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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired man and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

3^{ER} DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Un poco más adelante, vio a Santiago y a Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, que estaban en una barca, remendando sus redes. Los llamó, y ellos, dejando en la barca a su padre con los trabajadores, se fueron con Jesús. - Mc 1, 19-20

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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



This past few weeks at the Capitol in Washington have been filled with politics, protest, and promises. The politics of our nation and two major parties and their differences led to the violent protests. As I write this, the police and investigators are still trying to determine what and how the protest happened, and who was behind all of it. It is very strange to think that the President might have been a part of it and that he is accused of encouraging violent action to overthrow the final counting of the November election. Of course, time will reveal all that needs to be revealed to help us continue as a nation.

Meanwhile, with the inauguration comes hope and vision of a new administration. We can pray and lift our voices to assist this new president and all the newly elected politicians as they begin their duties enacting laws for the good of the people. We must also hope that in the coming days violence is rejected as a form of protest, and that violence against life will never be part of the nation's agenda.

Usually, this week we are planning to send a contingent of people from the Archdiocese to the Washington to encourage people to lift their voices in protest to the ongoing right to abortion that is part of our national law. Although it is a sad reality that this is allowed, and we hope for a change in the law, I believe the true work can and must happen closer to home. My opinion is that we cannot legislate morality at this level, so that leaves us with the challenge of creating a world and society where abortion is not necessary. Our challenge is to support and love those who are considering abortion so profoundly that the option no longer feels viable or tenable.

This is a challenging position. However, if women and or couples sensed that, regardless of their situation, they would be supported. Perhaps they and we would see that the best option is always life and protection of the unborn. This means that as a church, community, and society our resources would be allocated for the protection and support of those who are pregnant and unsure or otherwise unsupported. It is a position that requires lots of love, sacrifice, and the willingness to see someone who is struggling with pregnancy and bring them to

a sense of peace — regardless of their circumstances.

We must also begin to dialogue with those who perform abortions, or whose work is in that area. They too must be addressed with patience and love. If they are employed and leave this work after determining that they can no longer earn a living do this, we must support that transition—which, again, will require resources, patience and sacrifice. Pro-life is a big umbrella, and all need to be welcomed under it, so we need to also help those who are involved in taking life transition to a pro-life stance. These are the promises that I look for in the pro-life movement.

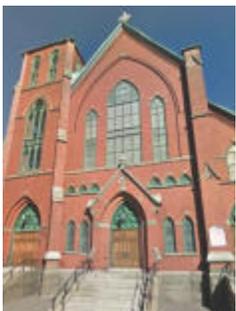
Finally, for those who have had abortions and are struggling with any emotion of guilt, sadness, shame, we must, and do, welcome them to the Church in a spirit of radical hospitality, to hopefully begin to heal their wounds and strengthen them to continue as members of the community. These thoughts are, I hope, good politics, and promises as we protest for an end to abortion.

*Peace,
Father Murray*

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Estas últimas semanas en el Capitolio, en Washington, han estado llenas de política, protestas y promesas. La política de nuestra nación y los dos partidos principales con sus diferencias llevaron a protestas violentas. La policía y los investigadores todavía están tratando de determinar qué y cómo sucedió la protesta y quién estuvo detrás de todo. Es muy extraño pensar que el presidente pudo haber sido parte de ello y que se le acusa de alentar acciones violentas para derrocar el conteo final de las elecciones de noviembre. Por supuesto, el tiempo revelará todo lo que hay que debemos saber para ayudarnos a continuar como una nación. El otro momento fue la inauguración, con la esperanza y visión de una nueva administración. Podemos orar y alzar la voz para ayudar a este nuevo presidente y a todos los políticos recién elegidos a medida que comienzan sus deberes de promulgar leyes para el bien de la gente. También debemos esperar que en los próximos días se rechace la violencia como forma de protesta, y que la violencia contra la vida también forme parte de la agenda.

Por lo general, esta semana estamos planeando enviar un contingente de personas de la Arquidiócesis a Washington para alentar a la gente a levantar la voz en protesta por el derecho al aborto que

es parte de nuestra ley nacional. Aunque es una triste realidad que esto esté permitido, y esperamos un cambio en la ley, creo que el verdadero trabajo debe suceder más cerca de casa. Mi opinión es que no podemos legislar la moralidad a este nivel, por lo que nos deja el desafío de crear un mundo y una sociedad donde el aborto no sea necesario. Nuestro desafío es apoyar y amar tan profundamente a aquellos que están considerando el aborto, que esta opción ya no se sienta viable o sostenible. Ésta es una posición desafiante. Sin embargo, si las mujeres y / o parejas sintieran que, independientemente de su situación, serían apoyadas, quizás ellas y nosotros veríamos que la mejor opción es siempre la vida y la protección del feto. Esto significa que, como iglesia, comunidad y sociedad, nuestros recursos se asignarían para la protección y el apoyo de aquellas que están embarazadas y que no se sienten seguras o no tienen apoyo. Es una posición que requiere mucho amor, sacrificio y la voluntad de ver a alguien que está luchando con el embarazo y poder llevarla a una sensación de paz, independientemente de sus circunstancias.

También debemos comenzar a dialogar con quienes practican abortos o cuyo trabajo está en esa área. Ellos también deben ser tra-

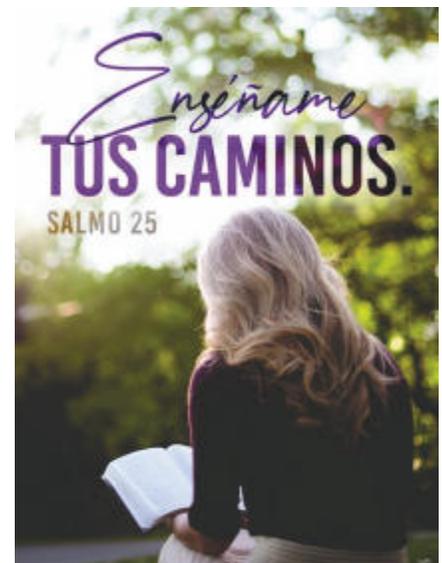
tados con paciencia y amor. Si están empleados y dejan este trabajo después de determinar que ya no pueden ganarse la vida de esa manera, debemos apoyar esa transición, que nuevamente requerirá recursos, paciencia y sacrificio. Pro-vida es un gran paraguas, y todos deben ser bienvenidos bajo él, por lo que también debemos ayudar a aquellos que están involucrados en quitar la vida para hacer la transición a una postura provida. Estas son las promesas que busco en el movimiento Pro-vida.

Finalmente, para aquellos que han tenido abortos y están luchando con cualquier emoción de culpa, tristeza, vergüenza, debemos continuar dándoles la bienvenida a la iglesia con un espíritu de hospitalidad radical para que, con suerte, comiencen a sanar sus heridas y se sientan fortalecidos para continuar como miembros de la comunidad. Estos pensamientos son, espero, una buena política y grandes promesas mientras protestamos por el fin del aborto.

Paz, Padre Murray

Scripture for the week of January 24, 2021

24 SUN	Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
25 Mon	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
26 Tue	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 3:31-35
27 Wed	Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
28 Thu	Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
29 Fri	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
30 Sat	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
31 SUN	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi



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Christ Calling the Apostles James and John
Painting by Edward Armitage, 1869

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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06 HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU



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:	Experience:
Prayer and the Spiritual Life	Witness talks by seminarians
Vocation and Discernment	Conversations with seminarians
Eucharist and Christian Discipleship	Mass and Brunch at St. John's Seminary
The Gift of the Priesthood	Opportunity to speak to a priest about your vocation
Seminary Life	Time of prayer

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January 24 ~ Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



Once again in today's Gospel Jesus gives us assurance that if we "come after him" that is, if come to friendship with him, he will give us what we need to be disciple makers. Step one is coming to friendship with Jesus, but we can't stop there! Listen to Jesus speaking to you today, "come after me and I will make you fishers of men [and women]" Are you ready to be a disciple maker? What action will you take?



Are you or someone you know carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? **Project Rachel** is the confidential post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. For more information, contact **Project Rachel** at 508.651.3100

or help@projectrachelboston.com or visit our website as www.projectrachelboston.com. *Trust in the tender mercy of God!*

January Pro-Life Activities: Living the Gospel of Life

Watch & Pray with Cardinal Seán on CatholicTV:

Sunday, January 24

- *Culture of Life Mass* at 12:30 pm, 7:00 pm, and 11:30 pm; will also air on WLVI-TV at 8:00 am

Friday, January 29

- *Holy Hour for Life* from 7:00-8:00 am (leading into Closing Mass for the National Prayer Vigil for Life from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC)
- *Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life* will air at 11:00 am and rebroadcast at 8:30 pm

Join at the National Vigil for Life via CatholicTV:

Thursday, January 28

- *Rosary* at 8:00 pm
- *Opening Mass* at 8:30 pm
- *Holy Hour* at 10:00 pm

Friday, January 29

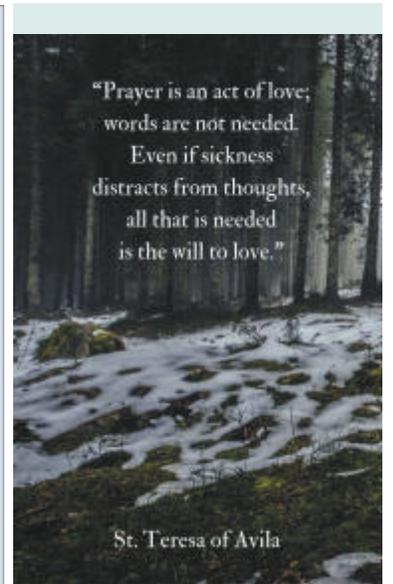
- *Holy Hour for Life* from 7:00-8:00 am with seminarians from St. John Seminary
- *Closing Mass* at 8:00 am

Become More Informed/Involved:

- Tune into a special block of programming affirming the dignity of human life every Friday in January at 11:00 am on CatholicTV
- Learn more about Pregnancy Help, a ministry of the Pro Life Office supporting women experiencing difficult pregnancies: www.pregnancyhelpboston.org
- Organize a parish-based Baby Shower/Maternity Clothes Drive to assist clients served by Pregnancy Help (Contact Pro Life Office at 508-651-1900 or ProLifeOffice@rcab.org)
- Become acquainted with Project Rachel, the Church's post-abortion ministry: www.projectrachelboston.com
- Find resources for being part of pro-life ministry through the Pro Life Office: www.upholdingthedignityoflife.org

Pro Life Office — Archdiocese of Boston





MQQA PRESENTS



HEALING PRAYER

PERSONAL HEALING PRAYER AVAILABLE

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH | 7PM
 VIA ZOOM

Word of Life

January 24: "Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace. *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"*



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.

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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.

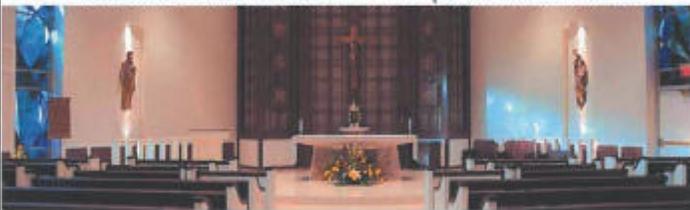


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Archdiocese of Boston
Men's Vocation Discernment Weekend
Men Ages 30+

February 19-20, 2021
Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary
Friday morning – Midday Saturday

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Experience:

- Holy Mass
- Time of prayer
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- Talks about Seminary Life
- Witness Talks by Seminarians
- Opportunity to speak to a priest about your vocation

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