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### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

### EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

En aquel tiempo, Juan predicaba diciendo: "Ya viene detrás de mí uno que es más poderoso que yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera inclinarme para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo". - Mc 1, 7-8

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## THIS WEEK AT MQOA:

03-04

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY

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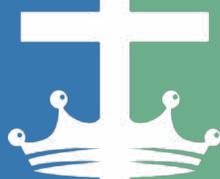
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SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

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CONNECT AND GROW



# 02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



As we conclude the Christmas season, we are mindful of the ongoing difficulties the pandemic brings us. I want to again give thanks to our staff, leadership team, and volunteers who have been helping each week during this pandemic. Everyone is careful while at the same time trying to be helpful and welcoming. We have continued to carefully welcome newborns at baptisms, funerals (with limited numbers of guests), and even the occasional wedding (again, with a limited number of guests) for our "new normal." I have grown to like the phrase. Although I long for a regular Mass with music and everyone gathered feeling safe, I am also keenly aware that now is probably not the time.

This Christmas season has been like no other. Different, even strange... but memorable. We had a great outdoor concert in December and a wonderful Christmas Eve Mass in the parking lot. I am convinced that all this sacrifice will one day make sense to all of us. As we

return to Ordinary Time and begin a journey towards Lent and Easter, I am strengthened by the determination of the staff and many volunteers who are organizing online Alpha and Beta groups, the Marriage Course, preparation for First Confessions, the unique ways we now do Masses, and online one-on-one meetings. The staff has figured out a schedule that allows us to all come and do our office work while not having too many in the office at one time, or has been working from home, and all of us have been zooming from different areas in our homes to give virtual tours. This is our ordinary work that we are trying to do in this extraordinary time, and we do all this knowing that this is our mission: to go out to the whole world to proclaim the Gospel.

Today, we hear the explanation that Jesus could do all the good He did because God was with Him (Acts 10:38). That is our belief also and the reason why even in these challenging times, we must be people who go about doing good; healing, proclaiming the Gospel, and inviting all to know Jesus Christ. This may be Ordinary Time, but

this is no ordinary time. In 2021, we will do ordinary things; welcome, prayer, celebration and worship, teaching, formation...and, with God's help, make extraordinary things happen.

*Peace,  
Father Murray*

Building News. We are waiting for an estimate for some painting in the sanctuaries at IC and St. James. While most people are staying away from the buildings, we have opportunities to upgrade some lighting and to paint areas in need of restoration and repair, without having to worry about the scaffolding or ladders. We are using funds from a generous bequest to defray these maintenance costs. We have also paid off two debts and paid down others that are many years old. As we always do when we receive large donations, we have tithed some money to St. Vincent de Paul, Lifebridge, and the Salem Food Pantry. All three are local organizations that help the disadvantaged and homeless.

## PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Offices: 158 Federal St. Salem, MA 01970 | 978-745-9060 |

This office is not open at this time.  
Please call to make an appointment.



### ST. JAMES CHURCH

156 Federal St. Salem, MA 01970

Conference Room:

158 Federal St.

Rear Hall: enter from rear parking



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# UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY 03

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! A medida que llegamos al final de la temporada navideña, somos conscientes de las continuas dificultades que nos trae la pandemia. Primero, quiero agradecer nuevamente a nuestro personal, equipo de liderazgo y voluntarios que han estado ayudando cada semana durante esta pandemia. Todo el mundo es cuidadoso y al mismo tiempo trata de ser útil y acogedor. Continuamos dando la bienvenida a padres y recién nacidos, funerales con números limitados de asistentes e incluso bodas ocasionales con un número limitado de invitados. Cada semana, Steven o alguien comienza la misa explicando las prácticas de nuestra "nueva normalidad". Me ha gustado la frase y, aunque anhelo una misa regular con música y que todos se sientan lo suficientemente seguros como para reunirse, también soy muy consciente de que probablemente ahora no sea el momento. Al escuchar a los expertos hablar sobre este momento a medida que la gente regresa de sus viajes de vacaciones, tendremos que ser más conscientes de cómo y cuándo nos reunimos. Estoy escribiendo este boletín un poco antes y una vez más estamos siendo cuidadosos y cancelando algunas reuniones debido a un susto de COVID cerca de nosotros como personal. Esta semana me voy a hacer una prueba y supongo que todo estará bien (Juliana de Norwich), pero también sé que esta es nuestra nueva normalidad.

Esta semana también marca el final de la temporada navideña. Ha sido memorable porque los únicos recuerdos son de pequeñas cosas o nuevas prácticas extrañas. Tuvimos un buen concierto al aire libre en diciembre y una gran misa de Nochebuena en el estacionamiento. Estoy convencido de que todo este sacrificio algún día tendrá sentido para todos nosotros. Al volver al tiempo ordinario y comenzar un viaje hacia la Cuaresma y la Pascua, me fortalece la determinación del personal y muchos voluntarios que están organizando grupos Alpha y Beta en línea, un curso de enriquecimiento matrimonial, preparación para las Primeras Confesiones y las misas habituales, y reuniones individuales en línea. El personal ha ideado un horario que nos permite venir y hacer nuestro trabajo de oficina sin que haya demasiadas personas en la oficina a la vez y todos hemos estado haciendo zoom desde diferentes áreas de nuestros hogares para ofrecer recorridos virtuales. Este es nuestro trabajo ordinario que estamos tratando de hacer en este tiempo extraordinario y hacemos todo esto sabiendo que esta es nuestra misión, salir al mundo entero a proclamar el Evangelio. Hoy escuchamos la explicación de que Jesús podía hacer todo el bien que hizo porque Dios estaba con él. (Hechos 10:38) Esa es también nuestra creencia, y la razón por la que incluso en estos tiempos difíciles debemos ser personas que anden haciendo el bien, sanando, proclamando el Evangelio e

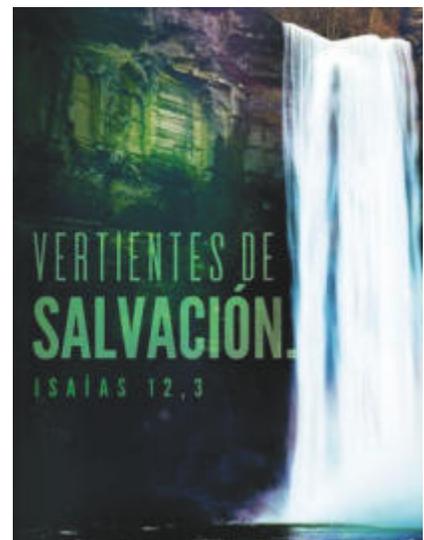
invitando a todos a conocer a Jesucristo. Este es un tiempo normal para nosotros, no es en circunstancias normales, pero es nuestra tarea. Creo que este es el año para que sigamos siendo personas que hacen lo cotidiano, acogen, rezan, celebran y adoran, enseñan, forman; todas las prácticas que provocan que sucedan cosas extraordinarias.

*Paz, Padre Murray*

Noticias del edificio. Estamos esperando un presupuesto para pintar en los santuarios de IC y St. James. Este tiempo sin gente en los edificios nos ha brindado la oportunidad de actualizar algunas áreas de iluminación y pintura que se han deteriorado como resultado del calor y frío en las superficies de las paredes durante la temporada de calefacción, sin tener que preocuparnos por los andamios o escaleras. El dinero proviene de un legado que hemos recibido. También hemos saldado dos deudas y pagado algunas deudas que han estado aquí durante muchos años. Además, hemos asignado algo de dinero a St. Vincent de Paul, Lifebridge y Salem Food Pantry. Las tres son organizaciones locales que ayudan a las personas desfavorecidas y sin hogar.

## *Scripture for the week of January 10, 2021*

10	SUN	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
11	Mon	Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
12	Tue	Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
13	Wed	Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
14	Thu	Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
15	Fri	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
16	Sat	Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
17	SUN	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



# 04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

## MQOA THIS WEEK In-Person/Online

### SATURDAY

Mass, 4:00 PM Online

### SUNDAY

Mass, 8:30 AM\*\*  
St. James Hall  
Online & In-Person

Mass, 11:30 AM \*\*  
Immaculate Hall  
Online & In-Person  
en español

Mass, 6:00 PM \*\*  
Immaculate Hall  
Online & In-Person

\*\*Listen in your car  
from the church parking lot  
on 88.1 FM

### MONDAY

Online message from  
Fr. Murray  
9:00 AM, en español

### TUESDAY

Weekday Mass  
Online at 9 :00 AM

### DAILY

Updates and inspiration  
on our FB page:  
facebook.com/MQOASalem

**GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE**  
(as of 1-4-20)

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**Our Goal: \$45,000**

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### ONLINE MASSES/ POSTS

Mass, Father Murray's Monday message in Spanish, and "This Week @ MQOA" can be viewed via our Facebook page: [facebook.com/mqoasalem](https://facebook.com/mqoasalem)

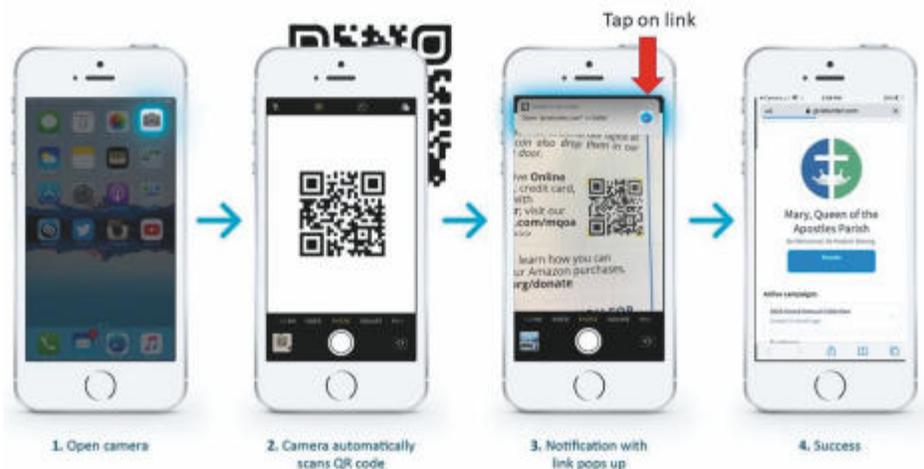
### IN-PERSON MASS

Sunday Masses indoors: **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** before attending one of our Indoor Masses. Sign up, up to four weeks in advance. Please only sign up for the Sunday you plan to go indoors to celebrate Mass. Please wear masks and maintain social distancing.

**YOU MAY ALSO REMAIN IN YOUR CAR.** Mass will be broadcast on 88.1 FM and online. Communion will be brought to your car following Mass. If you plan to remain in your car, registration is not needed.

**Sign up at:** [mqoa.org/worship](http://mqoa.org/worship) Or, call the office.

**How to use QR Codes:** QR Codes are an easy way to link to any website, and to a specific page on the website, without typing in the oftentimes cumbersome email address. Here is how to use QR Codes:





## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you! We could not have done it without you! Because of your generosity, along with our matching gift donor, we were able to help many people this December. As we continue to serve the people in need in Salem, especially during this pandemic, your donations are always gratefully accepted. To make a donation, you can mail a check made out to **St. Vincent de Paul** and sent to:

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
158 Federal St.  
Salem, MA. 01970



## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT

If you are newly engaged and want to be married at one of our churches, reach out to Father Murray at [rwmurray179@gmail.com](mailto:rwmurray179@gmail.com). We will walk you through your engagement and help you prepare for this most important sacrament. Weddings are scheduled at least nine months in advance, and our churches are popular wedding venues, so email or call soon: 978-745-9060. We are following all COVID-19 safety protocols established by the State of Massachusetts, the Archdiocese of Boston, and the City of Salem.



Come join the discussion! See page 7 for more information.

## YOUR WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT MAKES EVERYTHING HAPPEN

Everything we do at Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish is supported by your prayerful and financial support.

**Your regular weekly contribution makes online ministries like Alpha, our streamed Adoration times, and recorded Masses happen, and supports our efforts to keep in touch, minister to, and serve our parishioners and beyond.**

*If you have envelopes, please mail them to our office at 158 Federal Street. You can also drop them in our secure mailbox at the office door.*

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# 06 NINE DAYS FOR LIFE

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP — RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*  
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21 al 29 de enero de 2021

9 Días por la Vida es una novena por la protección de la vida humana. La intención de cada día va acompañada de una breve reflexión y una sugerencia para la acción que ayuden a construir la cultura de la vida.

Únete hoy en [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!



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9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!



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### Nine Days For Life

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*.

Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.”

Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com) so you will automatically receive the novena when it begins!

### Word of Life

**January 10th** “When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “How to Build a Culture of Life” ([respectlife.org/culture-of-life](http://respectlife.org/culture-of-life))



## A PLACE FOR YOU(NG ADULTS)

20/30 is for young adults who are seeking purpose, worth, community, faith. We offer you an online space to connect and grow, a space to share life experiences and build community.

Check out our website and Facebook group to view our past and future "Connect to Grow" webinars, and to join us for upcoming events.

Visit [www.mqoa.org/2030](http://www.mqoa.org/2030)

Or, contact Steven Antonio at [santonio@mqoa.org](mailto:santonio@mqoa.org). Or, scan the QR Code to visit and join our Facebook group



## MAKE 2021 THE YEAR YOU TRY ALPHA

Has 2020 has left you asking the Big Questions in life? If you've started to wonder "Is there more to life than this?" then Alpha is for you!

At Alpha, you'll meet great people and have a chance to put your thoughts, questions, and doubts on the table, without *being* judged or discouraged. Have open, judgment-free, adult conversations, and feel welcomed in ways you don't expect at church. No pressure, no commitment, no charge; just come and see if Alpha is for you.

**It's not too late to join the group, but you must register by Tuesday, Jan 12. Alpha meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom.**

Visit [www.MQOA.org/Alpha](http://www.MQOA.org/Alpha) or scan to visit the FB event here:



## BE HEALED

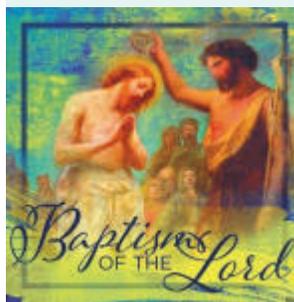
At MQOA, we believe that God still heals in practical and visible ways today.

Join us for this bilingual online Healing Prayer Service. Our Healing Team consists of trained priests and lay ministers who guide prayers of healing for physical, spiritual, and emotional needs.

Visit our website to learn about how MQOA can help you find healing, through prayer, our Five Keys process, or the sacraments of reconciliation and the anointing of the sick.



## January 10 ~ The Baptism of the Lord



This Sunday's readings focus our attention on the Baptism of Jesus. They remind us of the importance of this sacrament and the effect it has on our lives – not just in the moment of baptism, but throughout our lives – if we are open to its power. Just as "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" so too we are anointed to go about doing good, to introducing others to Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to reawaken in you the powerful graces of this sacrament.

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