Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 July 2022

Christ in the House of Martha and Mary
Carol C. Caruso
O Mensch, Bewein

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be-
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their

All can safely live. A place where saints and
words are strong and true. Where all God's chil-
and strength - en,
dumb the wood and stone. To heal wa-
songs and vi-

children tell how hearts learn to for-

dare to seek to dream God's reign a-
serve and teach, and live the Word they've

taught and claimed as words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi-
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re-
known. Here the out - cast and the stranger bear the

Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of

faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall
symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the
vealed in time and space, As we share in Christ the
image of God's face, Let us bring an end to
faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro-
claim from
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 of Renewal

Glorious to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Genesis 18: 1-10a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 15: He Who Does Justice

SECOND READING | Colossians 1: 24-28
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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You can also mail a check to:

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

* The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

* Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right and just.
HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

GREAT AMEN | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

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.

LAMB OF GOD | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an “Act of Spiritual Communion.” During this time when we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together in person, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Loving Jesus,  
I believe that you  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.  
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  Amen.
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.
1. God, whose purpose is to kindle: Now ignite us with your fire; While the earth awaits your burning, with your passion inspire. Our tranquility forgive. Teach us courage.

2. God, who in your holy gospel Wills that all should truly live, Make us sense our share of failure, From complacency release! Save us now from sinful calmness, Stir us with your saving name; as we struggle In all liberaing strife; satisfaction, When we privately are free,

3. God, who still a sword delivers Rather than a placid peace, With your sharpened word disturb us, Baptize with your fiery Spirit. Lift the smallness of our vision Yet are undisturbed in spirit.

Crown our lives with tongues of flame. By your own abundant life. By our neighbor’s misery.

POSTLUDE | Etude in E-flat minor

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)
arranged by Thomas Mellan

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For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia, please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: RDuff@stceciliaboston.org.
Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children’s faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus’ teachings.

Saint Cecilia Parish was established in 1888. At that time the Back Bay section of Boston along Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street was the residential section of the Yankee aristocracy. The maids (“Irish working out girls”) and coachmen who served these residents had long requested a church of their own. When Archbishop Williams granted their request and carved the parish from the territory of the Cathedral, they built a magnificent church out of their meager earnings. Our church building resides on the ancestral homeland of the Pawtucket and Massachusett tribal nations.

The church was dedicated on April 22, 1894. Its architecture is Romanesque, XII Century Norman. The main altar, notable for its massive simplicity, was carved from a single block of white Carrara marble. The painting in the center reredos is a reproduction of da Vinci’s *The Last Supper*, and the dome above is an array of 24K gold rosettes.

For the sixtieth anniversary celebration in 1954, a massive renovation project was undertaken. During this renovation, a statue of Pope Saint Pius X (canonized that same year) was imported from Italy and placed on the right side of the sanctuary. Above the statue are paintings from Pius’ life. On the left side is a statue of Saint Patrick, principal patron of the Archdiocese of Boston, and above it are three scenes from his life.

Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two oak cases of the organ—was installed in 1954 (the Marian Year) in spaces originally designed for windows but not until then used.

The original organ of 24 stops was built in 1902 by the Hutchings-Votey Organ Company, Opus 1465, and was rebuilt in 1954 with 32 stops. In 1998, Timothy Smith and Theodore Gilbert began a massive reconstruction of the organ. The current Smith & Gilbert Organ of 4 manuals, 54 ranks, and 3,084 pipes was dedicated on the Feast of Saint Cecilia, November 22, 1999.

Today we are experiencing something of an awakening within these old walls. Our numbers are increasing by 350 new households each year, and we continue to grow in our commitment to issues of peace, justice, and service to our neighbors, both near and far.

We’ve been right here on Belvidere Street, in the same building for over 125 years, but that does not mean that life here is stale, stagnant, or even predictable. We are proud to be entrusted with the legacy of Saint Cecilia Parish, where everything is the same, yet always changing; where we honor tradition while embracing the future; where God’s love makes all things new.
Friends,

How privileged are we to be spending the summer of 2022 in the Back Bay of Boston. Our city is so historic and much of our story is told by our surroundings. I grew up in the city of Boston (Roslindale/West Roxbury) and I’ve had the good fortune to minister in many neighborhoods in our city, but I’m still unfamiliar with much of the downtown area. I remember as a child taking the “MTA” from Forest Hills to Winter/Sumer streets. I loved standing on the train and wondering about the various areas we passed as we made our way through the city (e.g., Dover St., Dudley Street Station). Our city is now home to people from all over the world and all of those cultures add to our beauty and hospitality. We just celebrated the July 4th holiday, and we are right in the midst of one of the cities that were instrumental in our founding and independence. America has been called a melting pot because so many cultures and ethnicities blend together to make us one. I read recently that a better analogy than a melting pot would be a “salad.” The difference being that a salad is composed of many various ingredients that become one yet still retain their individual identity and can be recognized as unique. As I walk the streets of the city and see so many residents and tourists, I am intrigued. It may not be our religion, culture, language, gender, or sexual orientation that we have in common, but it is our humanity that we share. That humanity means that each of us is created in God’s image and has the ability to make God’s presence known to the world. It is both a privilege and responsibility we have to reveal God’s presence to others.

One of the greatest challenges I fear is reconciling the freedom of speech in our country when it differs with my belief that we are all created in God’s image and when those expressing it do not believe that all people are created equal. So, as we travel through the wonderful city and may include the State House or the Boston Common along our route, we can come across protestors who are championing a cause that deeply offends us to our core, e.g., white supremacists. That challenges me greatly. Who I am as a Catholic Christian and an American, along with my understanding of God, brings out anger in me yet tells me that they have as much a right as I do to express their views.

Our world today, as well as our religions can be polarizing. It can be so challenging at times to determine who I am and what I stand for. Even those who claim to be “religious” can be divisive and destructive in the name of God. Examples would be the Inquisition, the Crusades, and 9/11.

Obviously for me, the Gospel (Life of Christ) is my guideline and I choose to live out that Gospel through the Catholic Church. However, I also know that the Catholic Church and God are not equal. No religion can capture God. We are all different and we all have to process everything that goes on in our world and our own city today. I have a simple guideline that I now follow that works for me: if something unites us, it is of God, if something does not unite us, it is not of God.

I thank our open-minded and open-hearted staff and our wonderful parishioners for making me feel so “at home” at Saint Cecilia Parish. I thank Fr. John Unni and the Archdiocese for this opportunity.

Enjoy Life!

Fr. Coyne
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, July 16 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Mary Kane, lector

Sunday, July 17 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Ron Coyne, celebrant
Nicholas Hayes-Mota, lector

Sunday, July 17 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Ron Coyne, celebrant
Julie DesAutels, Virgen Palermo,
Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, lectors

Sunday, July 17 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. Ron Coyne, celebrant
Ben DeWinter and Karen McMenamy, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 17 | 9:30 a.m.
Madeline Rooney & Leo McGrail, Special Intention

Wednesday, July 20 | 8:00 a.m.
Joseph G., Mary A. Maciora & Family, Memorial

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS
Genesis 18:1-10A
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14

NOTABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene
Patron of women, contemplative life,
converts, hairdressers, apothecaries

July 25 - Saint James, Apostle
Patron of laborers, hatmakers,
rheumatoid sufferers
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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Charlie Naughton, Bob Haas, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Rosalind Sica, Rick Gaillardetz, Michael Mulrenan, Michele Maniscalco, Nick Hungerford, Fred Tufts, and Katherine Myld Mainzer.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Wren Eber and Nicholas Jones of Brookline, the Soller Family of Somerville, Kathryn Corcoran of Baltimore, Maryland, Kara Oli- vier-Carroll and Ryan Carroll of Charlestown, and Eugenia Uche-Anya and Everistus Obiakor of Cambridge, Kenneth and Patricia Rowell of Charlestown, Erin Regan of Brighton, Olivia and Hazel Grant of Boston, Ellie Flavin of Kennebunk, Maine, Jackson Hignite and Lan Anh Dinh of Boston, the Krupitzer-Tonucci Family of Winchester, Zeb Reichert of Boston, Kendall and Kunal Gupta of Cambridge, and Zachary Nelson and Lindsey Backman of Cambridge. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Happy Anniversary!
Today we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of Rosaria Salerno who was baptized on July 18. May the Lord continue to bless Rosaria with the grace to live out her baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, Rosaria!

SAVE THE DATE: COFFEE POP-UP!
Sunday July 31 after 9:30 & 11:30 Masses

This summer our coffee crew is taking a much needed break from weekly Coffee Hospitality, but they will be offering monthly Coffee Pop-Ups. We hope to see you on July 31 for a hot cup of coffee and a delicious pastry! Can’t make it? Our August Coffee Pop-Up will take place on August 28. We look forward to seeing you at one or both of these delicious events!

WORKSHOP WITH AQUINNAH WAMPANOAG HISTORIAN
Saturday, July 23 | 2:00-5:00 p.m. | Community Room

Join us for an interactive workshop led by Aquinnah Wampanoag author and educator Linda Coombs, to learn the history and life ways of our Native American neighbors. This workshop will take place in person at Saint Cecilia. Co-sponsored by the Social & Racial Justice Ministry & MA Catholics for Indigenous Rights, space is limited to 25 participants. To register and for more information contact Linden Jenkins at lindajenkins177@yahoo.com.

LEARN ABOUT AND CONFRONT THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY
Sunday, July 24 | After the 11:30 Mass | Classroom 1

Join the Social & Racial Justice Ministry at Saint Cecilia for this engaging talk by parishioner Robert Lauer to learn about the climate and ecological crisis and the plan that Extinction Rebellion has to confront it. It’s easy to feel overwhelmed by the scale of what we are facing. That is why we need each and every one of us to come together while there is still time to act. We are inviting you to open your hearts and explore new possibilities. It’s time to stop feeling powerless and alone and get to know other local people who want to make a difference, too. The talk will be about one hour and there will be time for Q&A.

About the presenter:
Dr. Robert Lauer, member of the Saint Cecilia Parish, is a member of the Outreach Working Group of Extinction Rebellion Boston. He has a background in astrophysics research and is now working as Lead Data Scientist at a start-up in Boston.
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SHAKESPEARE ON THE COMMON AND PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC

Join Saint Cecilia parishioners to see "Much Ado About Nothing" on Wednesday, July 27 on the Boston Common near the Parkman Bandstand. We'll be reserving space and having a pot luck picnic beforehand. The picnic is at 6:30 p.m. and the play starts at 8:00 p.m. For more information contact Jenny Jones, jennyinjp@gmail.com. The play is free, though donations to the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company are appreciated: http://www.commshakes.org/.

COME JOIN THE KNITTING MINISTRY VIRTUALLY THIS SUMMER
Monday, August 1 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Zoom

New to knitting? Join the Community Service Knitting Ministry this summer and earn to make knitted fingerless mitts and knitted caps. These are both travel projects and can be worked anywhere! Once items are completed we will donate them to the Knitting Connection. Seasoned knitters are also welcome! For more information, contact Ann Marie Turo: annmarie@integratedmindandbody.com.

SUNSET POINT CAMP DONATIONS

For nearly 100 years, Sunset Point Camp, operated by our friends at Catholic Charities, has provided a dream vacation at the seashore to over 40,000 children from low-income, aged 6-13 from Greater Boston. 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 seeking sunscreen donations. So the next time you’re out, please pick up an extra tube of sunscreen and dropping it in the plastic bin identified for this purpose in the narthex. The higher SPF number, the better. They also need kids’ flip-flops for boys and girls ages 6 to 12.

TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES

Please keep in mind that two of our nonprofit partner agencies have an ongoing need for donations of travel-size toiletries. Individual size shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and soap are always needed. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant (none of which can typically be found in a hotel room!) are also always in demand. Donated toiletries need to be unused, of course, and there are plastic bins in the narthex for donations. The two agencies are: Women’s Lunch Place (www.womenslunchplace.org) and Y2Y Youth Shelter (www.Y2YNetwork.org).

PINE STREET’S SUMMER INN THE CITY

Join Pine Street Inn’s Innbassadors for the 10th anniversary of Summer Inn the City. You are invited to take part in this evening of food, drink and fun that connects you with the next generation of leaders in Greater Boston while raising significant funds to benefit Pine Street’s mission to end homelessness.

Saint Cecilia is a proud sponsor of this event which will take place on Tuesday, August 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. It will be held at Artists for Humanity, 100 West 2nd Street, Boston. Tickets are $60/person by July 31; $75/person after July 31. You can register for the event and purchase tickets at: https://www.pinestreetinn.org/about-us/summer-inn-the-city

SEEKING EMS FOR MASS GENERAL

Mass General Hospital is seeking Eucharistic ministers to distribute Communion to patients and their families. The commitment would be for 6-8 hours per month (either once weekly for two hours or every other week for three hours.) Parking will be validated. Their greatest need is for Monday, Friday, and Sundays. If you are interested in participating in this vital ministry, please reach out to Julie Supple, Spiritual Care Provider. 617-726-2220 or jsupple@mgh.harvard.edu.
NEWS FROM THE RACIAL EQUITY TEAM!

AFFINITY GROUPS
Have you heard? We’re taking the feedback from the Racial Equity Survey and putting it into action this summer! One of the initiatives we’re launching right away are affinity groups. What are “affinity groups,” you ask? Good question! Affinity groups are a manner of bringing people together who have a common identity – like race, religion, gender, etc. At St. C’s, we’re going to start with the groups that emerged from our parish-wide survey that can be better included at church: BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color), people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ people.

These groups will have total autonomy to decide how often to meet, how to meet (in-person or Zoom), what to talk about, etc. They are meant as ways for folks to build community with each other and to provide a space to be able to talk about their faith in the context of these identities. Signups will be open until August 15. Meetings should begin in September.

The affinity groups we are planning to start with:

- Black/African American Affinity
- Check Other Affinity - for non-white parishioners who feel like the typical race/ethnicity categories offered do not apply to them or are unsure of how to identify themselves
- Asian Affinity
- Latinx Affinity
- LGBTQ+ Affinity
- Disabilities Affinity

Sign Up Here: https://tinyurl.com/yc6tn95h

JOIN THE RACIAL EQUITY TEAM
We are also seeking people to join the Race Equity Team (RET). The RET has been behind this whole initiative, and started meeting back in 2020 when George Floyd was murdered. They still meet every other Thursday on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. This group is committed to maintaining at least 50% BIPOC members. The purpose of the RET will be to carry out several objectives from the strategic plan over the next three years, to keep us moving toward becoming an anti-racist parish. To sign up, use this link: https://tinyurl.com/5ce6uhh9

UPCOMING: SPANISH MASS
Querida comunidad,

Con mucha alegría les compartimos que el Equipo de Equidad Racial de Santa Cecilia (RET por sus siglas en inglés) está trabajando para agregar una misa en español en nuestra parroquia. Esta experiencia piloto tendrá lugar en los próximos meses y se puede apuntar aquí para ayudarnos: https://tinyurl.com/3za63u2d.

Gracias por rezar y apoyarnos!

Fraternalmente,
Race Equity Team

* If you have any questions about any of the above, please email Carly Caminiti at ckc1025@gmail.com.
The "sense of mystery" and awe Catholics should experience at Mass is not one prompted by Latin or by "creative" elements added to the celebration, but by an awareness of the sacrifice of Christ and his real presence in the Eucharist, Pope Francis said.

"Beauty, just like truth, always engenders wonder, and when these are referred to the mystery of God, they lead to adoration," he wrote in an apostolic letter "on the liturgical formation of the people of God."

Titled Desiderio Desideravi ("I have earnestly desired"), the letter was released June 29, the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. The title comes from Luke 22:15 when, before the Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

In the letter, Francis insisted that Catholics need to better understand the liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council and its goal of promoting the "full, conscious, active and fruitful celebration" of the Mass.

"We cannot go back to that ritual form which the council fathers, 'cum Petro et sub Petro,' (with and under Peter) felt the need to reform, approving, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and following their conscience as pastors, the principles from which was born the reform."

The liturgical books approved by "the holy pontiffs St. Paul VI and St. John Paul II," he said, "have guaranteed the fidelity of the reform of the council."

Although the post-Vatican II Mass is celebrated in Latin and dozens of vernacular languages, he said, it is "one and the same prayer capable of expressing her (the church's) unity."

"As I have already written, I intend that this unity be reestablished in the whole church of the Roman rite," he said, which is why in 2021 he promulgated Traditionis Custodes (Guardians of the Tradition), limiting celebrations of the Mass according to the rite used before the Second Vatican Council.

The bulk of the pope's new letter focused on helping Catholics learn to recognize and be astounded by the great gift of the Mass and the Eucharist and how it is not simply a weekly "staging" or "representation" of the Last Supper but truly allows people of all times and all places to encounter the crucified and risen Lord and to eat his body and drink his blood.

And, the pope wrote, it is essential to recognize that the Mass does not belong to the priest or to any individual worshipper, but to Christ and his church.

"The liturgy does not say 'I' but 'we,' and any limitation on the breadth of this 'we' is always demonic," he said. "The liturgy does not leave us alone to search out an individual supposed knowledge of the mystery of God. Rather, it takes us by the hand, together, as an assembly, to lead us deep within the mystery that the word and the sacramental signs reveal to us."
"Consistent with all action of God," he said, the liturgy leads people into the mystery using symbolic actions and signs.

Francis acknowledged that some people claim that in reforming the liturgy and allowing celebrations of the Mass in the language of the local congregation it has somehow lost what is "meant by the vague expression 'sense of mystery.'"

But the mystery celebrated and communicated, he said, is not about "a mysterious rite. It is, on the contrary, marveling at the fact that the salvific plan of God has been revealed in the paschal deed of Jesus."

The liturgy uses "things that are the exact opposite of spiritual abstractions: bread, wine, oil, water, fragrances, fire, ashes, rock, fabrics, colors, body, words, sounds, silences, gestures, space, movement, action, order, time, light," he said. Those concrete things proclaim that "the whole of creation is a manifestation of the love of God, and from when that same love was manifested in its fullness in the cross of Jesus, all of creation was drawn toward it."

However, Francis wrote, the words and gestures and symbols to be used are only those approved by the church.

"Let us be clear here: every aspect of the celebration must be carefully tended to — space, time, gestures, words, objects, vestments, song, music — and every rubric must be observed," he wrote. Otherwise, the celebrant or ministers risk "robbing from the assembly what is owed to it; namely, the paschal mystery celebrated according to the ritual that the church sets down."

Francis said "the non-acceptance of the liturgical reform" of Vatican II, as well as "a superficial understanding of it, distracts us from the obligation of finding responses to the question that I come back to repeating: How can we grow in our capacity to live in full the liturgical action? How do we continue to let ourselves be amazed at what happens in the celebration under our very eyes?"

"We are in need of a serious and dynamic liturgical formation," he said.

~ Cindy Wooden is a writer for the National Catholic Reporter.
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Rev. Peter Grover, OMV
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ

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

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 our Faith Formation Program, please contact Scott MacDonald 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.

Order of Christian Funerals
The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 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.

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.

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 also provide consultation and support to anyone in the parish who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Lois Flaherty (loisflaherty@gmail.com), Maria Roche (maria.roche15@gmail.com), Letitia Howland (l_howland@hotmail.com), or Erin Young (erin.t.young@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

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 text of the policy is also available in the narthex and Parish Office, as well as on our website.

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.

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.

Parking
There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski’s Tavern), for $11, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $14 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask one of our greeters for a chaser ticket at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, first place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow the machine to the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow the machine to the exit gate. To obtain the discount, first place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow the machine to the exit gate.

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. If you are local, please introduce yourself to a staff member or drop in for coffee on Sunday. 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.
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