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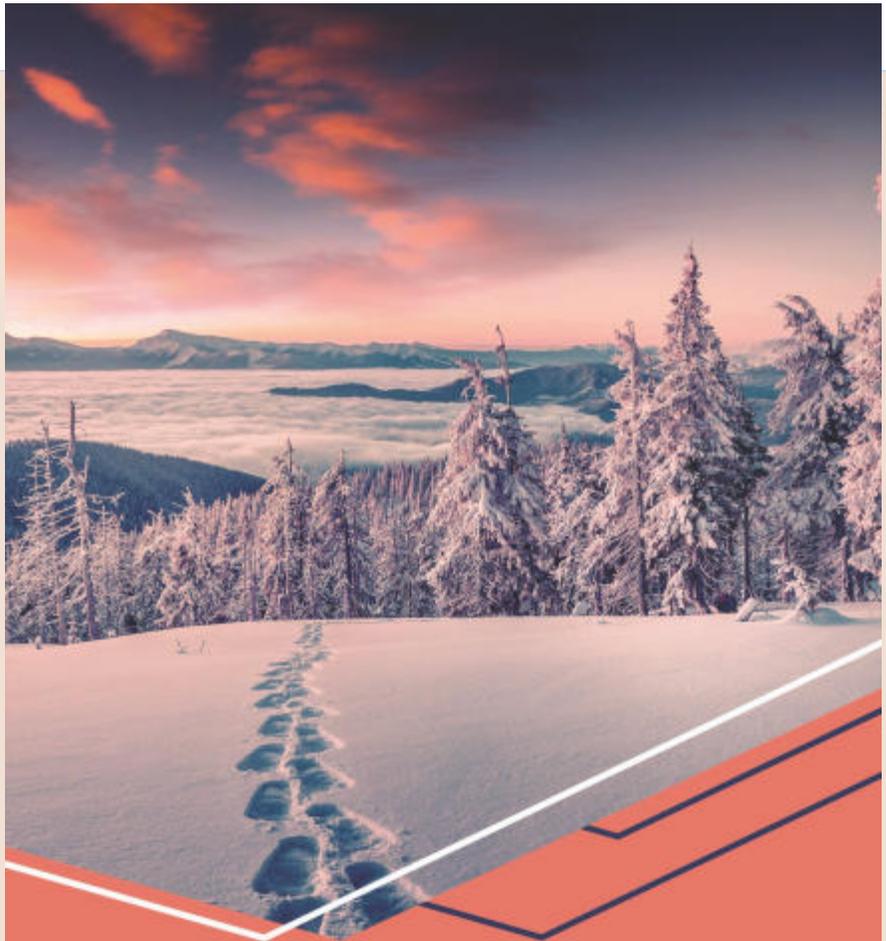
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Be healed.
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We hope that you find us to be Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus Christ, centered in the Eucharist.

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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As we transition from the Christmas season to the period of Ordinary Time in the Church calendar, one can safely say that

these are not ordinary times at all. Whether you are a supporter of President Trump or not, whether you do or do not accept the integrity of the election, the events of last Wednesday in Washington were very troubling and scary to see.

They were reminiscent of the scenes we have seen in other countries that have a less strong democratic system of government and that sometimes fall to violence to transfer power.

“These are times that try men’s souls.” When Thomas Paine wrote those words at the beginning of the history of our country, I am sure he never imagined that they could be applied so aptly hundreds of years later. But as we all grapple with the meaning and aftereffects of this shocking day, I hope that we might all remember that for the Christian community, violence and destruction of property are never appropriate means of discourse or action. Jesus shows us this from the very beginning of His ministry and, ultimately, in His suffering on the cross. He showed the whole

world that acts of violence do not contain the love of God, nor do they result in achieving positive ends. The destruction of national property to protest what is honestly believed (by some) to be an unlawful election, delegitimizes the claim to ask for redress.

One of the most important aspects of our democratic society is our recognition that we must work together to achieve what all of us want. I was encouraged by some of the comments of the legislators after the two bodies reconvened to continue to certify the electoral college and named the new President-elect, Joe Biden. They were quick to point out that while they sometimes engage in strong discussions defending their positions, they do not doubt that others are working for the good of their states, and ultimately, the country.

This weekend’s Gospel reminds us that we are called to follow Jesus and to bring others to Him too. We might ask ourselves how we might achieve this without coercion or force. Perhaps practicing the work of evangelization and healing to all who come to us is, at least within our community, how the way of Christ will champion all our causes. Our mission and purpose are to be like Andrew in today’s Gospel. He leads his brother Simon, who is renamed Peter, to see Jesus.

That introduction changed the course of Peter’s life forever. We have been trying to do this within our parish through the Alpha program and Beta groups, with our family catechesis, and in all the fellowship work we were trying to do before the pandemic began. One thing I know that this parish will never do is try to coerce someone to know Jesus. I hope that as we continue to move forward, we can be part of the cooperation that President-elect Biden has been asking for. If we can together offer healing to Salem by our prayer, our evangelization efforts, and our care of the poor, whether we are in one political party or the other, our common goal is still to proclaim and live the Gospel.

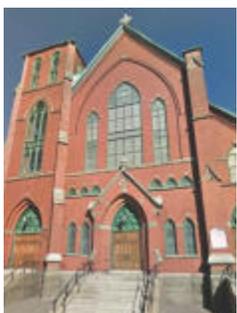
*Peace,
Father Murray*

Building News: We continue to do some work on the buildings in anticipation of opening. We are changing the rug in the entrance of the hall at St. James, getting rid of old and broken chairs and equipment, and planning to put in new lights in the sanctuary. We also have done some repair work on the heating at IC (steam traps and thermostats).

PARISH INFORMATION

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

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



ST. JAMES CHURCH

156 Federal St. Salem, MA 01970

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158 Federal St.

Rear Hall: enter from rear parking



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Rectory: 30 Union St.

A medida que pasamos de la temporada de Navidad al período del Tiempo Ordinario en el calendario de la Iglesia, se puede decir con seguridad que estos no son tiempos ordinarios en absoluto. Tanto si eres partidario del presidente Trump como si no, o si no aceptas la integridad de las elecciones, los acontecimientos del pasado miércoles en Washington fueron muy preocupantes y aterradores de ver. Eran una reminiscencia de las escenas que hemos visto en otros países que tienen un sistema democrático de gobierno menos fuerte y que a veces caen en la violencia para transferir el poder.

"Estos son tiempos que ponen a prueba el alma de los hombres". Cuando Thomas Paine escribió esas palabras al comienzo de la historia de nuestro país, estoy seguro de que nunca imaginó que podrían aplicarse tan acertadamente cientos de años después. Pero mientras todos lidiamos con el significado y el efecto posterior de este día impactante, espero que todos recordemos que, para la comunidad cristiana, la violencia y la destrucción de la propiedad nunca son un medio apropiado de discurso o acción. Jesús nos lo muestra desde el comienzo de su ministerio y finalmente en su sufrimiento en la cruz. Él mostró al mundo entero que los actos de violencia no contienen el amor de Dios, ni resultan en la consecución de fines positivos. La destrucción de la propiedad nacional para protestar por lo que honestamente (algunos)

creen que es una elección ilegal, deslegitima la pretensión de pedir reparación.

Uno de los aspectos más importantes de nuestra sociedad democrática es nuestro reconocimiento de que debemos trabajar juntos para lograr lo que todos queremos. Me animaron algunos de los comentarios de los legisladores luego de que los dos cuerpos se reunieran para continuar certificando el colegio electoral y nombrando al nuevo presidente electo Joe Biden. Se apresuraron a señalar que, si bien en ocasiones participan en fuertes discusiones defendiendo sus posiciones, no dudan de que otros están trabajando por el bien de sus estados y, en última instancia, del país. El Evangelio de este fin de semana nos recuerda que estamos llamados a seguir a Jesús y también a llevar a otros hacia Él. Podemos preguntarnos cómo podríamos lograr esto sin coerción o fuerza. Quizás practicando la obra de evangelización y curación de todos los que vienen a nosotros sea la forma en que se logre, al menos dentro de nuestra comunidad. El camino de Cristo defenderá todas nuestras causas. Nuestra misión y propósito es ser como Andrés en el Evangelio de hoy, quien conduce a su hermano Simón, que luego se llama Pedro, a ver a Jesús.

Esa presentación ante Jesús cambió el curso de la vida de Pedro para siempre. Hemos estado tratando de hacer esto dentro de nuestra parroquia en el programa Alpha y los gru-

pos Beta, dentro de nuestra catequesis familiar y todo el trabajo de confraternidad que estábamos tratando de hacer antes de que comenzara la pandemia. Una cosa que sé que nunca haremos es tratar de obligar a alguien a conocer a Jesús. Espero que a medida que continuamos avanzando podamos ser parte de lo que el presidente electo Biden ha estado pidiendo. Si juntos podemos ofrecer sanación a Salem mediante nuestra oración, nuestros esfuerzos de evangelización y nuestro cuidado de los pobres, ya sea que estemos en un partido político o en el otro, nuestro objetivo común sigue siendo proclamar y vivir el Evangelio.

Noticias del edificio: Seguimos tra-

Paz, Padre Murray

bajando en los edificios antes de la apertura. Estamos cambiando la alfombra en el pasillo de St. James, deshaciéndonos de sillas y equipos viejos y rotos y planeando instalar nuevas luces en el santuario. También hemos realizado algunos trabajos de reparación en la calefacción en IC. (trampas de vapor y termostatos).

Scripture for the week of January 17, 2021

17 SUN 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

18 Mon Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22

19 Tue Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28

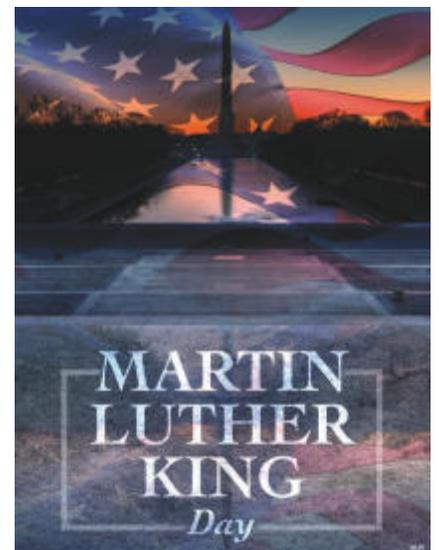
20 Wed Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6

21 Thu Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12

22 Fri Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19

23 Sat Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21

24 SUN Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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

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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 1-11-21)

\$27,905.25

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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

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 Or, call the office.

FOLLOW ALONG WITH MASS

If you are celebrating Mass in-person or watching Mass online, use this Mass Guide to follow along. Updated weekly with Sunday's readings.

mqoa.org/worship



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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. 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.



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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.

You can give Online via **Venmo, Apple Pay, or PayPal** with **Givebutter**; it's quick and easy! Visit www.givebutter.com/mqoa



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06 NINE DAYS FOR LIFE



COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

Archdiocese of Boston
Men's Vocation Discernment Weekend
 Men Ages 18-30

February 19-21, 2021
 Betania II Retreat Center in Medway, MA
 St. John's Seminary in Brighton, MA
 Friday Night – Midday Sunday

CARDINAL SEÁN O'MALLEY will preach at this retreat.

Hear Talks About:

- Prayer and the Spiritual Life
- Vocation and Discernment
- Eucharist and Christian Discipleship
- The Gift of the Priesthood
- Seminary Life

Experience:

- Witness talks by seminarians
- Conversations with seminarians
- Mass and Brunch at St. John's Seminary
- Opportunity to speak to a priest about your vocation
- Time of prayer

For more information, please contact:

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JANUARY 17 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



What does evangelization look like? In today's gospel, Andrew's curiosity about Jesus was sparked when he heard John the Baptist speak. Upon seeing Jesus, he goes after him to get to know. Andrew was so moved by his encounter with Jesus, he went and told his brother Peter about Jesus and brought him to Jesus. We know the "rest of the story" of their discipleship, how that encounter changed their lives forever. Andrew became the evangelizer to his brother, bringing Peter to Jesus. Who are you being called to bring to Jesus?



DID YOU KNOW? St. Médard, a priest and bishop who lived in France in the 6th Century, is the Patron Saint against bad weather.

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.

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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 so you will automatically receive the novena when it begins!

JANUARY 21-29, 2021

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!



3 WAYS TO JOIN



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Word of Life

January 17: "There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image." *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB.*



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

Or, contact Steven Antonio at santonio@mqoa.org. Or, scan the QR Code to visit and join our Facebook group



AFTER DIVORCE: HEALING FROM THE INSIDE OUT

A Virtual Seminar with author, Rose Sweet
February 10, 2021 | 7:00--9:00 PM



Are you newly divorced? Maybe it's been a while and you're still struggling. Regardless, when the trauma of divorce hits, or its residual pain lingers for years, true healing must begin deep within.

The ministry of Family Life & Ecclesial Movements of the Archdiocese of Boston will host a seminar in support of Catholics who are experiencing divorce or separation. **Rose Sweet, host of the Ascension Press program, *Surviving Divorce***, will guide participants into that place in the heart where fears, and anxieties, hopes and dreams co-exist.

Drawing from the healing touch of Christ, you'll learn four simple steps to breaking free and living that abundant life for which you were made! Join us for this special event, featuring prayer, a personal witness testimony on overcoming the pain of divorce, Rose's keynote address, and Q&A following the presentation.

Use the QR Code to register for the event on Zoom.

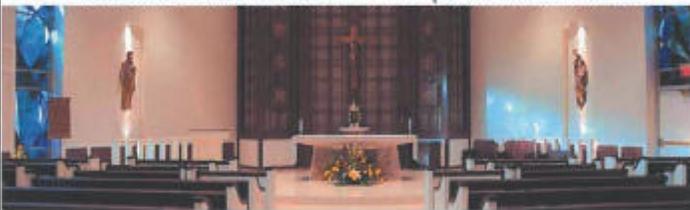


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- Time of prayer
- Conversations with seminarians
- Participation in class schedule
- Talks about Seminary Life
- Witness Talks by Seminarians
- Opportunity to speak to a priest about your vocation

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EMAIL NEWSLETTER



Our weekly newsletter is a great way to keep in touch and learn of any updates and changes at MQOA. Straight to your inbox every Friday, it includes inspiring reflections from our pastoral staff and a sneak peek at the weekend's bulletin. Sign up on our website at: ww.mqoa.org (click info, then newsletter) or scan the code here:



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