

Saint Cecilia

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The Resurrection of the Lord

31 March 2024

Detail of Manuscript Illumination with
Scenes of Easter in an Initial A, from an Antiphonary, ca. 1320

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EASTER SUNDAY

PRELUDE | Rejoice This Day!

Douglas E. Wagner

Rejoice this day! The risen King of glory lives once again and from the tomb is free!
The prison doors of death cannot contain Him, for in his hand alone He holds the key.
Alleluia! Triumphant, He has risen, and He will reign for all eternity.

Rejoice this day! The risen King of glory calls us from death to everlasting life:
"Rise from the grave of everything that binds you. Come forth from sin and darkness into light!"
Alleluia! O blessed Easter promise: We have eternal life and light in Christ!

Rejoice, one day we too will rise in glory! In triumph we will join the risen King!
With trumpet sound, together we will praise Him, who was and is, and evermore shall be.
"Alleluia! The Lamb alone is worthy. Death is no more!" forever we will sing.
Our King of glory! Alleluia!

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheeba from Solomon, HWV 67

George Frederick Handel
(1685-1759)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED



O — God, be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day and
The — flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die, its —
Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that
sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay; for — we can on - ly
frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high; but hid - den from all -
we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; and wheth - er our to -
won - der at — ev - 'ry gift you send, at — bless - ings with - out num - ber and
na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown, though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to
mor - rows be — filled with good or ill, we'll — tri - umph through our sor - rows and
mer - cies with - out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your
heav - en's gar - den grown: for Christ the man from heav - en from death has set us
rise to praise you still: to — the vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your
word, we — hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
free, and we make through him joy - ful giv - en ty our fi - nal vic - to - ry.
ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

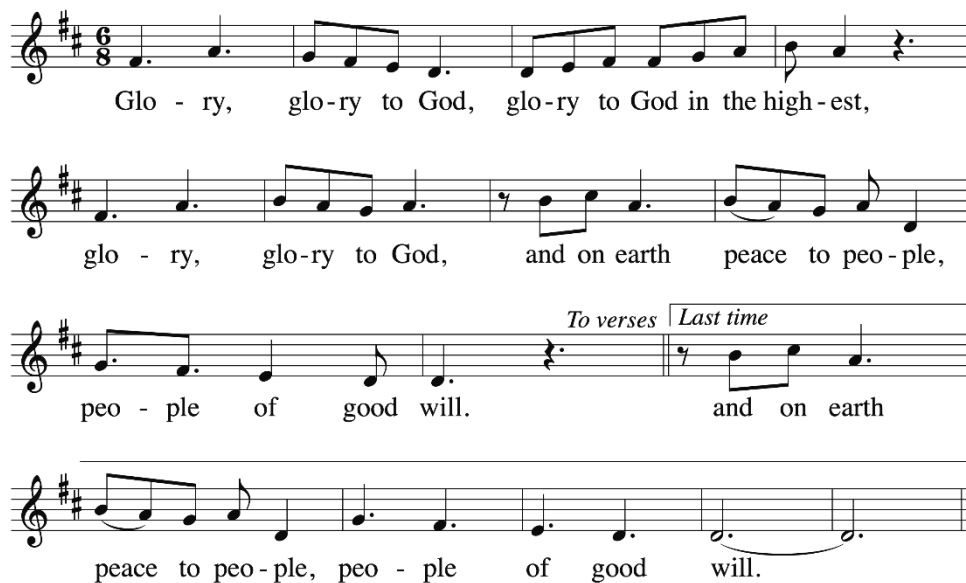
CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ 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.

GLORIA | Mass from Age to Age

Chris DeSilva

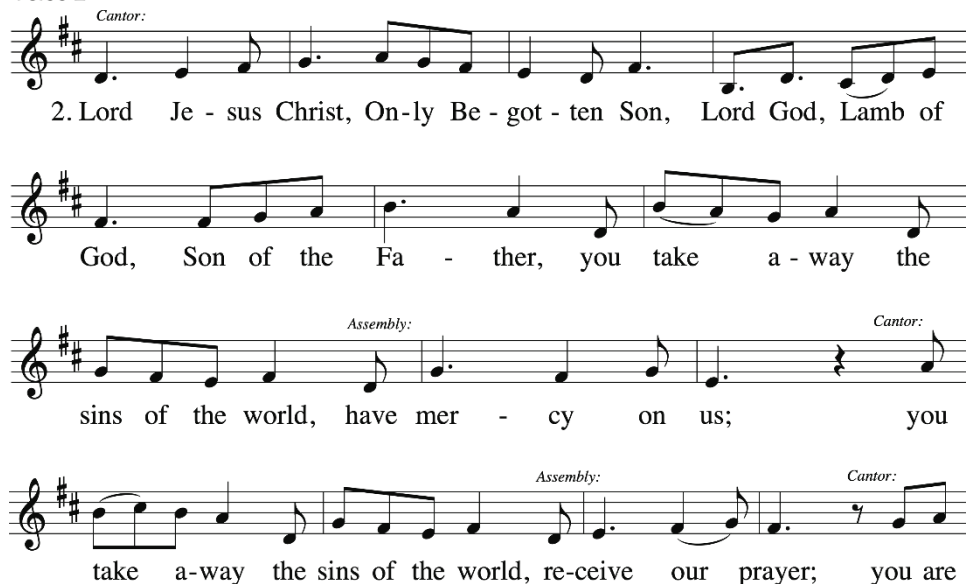


Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,
glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and on earth peace to peo - ple,
peo - ple of good will. *To verses* *Last time* and on earth
peace to peo - ple, peo - ple of good will.

Verse 1

1. We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Verse 2



Cantor:
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the
Assembly: *Cantor:*
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you
Assembly: *Cantor:*
take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are



Verse 3

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 118: This is the Day the Lord Has Made

Michael Joncas



1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever;
 let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures forever."
2. The Lord's right hand has struck with power, the Lord's right hand is exalted.
 I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
 By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes!

SECOND READING | Colossians 3: 1-4

(Full translation is below)

Vi-cti-mae pa-scha-li-lau-des im-mo-lent Chri-sti-a-ni. A - gnus re-de-mit o-ves: Chri-stus in-no-cens Pa-tri
Mors et vi-ta du-el-lo con-fli-xe-re mi-ran-do:
re - con-ci - li - a - vit pec - ca - to - res. Dic no-bis Ma-ri-a, quid vi-di - sti in vi - a?
dux vi-tae mor-tu-us, re-gnat vi-vus. An-gel - i - cos te-stes, su - da-ri - um, et ve-stes.
Sep-ul-crum Chri-sti vi - ven - tis, et glo-ri-am vi-di re-sur-gen - tis: Sci-mus Chri-stum sur-re-xis-se
Sur-re - xit Chri-stus spes me - a: prae-ce-det su-os in Ga-li-lae - am.
a mor-tu-is ve-re: tu no-bis vi-ctor Rex, mi-se-re - re. A - men. Al-le-lu - ia.

To the Paschal Victim, Christians, offer a sacrifice of praise.
The Lamb redeemed the sheep. Christ, sinless, reconciled sinners to the Father.
Death and life were locked together in a unique struggle. Prince of Life, who died, now he reigns.
“Tell us, Mary, What did you see upon the way?”
“I saw the sepulchre of the now living Christ. I saw the glory of the Risen One.
I saw the angels, his witnesses, the shroud and the garments, too, which once had covered heads and limbs.
Christ, my Hope is risen; He will go before his own into Galilee.”
We know that Christ is truly risen from the dead; O Victorious King, have mercy on us. Amen. Alleluia.

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!

Refrain in English

Cantor *All / Todos*

You will draw wa - ter joy-ful - ly You will draw wa - ter
joy-ful - ly from the springs of sal - va - tion. from the
springs of sal - va - tion.

Estribillo en Español

Cantor *Todos / All*

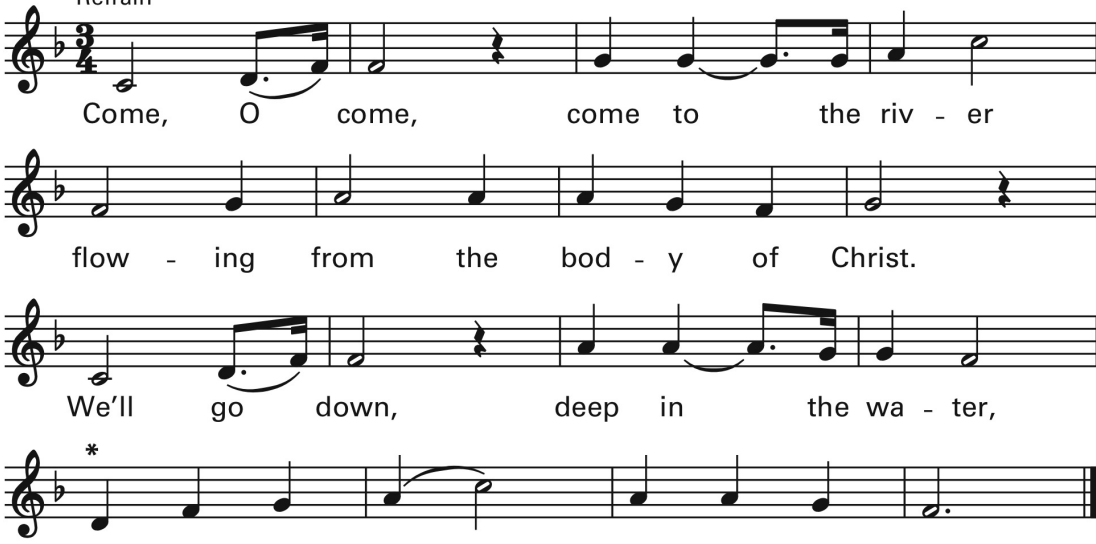
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rán a - guas con a le grí - a de las fuen - tes de sal - va -
ción. de las fuen - tes de sal - va - ción.

God indeed is my Savior; I am confident and fearless. My courage is the Lord, for God has been my Savior!

Proclaim God's name to the nations, tell the world of God's works.
Praise the Lord, all you people, how glorious is God's name!

Sing the wonders God works, make them known in every land.
O people of Zion, shout: The Holy one is among you.

Refrain



Come, O come, come to the riv - er
 flow - ing from the bod - y of Christ.
 We'll go down, deep in the wa - ter,
 * but in the Lord we shall a - rise.

Verses



1. Washed in wa - ters of re-birth,
 2. Priest - ly peo - ple are ____ we,
 3. Blest are those ____ who ____ thirst
 4. Let us walk ____ in the light
 5. Those who sow ____ in ____ tears

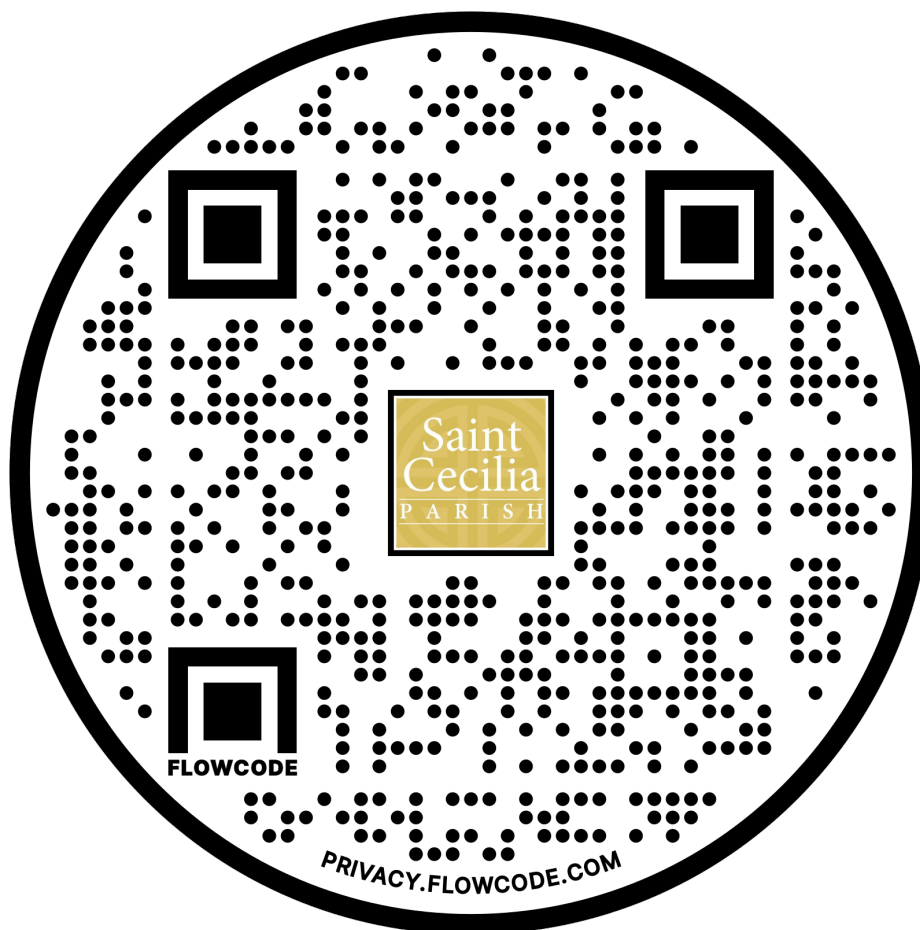
to Refrain

1. we have put on Christ Je - sus.
 2. sealed and sent by the Spir - it.
 3. for the reign of God's jus - tice.
 4. of God's ho - ly prom - ise.
 5. reap the har - vest re - joic - ing.

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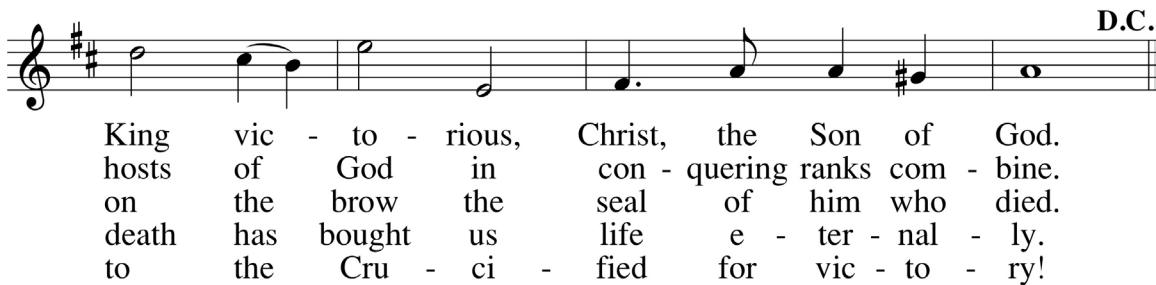
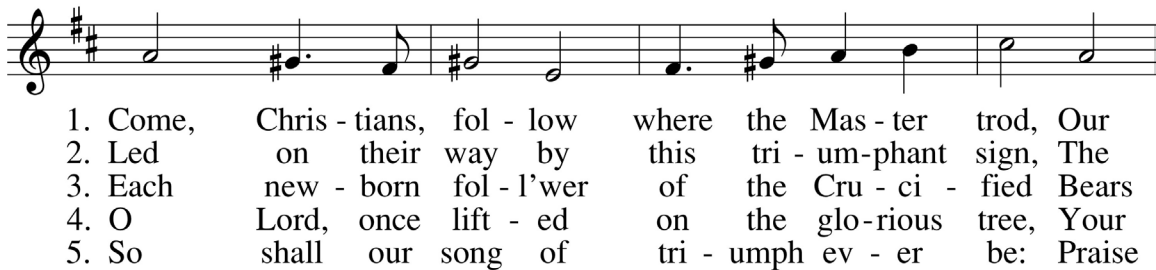
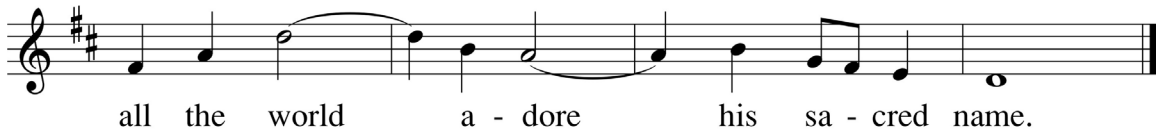
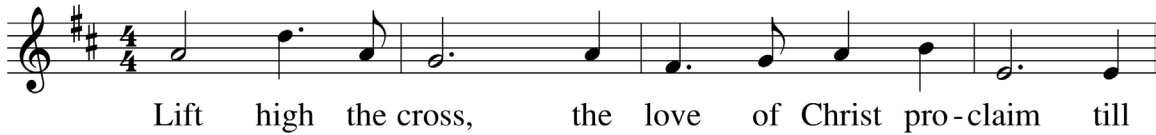
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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER



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 Creation

Marty Haugen

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 Creation

Marty Haugen

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -

claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN | Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

A - men, a - men, 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.

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

Assembly:

To repeat
world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time
world, grant us peace.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

Refrain

To this meal and sac-ri-fice, Lord, you draw us near:

Taste of God's a - bun-dant grace for all gath-ered here.

In your love you sum-mon us; bro-ken now we come. By your

bod-y and your blood, heal us, make us one.

Verse 1

1. May this meal be med-i-cine for the weak,

that we may love as you have loved. At this har - vest of

good-ness, may we feast in u - ni - ty. D.C.

Verse 2

2. May this feast bring heal - ing for the poor,

that we may serve as you have served. At this

ta - ble of jus-tice, may we serve in u - ni - ty. D.C.

Verses 3-6



3. May our hearts be o - pen to your pres - ence,
 4. May this food be wel - come for the "oth - er,"
 5. May our hands bring com - fort to the sick,
 6. May this bread trans - form our hearts for peace,



that we may share as you have shared. At this
 em - brac - ing all hu - man - i - ty. At this
 em - pow'r - ing all who gath - er here. At this
 re - viv - ing hope for all our days. At this



gath - 'ring of na - tions, may we live in u - ni - ty.
 ban - quet of glad - ness, may we work for u - ni - ty.
 al - tar of heal - ing, may we sing for u - ni - ty.
 tem - ple of mer - cy, may we pray for u - ni - ty.

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

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

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.

Take and Eat


Michael Joncas

Refrain

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my bod - y

giv-en up for you. Take and drink; take and drink:

this is my blood giv - en up for you.



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




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


Pan de Vida

Bob Hurd


Refrain




**Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor,*



cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the Lord.




At this ta - ble the last shall be first, ***po -*



der es ser - vir, por-que Dios es a - mor.


Verses



1. ♪ We are the dwell - ing of God,

****2. Us - te - des me lla - man "Se - ñor", me in -*

3. ♪ There is no Jew or Greek,



fra - gile and wound-ed and weak. We are the

cli - no a la - var - les los pies. Ha - gan lo

there is no slave or free; there is no

bod - y of Christ, called to be the com -
mis - mo, hu - mil - des, sir - vién - do - se
 wom - an or man; on - ly heirs of the
 pas - sion of God.
u - nos a o - tros.
 prom - ise of God.

D.C.

CONCLUDING RITES

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.

✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL | Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en - dured Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who did once up - on the cross. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, now his might con - fess. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it blest. Al - le - lu - ia!

POSTLUDE | Toccata in F Major from Organ Symphony No. 5, Op. 42

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

Brett Maguire, *organ*

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please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: RDuff@stceciliaboston.org.

HAPPY EASTER!

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.

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Hi friends! Happy Easter!!

Thank you for being with us today and throughout the whole Triduum. What a wonderful three days to journey together in our yearly 3-day commemoration of the Paschal Mystery (the Lord's life, death, and resurrection) reminding us of what we're about here on this earth and what awaits us, certainly after the last breath, but even along the way! Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate for we truly are a resurrection people. We don't get stuck on Good Friday, but we rise to Sunday!

Thank you to all of you who are here week after week even with challenging parking options and wicked long homilies (somebody oughta tell that windbag!) But the community that is forming, the beautiful music we sing, the gathering at the altar and the gathering downstairs in the café, the opportunities to serve and get involved... I hope THESE are the things that keep you coming back and, not only going to church, but BEING part of and participating in this community of believers! There is so much good that is happening here and it's because of YOU! Thank you!

I also want to thank you "Far-Flung Flockers" who join every week from all over the country and in different parts of the world. YOU are such a wonderful and integral part of this community here at St. Cecilia! Your support, your encouragement, your kindness, and love have been overwhelming! There are approximately 2000-2500 devices all logged on at the same time on Sunday morning (you California, Oregon, and Seattle people are crazy getting up that early!) The algorithm average says that at least 2.3 or 3.2 sets of eyes may be watching per device. By the middle to the end of the week, there are 6-10K views. This is very humbling to hear and know. I hope that we are the conduit of the Spirit through this ministry here at Saint Cecilia. We do not want to take anyone away from their own parishes or from communion but hope this can be an additional way to hear the message in this digital age. Again, thank you!

With all that is happening in the world today, especially the acute and unfolding humanitarian unjust disaster in Gaza, the incomplete unjust release of hostages, the beginning of the third year of the unjust war in Ukraine, and with the daily devolving unjust situation in Haiti with the gangs (and these are just the countries in the news all the time), we are called to be a resurrection people by being interested in the least of our sisters and brothers in these places around us. We are called to be a people of hope (and it's not always easy), a people who "see and believe" as the apostle John does in today's gospel. There is so much injustice in the world where things are just not right. Justice means being in "right relationship" and we are not in right relationship as human beings in these world areas just mentioned. We are not in right relationship right here in our country when we disparagemigrants,immigrants,addicts,alcoholics,andthoseunhoused.Wearenotinrightrelationshipwhenweare racist, judgmental, cheap, unhelpful, and unkind.

What does it mean for us to think about these things in light of being here in America?

So, today tells us that the light always overcomes the darkness, literally as at the Easter Vigil and figuratively as in society. Are we people of the light? What does this mean for us in what we do for a career, how we "do" that career, or how we are in the world? Are we really an Easter people?

Thank you for being light and goodness to me and to all of us here at St. C's. Hopefully, it's reciprocal to the best of our ability. We're certainly not perfect but we are all doing our best. So, on behalf of the entire staff, all the ministerial volunteers, and everyone here, Happy Easter! Thank you! Be in the light! Work for justice and be a person of hope!

God bless you all! Happy Easter!

Fr. John



Fr. Marcos Enrique leads kids in song at his summer camp at St. Mark's, Dorchester

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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, March 30 | 8:00 p.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, concelebrant
Karen McMenamy, Kelly McClintock, Julie DesAutels,
Esteban Vanegas, Chika Offurum, Moira Macdonald,
Ritika Philip, Tom O'Brien, and Letitia Howland, lectors

Sunday, March 31 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Maggie Giles and Peter Haley, lector

Sunday, March 31 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Karen Vachon, Rosaria Salerno, and Christie Hedges, lectors

Sunday, March 31 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Gabby Turco and Bobbi Moran, lectors



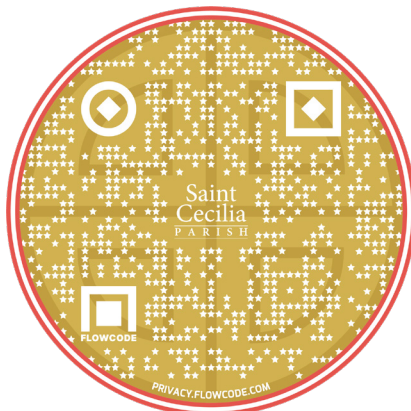
VIGIL READINGS

Genesis 1:1-2:2, Genesis 22:1-18
Exodus 14:15-15:1, Isaiah 55:1-11
Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4,
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
Romans 6:3-11, Mark 16:1-7

EASTER SUNDAY READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

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

Our Newest Members

At this weekend's Great Vigil of Easter, we celebrate the initiation of new Christians in the Easter waters. **Eliana Coy, Junyi Fang, Motoy Kuno-Lewis, Andy Moore, Mike Sheridan, Matthew Steinschneider, and Nima Valibeig** will profess their faith in Christ and be baptized, confirmed, and welcomed to the Eucharistic table. **Maria Chandler, Stuart Fross, Joshua Neuberger, Rebekah Neuberger, Aleksandra Picariello, and Jordan Cady** (all who were already baptized in other Christian traditions) will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church and be confirmed and welcomed to the table of the Lord. **Aitana Poey Rodriguez** and **Eleanor Sanderson** were baptized in the Catholic Church but did not receive further catechesis. They will be confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time. **Andrew Le** and **Leon LeBlond** are Catholics who will be confirmed.

Keep these men and women, and the RCIA team that will accompany them, in your prayers as they begin the period known as "mystagogia." Mystagogia is an ancient Greek word meaning, "education in the mysteries." Christian believers in the first century used the word mystagogia to describe the period of continuing spiritual instruction following the celebration of the initiation rites. We also invite you, as fellow parishioners, to support and welcome them during these weeks.

Welcome Our Newly Initiated!

We invite you to help us welcome our newly initiated parishioners with a cake on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, after the 11:30 Mass. All are welcome!

Mass Time Change & Coffee Hospitality

There will be no 6:00 Mass on Easter, but we will conclude our celebration of the Paschal Triduum with Evening Prayer at 6:00 on Zoom. Also, there will be no coffee Hospitality in the Parish Hall on Easter Sunday as we'd like our dedicated volunteers to enjoy the Easter festivities.

Easter Collection

At all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you

in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org. To donate online visit: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/easter-2024-clergy-health-trust>

Catholic Appeal Update

Because of your generous support, we have reached 65% of our monetary goal and 55% of our donor goal. Thank you for responding in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to this year's Catholic Appeal. We are stronger together and your generous participation is greatly appreciated! You can donate here: <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate1/>



FATHER JOHN TO RECEIVE CATHOLIC MEMORIAL'S BLESSED EDMUND IGNATIUS RICE AWARD

Catholic Memorial's Gala will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood on Friday, May 10, 2024. The evening will honor the Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice Award recipient, Father John Unni, and raise essential funding for scholarships.

Fundraising on behalf of Father John will support The Fr. John Unni Endowed Scholarship, which honors his deep commitment to faith, learning, service, and the Boston Fire Department. This scholarship will support a student from a family employed by Boston Fire who is interested in serving the marginalized. We invite you to support this highly impactful event and make a difference in the lives of young men. For more information about tickets, sponsorships and to support The Fr. John Unni Endowed Scholarship, please visit www.catholicmemorial.org/gala or call Stephanie Truesdell, CM's Director of Institutional Advancement at (617) 469-8036.

SUPPORT OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS

Spring is traditionally the time of year when the majority of the nonprofit agencies Saint Cecilia supports through our Hunger & Homelessness Ministry have their most critical fundraisers. We invite you to learn more below.

Sunday, April 7

Music for Food Concert to Benefit Women's Lunch Place

Location: New England Conservatory

Information about the event: <https://musicforfood.net/boston>

Wednesday, May 1

LifeSavor — Community Servings

Location: Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse Galleria, Back Bay

Information about the event: <https://www.servings.org/lifesavor/>

Thursday, May 2

Home Remedy — Pine Street Inn

Location: Hilton Boston Park Plaza Hotel | Information about the event:

<https://www.pinestreetinn.org/about-us/home-remedy>

Friday, May 10

Eat Lunch Give — Women's Lunch Place

Location: Oriental Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental | Information about the event:

<https://womenslunchplace.org/eat-lunch-give>

Monday, May 13

Medicine that Matters Gala — Boston Health Care for the Homeless

Location: Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel | Information about the event:

<https://www.bhchp.org/events/2024-gala/>

Sunday, May 19

Elderbration — Friendship Works

Location: Jamaica Pond | Information about the event:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/elderbration2024/>

Wednesday, May 29

Spring Celebration — Catholic Charities

Location: Wharf Room, Boston Harbor Hotel | Information about the event:

<https://www.ccab.org/news-updates/catholic-charities-spring-celebration-2024/>



*For more information about any of these events,
please email our Hunger and Homelessness
Ministry at their ministry email address.*



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS — JUST 5 WEEKS AWAY!

This year, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) election will be held on the weekend of May 4/5. There are three seats to be filled, each for a 3-year term. This is an exciting and critical time for our parish and serving on the Parish Pastoral Council is a significant way of contributing to our vibrancy and growth. Please take the time to vote, and if you feel inspired, consider running for one of the open seats.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE PARISH COUNCIL?

- I. You must be a registered member of our community and at least eighteen years old. You can register by visiting our website at <https://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/> or by filling out a paper registration form in the narthex.
- II. You should already be an active participant in the life of the parish.

WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY?

Meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. In addition to monthly meetings, members are expected to volunteer to lead or assist with occasional parish initiatives or activities. It is also expected that council members will participate in a variety of parish events and programs and be visible representatives of the parish community.

HOW CAN I BECOME A CANDIDATE?

Please prepare a brief statement (no longer than 150 words) that tells us about yourself and why you are interested in serving the parish as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Your statement should also include the following:

- *What Saint Cecilia Parish means to you.*
- *How long have you been a registered parishioner?*
- *What ministry/ministries are you involved in?*
- *What Mass do we typically see you at?*

This statement can be sent to Scott MacDonald at his parish email address and will be included in the bulletins for April 21, 28, and May 5.

A headshot is also required.

Elections will be held on the weekend of May 4/5. If you cannot be present that weekend, you may submit your vote via e-mail at info@stceciliaboston.org until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 5.

SCHEDULE

April 15 | Statements and headshots due to info@stceciliaboston.org

April 20/21 & 27/28 & May 4/5 | Biographies, platform statements, and headshots published in the parish bulletin

May 5 | Absentee ballots due no later than 1:00 p.m. via e-mail

May 4/5 | Election

**Completed materials or any questions can be sent
to Scott MacDonald at smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org**



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The Abruzzi & Bufalini Families
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Leslie Amadon
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Beverly & Vincent Capodilupo
Cody Carpenter
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William & Catherine Carroll
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John Alan Cates
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Earl Charland
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Delia & Michael Flynn
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FAR-FLUNG FLOCK ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, April 7 | 4:00 p.m. ET

Saint Cecilia's Far-Flung Flock leadership is excited to welcome Tanya Rybarczyk, pastoral associate at Saint Cecilia, to our April 7 online coffee hour for a Meet and Greet. Tanya is a Catholic writer, speaker, teacher, and retreat leader specializing in adult faith formation, meditative Christian prayer, and spiritual caregiving. She holds a master's degree in pastoral ministry from the University of Portland and finds it a joy to walk with parishioners through the RCIA process, lead Saint Cecilia CARES, and liaise with our vibrant parish ministries. Tanya lives with her husband in Waltham and is the mother of two college-aged children. Please join us for an inspiring and interactive call, as Tanya shares her unique faith journey and how she came to Saint Cecilia. If you have any questions about any of the ministries at St. C's, about what a pastoral associate does, or about RCIA in particular, you won't want to miss this coffee hour! We think many of you will relate to her journey and appreciate her passion. If you have not registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you must register for the FFF email list with this link (<https://bit.ly/45pDVRa>). There is no need to re-register if you've attended in the past. If you have registered, but are not receiving FFF email notifications, please email the Far-Flung Flock ministry email to confirm your email address.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Tuesday, April 2 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Saint Cecilia Sanctuary | Open to: Everyone

On the first Tuesday of every month, our Young Adults host a Holy Hour from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Saint Cecilia sanctuary, and we invite you to give yourself the gift of spending an uninterrupted hour in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, supported by music and prayer. One parishioner described the Holy Hour by saying, "Last night was just filled with healing and grace...it was one of the most powerful experiences I have had at Saint Cecilia, and there have been so many..." Bring yourself, and all that you are carrying, and allow yourself to rest in God's love. ***Please use the St. Cecilia Street entrance and ring the bell to enter the building.***

HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUPPORT NEWLY-ARRIVED REFUGEES

For the past seven years, our parish has provided ongoing support to Catholic Charities programs that provide aid to refugees. Just in the past year, Catholic Charities has opened two new shelters to address the Commonwealth's refugee and homelessness crisis. We have offered to provide refugee families with supermarket and general gift cards so that they will have food and household items while their applications for political asylum are processed. If you would like to purchase gift cards to Visa, Target, Market Basket, Stop 'n Shop, and Shaw's/Star Markets —and no more than \$25 per card —please feel free to drop them in the offertory basket or mail them to *Mark Lippolt, Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115*. The need has never been greater and your accustomed generosity is greatly appreciated!



SEEING SPRING AND EASTER

BY RON ROLHEISER, OMI

In my mid-20s, I spent a year as a student at the University of San Francisco. I had just been ordained a priest and was finishing off a graduate degree in theology. Easter Sunday that year was a gorgeous, sunny, spring day, but it didn't find me in a sunny mood. I was a long way from home, away from my family and my community, homesick, and alone. Virtually all the friends that I had developed during that year of studies, other graduate students in theology, were gone, celebrating Easter with their own families. I was homesick and alone and, beyond that, I nursed the usual heartaches and obsessions of the young and restless. My mood was far from spring and Easter.

I went for a walk that afternoon and the spring air, the sun, and the fact that it was Easter did little to cheer me up, if anything they helped catalyze a deeper sense of aloneness. But there are different ways of waking up. As Leonard Cohen says, there's a crack in everything and that's where the light gets in. I needed a little awakening and it was provided. At a point, I saw a beggar sitting at the entrance to a park with a sign in front of him that read: It's springtime and I am blind! The irony wasn't lost on me: I was as blind as he was! With what I was seeing it might as well have been Good Friday, and raining and cold. Sunshine, spring, and Easter were being wasted on me.

It was a moment of grace, and I have recalled that encounter many times since, but it didn't alter my mood at the time. I continued my walk, restless as before, and eventually went home for dinner. During that year of studies, I was a live-in chaplain at a convent that had a youth hostel attached to it and the rule of the house was that the chaplain was to eat by himself, in his own private dining room. So, even though that wasn't exactly what a doctor would order for a restless and homesick young man, I had a private dinner that Easter Sunday.

But the resurrection did arrive for me on that Easter Sunday, albeit a bit late in the day: Two other graduate students and I had made plans to meet on the beach at nightfall, light a large fire, and celebrate our own version of the Easter vigil. So, just before dark, I caught a bus to

the beach and met my friends (a nun and priest). We lit a large bonfire (still legal in those days), sat around it for several hours, and ended up confessing to each other that we'd each had a miserable Easter. That fire did for us what the blessing of the fire the evening before at the Easter vigil hadn't done. It renewed in us a sense of the energy and newness that lie at the heart of life. As we watched the fire and talked, of everything and nothing, my mood began to shift, my restlessness quieted, and the heaviness lifted. I began to sense spring and Easter.

In John's Gospel account of the resurrection, he tells the story of how on morning of the first Easter the Beloved Disciple runs to the tomb where Jesus has been buried and peers into it. He sees that it is empty and that all that's left there are the clothes, neatly folded, within which Jesus' body had been wrapped. And, because he is a disciple who sees with the eyes of love, he understands what this all means, he grasps the resurrection and knows that Jesus has risen. He sees spring. He understands with his eyes.

Hugo of St. Victor once famously said: Love is the eye. When we see with love we not only see straight and clearly we also see depth and meaning. The reverse is also true. It is not for some arbitrary reason that after Jesus rose from the dead some could see him and others could not. Love is the eye. Those searching for life through the eyes of love, like Mary of Magdala searching for Jesus in the Garden on Easter Sunday morning, see spring and the resurrection. Any other kind of eye, and we're blind in springtime.

When I took my walk that Easter afternoon all those years ago in San Francisco, I wasn't exactly Mary of Magdala looking for Jesus in a garden, nor the Beloved Disciple fired by love running off to look into the tomb of Jesus. In my youthful restlessness I was looking for myself, and meeting only my anxious self. And that's a kind of blindness.

Without the eyes of love we're blind, to both spring and the resurrection. I learned that theological lesson, not in a church or a classroom but on a lonely, restless Easter Sunday in San Francisco when I ran into a blind beggar and then went home and ate an Easter dinner alone.

~ Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, is a Catholic priest and theologian. He earned his doctorate at the University of Louvain and is affiliated with the Catholic Theological Society of America, the Canadian Theological Society, and the Religious Studies Association of Alberta. Renowned for his expertise in spirituality and systematic theology, Rolheiser contributes a regular column to the Catholic Herald, syndicated across approximately 90 newspapers in five countries.

PARISH RESOURCES

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Maureen Deery, Parish Photographer & Creator of Weekly Slide Show

Geoffrey Edwards, Livestream Videographer

Vasily Izumchensky, Livestream Sound Engineer

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 her parish email.

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!