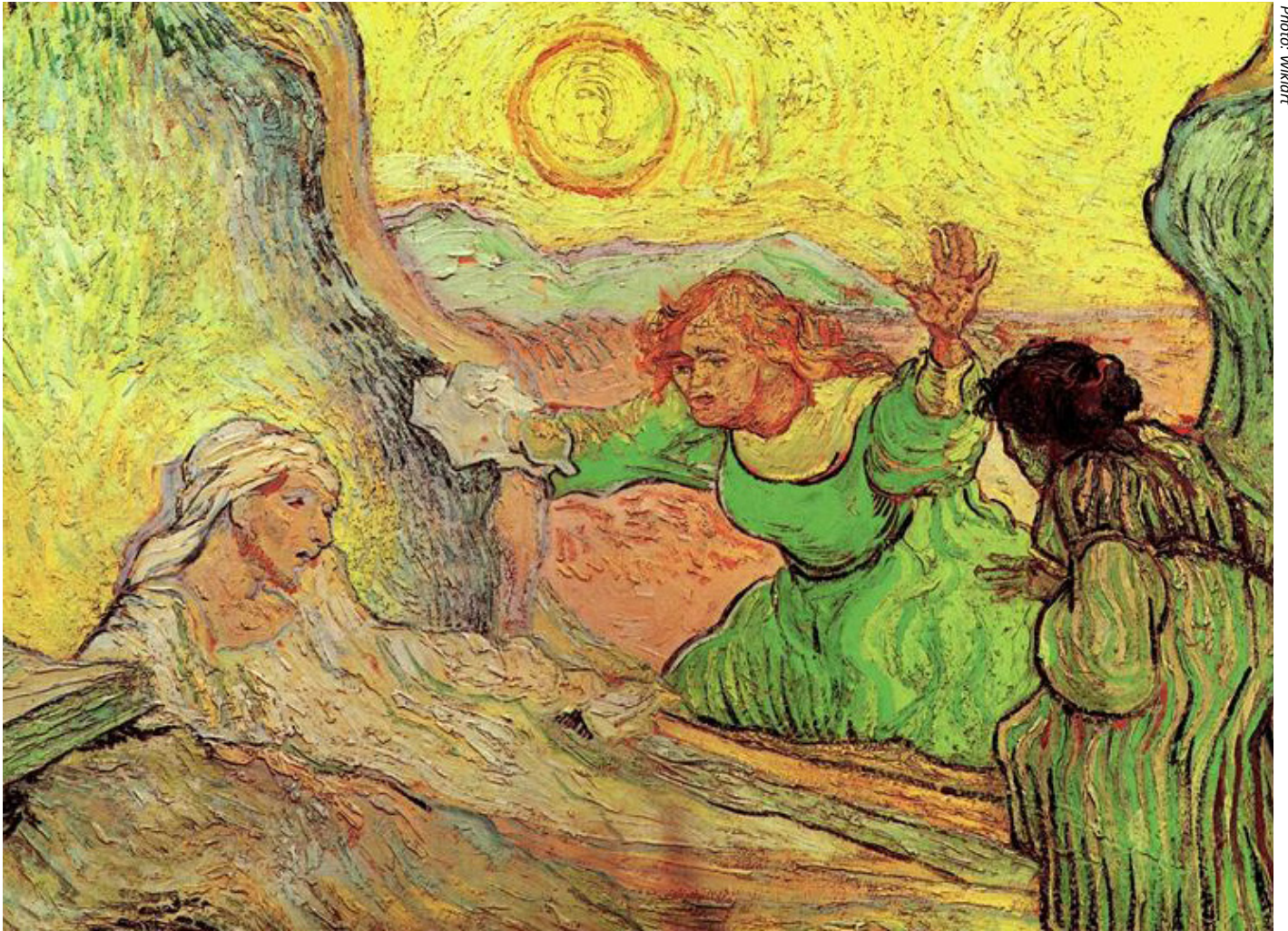


Photo: Wikifort

The Raising of Lazarus (after Rembrandt) by Vincent van Gogh (c. 1890)

The dying is not the most important part of the Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus, which is traditionally called Jesus' "greatest miracle" and which, in John's Gospel, will ultimately lead to Jesus's crucifixion.

Everyone dies. People in first-century Bethany, the site of this story (now current-day Al-Eizariya, in Palestinian territory), knew this. Because of the poor sanitary conditions and only rudimentary medicine, death was a constant companion. But rising from the dead? In Jesus' ministry this had happened only twice before, once with the daughter of Jairus, the synagogue official, and

again with the son of the widow of Nain. But neither of those was as dramatic as the raising of Lazarus. Lazarus's rising is the point of the story.

The most important part of this story for John is that the sign of the raising of Lazarus prompts people to believe or not believe. It is what the Greeks would call a "crisis," a time for a decision. (The word *krisis* comes from *krinein*, meaning "to decide.") For all who saw it, Lazarus's rising would have forced the question: Do I believe in Jesus or not?

In our own time, most of you reading the story of Lazarus have probably already made your choice for Jesus. The crisis for you may be different: Do you believe that Jesus can give you new life—not in the way that he gave it to Lazarus, but in your life as you live it?

The final act in the story of Lazarus is not about death, but about life. And moving toward life is more than simply letting something die in the tomb. Or even dying to self. Because neither are things that we do. Rather, God invites us to let go in order that we might receive new life. For every death to self there is a rising. And we have to let go.

But the real work—the raising—*is done by God*.

It is also important to remember the cost to Jesus of doing this. As Brendan Byrne points out in his book *Come to the Light: Reflections on the Gospel of John*, Jesus had put his own life at risk by leaving a region of safety (across the Jordan) to travel to Judea to raise Lazarus, which reveals something important for all of us: “Here lies the most profound truth of the sequence: Lazarus stands in for each one of us. Each one of us is ‘Lazarus’: the ‘friend’ of Jesus, ‘the one whom he loved.’ For each one of us he left the ‘safe country’ of his existence with the Father in order, at the cost of his own life, to rescue us from death.”

What does this mean in practice? None of us is going to be raised from the dead as Lazarus was. But we are invited to accept not only that God *can* give us new life, not only that God *wants* to give us new life, but that God *is* giving us new life. In many ways.

‘When really you’re fine’

Sometimes new life is a matter of a new perspective. Recently I was offered a beautiful image of that.

Out of the blue I got an email from a friend of a friend. Chiara was the niece of an elderly priest who had worked for decades in Catholic parishes in Brooklyn and Queens, and whom I had never met. Now, at age 73, Father Andrew was near death, having come to the end of lengthy cancer treatments. Over the years, he had read some of my books, and his niece asked if I might meet with him virtually, over the internet, since he was struggling with his prayer. She asked if I might do a guided meditation with him. I said I was happy to.

Father Andrew and Chiara appeared onscreen a few days later, the priest lying in a comfortable recliner on the first floor of his rectory, an oxygen mask strapped

to his face, alongside his smiling niece and another, younger, priest, who had been mentored by Father Andrew as a youth.

Father Andrew was a kind and gentle soul whom I liked immediately. Over the next hour, I led him through a simple guided meditation, inviting him to imagine himself at his favorite place, which turned out to be a beach on the southern shore of Long Island, and envision Jesus coming to speak with him. Afterward, I told him that he could do that meditation whenever he wanted. Eight days later, his niece told me that he had died.

The day after we met, Chiara sent me a note along with this reminiscence. She gave me permission to share it with you.

A few weeks ago, my husband and I brought my uncle to the beach. We put him in his wheelchair and walked him up and down the boardwalk. For a while, he and I sat there looking out at the ocean. We saw these two big ocean liners that looked like they were about to collide. Uncle reminded me that they were fine, it was just our perception. We spoke about how things appear one way from afar but then as you get closer—it’s totally different. Sometimes it seems like you are on a collision course, when really you’re fine.

Chiara wrote to me again a few weeks after her uncle died:

Maybe it’s hindsight, but I believe that when we had that conversation at Rockaway Beach about the ocean liners, we both knew that they represented death, though neither of us articulated it.

From my perspective, it seemed so far away, out in the distant future, not just a month away. I guess I’ll never quite know how he felt, but I do know that while he expressed some anxiety to me about death in those weeks, he also was at peace and even cracked jokes about it.

This is an example of how even the slightest shift in perspective can mean new life.

Remember who is calling you

Living as a “raised person” will feel strange at first. As it probably did to Lazarus.

In Richard Zimler’s beautiful novel *The Gospel According to Lazarus*, the raised man is dazed after his time in the tomb. Initially he can barely remember the miracle. Jesus, touchingly, asks for forgiveness for arriving late. “Too late for what?” Lazarus says to himself.

In time, his family helps restore him to full health. But it takes him a while to live fully; at first, he walks on “unsteady” legs. In two dramas, William Butler Yeats’s play “Calvary” and Kahlil Gibran’s play “Lazarus and His Beloved,” Lazarus even prefers to stay in the tomb.

It can feel like that at first. We hear the invitation to die to self and to experience new life, and we try to let go of the past. We see things, like Father Andrew’s boats, from a new perspective and suddenly things seem new.

Yet we wonder how to walk into the future, how to embrace the new life that God has given us.

Initially it will feel unnatural, uncertain, unsteady, sometimes even false. Who are we to live in the new life? Who are we to say that we have been freed when we see so many people still in their tombs? (My friend Joseph McAuley said to me, “If we all knew what was to happen after we were born, we might want to stay in the womb!”) It’s natural for us to feel this way, to ask such questions. Yet this is where God wants us.

This may sound abstract. What might it mean in the concrete? Let’s take a specific case and a general case. Both are common in the spiritual life.

Let’s say that you feel an invitation to be kinder. You’re not a hardened criminal or a moral monster, but you’ve been, at times, cruel. You wield a sharp tongue with glee. Other people even praise you for your sarcasm. Whether out of spite, vengefulness or a desire not to let anyone take advantage of you, you’re sometimes pretty mean to other people. You’ve always made excuses: “They deserved it.” “No one should get the better of me.” “It’s a dog-eat-dog world.” Or maybe you think you are a great wit, cutting people down to size, à la Oscar Wilde.

But at heart you have to face it: Sometimes you’re mean.

Then something happens—a look of hurt on someone’s face, a chance conversation, a friend challenging you, a family member hurt by what you said, a therapist helping you see things in a new light, an experience on a retreat, a sudden insight in prayer—that makes you realize that you’re being called to let that die.

Losing a part of yourself

A Jesuit once described for me a biting remark he made about another Jesuit, who would often write (very good) articles about the same topic. My friend walked into a room and said, “Oh, I see that *America* magazine

published your article—again!” When the assembled crowd laughed, my friend saw the other Jesuit’s face crumple in embarrassment. It was then that he saw he had to be kinder.

That part of you—the mean part—is not what God wants for you. You realize that simply being kind is an enormous part of the Christian life—of any moral life. It does not comprise a complete moral system (at some point one has to look beyond just individual kindness and into larger social questions of justice), but it is an essential part of living a moral life. Being kind, which may sound banal, now takes on greater import.

You realize that you need to stop bad-mouthing people behind their backs, spreading negative stories about them; you need to be more patient when people are rude to you; you need to lend a helping hand more often to your friends and family who are in need; you need to listen more; you need to be more attentive—to be, in a word, kind. It suddenly seems like the most important thing in the world. Your heart quickens when you think of changing. You *want* to change, as my friend told me that he did.

You trust that God wants you to let that other part of you go, once and for all. It has to go.

But there’s a problem: You’re not sure how to do it. The negative trait has been so much a part of you that it almost feels like giving up a limb. You wonder: What will my friends think if I suddenly become nicer? If I lose my famous sarcasm? For that matter, what will happen if I let down the armor that I’ve been using to protect myself? Like Lazarus, you emerge, probably blinking in the sunlight of God’s love.

Or perhaps your desire to change is not focused on a particular failing but is a more universal desire, something that affects almost every aspect of life.

Perhaps you feel that it’s finally time to become an adult. You’ve been handling things for so long the way that you did when you were a child or an adolescent. Perhaps you react to difficult things the way a child would: with impatience, petulance or simply a desire that those things would just go away. You often respond purely out of emotion: raging at people when they contradict you, sulking when you are criticized and being resentful when things don’t go your way, much as a small child would. Maybe you’re tired of your childish attitudes and behaviors. It’s the way you’ve always lived, but you want to change. You want to become more adult.

Or perhaps you shirk responsibilities, preferring to let others do the hard work in your family, among your friends or on the job. In Ronald Rolheiser's superb book *Sacred Fire*, which lays out a spirituality for "Christian maturity," he speaks about the responsibilities of middle age. In this phase of life, you've made choices and commitments and carry "major responsibilities." In his vivid words, "We carry the car keys, the house keys, and the debt for both."

Staying the course

Sacred Fire brought together much of what I had been thinking as I turned 50, when for many people life can seem an endless round of responsibilities, work and stress, especially after we have taken on the commitment of marriage or parenthood or even priesthood. Rolheiser says that this is the time when we are called to an adult embrace of even the "boredom, the longing for a second honeymoon, mid-life crisis, misunderstanding, disillusionment and numerous other things that eat away at our fidelity like rust on iron."

In those times, says Rolheiser, "real life depends on staying the course." Many years ago, when I was in a time of discernment over a course of action, my brother Jesuit Daniel Berrigan wrote a letter to me reminding me that I was a Jesuit "for the long haul" and to make decisions with that in mind. Both he and Rolheiser were getting at the same thing: the need for fidelity, keeping promises and honoring commitments that you have made. This also means a certain amount of letting go of other possibilities. Every choice, as my current spiritual director says, is a renunciation of sorts.

Father Rolheiser poses a question that a gifted counselor might pose to an adult facing the temptation to walk away from the life of an adult: "What do you really want to do here?" He notes that this question works on three levels, but it is the last one "upon which life-giving decisions most often turn: What do I think is *the wisest thing to do* here? What would *I most like to do* here? What do *I have to do* here?" All these questions are part of the adult way of life, which you now feel invited to live.

To return to the image of Lazarus, you feel the call to come out of the tomb, to live in a new way, whether it's letting go of a particular habit, like being mean, or moving into a whole new way of approaching life, like being more of an adult. You feel it's an invitation from God to emerge from the tomb—and it is.

As you first emerge, it's natural to feel unsteady. You've

been in the dark for so long that the light will seem strange. The tomb feels safe and the outside feels dangerous. Death feels like life and life feels like death. But this is a lie, one way that you are kept away from God. And the voice that says, "You can't do this" or "You'll never get out of here" or "This isn't real" is not coming from God.

Then you take the first tentative step out of the tomb. You try to live as if you were free of your grave cloths. You curb your tongue and find that you're still alive. You try to be kind and find that it feels good. The mean thoughts and sarcastic quips come into your mind, but you are getting better at letting them die within you. Some days you fail.

This is when we are called to remember that we are not simply engaged in a self-improvement project, noble as that may be. Our change is also not simply something that we realized in therapy, as important as that is too. Nor is it simply something that came up in our prayer, or read in a book, or that a trusted friend or spiritual adviser suggested. All these things are important in themselves. But something else is going on. We are responding to God's *call*. We know that God wants us to do this, wants us to change, and wants us to succeed.

But the process can be difficult. And it is then that we must remember who is calling us.



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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 6:00 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.

On all the Wednesday evenings of Lent, Mass is celebrated in the sanctuary at 6:00 and following Mass, Father Shaughnessy will hear confessions until 8:00—no appointment necessary.

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 Pastoral Director of Operations, Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien.

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 (maria.roche15@gmail.com), Letitia Howland (L_howland@hotmail.com), Erin Young (erin.t.young@gmail.com), or Kathy Sanders (sanderno2010@gmail.com) 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.