

# Saint Cecilia

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The Ascension

Evan Walters, c.1949

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

1 June 2025

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE | *Allegretto* from Sonata Op. 65, no. 4

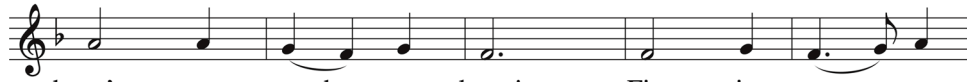
Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

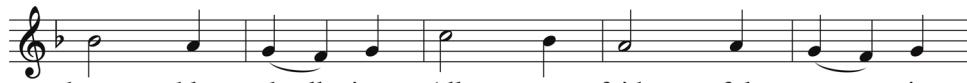
HYFRYDOL



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
2. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er, Let us  
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us your  
all your life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
spot - less, gra - cious Lord. Let us see your



hum - ble dwell - ing, All your faith - ful mer - cies  
turn and nev - er, Nev - er - more your tem - ples  
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly in you re -



crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion, Love un -  
leave. You we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve you  
stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with  
as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you  
heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -



your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.  
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.  
fore the Al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: Amen.

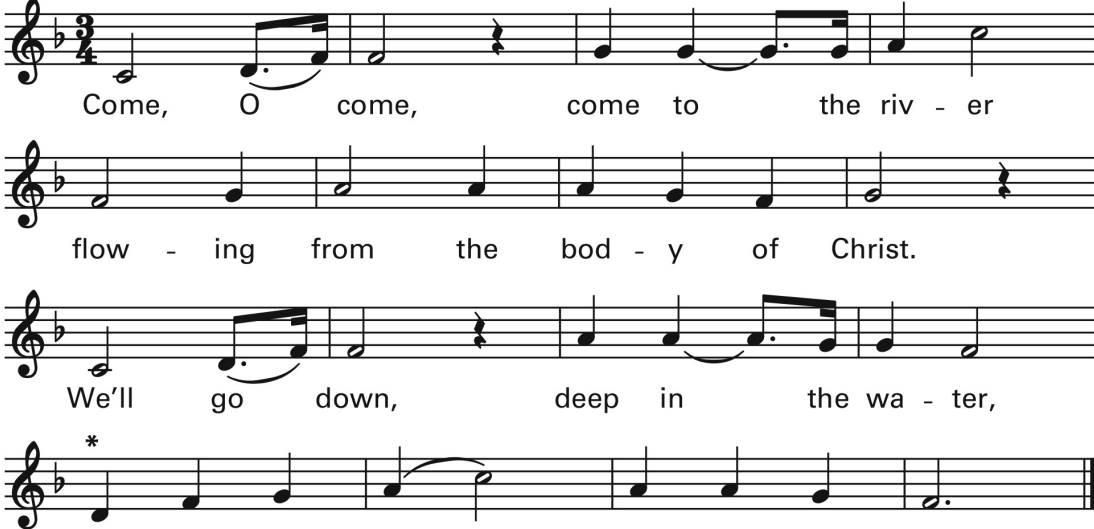
✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

## SPRINKLING RITE | Come to the River

Bob Hurd

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

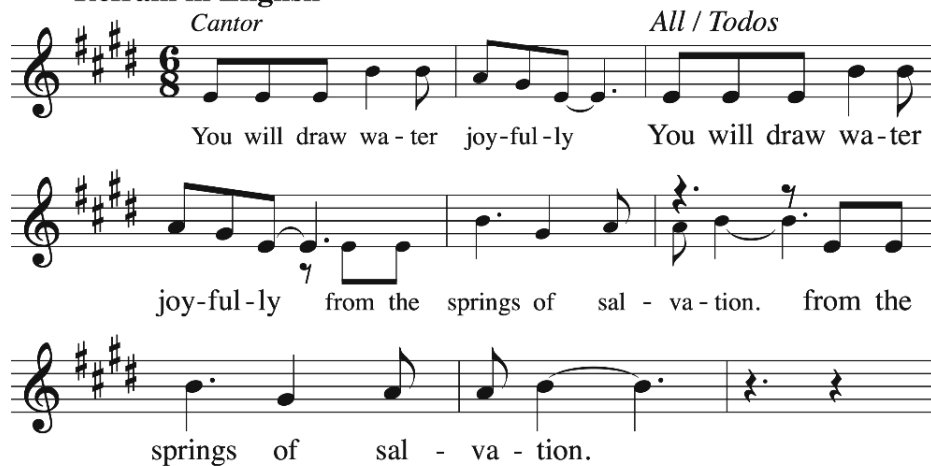
to Refrain



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.

**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*



Sa - ca - rán a - guas con a - le - grí - a Sa - ca -  
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.



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

*To verses* *Last time*

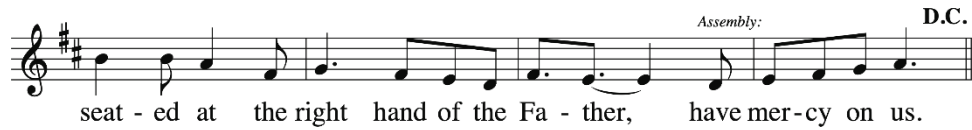
## Verse 1

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

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

*Cantor:* *Cantor:* *Assembly:* *Cantor:*



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.

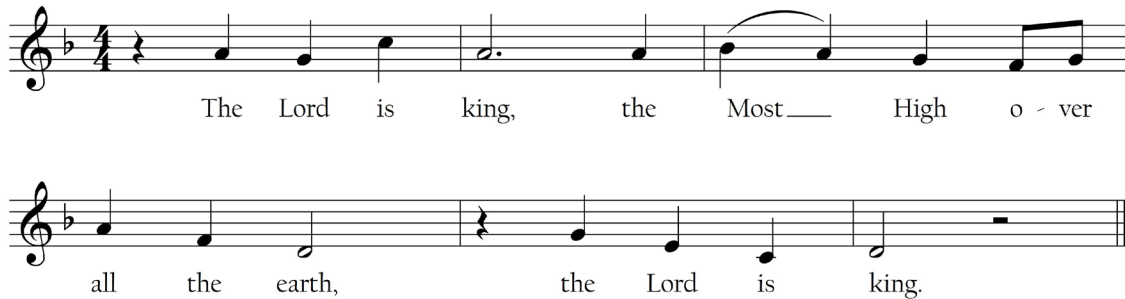
COLLECT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Acts 7: 55-60

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 97: The Lord is King

Tony E. Alonso



1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Cloud and darkness surround him; justice and right are the foundation of his throne.
2. The mountains melt like wax before the face of the Lord, before the face of the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.
3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, exalted far above all gods.

SECOND READING | Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

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

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

GOSPEL | John 17: 20-26

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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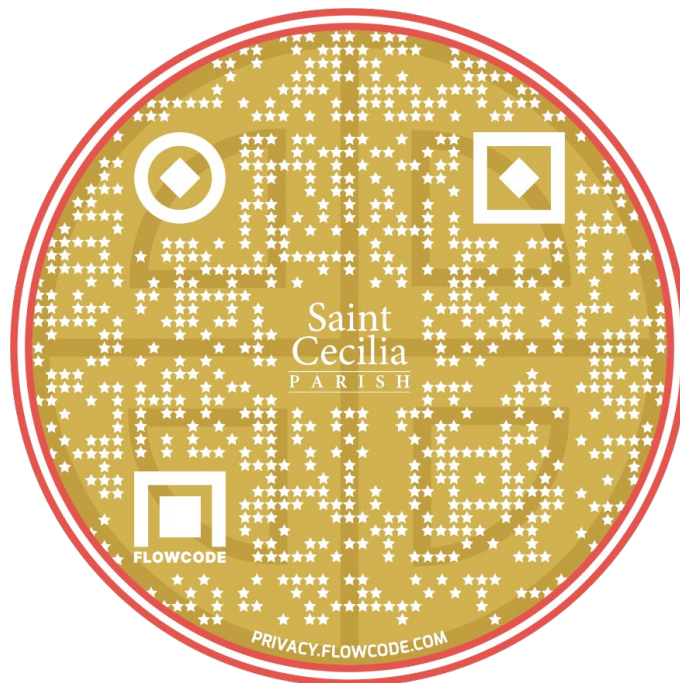
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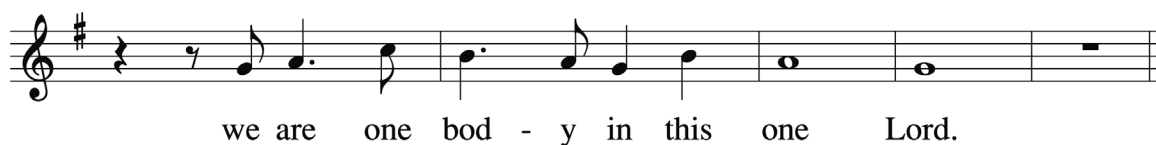
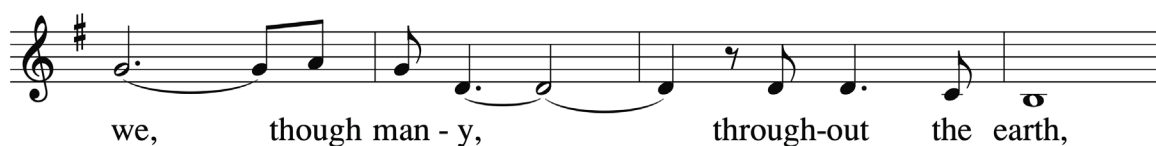
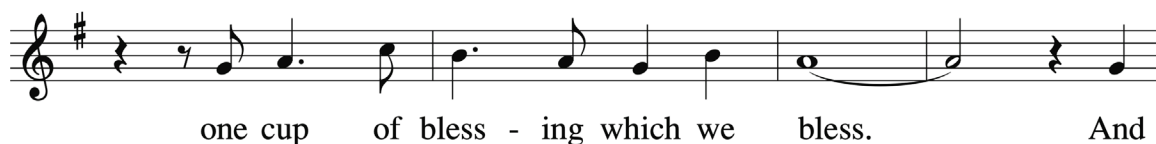
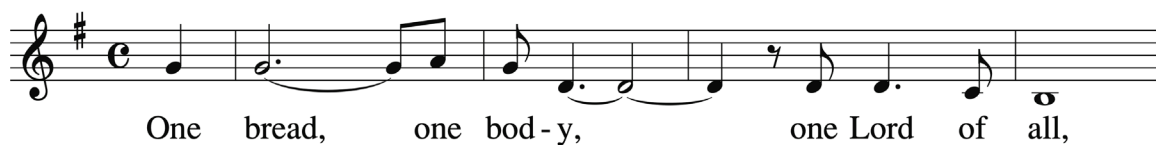
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# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | One Bread, One Body

John Foley



Verses



D.C.

## 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.



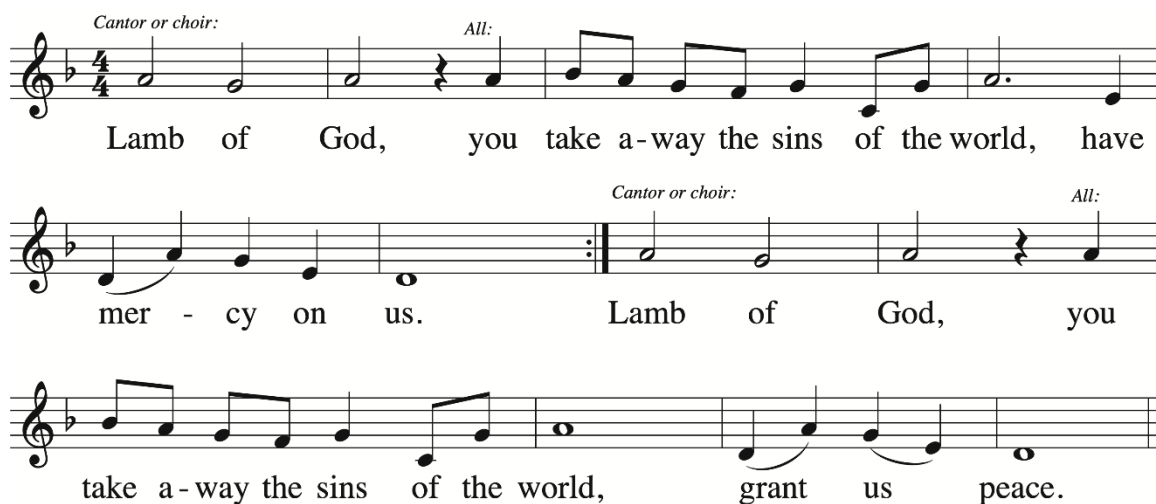
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



## 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.

# COMMUNION | We Are Many Parts

Marty Haugen

## Refrain

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y,  
 and the gifts we have we are giv - en to share.  
 May the Spir - it of love make us one in - deed;  
 one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de -  
 spair, one, the cross that we bear.

## Verses

The musical notation for the Verses is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your  
 2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is  
 3. All you seek - ers, great and small, seek the great - est

ser - vants true, let us be your love to all the world.  
 my joy, too; all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.  
 gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

D.C.

*Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:  
exultemus et laetemur in ea,  
Alleluia.*

This is the day the Lord has made:  
let us rejoice and be glad in it,  
Alleluia.

Ps. 117: 24

## 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.**



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our Head and  
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of  
 3. Here be - stow on all your ser - vants What they ask of  
 4. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 hosts, to - day; With your stead - fast lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 you to gain; What they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
 Hear your serv - ants as they pray; And your full - est  
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed in all its bright ar - ray.  
 in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

# 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.

# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

### **Saturday, May 31 | 5:00 p.m.**

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant  
Mary Kane, lector

### **Sunday, June 1 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Tom Skorupa, lector

### **Sunday, June 1 | 9:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Rev. Jerry Browne, Concelebrant  
Bobbi Moran, James Paradis, Elli St George,  
lectors

### **Sunday, June 1 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Predmore, SJ, celebrant  
Megan Altendorf, Catherine Horsley,  
Kelly McClintock, lectors

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

### **Sunday, June 1 | 9:30 a.m.**

Don Garaventi, *1st Anniversary*  
Frank J. Unni, *Memorial*  
Dolly Madden, *Memorial*  
Sean Brice, *Memorial*

### **Wednesday, June 4 | 8:00 a.m.**

Lillian M. & Waldo A. Ahlquist, *Memorial*  
Elizabeth A. Hope, *Anniversary*

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 7:55-60  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20  
John 17:20-26

## PENTECOST SUNDAY READINGS

Acts 2:1-11  
Romans 8:8-17  
John 20:19-23



# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

## Our Sick

Pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Michele Maniscalco, Fred Tufts, Baby Eloise Josephine Mason, Kevin J. Owens, So Kwai Sim, Andrea Surette, Maureen McLaughlin, and Michele Maniscalco.**

## Welcome to Saint Cecilia!

We are pleased to welcome the following new registrants: **Maura Sharp** of Acton, **Jessica and Peter Welch** of Waltham, **Raquel Furtado** and **Cameron Smith** of Arlington, **Anna Rothschild** and **Christopher Pardo** of Jamaica Plain, and **Mary Nee**, and **Dora Priolo** and **Nicole Costanzo** of Boston. If you have not previously registered, you can do so online at [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org).

## Pentecost Sunday

The Easter season draws to a close next Sunday with the Solemnity of Pentecost and the liturgical color is red. Help add to our celebration by wearing something red to Mass.

## Attention, Graduates!

We want to acknowledge and celebrate all our graduates this spring. Please email the names of the parishioners who are graduating from high school or college to Anastassia Kolchanov at her parish email and use the word "graduate" in the subject line. Feel free to include the school's name and the degree awarded.

## Welcome to Our Boston College High School Confirmands

This Sunday, we welcome four students from Boston College High School who will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. May each of these confirmands be enlightened by the Holy Spirit with wisdom, empathy, piety, and love!

**Max Rayan Jude Achab  
Patrick Mangan Xavier Kelly  
Dante Joseph Oscar Minacapilli  
Julian Angel Sebastian Sustache**

## Be Sealed With the Gift of the Holy Spirit!

This Sunday, we celebrate the sacrament of confirmation for eleven young men and women who have been preparing to receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit enlighten each of our confirmands with the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, awe, and wonder!

**Perrin Elizabeth Veronica Baisley  
Erin Abigail Rose Philippine Bourque  
Atreyu Simon Bradish  
William Daniel John Dunn  
Charlotte Ann Cecilia Fisher  
Clayton Thomas Francis Kacich  
Payton Madison Cecilia Knight  
Lucas Simoneau Leo Scully  
Jonah Ethan Thomas Selter  
Delmace Joseph Kizito Severson Mayo  
Colette Geraldine Elizabeth Tate**

## Welcome to Our Adult Confirmands

This weekend we also celebrate the twenty two adult parishioners who will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. After participating in classes to prepare to receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, these men and women are now fully initiated Christians!

**Alana Philomena Fahey  
Alexandria Mary Magdalene Rodrigues  
Amour Michael Llorico  
Ana Paola Ospina Sapuy  
Anne Theresa Ho  
Barrett Devon Daniel Kelly  
Daniela Jude Morin  
Elsy Virgen de Guadalupe Orellana  
Erik Mario Villafuerta  
Heather Irene Williams  
Jennifer Mary Anthony  
Julia Therese of Lisieux Ginther  
Kathleen Rose Walsh  
Kelly Cecilia Walsh  
Liam John Patrick Sullivan  
Megan Cathlene Amelia Dickerson  
Nathaniel Francis Joslin  
Nicholas Thomas Drevos  
Nina Hernandez  
Tyler Carlo Egan  
Valentina Maria Berenice Pedroza Munoz  
Zane Thomas Crut**



## "THE LETTER"

**FRIDAY, MAY 30 | 7PM VIA ZOOM**

The Boston Chapter of the Laudato Si' Movement will host a showing of the award-winning film *The Letter* via Zoom. Pope Francis invites five people from around the world to share their concerns about climate change as they seek hope for the future. More at: [theletterfilm.org](http://theletterfilm.org). Register at: [tinyurl.com/TheLetter-5-30](http://tinyurl.com/TheLetter-5-30).

## SPIRITUALITY GROUP FOR MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1 | 1:30PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

The intention for the group is to gather interested medical and mental health professionals of all kinds to explore a faith-based response to supporting ourselves and those we serve in these challenging times. This group is starting up on Sunday June 1st at 1:30pm. If you are interested in helping create such a group, please let us know by emailing Mary Wessel at her parish email; Kathy Sanders ([sanderno2010@gmail.com](mailto:sanderno2010@gmail.com)) or Michael Murphy ([mmurphycmh@gmail.com](mailto:mmurphycmh@gmail.com)).

## NIGHT OF WORSHIP

**TUESDAY, JUNE 3 | 7PM | SANCTUARY**

Come find rest and healing in God's presence in the Blessed Sacrament, with praise and worship music led by the Young Adult ministry. All are invited to come to the altar! Please use the St. Cecilia street entrance and ring the bell to enter.

Can't join us in person? Please scan the QR code below to receive a Zoom link. If you've already signed up for these, no need to fill out the form again.



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## FFF COFFEE HOUR: LUIS DE PRADA FROM CREATIVE CALLINGS PROJECT

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST | 4PM VIA ZOOM**

How does a parish encourage active participation, service and social justice work? The Creative Callings Project works with congregations around New England (including St. Cecilia) to think innovatively about calling, vocation, and what it means to support parishioners in living lives of meaning and purpose. Luis De Prada works with Creative Callings and is a Practical Theology Phd student at BU School of Theology. Previously, he was Adjunct Professor and Minister of Music at Barry University and a longtime high school Theology teacher. Join us as we learn how other faith communities are facilitating these conversations and deepening community connections and help us consider our own callings!

To register, please send an email to the Far Flung Flock and include your name and address.

## SIMEON AND ANNA SENIORS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 5 | 10AM | PARISH HALL**

The next Simeon and Anna Seniors Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5th. From 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. there will be coffee/tea and conversation, and at 10:30 there will be time for prayer. All parish seniors are invited to participate.



## SMALL GROUP CONNECTIONS

Looking to deepen your faith and connect with fellow parishioners? This May, the Parish Pastoral Council is launching Small Group Connections—a space for prayer, reflection, and meaningful conversations inspired by Sunday's message. Groups will meet once every two weeks, and we'd love for you to be part of this new parish initiative.

**Sundays | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. | Parish Hall (in person)**  
**June 1, June 15**

**Wednesdays | 8–9 p.m. ET | Virtual (Zoom)**  
**June 4, June 18**

Join us as we accompany one another and grow together in faith! Participation and interest will determine summer dates. To sign up, email the Parish Pastoral Council – we can't wait to welcome you!

## KNITTING & CROCHET MINISTRY

The next Sit & Knit for June is canceled and all Sit & Knits will resume in September. Any completed Dexter Off The Hook Baby Blankets should be dropped off at the reception desk and labeled "St. Cecilia Young Adult Ministry."

**THE GREATER BOSTON LGBTQIA CATHOLIC COLLECTIVE CELEBRATES:**

**PRIDE MONTH**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual All Are Welcome Mass**  
Friday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
St. Cecilia's Parish  
18 Belvidere St., Boston  
Reception to Follow!

**Pride Festival**  
Saturday, June 14th  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Boston Common  
Come visit us  
at our booth!

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## LEARN ABOUT THE GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION

**GBIO WORKSHOP ON COMMUNITY ORGANIZING:  
A DAY DEVOTED TO FAITH, REFLECTION, AND ACTION**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7 | COFFEE AT 8:45AM, WORKSHOP  
FROM 9AM - 12PM | SAINT CECILIA PARISH HALL**

In a further expression of our commitment to dialogue and community engagement, Saint Cecilia Parish is pleased to announce our next steps towards membership in the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO). Founded in 1998, GBIO is an interfaith coalition focused on making systemic changes to support social and economic justice in our local communities. GBIO works for the public good by coalescing, training, and organizing people across religious, racial, ethnic, class, and neighborhood lines and is dedicated to developing leaders who are committed to making Greater Boston a better place to live, work, and raise a family. For more than 20 years, GBIO has worked to improve housing and healthcare, reform our criminal justice system, address racial disparities in our city, and rebuild schools and neighborhoods. As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "There is power in unity, and there is power in numbers"—GBIO represents 45 member institutions and more than 107,000 individuals and has shown the power of collective strength in achieving a variety of goals.

You are invited to join leaders from Saint Cecilia and Saint Katharine Drexel parishes for a morning grounded in prayer, community, and the mission of the Church. Guided by experienced organizer Kristen King, we'll explore Catholic Social Teaching—from Pope Leo XIII to Pope Francis—and will discuss how our partnership with GBIO can help us live out our faith in ways that promote justice, peace, and the common good. The day will include time for spiritual grounding, learning, small-group discussion, and a plan for moving forward.

Whether you're new to organizing or are looking to deepen your impact, this workshop is a good opportunity to connect, learn, and discern how we can act together to build bridges for the common good. This workshop is free and open to all.

To register, please visit: [www.stceciliaboston.org/gbio/](http://www.stceciliaboston.org/gbio/)

## SUPPORT COMMUNITY SERVINGS THIS FATHER'S DAY

Community Servings' Dinners4Dads fundraiser is the perfect way to honor the father figure in your life! In exchange for a \$35 donation, you can have the agency send a custom-designed greeting card for you. Your gift provides one week of medically-tailored meals for someone experiencing illness and hunger.

Price: \$35. Includes shipping.

To send a card or learn about another gift option:

<https://www.servings.org/fathersday/>

Orders must be placed by Sunday, June 8th!

## MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT GROUP

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH | 6:00 PM | ONLINE**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH | 2:00 PM | FAMILY FLEX CENTER**

Grieving the loss of a loved one can be overwhelming, but you are not alone. Join us for our Monthly Catholic Bereavement Support Group, where we gather in faith, compassion, and community to find healing and hope. In a world marked by division and distraction, healthy and meaningful dialogue can be found in small moments of grace. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Mary Wessel at her parish email.

## A REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

For over 100 years, Sunset Point Camp in Hull has provided a dream vacation at the seashore to over 40,000 low-income, at-risk children aged 6-13 from Greater Boston without regard for their race, nationality, or religious affiliation. Nearly 450 city-based boys and girls travel to Hull, Massachusetts each summer for a one or two week overnight camp experience letting them enjoy the fresh air, learn new talents, receive academic summer support and simply have fun.

Sunset Point Camp is operated by our friends at Catholic Charities. They have mentioned to us that they always need donations of the following items for the kids at the camp:

- Sunblock (we have been told the higher the SPF number, the better)
- Bug spray
- Flip flops (boys/girls ages 6-15)

## COMING UP AT SAINT CECILIA

**MAY 29- JUNE 5**

### THURSDAY, MAY 29

Ascension Thursday Mass | 8am  
Communion Circle | 4pm | Hale House  
Wisdom Group | 7:30pm via Zoom

### FRIDAY, MAY 30

PPC Election Voting Begins at 5pm (ET)  
*The Letter* Movie Screening | 7pm via Zoom

### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Confirmation | 3pm  
PPC Election Voting Ends at 1pm (ET)  
Wisdom Group | 8:30am via Zoom  
Mental Health Provider Support Group | 1:30pm  
Community Room  
Small Group Connections | 1:30pm | Parish Hall  
FFF Coffee Hour | 4pm via Zoom  
SCYA Bible Study | 4:30pm | Family Flex Center

### MONDAY, JUNE 2

Returning Citizens | 5:30pm | Parish Hall  
SCYA Women's Group | 7:30pm via Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Communion Circle | 3:30pm | Susan Balis House  
Bereavement Group | 6pm via Zoom  
Small Group Connections | 8pm via Zoom

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Simeon and Anna Seniors | 10am | Parish Hall  
New Parishioner & Ministry Appreciation Party  
6pm | Parish Hall

So the next time you are shopping or on Amazon.com, please consider picking up some of the items above and dropping them in the plastic bin identified for this purpose in the narthex. Thank you!

## DONATIONS FOR DORCHESTER FOOD PANTRIES

Now that our Faith Formation classes have ended for the academic year and with summer approaching, many of the families that have been faithful donors to our collection of food items for the Catholic Charities and Mary Ann Brett pantries will be away until September. We hope that you will consider participating in this important ministry during the summer months so that the volume of our donated food remains strong. The local economy might have improved for some of us, but the working poor and unemployed continue to face enormous economic challenges -- especially in light of rising food prices.

Saint Cecilia has committed to providing these items to the food pantries: Cheerios or corn flakes, peanut butter, white flour pasta and spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna fish, canned chicken breast, cooking oil, and tomato sauce. While any canned or shelf-stable items are appreciated, it is particularly helpful when parishioners can help with the staples listed above. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations of baked items or produce in the narthex.

You may wish to follow the example of some of our parishioners and have some of the items above delivered to the parish via Amazon.com or a similar service. If you choose to do so, have them delivered to:

Saint Cecilia Parish  
18 Belvidere Street  
Boston, MA 02115

Thank you!

## JOIN THE WISDOM AND MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group holds two gatherings each week on Zoom—Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 and Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30—to share ways in which faith informs and enriches the second half of life. This is not a book club, but conversations are often informed by shared spiritual reading. The group is presently concluding their exploration of *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. On May 29 they will begin discussing Rochard Rohr's newest book, *The Tears of Things*. For more information about meetings or to be added to their mailing list, please send an email to the ministry.

## BULLETIN ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: EVAN WALTERS



Image: City & County of Swansea: Glyn Vivian Art Gallery Collection

*Self Portrait with a Candle, c. 1939*

Evan Walters (1893 - 1951) was a Welsh artist who split his time between Swansea and London. Walters' work initially focused on conventional portraiture as well as depictions of Welsh landscapes and workers. Walters was noticed by a local philanthropist at his first solo show in 1920, elevating his career to new heights.

With his newfound success, Walters started experimenting with perception and time. His fascination with vision came from an experience he had one evening gazing at a fire: he became aware of the "doubled" appearance of his boot as he mindlessly stared at the flames. This moment led to Walters developing the double-vision technique which aimed to capture the physical act of visualization.

He spent the rest of his career fixated on vision and the problem of depicting visual experiences. In Walters' double-vision paintings, objects in focus were fixed and painted precisely while objects in the peripheral visual field were doubled or semi-translucent. Walters' techniques were ahead of his time but not received warmly by the public, and his popularity waned.



# CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

**This weekend, we invite you to make your voice heard by voting for THREE new members of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Here's how it works:**

Starting **Friday, May 30th at 5:00 p.m. (ET)**, you can visit [www.stceciliaboston.org/ppcelection](http://www.stceciliaboston.org/ppcelection) or scan the Flowcode on page 11 to access the voting form. To vote, select up to three candidates and click "submit." You will then receive a confirmation message at the bottom of the page when your votes have been sent in.

**VOTING IS OPEN FROM FRIDAY, MAY 30 AT 5:00PM (ET) TO SUNDAY, JUNE 1 AT 1:00PM (ET).**



**KATIE BALIAN:** Saint Cecilia has been a home for me since the moment I entered. Pretty shortly after, the clergy, parishioners, and staff became a source of comfort to me throughout both joyful and difficult times. I became a registered parishioner in 2020. I moved to Boston from Los Angeles in 2015 and struggled to find a parish that felt comfortable and to be the right fit, like the parish I grew up at in California. The moment I walked through the doors and then heard Fr. John give a homily mentioning the twelve steps, as an active participant in the 12-step community, I immediately felt like this was my place (I would later learn just how much)! I currently serve as a greeter where you can see me at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, but have served in the Hunger and Homelessness Ministry, as an OCIA sponsor and as a Children's Faith Formation Catechist.



**JOHN BATTAGLINI:** Many of you know me as "John, the Greeter" at our 9:30 Sunday Mass. In this simple ministry, I've experienced firsthand the warmth and kindness that truly define our Saint Cecilia family. Your welcoming smiles remind me each week of the importance of connection and belonging. If given the opportunity to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council, I would embrace our spirit of cherishing everyone who enters our doors. I believe each person who joins us—whether in person, virtually, or in spirit—deserves to feel valued and loved. My commitment would be to uphold our parish vision by ensuring your hopes and needs remain at the heart of all we do. Personally, my wife Elizabeth and I live in the Fenway neighborhood. We're blessed with five children and five grandchildren, and together we share a love for good food, tennis, golf, and traveling—always looking forward to the next great adventure we can experience together.



**STEPHEN FOLEY:** Saint Cecilia feels like home, and it's not just because my great-grandparents were married at this church. I came to Saint Cecilia during the pandemic, attending Mass remotely and then joining the parish in 2023. I regularly attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass and serve as a Eucharistic minister. From the start, it felt like coming home, as I was drawn to Fr. Unni's homilies, which helped strengthen me for the week ahead and guide me to lead a more fulfilling life as a son, husband, and parent to my two girls. Today, Saint Cecilia serves as a place of comfort and spiritual growth for me, and as a result, I feel the need to give back and become more involved. For this reason, I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a parish council member and help ensure that the church remains a vibrant and welcoming community for all.



**MAGGIE GILES:** Hi friends! Maggie Giles here, member of St. C's since 2017. I serve as a lector, on the steering committee of the Rainbow Ministry, and on March 22 had the honor of organizing and facilitating our "Journeying Together in Hope" Lenten Retreat. I gravitate to the 9:30 when I'm not a lector at another Mass. My goal in serving on the Council is to give back; Saint Cecilia has been a godsend (literally!) in providing me with a spiritual home where I experience love, a warm welcome, and belonging. I was led to believe for many years that as a lesbian I wasn't welcome in the Church, but when I found St C's my experience was of finding a spiritual home where we are all welcome to take our rightful place among the Body of Christ, share our faith journey with one another, and be of service to others. Especially during this time of such great uncertainty, I want to be of service helping others feel that same joy of finding their spiritual home and community here. Thank you!



**AUBREY HARTNETT:** Hi, I am Aubrey Hartnett, and I joined Saint Cecilia in 2012—and this parish community has been central to my family ever since! Over the years, I have been involved in various ministries, including the Young Families Ministry as the volunteer coordinator, co-chair, and advisor. I also served on the Racial Equity Team, working to operationalize the strategic plan for the parish. You can find me with my three little ones (Leo, Aixa, and Roya) at the 9:30 Mass most Sundays. I would love to serve this community that means so much to me and my family, and I am always interested in doing more to make sure families with small children, interfaith families, and families of all racial and ethnic backgrounds feel truly welcome in this parish. My goal in serving on the Council would be to bring these (and other!) voices to the table, making sure accessibility, engagement, and full participation are possible for all of us in this beautiful community! I have a background in international relations, education, and healthcare, and have been a Lay Marianist since my college days, serving in various capacities in the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative over the years, as well. I look forward to meeting more of you and serving our parish community—thank you!



**SARA MURPHY TRAVIS:** I grew up in an Irish-Catholic family who went to Mass every Saturday. Church was an obligation and it wasn't until I started high school at Notre Dame Academy that I found attending Mass was far beyond the obligation of my parents. The Bible intrigued me as I developed a passion and started attending Mass by choice. I continued my faith each week in college as a Jesuit priest would come on Sundays to conduct Mass on campus. This began my strength from the Jesuit values and principles. We raised our sons Catholic and as a family, we played an active role in the church. My children were altar servers and I taught Faith Formation for the Holy Communion sacrament. Life threw me some very challenging hurdles. Both my son and I had life-threatening conditions that required low-survival surgeries to survive. My faith got me through it all as the strength God gave me allowed my family to persevere. I attended St Cecilia after graduating from college in 1987 for many years and I returned in 2022. During the 9:30 Mass on Sundays, I can lose thought of everything going on outside the doors and engage fully in my faith. Walking through the doors of St Cecilia, I feel part of a faithful, welcoming community. Some days I enter Mass feeling dragged down and leave feeling a weight lifted off my shoulders. I am applying for the Parish Pastoral Council because I want to help instill the same feeling and support many others.



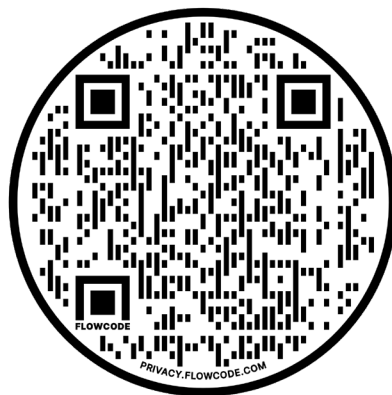
**UMA STAEHLER:** I have been a parishioner for about 7 years, after relocating from Indianapolis. I knew I was at my new church home during my first Mass experience. Since this time, I have been involved in the Marriage Prep Ministry with my husband, David, and more recently the Greeter and Lector Ministries. You can usually find me at the Saturday Mass. I have also completed one term on the Parish Council, and feel called to serve a second term. Serving on the Parish Council has allowed me to learn more about Saint Cecilia, and be a voice for parishioners as we discuss ways to continue being a vibrant parish with evolving needs. Parish life has been an important part of my faith journey after joining the Catholic Church as an adult 30 years ago. Saint Cecilia has welcomed me and allowed me to grow, something I would like to continue doing for others.



**PETER LIN-MARCUS:** I have participated as an active member of Saint Cecilia Parish since 2004. I usually attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass and sometimes the 9:30 and 6 p.m. Mass depending on my schedule. I have been serving on the Parish Council for one term since 2022. My service to the parish includes serving as a participant in the Journey to Racial Justice efforts and the Racial and Social Justice Ministry. I am proud to continue supporting the great work of Saint Cecilia including implementation of the Journey to Racial Justice, building the Far-Flung Flock with out virtual community and most recently developing small communities. For me Saint Cecilia Parish and our faith is not about 2-3 hours on Sunday but how we live the remaining 6-½ days per week. Saint Cecilia Parish has provided the inspiration, faith, and tools to bring my faith beyond the walls to serve countless communities, listening to them, empowering youth, disabled and excluded, addressing addiction and homelessness and ending health disparities. Pope Leo XIV and the late Pope Francis healed the world and renewed the Church, started out as pastors who tended to the periphery, serving people on the edge. Their leadership started in local churches and communities like Saint Cecilia which are driven by the people at the front lines, living the faith and helping each other and addressing unjust systems. Saint Cecilia is similarly called to renew the Church and heal the world. I would support efforts by all of us in making this happen. Thank you very much.

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# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BY PAUL NICHOLSON, SJ

One of things I like doing on a day off is going around old churches. There are plenty of old churches in England. You might think that's a bit of a strange thing for a priest to do when he finally gets a day off. Maybe it is, you might even think it's a bit sad, and perhaps that's true, but it is the truth. It's what I like doing. It comes in handy for this homily, at least, because the image of what we celebrate in today's feast is a popular one in medieval art—in stained glass, sculpture, paintings and in other ways. And it's often portrayed in a very similar way across those different media and in different churches and different settings.

It's an image that's presented in two halves. The bottom half shows the twelve disciples, sometimes eleven if they've remembered that Judas is no longer with them, but often twelve standing round in a circle, looking upwards and looking, frankly, rather worried. Then, about halfway up the artwork, there'll be a ring of cloud, and at the bottom of the ring of cloud, sticking out from it, are two feet. And that's all you see. The assumption is that Jesus has now ascended, has returned to heaven, and is so passed beyond the top frame of the artwork.

Now, it's a simple, naïve image. It always makes me smile. It's almost a childlike view of what this feast is about. And obviously, it can't have been precisely like that, whatever happened. Yuri Gagarin, the first astronaut at the beginning of the sixties, said he'd been to space and he didn't meet God there. And in some ways he's not wrong. But if it wasn't that, if it wasn't Jesus returning through the sky like some kind of early space rocket, then what was it? What would we have seen if we'd been there on that day?

The truth of the matter is, we don't know, and we will never know exactly. No amount of research is going to show us what it would've been like to be there, after all. The risen body of Christ after the resurrection, it's very clear from all the Gospels, is unlike our own. It can, for example, come and go through locked doors, and yet at the same time, it (Jesus) can eat, share a meal with his disciples. What we do know and can know is that after appearing to his disciples for a short time after the resurrection, a short time traditionally marked as 40 days, the time came when this stopped. He's not available like that. He doesn't appear like that anymore. And we really can't say much more than that.

Good news is, though, that the readings today aren't really interested in the question of where Jesus' body is. Now, that's not their main concern. They have a different set of questions to ask. What these readings and this feast want to make us think about is the question, how does God continue to work in our world at this time, in our time? We don't, as I say, live in a time when we expect to meet Jesus coming down the street towards us, or expect him to arrive unannounced when we're in a locked room or a locked house. There had been a time like that. The Gospels, the disciples were very clear in their witness, but by the time that these readings were written, the writers knew that that time was over. It wasn't likely to come again. They weren't expecting it, certainly.



Image: Art & Theology / Glasgow University Library, MS Hunter 229, fol. 14r.

*The Ascension, from the Hunterian Psalter, made in England, c. 1170.*



So what are we left with? Do we simply have to remember what he said and tell each other stories about him? Or was, and is, the God of Jesus still active in our own world, active here among us? Now, that's what this feast wants to have made us think about. All three of the readings that the church presents us with here tell us that we can experience God still at work.

And indeed that there's a name for that God at work in our world here and now. Today, it's called the Holy Spirit. That's put most closely in the first reading today, where we're told the disciples will be able to witness powerfully when the spirit comes. The spirit at the point of the ascension, in the way the story is told, has not yet come upon them. But when the spirit comes, they're to expect that when the spirit comes, they will find themselves able to preach powerfully in a way they haven't been able to.

To this point, John's Gospel, in fact, is even clearer: It's actually better to live as a disciple now. It's easier to be a disciple now than it was when Jesus was walking as a human being in Palestine those centuries ago. Because the work of God can be seen more clearly when it's not tied to one particular place or person or time. If you imagine what it would be like if Jesus was still around in a way that he had been there, you'd either have to have cameras on him 24/7, or you'd have to be dashing off to the Holy Land to try and meet him. As it is, we can meet God wherever we are, and that's what we're celebrating here.

In a week or so's time, we'll be celebrating Pentecost, the coming of the Spirit in its fullness. But we can, today, on this Feast of the Ascension, take time to recognize God at work in our own world and in our own lives. So that, if you like, is the invitation of today's feast and today's readings, to ask yourself, what evidence can you point to in your own life that would demonstrate to another person who maybe asks you that God is at work there? What would you show them? What would you try and point out to them?

In the letter to the Galatians, Paul gives a list of what he calls the "fruits of the Spirit." He talks about things like love and joy and peace, patience, kindness, goodness. And what he's saying there, by calling those fruits of the spirit, he's saying to you, when you can see those in your own life, either in yourself or in other people, then you can be sure that God's spirit is at work, where you find yourself being loving or joyful or patient, where you find other people building peace or being kind or simply being good to you or to each other. There the spirit is at work there, God is at work.

God is at work in our world. In the Feast of the Ascension, God is still very much around. So if you recognize that, if you recognize God at work in that way, then you'll know that today's feast isn't about clinging onto the last sight of Jesus' feat before he finally disappears. What it is about is leaving church today, continuing to work alongside God, wherever you find him in the work that he continues to do through God's spirit.

Let's pray for eyes that are open to that, not looking skyward, feeling nostalgic, but looking determinately at our own world to see God at work and looking with determination too, to work alongside him in whatever it is we find him doing.



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# PARISH RESOURCES

## Parish Office & Mailing Address

18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115  
Hours | Seven days a week, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Phone | 617 536 4548; Fax | 617 536 1781  
Website | [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org)

## Parish Staff

**Rev. John J. Unni**, Pastor  
**Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ**, Pastoral Support  
**Mark Donohoe**, Pastoral Associate  
**Robert Duff**, Director of Music  
**Carly-Anne Gannon**, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation  
**Anastassia Kolchanov**, Digital and Print Media Coordinator  
**Scott MacDonald**, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility  
**Colleen Melaugh**, Director of Finance and Development  
**Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien**, Pastoral Director of Operations  
**Lisa Pickering**, Director of Facilities and Events  
**Mary Wessel**, Pastoral Associate

## Assisting Clergy

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV  
Rev. John Predmore, SJ

## Music Ministry

**Tyler Cesario**, Assistant Director of Music  
**Daniel Lamoureux**, Vigil Organist  
**Brett Maguire**, Parish Organist  
**Pendexter Macdonald**, Assistant Organist

## Audiovisual Support

**Maureen Deery**, Parish Photographer & Creator of Weekly Slide Show  
**Geoffrey Edwards**, Livestream Videographer

## Schedule for Liturgy

**Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday** | 8:00 a.m.  
**Lord's Day** | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30\*, 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.  
**Holy Days** | 8:00 a.m.  
\* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in person and livestreamed.

## Hearing Assistance in Church

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

## For Those with Celiac Disease

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

## Building Accessibility

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

## Parking

There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski's Tavern), for \$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.

## 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.

## Faith Formation for Children

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

## Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God's Children program (VIR-TUS). They provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche ([maria.roche15@gmail.com](mailto:maria.roche15@gmail.com)), Letitia Howland ([L\\_howland@hotmail.com](mailto:L_howland@hotmail.com)), Erin Young ([erin.t.young@gmail.com](mailto:erin.t.young@gmail.com)), or Kathy Sanders ([sanderno2010@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 individuals and families to fill out a new parishioner form on our website. No matter what your background or location, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.

## Please note:

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