



***In Person Liturgy with Live Broadcast on Zoom
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 9, 2025***

Everyone is welcome to join us in person at St. John's or on Zoom
06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Zoom meeting opens at 6:00 PM.

Link is at the end of the announcements. When you log on for Liturgy, you will be placed in a waiting room, please log on before liturgy and make sure your name is associated at login to make sure you are in the room as liturgy begins. We will not admit anyone who has a cryptic identification for the safety of the broadcast.

Zoom Instructions and Preparation

- Before signing into Zoom liturgy, kindly type your name and where you're joining us from in your caption.
- Please be prepared to share Eucharist with us.
- We invite everyone to have bread and wine / grape juice present if you are able to and feel comfortable doing so. We are called to share in the priesthood of all believers in this Eucharistic celebration.
- Bread recipes are available on our [website Liturgy page](#).
- Mute mic and chat functions help to optimize your experience during the liturgy.

Dignity/New York gathers proudly as a faith community of Lesbian, gGay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Straight Catholics and our friends. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We welcome all to our liturgies regardless of their faith tradition, and all are invited to share in the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion. Our community has both ordained and lay presiders whom we have called forth to lead us during our liturgies.

As a progressive and inclusive Catholic community, we use gender-inclusive language. For example, you will notice that we use "All-loving God" instead of "Our Father" when reciting the Greatest Prayer. We make our best efforts to change our hymnals and printed materials as necessary, but they do not always reflect our use of gender-inclusive language. Please feel free to change any non-inclusive language as you prefer.

Also in the interest of inclusivity, our community has intentionally chosen to use the language of the Mass prior to the revision of the Roman Missal in 2011.

Presider: Danny Larkin
Homilist: Danny Larkin
First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
Eucharistic Prayer: #Community

ORDER OF LITURGY

WELCOME:

GATHERING SONG & PROCESSION: Two Fisherman

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GC 688

1. Two fishermen, who lived along
The Sea of Galilee,
Stood by the shore to cast their nets
Into an ageless sea.
Now Jesus watched them from afar
Then called them each by name;
It changed their lives, these simple men;
They'd never be the same.
Leave all things you have
And come and follow me,
And come and follow me.
2. And as he walked along the shore
'Twas James and John he'd find,
And these two sons of Zebedee
Would leave their boats behind.
Their work and all they held so dear
They left beside their nets.
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called;
They came without regret.
Leave all things you have...
3. O Simon Peter, Andrew, James
And John beloved one,
You heard Christ's call to speak good news
Revealed to God's own Son.
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene
Who traveled with your Lord,
You ministered to him with joy
For he is God adored.
Leave all things you have...
4. And you, good Christians, one and all
Who'd follow Jesus' way,
Come leave behind what keeps you bound
To trappings of our day,
And listen as he calls your name
To come and follow near,

For still he speaks in varied ways
To those his call will hear.
Leave all things you have...

Text: Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927, 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING:

RESPONSORIAL Psalm 138: God, Your Love is Eternal

GC 133

God, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I give thanks to you, O ,
with all my heart, with all my soul.
I will sing your praise with the angels.
I will worship in your temple.

God, your love is eternal...

2. I give thanks to your holy name,
for all your kindness and your truth.
When I called, you answered me,
and you built up strength within me.

God, your love is eternal...

3. The Lord God is exalted, yet he sees you, he sees me.
And his kindness endures for ever,
O forsake not the work of your hands.

God, your love is eternal...

Text: Psalm 138:1-2, 3, 7; Roy James Stewart, 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. 1969, ICEL

SECOND READING:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia*

GC 258

GOSPEL:

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

HEALING SERVICE:

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY: *Strengthen us, O God.*

1. Will you come and follow me If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer In you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you And never be the same.
In your company I'll go Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow In you and you in me.

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PREPARATION PRAYER:**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

ALL: Preface Acclamation: *Holy, Holy*

GC 228

God of power and tenderness, we praise you through your Son, Christ Jesus, who comes in your name.

Jesus is the Word that brings salvation, the hand you stretch out to sinners, the way that leads to your peace.

Eternal God, we had wandered far from you, but through your beloved One, you have brought us back. You gave him up to death so that we might turn to you and find our way to one another. And so we celebrate the reconciliation Christ has gained for us.



We ask you to sanctify these gifts by the power of your Spirit, as we now fulfill Jesus' command.

While he was at supper on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread into his hands and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to the disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you. **(PAUSE)**

At the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup and giving thanks to you, said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me. **(PAUSE)**

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Memorial Acclamation:

GC 230

Eternal God, your only One has entrusted to us this pledge of love. We celebrate the memory of Jesus' death and resurrection and bring you the gift you have given us, the sacrifice of reconciliation.

Fill us with the Spirit through our sharing in this meal. May the Spirit take away all that divides us. May this Spirit keep us always in communion with our pope, our bishops, the leaders of our community, and the people of God everywhere. Make your church throughout the world a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace.

You have gathered us here around the table of our Savior, in communion with Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints and all those who have gone before us in faith. In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, every language, and every way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus our Savior.

Eucharistic Doxology And Amen

GC 168

Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours All-loving (Almighty) God, for ever and ever.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen!

THE GREATEST PRAYER:

GC 183

(please begin "Our Ever-loving God, who art in Heaven...")

THE PEACE:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: *Lamb of God*

GC 232

COMMUNION: *Everyone is welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

COMMUNION HYMN: Be Not Afraid

GC 608

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me,
and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

To Refrain

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

To Refrain

Text: Isaiah 43:2–3, Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943

Tune: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; acc. by Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915–1992

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

SONG OF SENDING FORTH: Guide My Feet

GC 707

1. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

2. Hold my hand while I run this race, Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
3. Stand by me while I run this race, Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
4. I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
5. Search my heart while I run this race, Search my heart while I run this race,
Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
6. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Text: African-American spiritual

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Announcements and Acknowledgements

We encourage those who are Zoom to stay on after the closing song to chat. Those at St. John's, please bring hymn book and any extra papers to the sacristy please exit through the common room.

Serve on the DignityUSA Board!

Nominations for serving on the DignityUSA Board for the October 2025 - September 2027 term will open in February. Now's the time to prayerfully consider how your gifts could serve our mission!

Bernárd Lynch was awarded the Freedom of the City of London on Friday, January 17. Bernárd is a longtime supporter and friend of DignityUSA and was recognized for his work as an LGBTQIA+ and HIV activist. Learn more about Bernárd and his advocacy at Raidió Teilifís Éireann.

[Listen Here](#)

Please help Sandy Thezan reach her fundraising goal of \$2,800 for the Special Olympics NY's ave you looked at all the announcements about DignityUSA's 2025 conference and wondered: 2025 Polar Plunge on Saturday, February 15th, 2025. The Polar Plunge donations will support NY Special Olympics athletic training.

The link to donate: <http://events.nyso.org/goto/2025SandyThezan>

If you would like to donate by check, please make your check payable to "Special Olympics NY," Memo: "Sandy Thezan" and mail the check to: 6 Anthony Drive; Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

If you have any further questions, please email sthezan@optimum.net or call (845) 240-1202.
“I appreciate your help in advance. No amount is too big or too small.
My best regards, Sandy Thezan”

DignityUSA Issue Letter in Response to USCCB Statement Reacting to Executive Orders

We are writing on behalf of DignityUSA in response to the January 22, 2025 statement of Archbishop Broglio reacting to the first wave of executive orders issued by President Trump on Inauguration Day.

We appreciate and applaud USCCB’s statement that many of these decrees “are deeply troubling and will have negative consequences, many of which will harm the most vulnerable among us.” We also appreciate the hope that “the leadership of our Country will reconsider those actions which disregard not only the human dignity of a few, but of us all.”

We, too, are deeply concerned about the impact of national policies which further destabilize the lives of those who may be most vulnerable among us. As an organization, DignityUSA, our local communities, and our members have long understood that harm to any member(s) of our community damages the entire body.

[Read the Full Letter](#)

Things You Can Do to Make a Difference

Given many discussions with our members who are looking for positive ways to meet these unprecedented moments, we are adding a new feature to Dateline. In this and upcoming issues, we'll share things that our members say they are finding helpful. Let us know what you're doing to take care of yourself, and to take a stand against harmful policies and actions at info@dignityusa.org.

In this issue, we have two suggestions:

5 Calls provides an easy way to take action on the political issues most important to you. They help you connect with your legislators and other public officials and provide talking points you can use in making the calls.

The nonpartisan anti-corruption nonprofit RepresentUS says: "...emails and petitions are incredibly helpful, but they're not as powerful as a phone call. While emails and letters might get lost in the masses, a phone call has a higher chance of making it to your lawmaker. Even if it's just an intern taking calls, a large volume of calls about one issue can make it clear just how much constituent support a policy has." [Read more.](#)

Engage at 5 Calls

Linda Piecynski, a former DignityUSA Board member and longtime member of Dignity Chicago, suggests the **Pinta Pride Card Campaign**. This initiative involves building community by sending greeting cards to LGBTQIA+ people who may be isolated or fearful.

Linda says, "After the election, I decided that my response had to be grounded in gospel principles. When I read about the Pinta Pride Project Card Campaign for the LGBTQ community, my first thought was, I can do that, so I wrote holiday cards to a number of recipients.

The writers I meet are the same kind of people who support DignityUSA, and I feel I am putting some joy into the world that has turned so dark."

Card Campaign Info

Celebrating Black History Month



DignityUSA continues to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of our Black siblings during this Black History Month.

We would like to share this wisdom from Dr. Paula S. Langford at the [Black Catholic Messenger](#). Dr. Langford shares strategies for navigating these times we find ourselves in:

[Say 'Amen': A guide for self-care in a perilous age](#)

We'd also like to share Berklee College of Music's a capella rendition of the Black National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing".



From the [NAACP](#):

Often referred to as "The Black National Anthem," *Lift Every Voice and Sing* was a hymn written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson in 1900. His brother, John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954), composed the music for the lyrics. A choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where James Weldon Johnson was principal, first performed the song in public in Jacksonville, Florida to celebrate President Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

At the turn of the 20th century, Johnson's lyrics eloquently captured the solemn yet hopeful appeal for the liberty of Black Americans. Set against the religious invocation of God and the promise of freedom, the song was later adopted by NAACP and prominently used as a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

It is up to all of us to lift up our Black, Brown and Indigenous siblings during this trying time. Their priceless gifts have enriched this country and helped create a better world for

DignityUSA Re-affirms Support for Nonbinary and Transgender People

Within an hour of taking the Oath of Office of President on January 20, President Trump announced he would be signing an executive order making it national policy to recognize only two genders. He fulfilled this promise later the same day. The executive order is sweeping, directing federal agencies to return "biological truth to the federal government," and barring access to facilities like domestic violence shelters, migrant housing, and prisons based on gender identity. It will remove the "X" option for gender on passports and other federal documents.

DignityUSA states, "It is clear that the Administration is using widespread misunderstanding of and disinformation about transgender and nonbinary people to foster division and fear. This is potentially very harmful to many already vulnerable individuals and communities. DignityUSA stands firmly with people of all genders, gender identities, and gender expressions. We welcome you in our worshipping communities, we pledge our support, and we denounce all efforts to deny your realities. We believe that nonbinary and

transgender people reflect the amazing, expansive, and humbling creativity of a God of boundless love. We urge all people of goodwill to stand against every attempt to restrict the human rights of gender-diverse people.”

Dignity Young Adults Retreat

We still have a couple spaces available for the retreat but space is limited. You will be added to a waitlist once we have reached 10 registrants. If you have any questions, please reach out to the DYAC team at dyacteam@dignityusa.org.

2024 Membership Meeting Now Streaming

Thanks to all who attended our Membership Meeting. The DignityUSA Membership Meeting provided an opportunity for members and friends of DignityUSA to hear a report on the programmatic and fiscal accomplishments and challenges of FY 2024 (Oct. 1, 2023 - Sept. 30, 2024). Members also had the opportunity to ask questions of Board members and to share ideas

[Watch Now](#)

DignityUSA at the Synod Now Streaming

Hear a report from Secretary Sam Albano and Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke about their work on behalf of DignityUSA during the recent Synod Assembly in Rome. They share their experiences and answer questions. This event was recorded on November 25, 2024.

[Watch Now](#)

Tax Letters

Tax letters to those who donated at least \$250 during 2024 will be mailed out by January 13. If you don't receive yours or notice any discrepancies, please contact operations@dignityusa.org.

Liturgy Committee meets on the second Monday at 7:30 pm on Zoom. No meeting in August. All are welcome. The Liturgy Committee is looking for more committee members. Meeting ID: 952 513 812 Passcode: 998088

We are recruiting a few more people for the Liturgy Committee. The monthly meeting has been the second Monday lasting about 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours. Prior knowledge of liturgy is helpful but not necessary. We would train and/or point you to materials that will help you. Other responsibilities may include certain liturgies have a liturgy committee present as the behind the scenes person and helping to put together liturgy materials for weekly liturgy in print and online. See Lewis if interested.

Steering Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm on Zoom.No meeting in August. All are welcome. Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226 Passcode: 69737

The Gay Rights Bill digital exhibit has launched on the LaGuardia & Wagner Archives website. 25 people were interviewed for the project, which includes 100+ clips from the oral histories. The exhibit is divided into ten themes and oral histories discussing Dignity's role in the Bill are included in the "Religion" section.

https://www.laguadiawagnerarchive.lagcc.cuny.edu/EdPrograms/LGBTQ_Exhibits.aspx?Exhibit=1986-Gay-Rights-Bill

You can now donate to Dignity New York Inc .through Zelle.
Use the Dignity New York Inc with treasurer@dignityny.org as the correct to send donations. Include your name and reasons for the donation in the email line. Suggestion: to ensure that you set everything up accurately, do a test by sending \$1.00.



Zelle

For those who are unable to watch Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke's keynote "Learning from Dignity: 50 Years of Ministry with LGBTQ Catholics" at the Outreach Conference you can click the link below.

[Watch Keynote](#)

Support Transgender and nonbinary people by going to DignityUSA.org to sign the beloved by God Declaration. Take a moment to look up transgender history, make a donation, honor a transgender person today.

Please check the **DignityNY YouTube** page for Sunday Gospel and Homilies.

Volunteering at Liturgies

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for our liturgy: help open and close the church, reader, Eucharistic minister, coordinator, sacristan or tech person, we are always looking for volunteers. Please let Larry Caputo or Lewis Speaks-Tanner know you are interested. Volunteer@dignityny.org

THE CHOIR is seeking new members. Speak to our Choir Director, **Norine**, if interested. • Auditions and Choir Practice will be in the choir loft at St. John's ½ hour before liturgy.

Come to the Table: Catholic Worship for All - **3rd Sunday** of the month • **10:30 am to 12 Noon**. For more information, email **Patricia Russell** at ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org

DefendersUSA Leather & Kink caucus, meets the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom at 8:30 pm ET. Talk to Lewis Speaks-Tanner or Tom McLoughlin for more details.

For Pride and all year long, take a look at Sean Collins' webpage, [Legends of Pride](#)

The Trevor Project

Crisis intervention and mental health services for those ages 13-24

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

Crisis hotline: 866-488-7386 (for those ages 13-24)

Trans Lifeline (US) 877 565-8860 www.translifeline.org

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

24/7 hotline, staffed by trained individuals, for those in suicidal crisis or emotional distress

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Crisis hotline: 800-273-TALK (8255); 888-628-9454 (en español)

The Dignity/New York community enjoys and values your company in the celebration of our liturgy each week. Donations to Dignity/New York can be made by using the “Donate Now” located on our website or use the link below:

<https://dignityusa.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate>

We encourage to become a member of DignityUSA (and Dignity/New York). By joining, you increase DignityUSA’s voice. <https://dignityusa.app.neoncrm.com/forms/membership>

For more information about DignityNY or to view our **calendar**, visit our website **home page** at

<https://dignityny.org/>

To join our electronic announcements (e-Bulletin) list, send an e mail dny@dignityny.org, or use the link on our home page.

To submit items for consideration for distribution via our electronic announcements postings, send them to dignitynewyork@gmail.com

Friend us on **Facebook:** [Dignity New York](#) ; **Threads:** [dignity_ny](#); **Instagram:** [dignity_ny](#)

DIGNITY/NEW YORK IS A SAFE SPACE. Feel free to greet those around you and to social, remembering to respect every person’s comfort level. If anyone breaches your comfort level, please let a member of the Steering Committee know..

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AT LITURGY. In keeping with our Safe Space policy, Dignity/New York is a place where privacy is respected. Our policy of many years is that the taking of photos or videos during liturgy or the social is not allowed without permission being given in advance by the Steering Committee. In these cases, the community will be notified in advance, and will be told where and when cameras will and will not be allowed to shoot. Personal or small group photos should be taken or posted to social media only with the permission of each person involved.

The link to join the meeting is

<https://zoom.us/j/231599312?pwd=bHJMT1NZOEtERE1oOTQwdS84NU45Zz09>

You will be put into a waiting room. Please join before liturgy begins so that you can participate.

For those joining by phone or through an app, you will need meeting ID and password:

Meeting ID: 231 599 312 Password: 333 333

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Caption

Submit a Conference Theme Reflection Video by May 15

For the 2025 DignityUSA Conference in Ohio this July, we are working on a series of videos reflecting on the theme of the conference, "We Are God's People. Here. Now. Always." We are inviting you to participate, by recording a video of your reflection(s) on the theme of the conference.

The reflections should be brief--less than two minutes, and focus on what Dignity means to you and/or your community. They can reflect on the whole theme of the conference, or on the specific pieces of the theme, "God's People," "Here," "Now," and "Always." The videos should be recorded in landscape format as opposed to portrait format (framed horizontally rather than vertically), with a relatively neutral background.

Please note that submissions may be used in whole or part, and that submitting something does not guarantee use during the conference. Also note that in submitting a video, you are giving DignityUSA permission to use all or part of your submission for the conference, and in the conference livestream.

Please send the videos to Tom Yates at tyates02.ty@gmail.com by May 15. Feel free to contact Tom if you have any questions at the same email address.

