

Saint Cecilia

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 September 2024

Christ Carrying the Cross by Sadao Watanabe

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PRELUDE | Prelude on Rhosymedre
Brett Maguire, *organist*

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
*2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can - not re - pay;
Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown,
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



At bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.
Though small in mor - tal stat - ure to heav - en's gar - den grown.
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;
For Christ, the man from heav - en, from death has set us free,
To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry!
And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

GLORIA | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

Verse 1



1. 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.

Verse 2



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

take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our

prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. D.C.

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the

Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

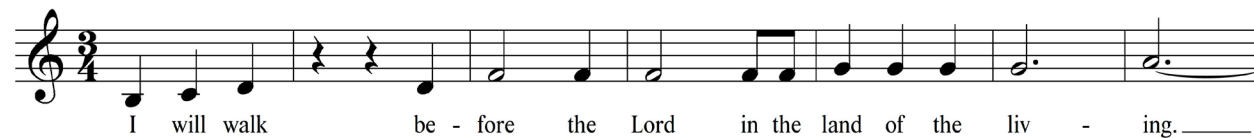
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men, a - men. D.C.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Isaiah 50: 5-9a



1. I love the Lord because he has heard my voice in supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.
2. The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the netherworld seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow, and I called upon the name of the Lord, "O Lord, save my life!"
3. Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful. The Lord keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.
4. For he has freed my soul from death; my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING | James 2: 14-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Unity Mass

Norah Duncan IV

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lent: O glo - ry to you, O Word of God,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord Je - sus Christ, Lord Je - sus Christ.

GOSPEL | Mark 8: 27-35

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

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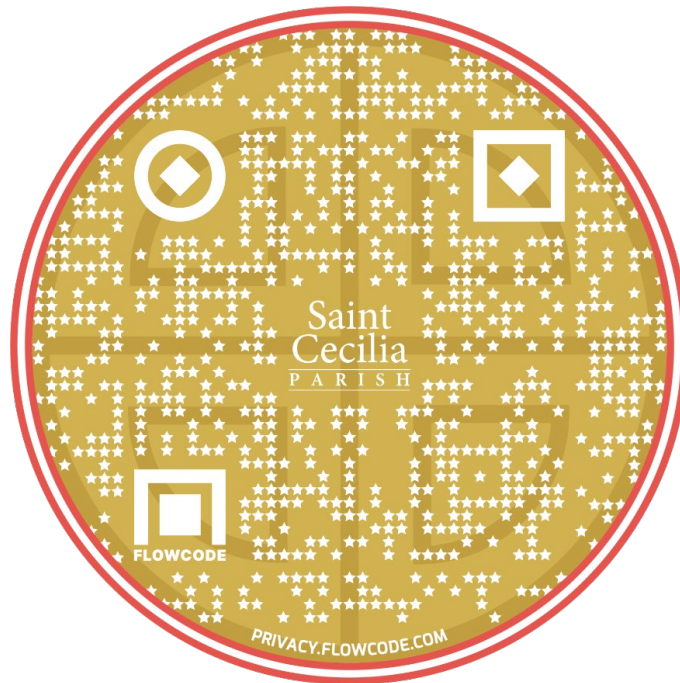
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You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Hosea

Gregory Norbet



1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,
3. You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



Don't let fear keep us a - part.
so must we to oth - ers' call. *(To refrain)*
to your heart where I will speak.
With ten - der - ness, you shall know. *(To refrain)*
faith - ful - ness will be your joy. *(To refrain)*

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

LAMB OF GOD | *Missa Pacem*

L. Randolph Babin

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is marked 'Cantor or choir:' and 'All:'. The second staff is marked 'Repeat as needed'. The third staff is marked 'Last time' and 'Cantor or choir:'. The fourth staff is marked 'All:'. The fifth staff is the final line of the piece.

Cantor or choir: *All:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
Prince of Peace,
God of Love,
Bread of Life,

Repeat as needed

world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time *Cantor or choir:*

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

All:

world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus,
I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

I love you above all things,
 and I desire to receive you into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace you as if you were already there
 and unite myself wholly to you.
 Never permit me to be separated from you.

COMMUNION | Taste and See

James E. Moore, Jr.

Refrain

The Refrain is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the'. The second line contains 'Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the'. The third line contains 'good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.' and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes with some rests.

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses

The Verses are written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. They consist of two lines of music. The first line contains three verses of lyrics: '1. I will bless the Lord at all times.', '2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.', and '3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.' The second line contains the lyrics 'Praise shall al - ways be on my lips; To - geth - er let us all praise God's name. You'll want for noth-ing if you ask.' The melody for the verses is more rhythmic than the refrain, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes, and includes a triplet in the second line.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.
 Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth-ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
 for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou-bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.

COMMUNION MEDITATION | Take Up Your Cross

Thomas Keesecker
 (b. 1956)

Take up your cross, the Savior said,
 if you would my disciple be;
 take up your cross with willing heart,
 and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight
 fill your weak spirit with alarm;
 Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
 and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
 and let your foolish pride be still;
 the Lord for you accepted death
 upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then in Christ's strength,
 and calmly every danger brave:
 it guides you to abundant life
 and leads to victory o'er the grave.

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



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



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



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



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



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

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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, September 14 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Cynthia Wanner, lector

Sunday, September 15 | 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, September 15 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Christie Hedges, Esteban Vanegas, Michael Sessions,
and Jim Offenberger, lectors

Sunday, September 15 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Virgen Palermo, Eileen Maguire, and Peter Haley, lectors

Sunday, September 15 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Nikko Mendoza, lector

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 15 | 8:00 a.m.

Philip Grayson, *Memorial*

Sunday, September 15 | 9:30 a.m.

James Skippy Rogers, *1st Anniversary*

Fred Link, *Memorial*

Valda & Attilio Iacelli, *Memorial*

Kathleen Conroy, *Memorial*

Sunday, September 15 | 11:30 a.m.

Emily Foss Christison, *Memorial*

Friday, September 20 | 8:00 a.m.

JoAnn Serpico, *Memorial*

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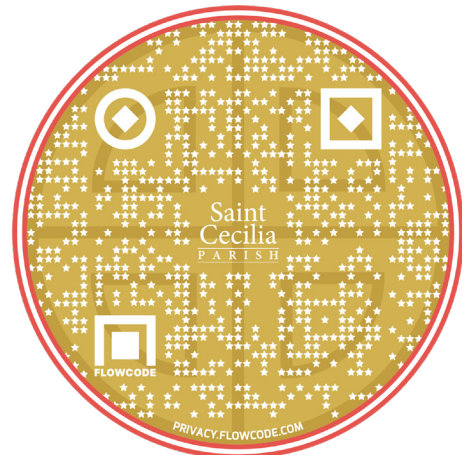


TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 50:5-9a
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16—4:3
Mark 9:30-37



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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Deceased

Larry McMenemy died on September 6. Pray for the eternal repose of his soul, as well as for the consolation of Karen and their family. Friends are invited for visiting hours on Tuesday, September 17 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the James A. Murphy & Son Funeral Home, 1020 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at Saint Cecilia on Wednesday, September 18 at 11:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Sick

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

Register for Children's Faith Formation!

In case you missed it, registration for our Children's Faith Formation classes for the coming year is now open. Space is limited for some 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.

Help Care For Those in Need

Occasionally we give gift cards to our sisters and brothers in need. We need to replenish our supply of gift cards to Shaw's Supermarket, Star Market, and MarketBasket. If you would like to help out in this way, simply purchase a gift card and place it in the collection basket at Mass, give it to a member of the staff, or mail it to the Parish Office. We are very appreciative of your help as we attempt to offer some assistance to our neighbors in need.

Andiamo! We're Going to Italy!

This is a gentle reminder for those folks who are interested in joining Father John and the Saint Cecilia Choirs (under the direction of Robert Duff) on a 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy that the time is now to register! As you may recall, we will visit Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Vatican

City. We will participate in Mass in two locations and our choir will perform at two evening concerts. While this trip will take place from June 15–23, 2025, hotel and airline contracts have to be signed on October 1, so if you would like to be part of this wonderful opportunity, you must sign up before Monday, September 30. You can learn more and register on our website at: www.stceciliaboston.org/italy/

Clergy Trust

Our second collection today will benefit the Clergy Trust which provides programs and support to care for the health and well-being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. I can tell you firsthand that knowing we have the support of the Clergy Trust allows me and my brother priests to focus more of our attention on serving God and His people. If you'd like to go online to make your donation, you may do so by scanning the QR code in the bulletin or by visiting clergytrust.org. You can also take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church to bring home and send in later. Thank you so much for your generosity.

JOIN OUR BIWEEKLY SIMEON & ANNA SENIORS GATHERING



**Thursday,
September 19
10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**
Every Other Week
Following

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

Where? Saint Cecilia Parish (enter through the doors on St. Cecilia Street and ring the bell to be let in).
Questions? Email Lucy Conroy (seniors@stceciliaboston.org)



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SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS THIS SEPTEMBER

Your gift helps care for the health and wellbeing of priests in good standing.

PIE SELLERS NEEDED!

As part of our ongoing relationship with Community Servings, we are looking for parishioners willing to assist with their annual Pie in the Sky fundraiser. Every Thanksgiving pie sold feeds a Community Servings client suffering from a life-threatening illness for one week. The delicious pies—apple, pecan, and pumpkin—are the perfect dessert for your Thanksgiving table. If you are willing to help sell pies at Saint Cecilia liturgies as well as to your friends and colleagues through emails and social media, please email Mark Lippolt at the Hunger and Homelessness email address.



JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!

We are looking for additional singers and instrumentalists to participate in music ministry at the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies, so we invite you to audition and join! Choir rehearsals take place weekly on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the church. If interested, please see our Director of Music, Rob Duff, after Mass or email him at his parish email address.



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The Season of Creation spans five weeks—from the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1) to the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). During this annual season, Christian communities come together to pray and act to protect creation while celebrating our faith in God, our Creator, and our common home.

CELEBRATING THE 2024 SEASON OF CREATION MASS

Saturday, September 14 at 1:00 p.m. | Sacred Heart Parish

You are invited to join the Boston Chapter of the Laudato Si' Movement and Bishop Mark O'Connell at Sacred Heart Parish (16 Follen Road, Lexington) on Saturday, September 14 at 1:00 p.m. Learn more about our call as Catholics to care for our Common Home and all who inhabit it. Hospitality and a program will follow the Mass. **Questions?** Please contact Jenny Jones at the Climate Justice Ministry email.

THE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

Join the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay's Homelessness Task Force for a public forum, "Increasing Housing Affordability to Reduce Street Homelessness," on October 9 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Rabb Auditorium at the Copley Square Branch of the Boston Public Library. With housing costs continuing to rise nationwide, Massachusetts is facing a particularly severe crisis, with some of the highest real estate and rental prices in the country. This forum will explore how the affordability crisis is affecting street homelessness and discuss potential solutions.

The event will feature a panel discussion moderated by Jenifer McKim of WGBH, providing key insights into how we can come together to tackle this growing issue. The forum is free and open to the public—your presence can make a difference as we work toward a more affordable and compassionate community.



IT'S ALMOST PUMPKIN TIME!

The Knitting and Crochet Ministry is excited to welcome the Far-Flung Flock to its second annual parish retreat. The group has hand-knit and crocheted a pumpkin patch for everyone's enjoyment. We invite you to join this ministry in the parish hall on Sunday, September 15 following the 9:30 Mass to take in this lovely array of pumpkins. If you'd like to take a pumpkin home, the ministry is accepting cash donations.

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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.

**IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON
JOINING US, PLEASE REGISTER
BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30!**



SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

"With exorbitant living costs, increased grocery prices, and the end of pandemic-era supports in

2023, 1 in 3 Massachusetts adults reported household food insecurity," according to the latest annual statewide study from The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB). The study estimates approximately 1.9 million adults in Massachusetts are food insecure, an increase from last year's estimated 1.8 million adults. Hunger exists in every county across the Commonwealth, with Western Massachusetts and the Boston area seeing the highest levels of food insecurity—Berkshire, Bristol, Hampden, and Suffolk Counties report over 45% of adults experiencing food insecurity in 2023.

Saint Cecilia's response to this crisis includes our support of Catholic Charities and Mary Ann Brett food pantries in Dorchester. Please consider a donation of one of the following items, which you can leave in baskets in the narthex: cornflakes or Cheerios, tomato sauce, canned tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, white flour pasta, peanut butter, cooking oil, or canned chicken breast. If you would like to donate to the Catholic Charities' food pantries, there are envelopes on the table in the narthex. Please add "Dorchester Food Pantry" to the subject line if you will be sending a check.

Painting from The Corporal Works of Mercy series by Nancy Marek Cote, currently on view in the Saint Cecilia parish hall.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

While at Saint Cecilia, children should never go to the restrooms alone. We are happy that you feel so safe here, but please remember that we are in an urban building that is quite open and has multiple entrances. For the safety of our children, please do not allow them to wander around unsupervised and please do not ever allow them to go to the restroom unaccompanied by a parent.



SAVE THE DATE: HEALTH EQUITY INTERNATIONAL 2024 CELEBRATION

The 2024 Celebration will take place on Wednesday, October 30, at Saint Cecilia Parish. This year's event will explore how HEI's work helps the people we serve find peace, safety, and health. We will also celebrate our co-founder Fr. Gerald Osterman for his lifetime of dedication and service to the organization.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or sponsorships, please visit: www.healthequityintl.org/2024celebration. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the agency at gala@haitihealth.org.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacraments of first Eucharist and Confirmation, we have the group for you!

We're holding an RCIA informational gathering on Tuesday, September 17 from 6:30—8:00 p.m. for those inquiring. Parishioners who have gone through the RCIA process in the past will be there to share their knowledge of the process and answer any questions you may have. At the first meeting you will learn more about the process and receive the year's calendar as well as a notebook with our readings. You will also be able to register at this time. Join us to see if it's the right time to begin your journey!

Questions? Please contact Pastoral Director of Operations Nicole Pascarelli-O'Brien at her parish email address.

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.

LGBT ASYLUM TASK FORCE GALA

Saturday, September 28 | 5:30 p.m.—10:30 p.m.
DCU Center in Worcester, Massachusetts

One of the Rainbow Ministry's non-profit partner agencies is the LGBT Asylum Task Force, located in Worcester. The LGBT Asylum Task Force welcomes LGBTQ people of all faith traditions from throughout the world. They provide housing, food, and connections to legal, medical, and mental resources at other local agencies. Legal asylum seekers are not allowed to work for up to 2 years after arriving in the United States. This vital ministry provides comprehensive support for the entire duration of those two years it is needed.

Their annual gala takes place on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the DCU Center in Worcester, Massachusetts. Tickets are \$125 each if purchased in August (\$140 if purchased in September) and there will be tables of eight. Purchase tickets at: <https://bit.ly/46Hbe3B>. If you plan to attend and would like to sit at the Saint Cecilia table, please email the Rainbow Ministry at their parish email address. It is also possible to purchase a ticket so an asylum seeker can attend the event.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

**BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY
SEPTEMBER ONLINE COURSES**

Christian Faith and Moral Character

**September 18 - October 22 | 5-Week Online
Course | Registration Required | \$60.00**

Liturgy Essentials

**September 18 - October 22 | 5-Week Online
Course | Registration Required | \$60.00**

Paul's Letter to the Romans

**September 18 - October 29 | 6-Week Online
Course | Registration Required | \$60.00**

For further details or to register for these events, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/crossroads/course-schedule.html#tab-september>

PYNE LECTURE ON MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

From Friends to Allies: Forming Relationships Between People With and Without Disabilities

Presenter: Thomas Murphy, PhD Candidate, Boston College Clough School of Theology and Ministry, and national staff member, L'Arche USA

**Friday, September 20 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET
Hybrid | Corcoran Commons, Heights Room,
Chestnut Hill Campus | Registration Required
Free**

For further details or to register for these events, please check the STM Online: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/featured-events.html>





In today's Gospel, Mark reminds us of what Luke calls the First Prediction of the Passion and The Conditions of Discipleship. Let's remember that in today's Gospel Jesus comes from performing the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

Jesus asked his disciples: "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Messiah of God." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. Why did he ask this? Well as John 6, 14-15 says, after he performed the miracle of the loaves and fishes: "When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.'" Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king (a conquering king who would vanquish the Romans), he withdrew again to the mountain alone. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be killed and rise after three days.

The theology of atonement lays the foundation of our church in the expiation of sin, teaching that His passion and death on the cross were necessary to pay for our sins. Since Jesus died for our sins, the Theory of Satisfaction describes that we need to pay for our sins in restitution to God. The cross is an example of these reparations in that it was used as an instrument of torture and condemnation. As a spiritual director, I like the theology of accompaniment better: If all Creation is good and God is omnipresent within us and the cosmos, then salvation is available to all creation. We are to be an inclusive church by all means and see Jesus' cross as an instrument of resurrection, redemption, mercy, and salvation.

Due to my experience working with the marginalized and those in the peripheries: Jesus's crucifixion reminds me that we are not alone while experiencing pain or suffering. It also reminds me that seeing him crucified is exactly what we should not do to other people (meaning defamation, false accusations, ostracism, violence, holocaust,

xenophobia, torture, abuse, discrimination, misogyny, bullying, the destruction of Mother Earth, you name it). The crucified Jesus reminds me to honor all those who suffer in the world and cannot raise their voices, all those who died in silence or were silenced.

As His mother Mary did, the only way to magnify the divine love is to accept our humanity, our cross, and accept our mission in God's plan. The resurrected Jesus conquered death and gave us the Holy Spirit, hope, and divine love to complete our mission.

I'm honored that Discerning Deacons invited me to join an international delegation that will travel to Rome in October to participate in the public activities of the global synod: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission. The global synodal process was initiated by Pope Francis: organizing synodal listening consultations; building bridges of friendship across our continents; and forming women and men to contribute to the renewal of a prophetic diaconate that accompanies those on the peripheries in their struggles for abundant life.

In this discernment, the Divine takes us with our virtues and defects and invites us to proclaim a liberating and inclusive Jesus. The beautiful people I have met from Discerning Decans have demonstrated their profound faith in their works! The Synod on Synodality is something truly important to the church. Pope Francis has requested to empower women in the church. It seems to me that our Pope wants to give the world the opportunity to see how amazing and important the presence of women really is, but very cautiously. We have a beautiful Church with enriched teachings.

We need a church that accepts my atheist friend without judgment but embraces him...at the end of the day, he does more charitable work than many around him. A church that accepts the homeless that today recognizes me and wants to study the bible with me and tomorrow he doesn't even know who I am.

Let's remember that the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. Let us take our humanity, our cross, to build a church where we can bloom together to serve the needs of the people of God. A church that is a torrent of continuous love, forgiveness, and mercy.

A church that sees women's desire for equality not as a threat, but as a matter of restorative justice: A synodal Church that encourages reciprocity and co-responsibility among all the baptized!

Jesus feeds us with bread, then with His flesh. He is present within us in the Holy Communion. He nourishes us all with the Divine love. The Divine love that we all can also give to all creation.

If we are committed to fulfilling the cosmic mission of the church and its universal redemption, we will get the job done according to Jesus' desire!

Could you imagine how many Christs and Christas would be in the world spreading God's love to the ends of the earth? Let us not judge each day by the harvest we reap but by the seeds we plant. In holy patience but being active beyond the barricades, taking the front line in Jesus's Holy name!

~ Zulma "Zully" Tellez is a Hispanic Mexican-American woman with Sephardic roots. She is a certified Spiritual Director by Mercy Center and Master Catechist from the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The Archdiocese has recognized her for over 15 years of catechetical service to adults. Currently, Zulma is a DRE leading RCIA, Bible study, and prayer groups at St. Boniface Parish in San Francisco's Tenderloin district.

Her ministries are rooted in Franciscan spirituality and focus on working alongside the Franciscan Friars in St. Boniface Church—a multicultural parish where she provides Pastoral Care for the Hispanic Community. Zulma's volunteering experience as a chaplain, facilitator for liturgical training, leading retreats, and healing prayer for the sick and the terminally ill continues to bring her immense joy and love for the scriptures.

Zulma earned a bachelor of science in industrial design and has accumulated numerous certificates in theology including Catholic Restorative Justice at the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries from Santa Clara University. She studied Exorcism and Prayer of Liberation in the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome.

A significant part of her ministry involves serving marginalized communities. In 2017, the City of San Francisco granted her a Certificate of Honor for serving people experiencing homelessness. In addition, she was appointed delegate of the "V Encuentro" in San Francisco and recently appointed delegate of the Discerning Deacons pilgrimage to Rome for the opening week of the Global Synod on Communion, Participation and Mission 2024. Discerning Deacons is an organization aimed at engaging Catholics in the active discernment about expanding women's leadership roles in the Church, specifically restoring women to the diaconate. Zulma joined Fr.

Emiliano Tardif's ministries in Mexico in 1998 recalling, "I remember chatting with Fr. Emiliano, saying, 'I just want to see how a saint works.' He replied, 'Oh no, no! Jesus does all that!'" Now, Fr. Tardif is in the process of canonization.

Zulma introduced the Rosary of Liberation to the Hispanic Community of St. Peter's Parish in San Francisco in 2004 (written by Fr. Moises Larraga Medellin). Her video praying the "Rosario de Liberación" in Spanish has garnered over a million views and hundreds of testimonies on a non-profit channel.

Her passion lies in evangelization, providing Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound, and cherishes her ministry for the homeless, nonbelievers, and atheists. Her goal is to support and appreciate women's leadership, to invite all to the table, caring for God's creation as a whole, and to fulfill the cosmic mission of the church.

JOIN OUR WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group holds two online gatherings each week on Zoom. We 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 ways faith informs and enriches the second half of life. They're not a book club, but their conversations are often informed by shared spiritual reading. Their next book is "When the Trees Say Nothing," a collection of Thomas Merton's nature writings edited by Kathleen Deignan. To request information about meetings or to be added to the Wisdom mailing list, please email the ministry at their parish address.



PARISH RESOURCES

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Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Unni, Pastor
Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ, Pastoral Support
Mark Donohoe, Pastoral Associate
Robert Duff, Director of Music
Joe Ebbert, Director of Emerging Adult Ministries
Carly-Anne Gannon, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation
Scott MacDonald, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility
Colleen Melaugh, Director of Finance and Development
Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien, Pastoral Director of Operations
Lisa Pickering, Director of Facilities and Events

Assisting Clergy

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV

Music Ministry

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

Audiovisual Support

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