



Saint Cecilia

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 July 2024

The Good Shepherd by Vicki Shuck

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PRELUDE | *Tierce en taille* from “*Messe des Paroisses*”
Brett Maguire, organist

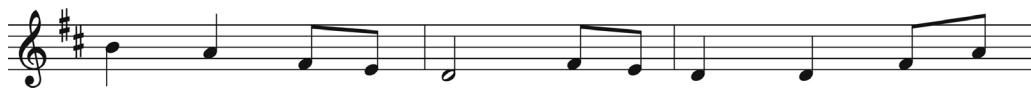
François Couperin
(1668-1733)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | As We Gather at Your Table

NETTLETON



1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, As we
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness In the
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon Oth - er



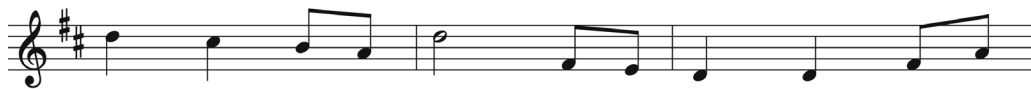
lis - ten to your word, Help us know, O God, your
sac - ra - ment of life; Send us forth to love and
guests to share that feast Where tri - um - phant Love will



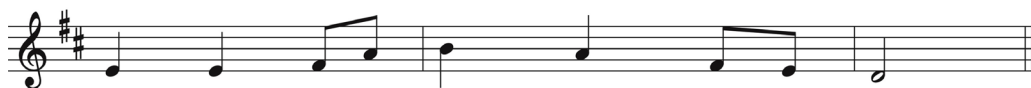
pres - ence; Let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish
serve you, Bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us,
wel - come Those who had been last and least. There no



us with sa - cred sto - ry Till we
Christ, your great com - pas - sion To for -
more will en - vy blind us Nor will



claim it as our own; Teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; May we still be - hold your
pride our peace de - stroy, As we join with saints and



ban - quet How to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age In the world you died to save.
an - gels To re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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

Curtis Stephan

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be - got-ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a-lone are the



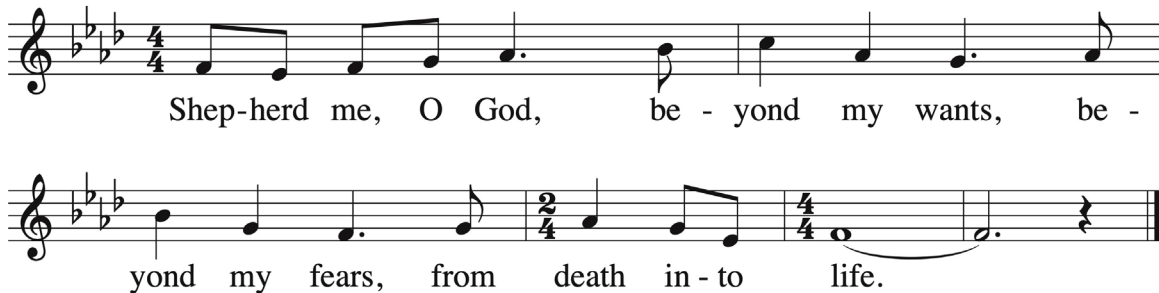
COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Jeremiah 23: 1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 23: Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen



Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

SECOND READING | Ephesians 2: 13-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony Alonso



GOSPEL | Mark 6: 30-34

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

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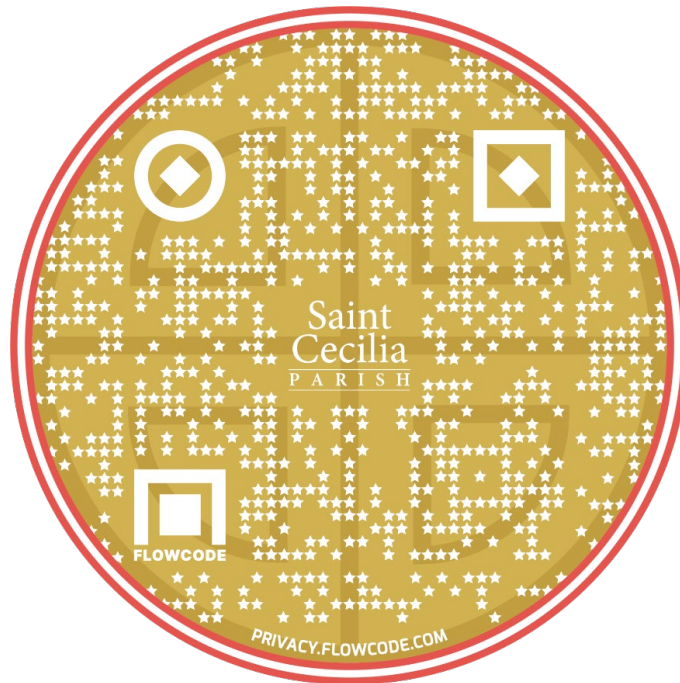
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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

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

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3. Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so, through all the length of days Your



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul he's lead - ing, And, where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me, Your rod and staff my
sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And, oh, what trans - port
good - ness fails me nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am his And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - ing.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
of de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts.

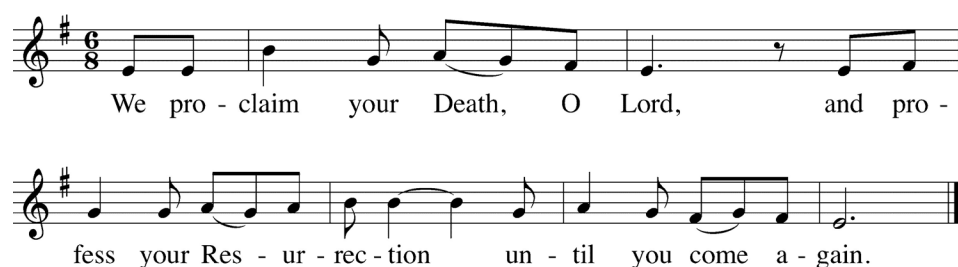
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

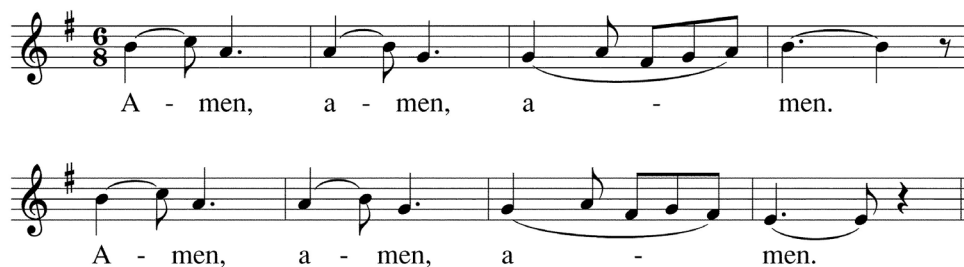
All: It is right and just.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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

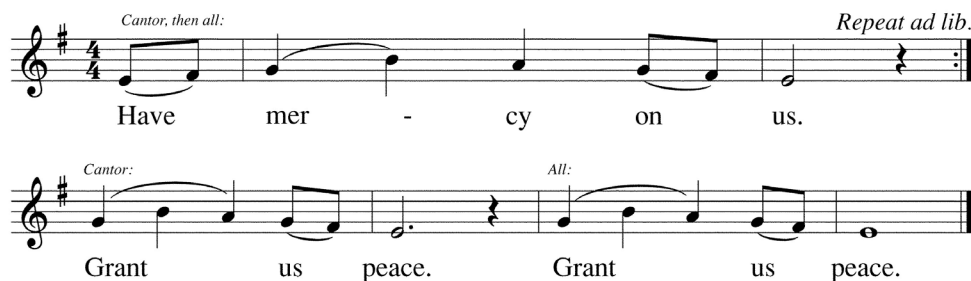


THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 the Angels and Saints

Steven R. Janco



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

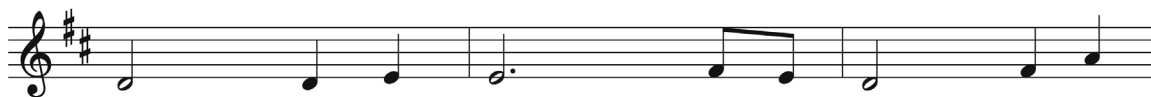
ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

Verses



1. We are all hun - gry peo - ple, we need
 2. All our lives are a mys - t'ry; we see
 3. Though the world may tell us to
 4. In the bread that is bro - ken is the



shel - ter and strength. We are one in our
 not where they lead. We are asked now to
 look at our - selves, we reach out to an -
 Christ that re - stores. As we take, now re -



hurt - ing, we are one in our pain. In our suf -
 trust you and we know we must be - lieve. As our feet
 oth - er where suf - fer - ing dwells. As our hands
 ceive him, we find love ev - er - more. As the bread



f'ring and sad - ness, we are saved by the grace
 be - come Christ's feet, we go forth with the grace
 be - come Christ's hands, we are healed by the grace
 be - comes Bod - y, we are filled with the grace



of the pow - er and the Spir - it that is here in this place.

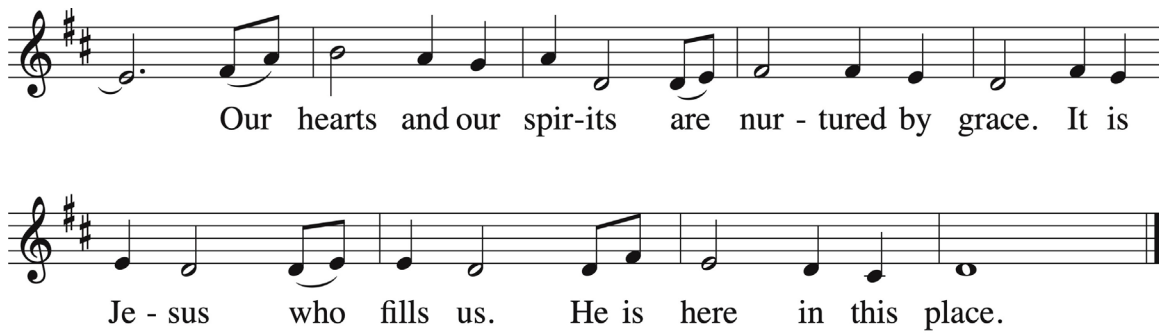
Refrain



We are gath - ered at ta - ble as one in the Lord.
**to - geth - er*



We are gath - ered as peo - ple who are liv - ing the Word.



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 | There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide - ness
2. For the love of God is broad - er Than the meas - ures
3. Trou - bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of

of the sea; There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice
of the mind; And the heart of the E - ter - nal
fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der

Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti -
Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were
From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come

ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;
but more faith - ful, We should rest up - on God's word;
for the sin - ner, And more grac - es for the good;

There is joy for all the mem - bers
 And our lives would be thanks - giv - ing
 There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior,
 In the sor - rows of the Head.
 For the good - ness of our Lord.
 There is heal - ing in his blood.

POSTLUDE | Prelude in B
 Brett Maguire, *organist*

Marcel Dupré
 (1886-1971)

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For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia,
 please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: RDuff@stceciliaboston.org.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children's faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus' teachings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, July 20 | 5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, July 21 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, celebrant
Emily St. Germain, lector

Sunday, July 21 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Virgen Palermo, Jen Kowieski, and Moira Macdonald, lectors

Sunday, July 21 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Kaitlin O'Connor, Pat Scofield, and Peter Haley, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 20 | 5:00 p.m.

Ayelino Millares, *Memorial*

Sunday, July 21 | 9:30 a.m.

Tom Grinley, *1st Anniversary*
Doris Jellig, *Memorial*
Sharmella Kerbawy, *Memorial*
Florence & Lee Wildes, *Memorial*

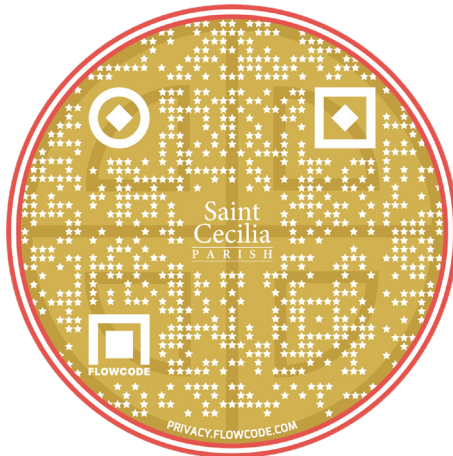
Sunday, July 21 | 11:30 a.m.

Marcia Harol, *1st Anniversary*

Friday, July 26 | 8:00 a.m.

Laurina Brighenti, *1st Anniversary*

**PLEASE SCAN THIS CODE
FOR OFFERTORY GIVING.**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF SAINT CECILIA PARISH!**

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15



PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick

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

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish

We are pleased to welcome the following new registrants: **Jeanette Gardner** and **Ben Brown, Janine and Ben Albert,** and **Cara Sciorilli**, all of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/

Catholic Appeal Update: *We're Almost There!*

We are pleased to share that, through this year's Catholic Appeal campaign, we've reached 93% of our financial goal of \$149,149 and exceeded our donor goal. Your generosity supports vital ministries such as Catholic education, faith formation, and outreach services that bring Christ's love to those in need. You can donate here: <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate1/>. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Don't Wait: Registration for Children's Faith Formation 2024-2025 Is Now Open!

We are delighted to share that registration for our Children's Faith Formation classes for the coming year is now open. Please note that space is limited for a number of classes, and so please register as soon as possible to ensure your child(ren)'s/ teen's place in the class. To register, visit <https://stceciliaboston.org/cff-reg>. Classes begin on Sunday, September 22. Please note that the fee to register is \$200.

Franciscan Action Network

As Catholics, we are called to pray and work for peace and we live in hope that the land where Jesus lived will one day see an end to bloodshed and experience freedom, liberty, and justice for all. Inspired by the Gospel and the example of Saints Francis and Clare, the Franciscan Action Network seeks to transform United States public policy related to peace making, care for creation, poverty, and human rights. To learn more about their mission and also their Ceasefire Campaign rooted in the Christian call to active nonviolence, visit their wonderful website at: <https://franciscanaction.org/christians-for-ceasefire-campaign/>

Thank You!

Thanks to your customary generosity, on June 29/30 we collected \$34,260 for the Diocese of Galle in Sri Lanka. On behalf of Bishop Raymond Wickramasinghe, thank you to everyone who contributed.



Prayer for Peace, Safety, and Unity

Lord, we come before you with hearts burdened by the polarization and division in our nation. As we approach the upcoming elections, we ask for your divine intervention to bring peace and safety to our country. Guide our leaders and citizens to work together for the common good, fostering unity and understanding. May your love overcome the barriers that divide us, leading us toward a future of harmony and collaboration.



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P A R I S H

*Join Father John and the Saint Cecilia Choirs
Under the Direction of Robert Duff on a*

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy

June 15-23, 2025



We will participate in Mass at:

- The Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi
- St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

**The Saint Cecilia Choir will
perform two evening concerts:**

- The Basilica di Sant'Andrea della Valle in Rome
- The Basilica di Santa Cecilia in Trastevere

Want to learn more/register?

Visit www.stceciliaboston.org/italy to learn more and to register! On this webpage, you'll find registration information, the trip itinerary, and a recording of a virtual information session with the hosting company, Music Celebrations International.

**We will visit Rome, Florence,
Assisi, and Vatican City.**

Highlights include:

- A visit to La Galleria dell'Accademia di Firenze, home to the largest number of Michelangelo sculptures in the world, including *David*
- A walking tour of the medieval town of Assisi, birthplace of Sts. Francis and Clare, including a visit to the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi—one of the most important pilgrimage sites in all of Italy
- A tour of the Vatican Museums which house some of the world's most important collections of art (included will be a visit to the Sistine Chapel)
- A visit to St. Peter's Basilica, including the *Pietà*
- A tour of the Colosseum and its arena floor, the Roman Forum.
- A tentative weekly Papal Audience and Blessing (subject to the Holy Father's schedule)
- Visits to the Pantheon, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, and Trevi Fountain
- Visits to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Basilica of St. John Lateran, and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

JULY 21 - JULY 28

Sunday, July 21

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

Monday, July 22

SCYA Women's Group, 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

Wednesday, July 24

SCYA Men's Group, 7:30 a.m. | Zoom

Daily Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 25

Daily Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Simeon & Anna Seniors Gathering, 10:30 a.m.

Communion Circle, 4:00 p.m. | Hale House

Friday, July 26

Daily Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 27

SCYA Beach Day, Revere Beach

Sunday, July 28

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

Young Families Gathering, following

9:30 Mass | Family Flex Center

SCYA Contemplative Prayer Group, 2:00 p.m.

AUGUST FAR-FLUNG
FLOCK COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, August 4 at 4:00 p.m. ET



The Far-Flung Flock leadership team is thrilled to welcome Olivia Hastie as their August speaker. Olivia is a first-year doctoral student in Boston College's Theology department focusing on theological ethics. She earned her Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School and her Bachelor's in Religious Studies from the College of the Holy Cross. In addition to her academic pursuits, Olivia is a program associate at FutureChurch. This Cleveland-based nonprofit seeks to promote the inclusion, equality, and full participation of all people in the life of the Church. Her work at FutureChurch includes scheduling educational events, conducting research, and overseeing several projects. She spent a year managing the faith formation program at Saint Cecilia and has since become an active parishioner and a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Join us for this inspiring coffee hour to hear more about Olivia's work with FutureChurch and to connect with fellow parishioners.

If you have not registered for any online coffee hour in the past, please 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 ministry to confirm your email address.

A REQUEST FROM
CATHOLIC CHARITIES

For over 100 years, Sunset Point Camp 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 so they can 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 (the higher the SPF, the better)
- Bug spray
- Flip flops (boys/girls ages 6-15)
- Underwear (boys/girls ages 6-15)

So the next time you're out shopping or on Amazon, 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 so much!



NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Tuesday, August 6, 7:00—8:00 p.m.

(First Tuesday of the Month)

Saint Cecilia Sanctuary | Open to Everyone!

Join the Saint Cecilia Young Adults for their monthly Night of Worship and Adoration. Come find rest and healing in God's presence in the Blessed Sacrament, with praise and worship music led by the Young Adult Ministry. Please use the St. Cecilia Street entrance and ring the bell to enter. All are welcome to join us!

HELP US SEND A KID TO CAMP!

As you may know, Saint Cecilia Parish has a long-standing relationship with the Huntington YMCA and many social service programs offered in that facility. What you may not know is that the Huntington Avenue Y is the oldest in the United States and the cornerstone for the building was laid by President William Howard Taft in 1912. Through our combined donations, we would like to see if we can collect enough (\$2,500) to send one inner-city kid, aged 8 to 16, to Y camp this summer. The YMCA overnight camp in New Hampshire is a life-changing experience for those fortunate enough to attend.

To make a donation by check—in any amount—please make it payable to "YMCA of Greater Boston" and indicate in the memo line: "Summer Camp." Checks should be mailed to: Hunger and Homelessness Ministry, Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115. Thanks as always for your accustomed generosity!

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RETURNING CITIZENS MINISTRY: LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Previously known as our Prison and After Ministry, the Saint Cecilia Returning Citizens group meets every other Monday evening from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. to provide a safe, welcoming space for men transitioning back into society following prison or jail. Each meeting consists of an opportunity to discuss challenges (and wins!) and gain support, followed by a shared meal. In particular, we welcome individuals from Coolidge House (the federal release center on Huntington Avenue) and Brooke House (the state release center in the Fenway). We are looking for more men to join us, so, if you know anyone who could benefit from this group, please personally invite them to join. You can refer any questions to the Returning Citizens Ministry email address. Please remember that your quick referral could make a significant difference in someone's life!



JOIN OUR BIWEEKLY SIMEON & ANNA SENIORS GATHERING

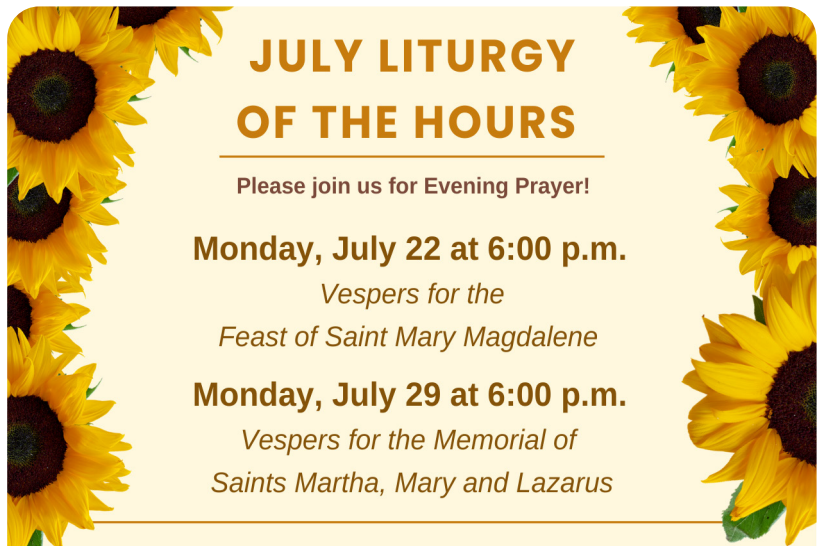
Thursday, July 25, 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Every Other Week Following

*Join us for coffee, sweets, and
conversation, followed by prayer and song!*

* The first 30 minutes are open for folks to arrive, be welcomed into the space, and for hospitality.

Where? Saint Cecilia Parish (enter through the doors on St. Cecilia St. and ring the bell to be let in).

Questions? Email Lucy Conroy
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JULY LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Please join us for Evening Prayer!

Monday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m.

*Vespers for the
Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene*

Monday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m.

*Vespers for the Memorial of
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

Live on the Saint Cecilia Facebook Page or via Zoom.

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José Jesús Chan Guzmán, *"Cargando Pilas"*, 2003, Museo de la Basílica de Guadalupe.

I would like to begin our reflection this Sunday of Ordinary Time by inviting you to admire this beautiful image: the Virgin of Guadalupe and the child Jesus, resting together, reclining among green cacti.

Imagine for a moment the peace that can be felt within this scene. It is as if, after a long walk, mother and child had decided to take a necessary rest, finding comfort and repose in the midst of nature.

This image tells us that Jesus knows the importance of rest in the comings and goings of life and prepares us to delve into the reflection of the Gospel of Mark and Psalm 23, which today speak to us precisely about the need to find moments of rest and spiritual renewal.

In the Gospel of Mark, we read:

"The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by

yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So, he began teaching them many things."

This passage offers valuable lessons for caring for our rest and ensuring our constant spiritual renewal.

First, we observe that Jesus himself recognizes the need for his disciples to withdraw and rest. In our ministries, we often find ourselves giving and giving in the hustle and bustle of life, attending to the needs of others, and often neglecting our own well-being. Jesus shows us that it is essential to find moments of quiet and rest to renew our strength. Remember, to care for others, we must first care for ourselves, and sometimes we don't even leave time to eat!

Secondly, we see how Jesus takes care of the crowd while giving his disciples time and space to rest. When he saw the crowd, "he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd." This compassion is not just a feeling of pity but a concrete action: he began teaching them many things. Jesus, with his great love for humanity and the community, makes himself present during the urgent needs of the crowd, allowing his disciples to rest.

In our daily lives and ministry, we can trust that Jesus takes care of our concerns, giving us the space to renew ourselves in his love. Resting in his love means ceasing to cling to the same answers, asking ourselves the same questions, as this indicates that we are "resting" in the pastures of our own recycled water, and that is what we share with those who come to us. But Jesus also cares for us, offering us the assurance of his presence as green pastures where our spirit can rest.

Now, let us look at this message considering Psalm 23, which says:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

he refreshes my soul."

In this beautiful psalm full of hope, we find profound aspects that strengthen our understanding of rest and renewal. Jesus invited his disciples to a solitary place to rest, and the psalm reminds us that God leads us to places of peace and renewal. It is essential to find these moments of tranquility in the presence of the sacred to renew our strength. Let us allow ourselves to rest in the green pastures and beside the quiet waters that God offers in special moments of our lives.

Sisters, reflecting on the message of Psalm 23 with the example of Jesus in the Gospel, we find a refreshing and luminous call to be compassionate shepherds and caregivers, always seeking the balance between serving others and taking care of ourselves. May Jesus, the source of quiet waters, guide us, renew us, and encourage us in our daily ministry.

Amen.

~ Yolanda Chavez, M.Div., is a member of the Ecumenical Association of Theologians of the Third World (ASETT) and an essential collaborator in the evangelizing and catechetical mission of the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education of Los Angeles as a certified Catechist Master Teacher. Yolanda holds a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, where she is currently a candidate for a doctorate in ministry focused on women's spirituality. She is a promoter of Women's Spirituality ministry in Spanish at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino, California.



VISIT OUR FAMILY FLEX CENTER!

As we gather to celebrate Mass, we are reminded of the importance of community and the shared experience of worship. However, we understand that attending Mass with young children can sometimes be challenging. That's why we encourage you to visit our Family Center, located to the left of the parish café and underneath the staircase on Saint Cecilia Street. The center is open during liturgies and provides a comfortable environment for parents with young children. Here, parents can watch Mass as their children play, and nursing mothers can enjoy a quieter, more private space. If you have any questions about the Family Center, please contact our Director of Facilities and Events, Lisa Pickering at her parish email address. Thank you!

JOIN OUR WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Our Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group holds two online gatherings each week on Zoom. They meet on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. to share how faith informs and enriches the second half of life. This group is not a book club, but their conversations are often informed by shared spiritual reading. The group's next book is *The Beatitudes of Peace* by John Dear. To request information or be added to their mailing list, email the ministry at their parish address.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you or is someone you know searching for a spiritual home? Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be Catholic? If you would like to explore Catholicism or are already Catholic but have not yet received Eucharist, we would be honored to accompany you in your journey. For more information, email Tanya Rybarczyk at her parish address, or call her at 617-536-4548 X117.

PARISH RESOURCES

Parish Office & Mailing Address

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Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Unni, Pastor
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Lisa Pickering, Director of Facilities and Events
Tanya Rybarczyk, Pastoral Associate

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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, Kathy Sanders, MD, 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!