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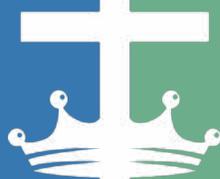
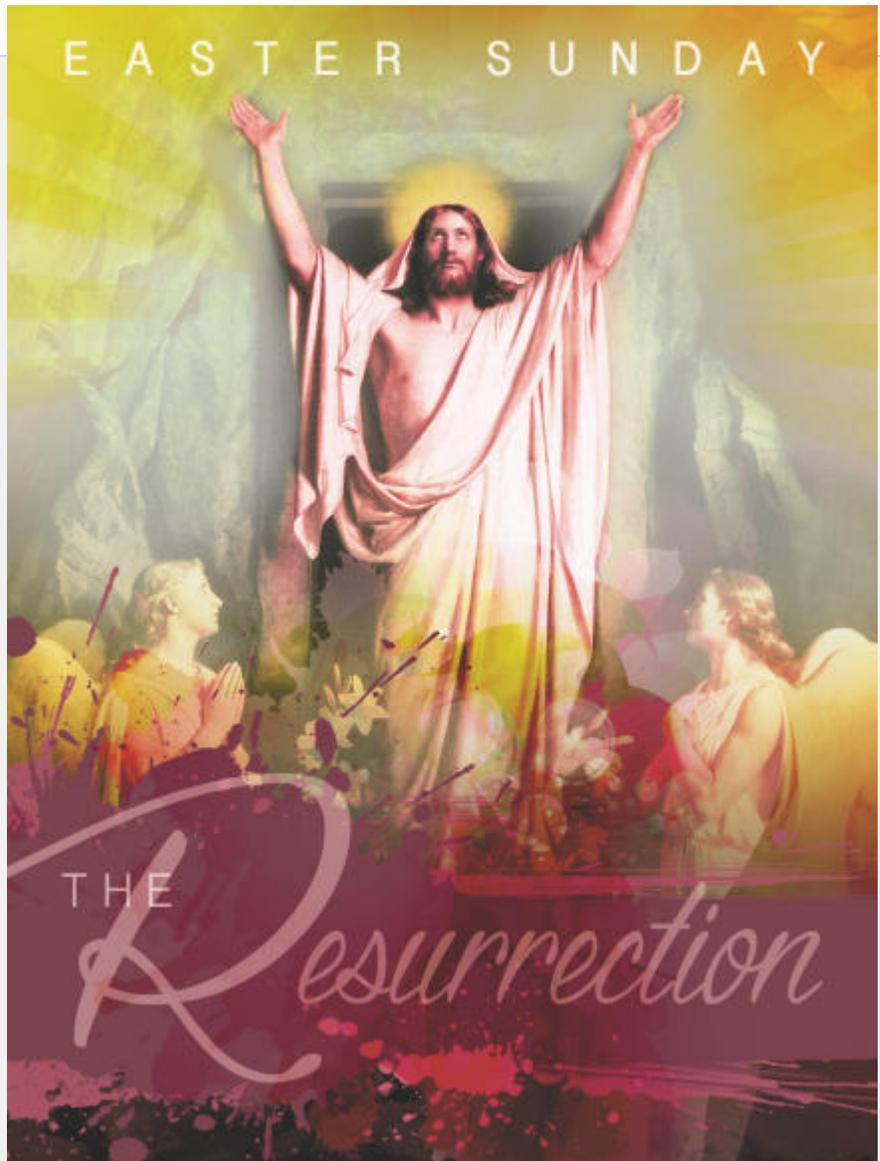
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**Be welcomed.
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We hope that you find us to be Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus Christ, centered in the Eucharist.

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



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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



In one of the truly great scenes in the Bible, in the Gospel of John, Jesus goes to a village where his friend Lazarus has died. In the scene, He resurrects his friend with the instruction “untie him and let him go free” (JN 11:32-45). Easter is like that for us; we have been unbound from our sin, and by the words and actions of Jesus, are forgiven and freed.

In our own time, we long to be unbound from the restriction under which we are living these days; not burial cloths, but face masks. We too wish to be called out; not from a tomb, but from the separation and the distance that we have been restricted to in this pandemic.

Easter means different things to me each year. When I was very young, Easter meant a basket and a huge meal. As I grew older, it meant returning home and renewing friendships, gathering with family, and coming to understand more fully why God sent His Son to live and die, and rise again. Now, I see that Easter is the time to celebrate, even with the social restrictions. Personally and communally, we are still

called to proclaim the Good News. Christ is still present, and even a pandemic has not changed that.

As evidence, we see many people who have been called to a life of service and valiant imitation of Jesus. Of course, there are the famous saints and martyrs, but also in our own time, we have seen people who have willingly, lovingly, professionally, and bravely sacrificed for all of us. They are all the frontline workers who have cared for us, helped us to be safe, made sure we could feed ourselves, protected us, helped us to grieve loved ones, and those who have developed a vaccine for us.

I see in them the image of Christ who journeyed to Lazarus’s village, confronted His friend’s death, and did not let it overcome Him, although He was grieving deeply. So too has it been with all our heroes. They have been sorely tested and at times deeply grieved, but we can also see in them the grace that operated in Jesus. I am honored to serve alongside so many people who have served Christ in this past year, who have made sure that others were cared for, that our faith continued to be celebrated, and that we could gather and pray safely with organization and solemnity.

This Easter, as we slowly begin to recover from this pandemic, we will see this reality in the Church too. Some of the old “cloths” will be cast aside, and we will celebrate in a newly resurrected form. The Good News of Resurrection is still good, and still true, and we will always celebrate that.

*Happy Easter and Peace,
Father Murray*

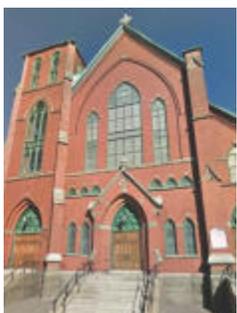
Building news: We have started to do the work of painting the churches, getting new lights installed in both churches, and finishing the kitchen at St. James, with a new exhaust hood and stove. There is also new carpeting at some of the entrances of IC and SJ. More news as the projects roll on.



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



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15 Hawthorne Blvd. Salem, MA 01970

Rectory: 30 Union St.

UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY 03

En el Evangelio de Juan, en una de las escenas verdaderamente grandiosas de la Biblia, Jesús va a un pueblo donde ha muerto su amigo Lázaro. En la escena, resucita a su amigo con la instrucción, "desátenlo y déjenlo libre". (JUAN 11: 32-45). La Pascua también es así para nosotros. Hemos sido liberados de nuestro pecado, y por las palabras y acciones de Jesús, también somos perdonados y liberados.

En nuestro tiempo actual, anhelamos liberarnos de las restricciones bajo las que vivimos. No las telas funerarias, sino la mascarilla. Nosotros también deseamos ser llamados, no desde una tumba, sino desde la separación y el distanciamiento que también nos han restringido en esta pandemia.

Descubrí que la Pascua significa diferentes cosas en diferentes momentos. Cuando era muy joven, Pascua significaba una canasta y una gran comida. A medida que fui creciendo, Pascua significaba que había llegado el momento de volver a casa para renovar amistades y reunirnos con la familia; así como de comprender más plenamente lo que Dios nos está diciendo al enviar a su Hijo para que viva con nosotros y muera por nosotros. Ahora veo que la Pascua es el momento de celebrar que, a pesar de las restricciones personales y comunitarias, todavía estamos llamados a ser un pueblo que proclama el mensaje. ¡Todavía está presente y ni siquiera una pandemia ha disuadido su presencia!

Como evidencia, hemos visto en nuestro propio tiempo que hay muchas personas que han sido llamadas a imitar a Jesús y lo han hecho valientemente. Por supuesto, hay los santos y mártires famosos, pero también en nuestro propio tiempo, hemos visto personas que voluntaria, amorosa, profesional y valientemente se han sacrificado por todos nosotros. Todos ellos son trabajadores de primera línea, que nos han cuidado, nos han ayudado a estar seguros, se han asegurado de que pudiéramos alimentarnos, nos protegieron, nos ayudaron a llorar a nuestros seres queridos y, finalmente, desarrollaron una cura para nosotros.

Veo en ellos la imagen de Cristo que viajó a la aldea de Lázaro y frente a su muerte, no dejó que ésta lo superara, aunque estaba profundamente entristecido. También ha sido así con todos nuestros héroes. Han sido probados duramente y en ocasiones profundamente afligidos, pero de igual forma podemos ver en ellos la gracia que operó en Jesús. Me siento honrado de servir junto a tantas personas a quienes he visto sirviendo a Cristo en el otro y llamar a la gente a una nueva vida en medio de esta pandemia. Aquí la vida es como la de antes, ya que contamos con personas que se han asegurado de que los demás sean cuidados, que nuestra fe continúe siendo celebrada, que podamos reunirnos y orar con seguridad, organización y solemnidad.

Al igual que en la resurrección, cuando la mujer y los apóstoles encontraron la tumba vacía, hubo señales de lo que había sucedido y luego, vieron que Jesús estaba en una nueva forma, pero con la misma voz y mensaje. Nosotros veremos a Jesús de igual manera.

En esta Pascua, a medida que comenzamos a recuperarnos lentamente de la pandemia, veremos esta realidad también en la Iglesia. Algunos de los viejos "paños" serán arrojados a un lado y celebraremos una forma recién resucitada. En la Biblia, cada vez que Jesús aparecía y la muerte estaba cerca, la muerte siempre era derrotada. Para nosotros será lo mismo, la forma puede ser diferente, pero la voz y el mensaje siempre serán los mismos, y ninguna muerte nos vencerá.

Feliz Pascua y Paz, Padre Murray

Novedades en la construcción: Hemos comenzado a pintar las iglesias, instalar nuevas luces en ambas iglesias y terminar la cocina en St. James. (Campana extractora y estufa nuevas). También hay una alfombra nueva en las entradas de IC y SJ. Más noticias a medida que avanzan los proyectos.

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Daily Readings can also be found at
www.usccb.org



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MQOA THIS WEEK

SATURDAY

Mass, 4:00 PM

A recording of the Mass will be posted on our Facebook page and on our website. This can be viewed anytime at your convenience.

SUNDAY

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

Spanish Mass, 11:30 AM **
Immaculate Church
In-Person

Also at 11:30 AM

A recording of the Mass, en español, will be posted on our Facebook page and on our website. This can be viewed anytime at your convenience.

Mass, 6:00 PM **
Immaculate Church
In-Person

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

TUESDAY

Weekday Mass
9 :00 AM

A recording of the Mass will be posted on our Facebook page and on our website. This can be viewed anytime at your convenience.

DAILY

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

This Weekend's Offertory Is for the Clergy Trust

Every Easter, the offertory collection benefits the Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests in good standing. By supporting the collection, you can show your appreciation and support for the priests who have made and continue to make a difference in your life, the life of our parish, and the lives of countless others in our community. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

Supporting those who
supported us.

Thank you!



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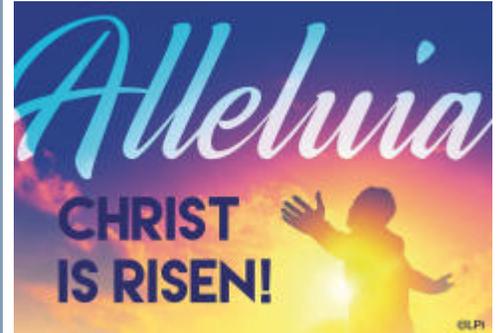
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FOLLOW ALONG WITH MASS

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



ONLINE MASSES

A recording of the Mass will be posted on our website and Facebook page on **Saturdays at 4 PM (English)** and **Sundays at 11:30 AM (en español)**. After they are posted, you can view the Mass anytime at your convenience by going to: facebook.com/mqosasalem OR www.mqoa.com/worship

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.



Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping.
Vincent de Paul

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

What better way to celebrate this Lenten and Easter season, especially in this year of the pandemic, than to help the needy in our own city? Due to national, state, and city regulations that were implemented to control the spread of the coronavirus, everyone has been impacted, and those with limited financial resources are being hit especially hard. We are still receiving calls for assistance from first-time callers whose work hours have been reduced or cut altogether. People are understandably concerned and fearful about being able to pay rent and utilities with reduced or no income.

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
158 Federal St.
Salem, MA. 01970

For the last month, your donations helped to fund \$16,515 in assistance to the poor in Salem, including \$10,205 for overdue rent to avoid eviction; \$2,591 for past due electricity and fuel bills to avoid shut off of those utilities; \$2,662 for food vouchers; and \$960 for miscellaneous items such as beds and bedding, and storage charges to avoid auction of a client's entire belongings following loss of her job and apartment. Because we are a volunteer organization, our operating expenses were just \$97 for phones and postage. We gratefully acknowledge your generous contributions which help the needy of Salem.

Thank you for helping 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.

WESHARE: Set up a recurring or a one-time offertory donation using your checking account or any major credit card. If you are able, please consider setting up a recurring donation.



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Staying Connected | Being Together

This past year, we provided many ways for parishioners, and others from around the globe, to share and grow in our faith. This was done safely and often via the internet. If you would like to keep updated on what is happening at MQOA, follow our Facebook page, visit our website, or sign up to receive the electronic version of our newsletter and bulletin. We are here for you and ready to support you.

Visit Our Website

www.mqoa.org

Have you seen our new website? We have a new look! A few highlights from the website:

- Our **weekly newsletter** is a great way to keep in touch and learn of any updates and changes. It includes inspiring reflections from our pastoral staff and a sneak peek at the weekend's bulletin. You can have it sent straight to your inbox every Friday by signing up on our website. (click info, then newsletter)
- Look for **upcoming programs** and groups like Alpha (in English and en Espanol, for teens, for families), the Prayer Course, 20|30, and more. This past year we have been meeting via Zoom.
- Information on **worship opportunities**. (Inside at IC and SJ, drive-in (SJ) or side lawn (IC) when weather permits, and online).
- Information on how to **receive the Sacraments**: Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, and Anointing of the Sick. And, how to obtain sacramental certificates.

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"Follow" us and receive notification when we post so you don't miss a thing. Learn about upcoming Faith Formation programs, timely updates, and other parish announcements. Also, the online weekly Mass, Saturday 4 PM Mass, Sunday 11:30 AM Spanish Mass, and other services are posted here. Note, you don't need to have a Facebook account to view these videos. You can find the links to them on our website.

The Bulletin

If you aren't ready to return to Mass in person, there is a "Bulletin Box" on the fence at IC that has copies of the weekly bulletin. You can also view an electronic version of the bulletin or sign up to have the electronic version emailed to you each week. To view the bulletin or to sign up to have emailed, go to:

www.parishesonline.com/find/mqoa

The Resurrection of the Lord



Our readings remind us that the message of Easter is one of joy and good news. It is a message that we cannot keep to ourselves. St. Peter makes clear in today's first reading that we are "commissioned" to preach and bear witness. While limitations on gatherings still need observing, how will you bear witness to Christ's saving love this Easter? Who are the people in your life that need to hear this good news? The message is clear - Christ our hope is risen. Go - tell the good News!

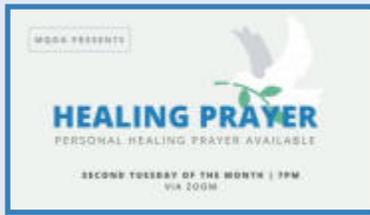


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Or, reach out to Peter Mercier (petermercierrocks@gmail.com) or Peter Brau (peterbrau@yahoo.com) for details or if you have any questions."



BE HEALED

Tuesday, April 13, at 7 PM via ZOOM

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.

MQOA is on What'sApp!



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Thank you for keeping MQOA in mind!



COMING UP | SAVE THE DATE | ONLINE EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021 AT 7:30 PM

The Prayer Course | 8-week Series

An eight-week journey through the Lord's Prayer with host Margo Morin.

The series is offered online so you can experience it from the comfort of your own home. Contact Margo at mmorin@mgoa.org if you have questions.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 AT 8 PM - 10 PM

Marriage Course #2 | 7-Week Series

Whether your relationship is hurting or stagnant—this course is for you!

We want to help you set aside intentional time to focus on bettering your relationship. Each week, you will be encouraged to create a date night atmosphere . . . set aside distractions, light a candle, and pour a drink before you click to join the call together in the comfort of your own home.

Register today to reserve your spot, receive our Date Night Kit, and take a step to prioritize what's most important this April. Contact Steven Antonio at santonio@mgoa.org if you have any questions.

ONGOING

20|30 is focused on young adults in their 20s and 30s who are seeking purpose, worth, community, or faith. We want to get to know you better, meet you both online and in-person (safely). This group is **open to everyone, no matter your background, history, or belief.** Contact Steven at santonio@mgoa.org for more information.

Visit our website of Facebook page for more information or to register.

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Catholic Appeal



Our 2021 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway. Together, we have raised **\$10,911** toward our parish goal of **\$36,632**. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have participated, especially during this difficult year. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at MQOA.

We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, donations can be made on line at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org, or scan the QR code, or mail to: The Catholic Appeal, RCAB Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA 02184. (In memo line: MQOA #504)

Your participation in our parish Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

This is our Church and when you support the Appeal, you support us! Thank you!



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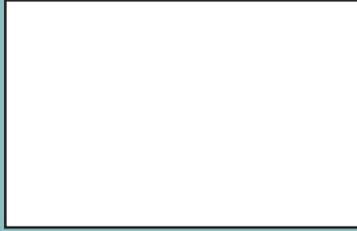
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