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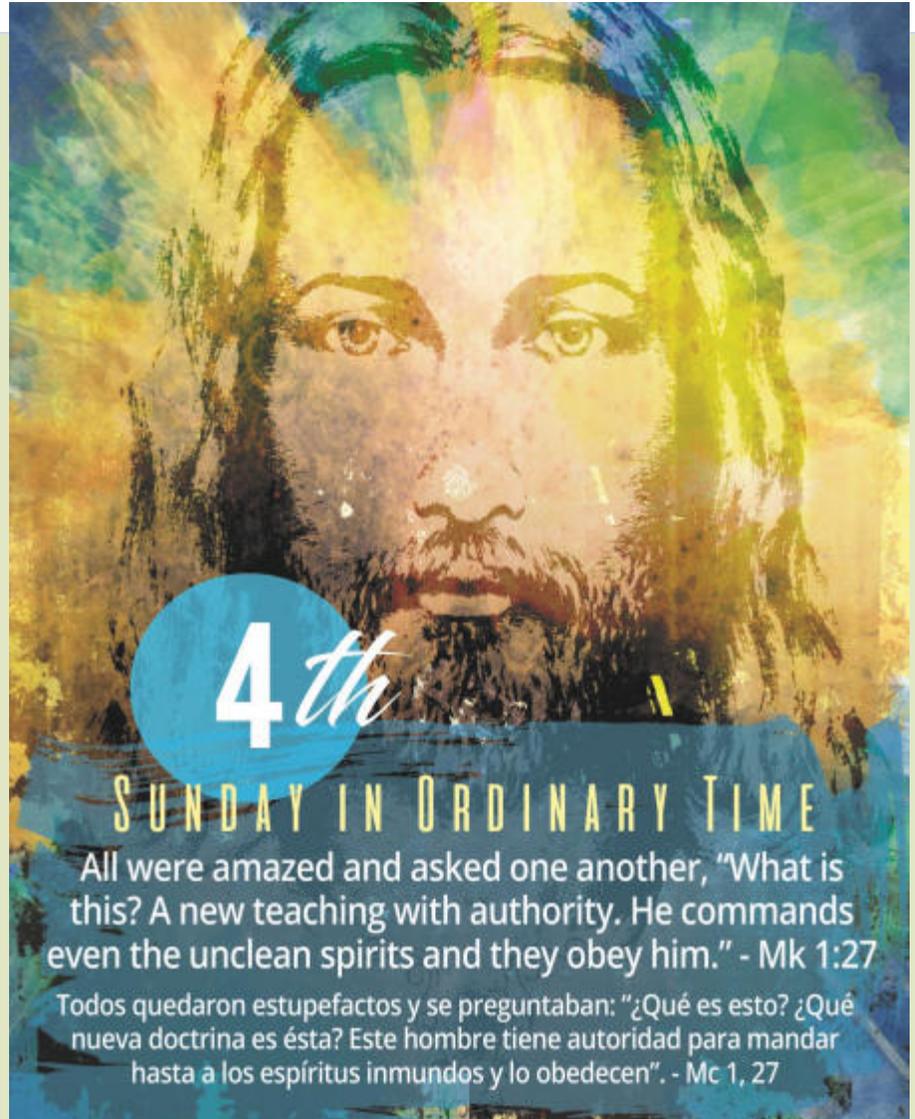
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## WELCOME

**Be welcomed.  
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Belong.**

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

Contact us soon to find out how you can be a part of what MQOA is doing to offer welcome and healing to all.



## THIS WEEK AT MQOA:

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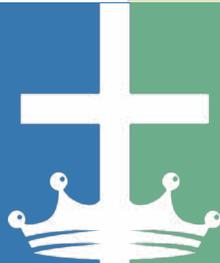
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# 02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



As we continue to live in this strange time, it is also a time to recognize that we can do things differently than we have in the past. Over the course of history, The Church has changed her methods when it seemed the old ones were not working. The message is always the same: Jesus Christ is Lord—yesterday, today and forever. However, the methods we use to proclaim and celebrate this glorious truth have changed many times.

In our lifetime, we have seen a change of the language of the Mass from Latin to local languages, and more recently, another English translation to the Mass parts. In our own time, the Church was called through Vatican II to examine Itself and make some changes that have, at times for some, felt like radical surgery. More recently, Popes Benedict and Francis have encouraged us to examine how we evangelize and to rework our methods to proclaim the Good News to the world. Pope Francis has encouraged us to go find the wounded and marginalized and bring them to Jesus through the Church for

healing. They both suggest new methods while holding fast to what we believe about Jesus and the Good News.

This Sunday's readings suggest that the work of inviting people to meet Jesus is not new. Here in Salem, the Alpha program is our primary method of evangelization. In normal times, we gather in person for Alpha, but for now it is completely online. I would like to encourage everyone who has not done this program to consider experiencing it, so that we can develop into a parish that is mission-oriented from every pew in our churches and every home in our parish.

In the next few months, and in the next year or so, we will have many people moving into our area. This will give us opportunities to invite new people through our radical hospitality, our outreach through Alpha, and our ongoing adult faith formation. We also have Beta groups, which are a continuation of the Alpha small group method. Each week, Beta groups gather and catch up with one another (online, for now, or in person once it's safe) and then after a meal or snack, have a conversation about the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading. There is a set of questions provided for

each group, and the participants discuss what themes they see and how they are affected by the message in their lives now. There is information about the reading too, but mostly the discussion is around how the Scriptures affect us personally, with all our present needs, challenges, and questions.

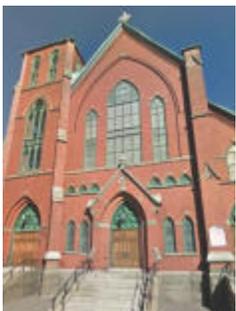
The purpose of the Beta groups is to help form disciples and build a connected community that is strengthened by our faith and sharing it in a small group setting. Usually after each series of Alpha is completed, there is a reunion and then small groups form from those who were at tables together, or those who want to continue in this kind of fellowship. My New Year's resolution is to continue to help the parish grow spiritually. I hope my invitation to check out Alpha will provide everyone a chance to help us change our focus to being a parish that is always on mission to invite all those around us to come to know Jesus Christ—yesterday, today, and forever.

*Peace,  
Father Murray*

## 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

Conference Room:

158 Federal St.

Rear Hall: enter from rear parking



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

15 Hawthorne Blvd. Salem, MA 01970

Rectory: 30 Union St.

# UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY 03

A medida que continuamos viviendo en esta época extraña, también es un momento para reconocer que podemos hacer las cosas de manera diferente a como lo hicimos en el pasado. A lo largo de la historia, la Iglesia ha ido cambiando sus métodos cuando le ha parecido que los antiguos no estaban funcionando. El mensaje es siempre el mismo, Jesucristo es Señor, ayer, hoy y por los siglos. Sin embargo, los métodos que usamos para proclamar y celebrar esta gloriosa verdad han cambiado muchas veces. En nuestra vida hemos visto un cambio del idioma de la Misa y, más recientemente, otra traducción a las partes de la Misa. En nuestro tiempo, la iglesia fue llamada a través del Vaticano II para examinarse a sí misma y hacer algunos cambios que, a veces, para algunos, se han sentido como una cirugía radical. Más recientemente, los papas Benedicto y Francisco nos han animado a examinar y reelaborar cómo evangelizamos y nuestros métodos para proclamar las buenas nuevas al mundo. El Papa Francisco nos ha animado a ir a buscar a los heridos y marginados y llevarlos a Jesús a través de la iglesia para su curación. Ambos sugieren nuevos métodos mientras se aferran a lo que creemos acerca de Jesús y las Buenas Nuevas. Las lecturas de este domingo sugieren que estamos viendo un nuevo método para enfrentar un viejo

desafío en el tiempo de la obra terrenal de Jesús.

Más cerca de casa, el programa Alpha, que promovemos, es nuestro método principal de evangelización. Normalmente nos reunimos en persona, pero por ahora, de cara a nuestra realidad, se realiza completamente en línea. Me gustaría animar a todos los que no han hecho este programa a que consideren experimentarlo para que podamos convertirnos en una parroquia orientada a la misión desde cada banco de la iglesia. En los próximos meses, y durante el próximo año, tendremos mucha gente mudándose cerca de nuestras iglesias. Esta será nuestra oportunidad de invitar a nuevas personas a través de nuestra hospitalidad radical, nuestro alcance a través de Alpha y nuestra formación permanente para adultos. También tenemos grupos Beta, que son una continuación del método de discusión Alpha. Cada semana, los grupos se reúnen y se ponen al día (por el momento en línea) y luego, después de una comida o un refrigerio, comparten una discusión sobre el Evangelio dominical. Se proporciona un conjunto de preguntas para cada grupo y los participantes discuten qué temas ven y cómo se ven afectados por el mensaje en sus vidas ahora. Hay un poco de Catequesis, pero principalmente la discusión es cómo las Escrituras nos afectan ahora con todas nuestras ne-

cesidades, desafíos y preguntas actuales.

El propósito de los grupos Beta es ayudar a formar discípulos y construir una comunidad conectada que sea fortalecida por nuestra fe compartida en grupos pequeños. Por lo general, después de que se completa el programa Alpha, hay una reunión y luego se forman pequeños grupos de aquellos que estaban juntos en las mesas o aquellos que quieren continuar en este tipo de confraternidad. La resolución de mi año nuevo es continuar ayudando a la parroquia a crecer espiritualmente. Espero que este ofrecimiento les brinde a todos la oportunidad de ayudarnos a cambiar nuestro enfoque, a ser una parroquia que siempre tiene la misión de invitar a todos los que nos rodean a conocer a Jesucristo, ayer, hoy y siempre.

*Paz, Padre Murray*

## *Scripture for the week of January 31, 2021*

31	SUN	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
1	Mon	Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
2	Tue	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
3	Wed	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
4	Thu	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
5	Fri	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
6	Sat	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
7	SUN	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Daily Readings can also be found at  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



# 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](https://facebook.com/MQOASalem)

**GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE**  
(as of 1-25-21)

**\$27,905.25**

**Thank you!**

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

**Please consider mailing your  
donation today.**

### 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](https://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](https://mqoa.org/worship)



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

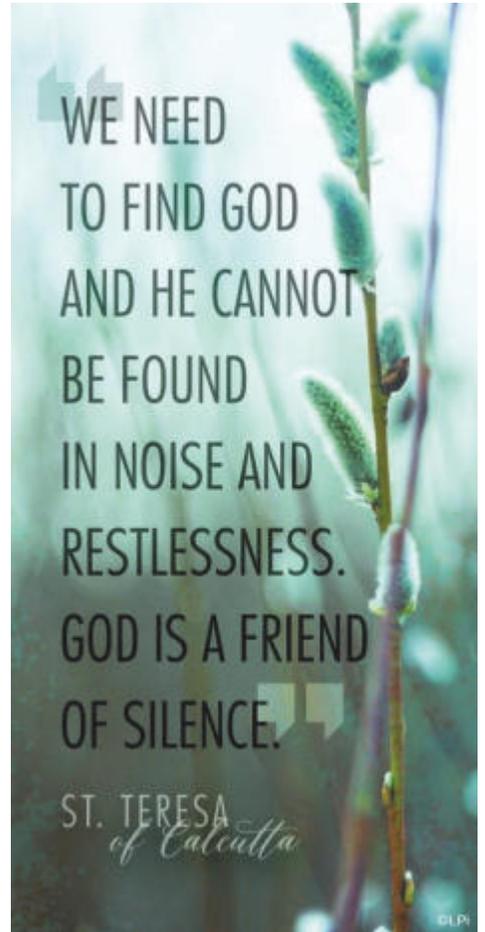
## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously to the St Vincent de Paul Society during the month of December. The final total for the month was an amazing \$11,369.05! Our very generous anonymous donor, who has matched December contributions up to \$10,000 for the last several years, has said that they will match the entire amount collected this year. So, in total, \$22,738.10 was added to our treasury in December to help the needy in Salem. Your contributions have been especially appreciated during this pandemic, when so many people who have not needed help in the past are in need now due to COVID-related job loss or a reduction in work hours. We said a prayer of thanksgiving at our last Zoom meeting for our benefactors and also prayed for the health and safety of all of you.

While we can't be at the church doors for our regular collections, you may place your donation in one of the **collection boxes at St. Anne's, St James, or Immaculate Conception**. Or, you may also **mail checks** made out to St. Vincent de Paul to:

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
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Thank you for your continued generosity to help the needy in Salem.



## 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.*

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



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## Celebrate National Marriage Week—Feb 7-14

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK – FEBRUARY 7-14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY – VALENTINE'S DAY – FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**



### WHY SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE MATTERS

Monday, Feb. 8th | 8-9:00 PM  
 Facebook live - <https://www.facebook.com/DomesticChurchPodcast>  
 Raising 8's - Michael and Lori Lavigne have been married almost 17 years and have 8 children. The grace available through the Sacrament of Marriage has helped them through the good and the bad. Join them as they talk honestly about marriage and the importance of sacramental grace.



### LOVE IN A LOCKDOWN: COMMUNICATION & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Tuesday, Feb. 9th | 7:30-9:00 PM  
 Zoom - <http://bit.ly/3qitQjI>  
 Dr. Greg Kolodziejczak is an accomplished clinical psychologist in Cambridge who will provide listeners with tools to improve their communication and conflict resolution skills especially while we're so lockdown. Activity and Q & A will be included.



### MANAGING MONEY WITH YOUR HONEY

Thursday, Feb. 11th | 8-9:30 PM  
 Zoom - <http://bit.ly/2NjcDIW>  
 Amber Ezeani is a wife, mom of four, podcaster, and national, Catholic speaker. While not a financial expert by industry standards, she and her husband have worked hard to hone certain practical applications that helped them move from debt to financial stability. Learn the 4 steps they used to successfully manage their finances and achieve their goals.



### DE MATRIMONIO CIVIL A MATRIMONIO SACRAMENTAL

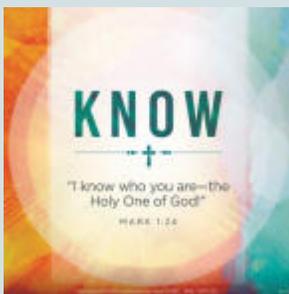
Jueves, 11 de Febrero | 7-8:00 PM  
 Zoom - <http://bit.ly/3bX3A0>  
 El Diácono Frankín Mejía y su esposa, Wendy, de la iglesia de los Sagrados Corazones en Malden, hablarán sobre por qué las parejas que están casadas por lo civil, deberían considerar casarse por la iglesia. Aprenda cuál es la diferencia y por qué es importante para su fe y su familia.



### PAINTS & PINTS DATE NIGHT

Saturday, Feb. 13th | 8-9:30 PM  
 Zoom - <https://bit.ly/3bj31aP>  
 Put the kids to bed if you have them, light a candle, get a pint of your favorite beverage, and paint! Join Kathleen and Mike Habeeb as they help us create an image of the Holy Family. There's no cost for the lesson, but you will need to secure a few supplies from Walmart, Target, Michaels, Hobby Lobby, etc. such as: red, yellow, blue, black, and white acrylic paints; a painter's palette or piece of cardboard for color mixing; a cup of water; canvas (approx. 9" x 12"); a pencil; and a small package of assorted brushes (available at any craft store for short money).

## January 31 ~ Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Mark makes clear in today's Gospel that Jesus spoke with a different kind of authority, not like the Scribes of his day. Jesus taught with a certainty that spoke to them of God. Jesus' words, his deeds, and his response to those in need both astonished and amazed them. Have you felt astonished and amazed when you hear Jesus speak to you? Take some time this week to recall the words from scripture that may have amazed you.



**FIAT**, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, **February 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM(ET) on Zoom**. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at [marian.batho@csjboston.org](mailto:marian.batho@csjboston.org) or 617-746-2025 for more information and to receive a link to the meeting.



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](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com) or visit our [website](http://www.projectrachelboston.com) as [www.projectrachelboston.com](http://www.projectrachelboston.com).

*Trust in the tender mercy of God!*

**God needs priests. Is He calling you?  
 If you are 30-60, you may be surprised.**

### "First Friday Virtual Visits"

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary  
 558 South Ave., Weston, MA

**Friday, February 5**

5:00 PM

Join the Seminary community virtually for prayer & fellowship

Holy Hour and Evening Prayer

<https://www.psjjs.edu/chapel-live-stream>

Zoom meeting with Seminarians

RSVP Msgr. William Fay to [msgr.fay@psjjs.edu](mailto:msgr.fay@psjjs.edu)

to get Zoom link

[www.psjjs.edu](http://www.psjjs.edu)



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## 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.

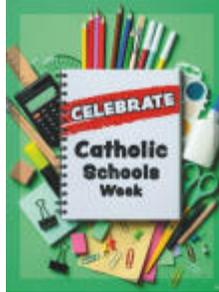
Check out our website and Facebook group to view our past and future "Connect to Grow" webinars, and to join us for upcoming events.

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



## Catholic Schools Week begins on January 31! "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service"



For Catholics, learning is not simply informational but formational. Catholic education invites young people to view the world and all its wonders through a vision of faith: to learn why God made the world, us, and for what purpose each one has been put on this earth. Our Catholic schools have kept their standards of excellence despite all the challenges of the past year, and our Catholic schools foster lasting values that help

students learn to serve God and His children in charity and love.

In the North Region, we have 17 elementary schools, 3 middle and high schools combined, and 3 high schools. All these schools enhance opportunities for our youngest members and are a tremendous place of faith and learning that I hope all our parishes support.

During Catholic Schools Week schools normally celebrate with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Without a doubt some of these usual ways of celebrating will be curtailed this year. Nevertheless, it is important to mark the week in some significant fashion and I know our school administrators will be creative. Let us support them and our Catholic schools.

**Support our schools! Encourage enrollment in our Catholic schools in the North Region!**

**For more information, visit the Catholic Schools Office at [www.csoboston.org](http://www.csoboston.org)**

## BE HEALED

**Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 PM**

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.



## WE'RE BUILDING A NEW DATABASE OF PARISHIONERS

We're starting fresh, so don't be left out!

Please visit [www.MQOA.org/info](http://www.MQOA.org/info) to register your household, even if you've been a registered parishioner for years. Or scan here:



## 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 [pastor@mqoa.org](mailto:pastor@mqoa.org). 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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