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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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PRELUDE | Aria on a Chaconne  
Brett Maguire, *parish organist*

Joel Martinson  
(b. 1960)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an  
fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and  
dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All you who hear, Now to his tem - ple draw near.  
Have you not seen All you have need - ed has been  
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can do,  
Let the "A - men" Sound from his peo - ple a - gain!



Praise him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
Met by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
Who with his love does be - friend you.  
Glad - ly with praise we a - dore him!

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





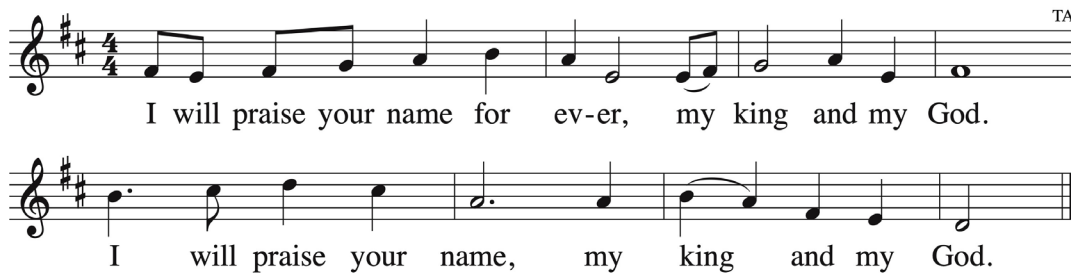
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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 145: I Will Praise Your Name

Tony Alonso



I will extol you, my God and king,  
and bless your name forever and  
ever.

I will bless you day after day,  
and praise your name forever and  
ever. R.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
How good is the LORD to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. R.

All your works shall thank you,  
O LORD,  
and all your faithful ones bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your  
reign,  
and declare your mighty deeds. R.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and holy in all his deeds.  
The LORD supports all who fall,  
and raises up all who are bowed  
down. R.

SECOND READING | Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen

1. *Cantor, then all:*

2.

3.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL | Matthew 10:37-42

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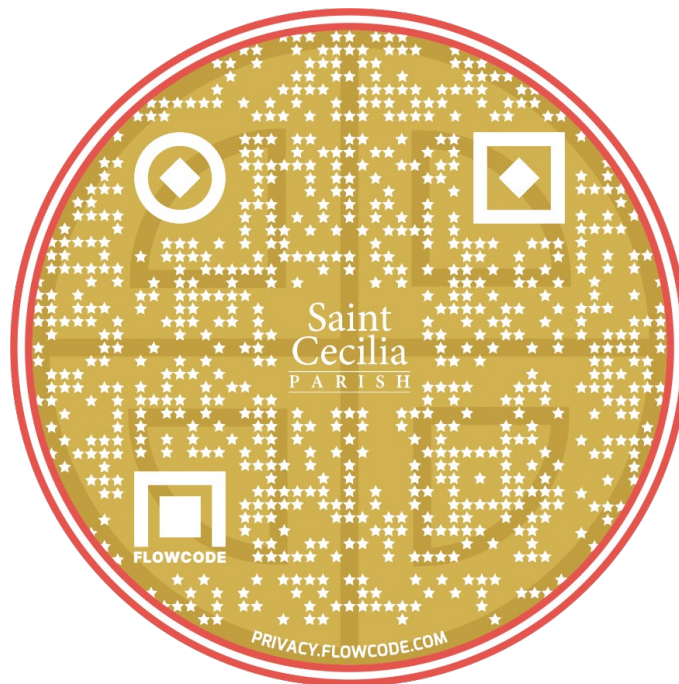
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You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish  
18 Belvidere Street  
Boston, MA 02115



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

ST. COLUMBA



1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Fill  
2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Un -  
3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, My  
4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, So



me with life a - new, That I may love the  
til my heart is pure; Un - til my will is  
will to yours in - cline, Un - til this self - ish  
shall I nev - er die, But live with you the



things you love And do what you would do.  
one with yours, To do and to en - dure.  
part of me Glows with your fire di - vine.  
per - fect life Of your e - ter - ni - ty.

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

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

GREAT AMEN | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
 thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
 Amen.





## 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.



Come to me, come to me, come when you are wea - ry;



come to me, come to me, and I will give you rest.

Verses 1, 2



1. All who la - bor and are bur - dened,  
2. Take my yoke up - on your shoul - ders,



all who la - bor and are bur - dened, let them come to me,  
take my yoke up - on your shoul - ders, come and learn from me,



come to me, and I will give them rest.  
learn from me, for I am gen - tle of heart.

D.C.

Verse 3



3. For the heart I hold is hum - ble, yes, the



heart I hold is hum - ble, and my yoke is eas - y, my



bur - den light, and you will find rest for your souls.

D.C.

Verse 4



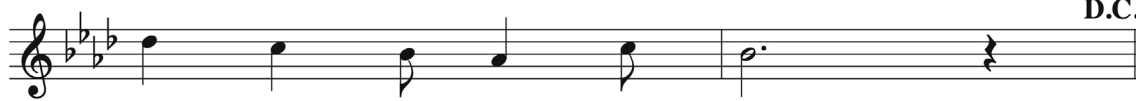
4. All the Fa - ther gives will come to me;



all the Fa - ther gives will come to me; and who -



ev - er comes to me, who - ev - er comes to me,



I will nev - er cast out.

**D.C.**

# CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL | Now Thank We All Our God

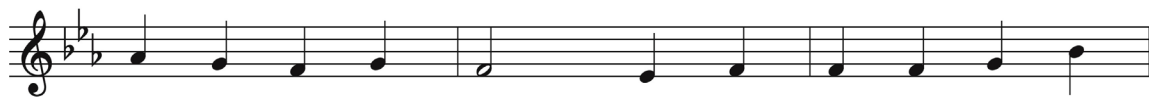
NUN DANKET ALLES GOTT



1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and  
2. O may this boun-teous God Through all our life be  
3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be



voic - es, Who won - drous things has done, In  
near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And  
giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With



whom his world re - joice - es; Who from our moth - ers'  
bless - ed peace to cheer us; Pre - serve us in his  
them in high - est heav - en— The one e - ter - nal



arms Has blessed us on our way With  
grace, And guide us in dis - tress, And  
God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore— For



count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.  
free us from all harm Till heav - en we pos - sess.  
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

POSTLUDE | Toccata from 24 *Pièces de Fantaisie*, Op. 53, no. 6  
Brett Maguire, *parish organist*

Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

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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](mailto: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 8 | 5:00 p.m.**

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant  
Catherine Horsley, lector

**Sunday, July 9 | 8:00 a.m.**

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant  
Elizabeth Fahey, lector

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

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Virgen Palermo, Natasha Bolton-Pierre, and Cole Young, lectors

**Sunday, July 9 | 11:30 a.m.**

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, Bob Mann, and Moira Macdonald, lectors

## SPECIAL INTENTION

**Sunday, July 9 | 8:00 a.m.**

John & Angelina Machado, *Memorial*

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

Bill Lawless, *2nd Anniversary*  
Pauline Yovino, *Memorial*  
Cyril D'Souza, *Memorial*  
Dorothy Ann Glotzbier, *Memorial*

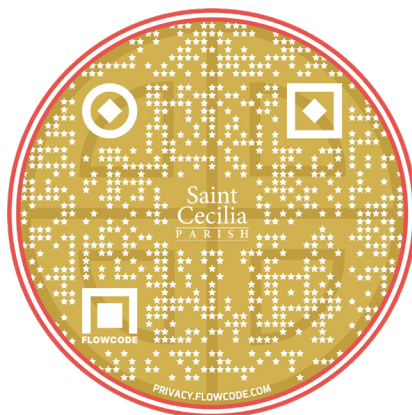
## TODAY'S READINGS

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Romans 8:9, 11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

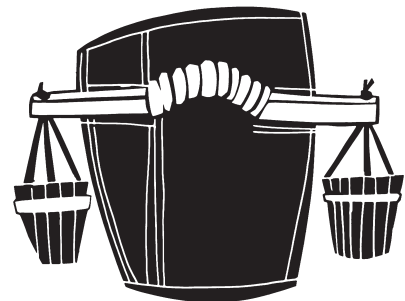
## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-11  
Romans 8:18-23  
Matthew 13:1-23

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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

—Matthew 11:28-30



# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

## Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **Elizabeth Kennedy, Jeff Hommes, Anastaja Lee, Sue Ryan, Necee Regis, Tim Finn, Glenn Gallo, Carol Tebo, John Hosang, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Rick Gaillardetz, Michele Maniscalco, Nick Hungerford, and Fred Tufts.**

## Happy Anniversary!

This week we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of **Ann Marie Turo**, who was baptized on July 12. May the Lord continue to bless her with the grace to live out her baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, Ann Marie!

## Summer Prayers

For the safety of travelers, for rest and renewal for vacationers, and for a summer filled with joy and delight, reunions with dear friends, and encounters with beautiful places, we pray!

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## JULY'S ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

**Sunday, July 9 | 4:00 p.m. ET**

*"The life of the flesh is in the blood" Lev 17:11*

July is the month traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Lord, so we thought it appropriate that the Far-Flung Flock should take this subject as its theme for its meeting on July 9. Devotion to the Precious Blood is as old as Christianity with many great saints, including Saints Peter, Paul, John Chrysostom, Thomas Aquinas, and Catherine of Siena among others, extolling its virtues and blessings. It touches on the very heart of our faith—Jesus' redemptive sacrifice. The July meeting will be led by Annette Smith, one of our FFF leadership team members, whom you may remember from her fascinating presentation on hymns and Christmas carols in December 2021. We will explore the history of this devotion, how it links the Old Testament and New Testament, the way it has been celebrated over the centuries, the spiritual truths it proclaims, and its continuing relevance to today.

**Please note:** You must register for the FFF email list with this link (<https://forms.gle/MJcBbA5eRNTJ8BQT9>), even if you registered as a parishioner. Parishioners are not automatically added to the FFF email list. Be sure to fill out the registration form correctly—some people have inadvertently omitted their email addresses, making it impossible for us to communicate with them.

## NOTABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

### July 11- Saint Benedict of Nursia

The sixth-century father of Western monasticism. We remember in prayer the Benedictine monks, nuns, and sisters who follow the Rule of Saint Benedict.

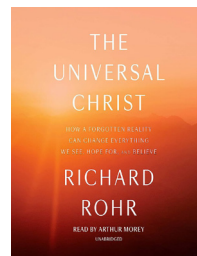
### July 14 - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Known as the Lily of the Mohawks, Patron of the environment and ecology.

### July 15 - Saint Bonaventure

Bishop and Doctor of the Church known as the Seraphic Doctor or Angelic Teacher, Minister General of the Franciscan Order.

## WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY



The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group invites you to join us in reading Richard Rohr's 2019 title, *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*. Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. "God loves things by becoming them," he writes, and Jesus's life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God—except by its own negative choice. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God, and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us, and in everyone we meet. We are always happy to welcome new members who are in the second half of life. We meet every Sunday morning at 8:30 via Zoom. On the first Sunday of the month, we also meet in person at 1:00 in the Community Room. Though our time together we deepen our spiritual lives, encounter the God who loves us deeply, create friendships, and, when moved by the Spirit, discuss social justice issues. Feel free to drop in at any time. For more information, please email Deb Garcia at [sc.wisdomandmaturespirituality@gmail.com](mailto:sc.wisdomandmaturespirituality@gmail.com).

## HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS MINISTRY: DRIVERS NEEDED



Each weekend parishioners have the opportunity to pick up donated meat, dairy products, prepared foods, and produce from four local supermarkets and deliver it to either Catholic Charities'

Haitian Multi-Service Center in Dorchester or the Huntington Y's Families in Transition program. In addition, we deliver parish donations to two Dorchester pantries: the Mary Ann Brett Pantry and the Catholic Charities pantry at the Yawkey Center. This vital ministry takes place at 8:00 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday morning and on Sundays can be completed in time to attend or watch the 9:30 a.m. parish Mass. We need drivers for all the Saturdays and Sundays in June and July. Please email [Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com](mailto:Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com) if you would like more information about how you can help.

## DONATIONS FOR DORCHESTER FOOD PANTRIES



Summer is here and many of the families that have been faithful donors to our collection of food items for the Catholic Charities and Mary Ann Brett pantries are 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 is committed to providing these items to the food pantries: Cheerios or cornflakes, 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.

## 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 that allows them to enjoy fresh air, learn new talents, receive academic summer support, and simply have fun! Sunset Point Camp is operated by our friends at Catholic Charities and they need donations of the following items for 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)**

The next time you're shopping or on Amazon.com, please consider picking up some of the above items and dropping them in the labeled plastic bins in the narthex. Thank you!

## WELCOME TO THE STAFF!

### BRETT MAGUIRE *Parish Organist*



**Brett Maguire** is an award-winning organist, conductor, recording engineer, and filmmaker based out of Worcester. As an organist, he has performed at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and with the Boston Pops under John Williams. He won both First Prize and Audience Prize

at the Biarritz International Organ Competition in France. Brett is the assistant director of the Assumption University Chorale. His company, Crow Hill Productions, provides AV solutions to classical musicians. Brett is a woodworker, spinner, sourdough baker, reader, and rock climber.

## SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT RCIA!

Did you know that most people who become Catholic through the Church's RCIA program were directly invited by co-workers, friends, or family? Do you have someone in your life who has expressed an interest in the Church, or attends Mass with you? Or do you know someone who is struggling, who might be interested in exploring a deeper relationship with God, or who is looking for the peace that comes from faith? If so, perhaps now is the time to extend an invitation! If you attend Mass at Saint Cecilia Parish, you already know we are a vibrant community where all are welcome! Tanya Rybarczyk is happy to share further information about our RCIA program. Please contact her at [trybarczyk@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:trybarczyk@stceciliaboston.org), or at 617-536-4548 x117.

## LEND YOUR TIME & TALENT WITH IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is interviewing applicants now for fall openings. IVC Service Corps Members combine direct service opportunities at local non-profits serving those in need in our communities with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve two full days/week from September through June. For more information and an application, contact IVC New England Director Dave Hinchin at [dhinchin@ivcusa.org](mailto:dhinchin@ivcusa.org).

## PINE STREET'S SUMMER INN THE CITY



Join Pine Street Inn's *Innbassadors* for 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 Wednesday, 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 until August 1. You can register for the event and purchase tickets at: <https://www.pinestreetinn.org/about-us/summer-inn-the-city>

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

### SUMMER EVENTS AT BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

#### THE 14th ANNUAL SAINT MARY OF MAGDALA CELEBRATION

This celebration of the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene begins with Mass and lunch, followed by a lecture.

##### Rereading Biblical Women

Presenter: Dr. Jaime L. Waters, Associate Professor of Old Testament, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

**Thursday, July 20, 2023 | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**St. Ignatius Church and Heights Room, Corcoran Commons, Chestnut Hill Campus | Hybrid, attend in person (space is limited) or virtually | Registration Required | Free of charge**

For further details or to register for this event, please check the STM Online: Continuing Education website: [https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education.html#tab-events\\_webinars](https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education.html#tab-events_webinars)

### ONLINE COURSES

##### Liturgy Essentials

**July 19 – August 22, 2023 | 5-Week Online Course  
Registration Required | \$60.00**

##### Teaching Religion to Adolescents

**July 19 – August 22, 2023 | 5-Week Online Course  
Registration Required | \$60.00**

##### Teaching Religion to Children: Creative Strategies and Best Practices

**July 19 – August 22, 2023 | 5-Week Online Course  
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# FAILURE IS PART OF LIFE—EVEN FOR THE CHURCH

## BY VALERIE SCHULTZ

It can take a lot of failure to get to success. When I think back on the things I failed at in my life, I see that the failures either taught me a hard (and much needed) lesson or nudged me forward on a better path. I am only able to see the good of my failures in retrospect, but I well remember the cruel disappointments. In real time, failure is harsh, bitter and debilitating.

I am thinking about failure in the context of an immediate hurting heart: my daughter, who just finished law school and graduated with honors, has failed the state bar exam. Lots of good lawyers don't pass the bar on their first attempt, as every sympathetic person in her life has told her. I imagine she might scream if one more well-wisher mentions J.F.K. Jr. to her. She's had to cry buckets of tears and chew up and swallow that hunk of humble pie, and I think I am proudest of her for signing up to take it again at the earliest next opportunity. Passing that exam will taste even sweeter after failing it.

Failure makes us want to throw in the towel, give up the dream, settle for an easier life. We take it as a sign that we are not good enough, not smart enough, not committed enough, not enough. We tried, and we failed. Now we walk away.

But maybe not always. Sometimes failure can motivate us to find a workaround. Or sometimes we need a brief rest, a small mourning period, before attacking a challenge from another angle. Sometimes we just have to admit that we need help. Take, for example, as we must, Jesus: What could be a bigger failure than your ministry ending with torture and crucifixion? "We were hoping," sighed the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus after the death of Jesus, admitting the failure of their misplaced faith. Then came the resurrection, and their hope was renewed. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, the one they had been waiting for. But it took more: It took Pentecost, the breath of the Holy Spirit, to jumpstart the church we know today.

Success for the early church did not come easily or without setbacks and sacrifice. It rarely does. And it is not like our

church hasn't known failure through the centuries, huge missteps like wars and inquisitions and corrupt popes and enslaving Indigenous peoples and burning witches alive, with the worst failure in our day being the widespread and covered-up clerical sexual abuse of children. But time has shown us that, despite our worst sinful human failings, the Holy Spirit does not fail. I sometimes think the only reason our church is still around to make an effort at enkindling love and justice in this world is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the firepower of unconditional love. The Holy Spirit will pick you up and dust you off when you have messed everything up. The Holy Spirit will bail you out of whatever jail holds you captive. The Holy Spirit will give you a second chance. And the Holy Spirit expects us to do the same for others.

My husband and I, in commiserating over our daughter's sadness at her bar exam results, found ourselves remembering the things we had each failed at, especially before we met, and we realized that, but for those failures, we might never have come across each other. That would have been a tragedy, not that we would have known it. But knowing now how close we came to stupendous failure has helped us treasure our successes—our marriage, our children, our grandchildren, our life together—and thank the Holy Spirit all the more for holding our heads up and moving us along back when we thought we were done.

Failure is a tough and grumpy teacher. The best, most impactful teachers often are. We survivors of multiple failures have to remember not to sentimentalize the very real pain and even anguish failure once brought us. While failure often turns out to be a blessing, it is more diplomatically called a lesson. My skin crawls when I hear someone say that some terrible thing is "for the best." It is—I know it is; we all know it is—but the thing itself still takes up a lot of room with its terribleness. You have to give the thing its space before it becomes manageable. You have to grieve for what might have been, for the death of your expectations. Then you have to own your failures if they are to be of any practical enlightenment.

It is trite and maybe useless for old people to assure young people that failure in the present likely paves the way to future success. "Easy for you to say," they think. "You don't know what it's like. Your time was simpler. Your life looks pretty smooth. You've never failed as badly as I have." Oh, but we have. Now we have learned to smile and pat our throats like old people do and stop dispensing what we think is wisdom. Because when we were young, we didn't listen, either. When these young people are old, their young people won't listen, either. We won't be around when they realize they are the old people now. But the Holy Spirit will be. Knowing that, trusting that, is enough for me.

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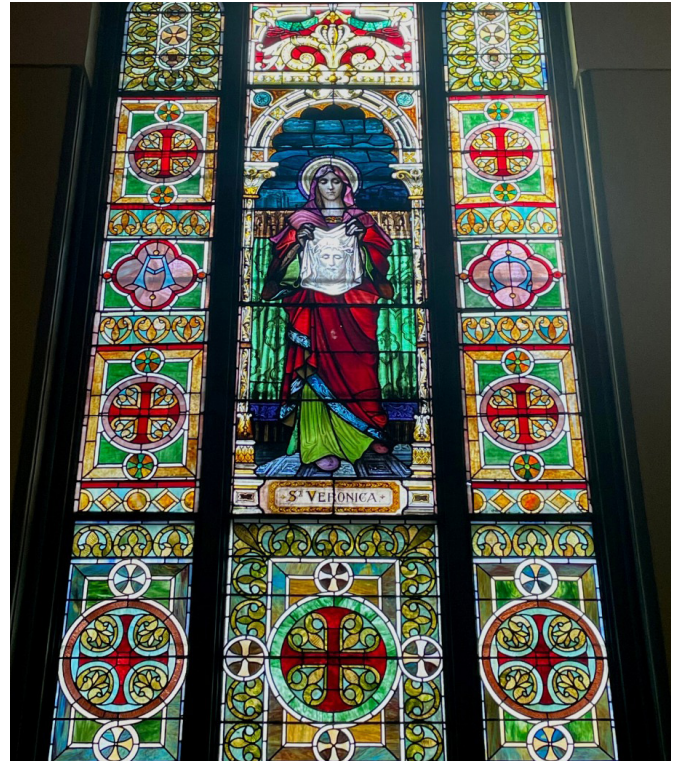
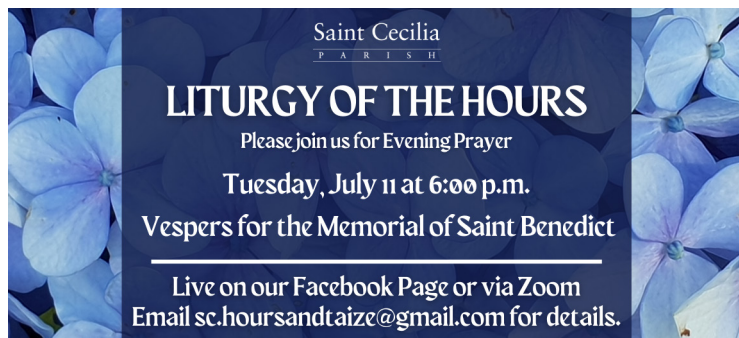


## JOIN SAINT CECILIA CARES!

*"...I was sick and you visited me..."*

*Does your heart stir at the idea of visiting the sick or elderly, but you feel nervous about what to say or how to pray? Would you like to bring the compassion and communion of Saint Cecilia Parish to those who can no longer physically attend Mass? Do you feel called to bring Christ's presence to others through the Eucharist?*

Saint Cecilia's CARES Ministry serves the sick and homebound of our Parish through friendly visits, prayer, and the Eucharist. To learn more, please contact Tanya Rybarczyk, Pastoral Associate and head of our CARES Ministry. She can be found at: [trybarczyk@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:trybarczyk@stceciliaboston.org); 617-536-4548 X117.



## SAINT VERONICA JULY 12

Stained-glass windows are a beautiful art form and ours are no exception. Our windows surround us with images of the saints, reminding us of our communion with those who have gone before us.

This week, we celebrate the feast day of Saint Veronica, whose stained glass window is on the west side of the church. Our window depicts Veronica with her eyes downcast, gazing on the cloth or veil she holds in her hands which has been imprinted with the image of Jesus' face. Veronica was a woman of Jerusalem who, upon seeing Jesus struggling with the weight of the cross as he walked to his crucifixion on Golgotha, offered him a cloth to wipe his face. When Jesus returned the cloth to Veronica she saw that it bore a portrait of his face.

In 1297, Veronica's veil was brought to Saint Peter's in Rome by order of Pope Boniface VIII. Although little is known about Veronica and she is not referenced in the canonical Gospels, her simple, quiet act of charity towards Jesus encourages us to treat those we encounter on their journeys with compassion. Veronica's encounter with Christ is commemorated in the Sixth Station of the Cross. Veronica is the patron saint of photographers and laundry workers.

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## Schedule for Liturgy

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.

Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30\*, 11:30 a.m., & 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 take advantage of 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 our Faith Formation Program, please contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Olivia Hastie, at [ohastie@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:ohastie@stceciliaboston.org).

## 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)), or Erin Young ([erin.t.young@gmail.com](mailto:erin.t.young@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.

## 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.

## 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. 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.