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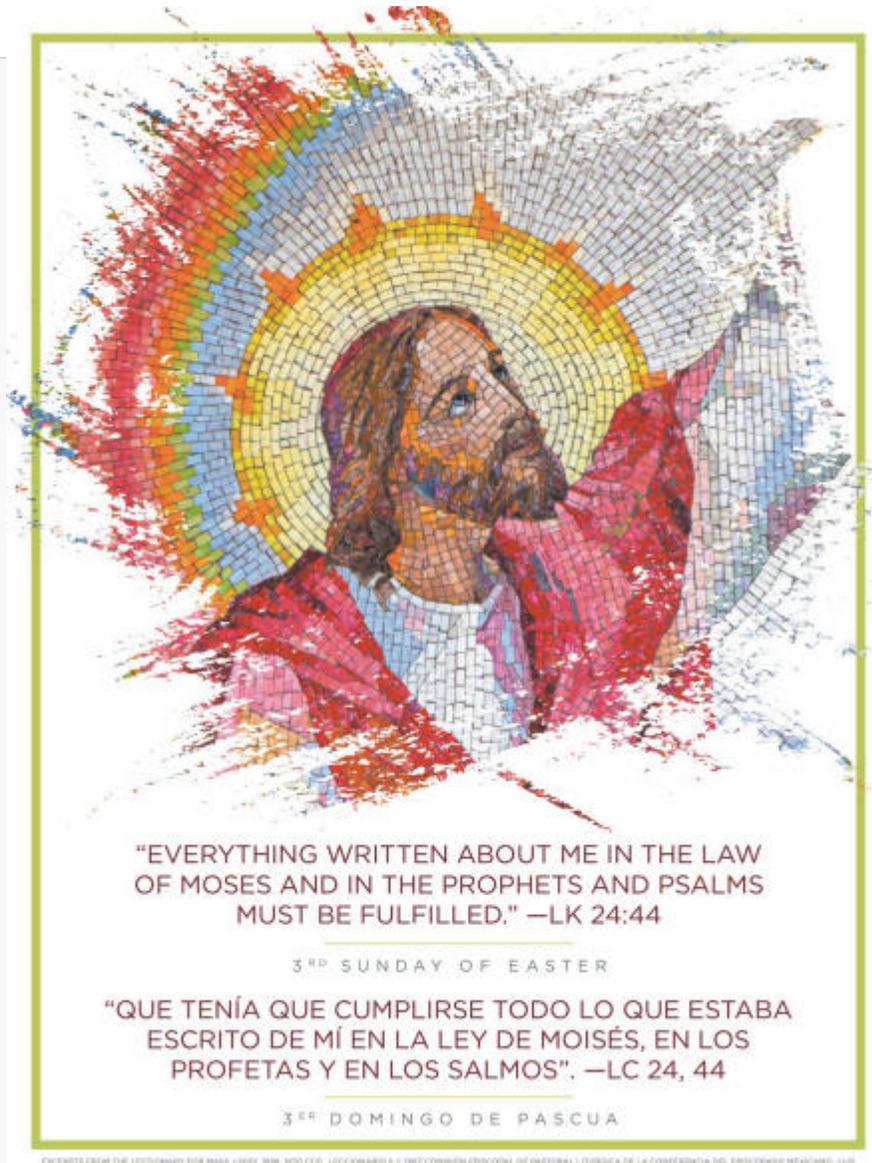
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## WELCOME

**Be welcomed.  
Be healed.  
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.



"EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED." —LK 24:44

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"QUE TENÍA QUE CUMPLIRSE TODO LO QUE ESTABA ESCRITO DE MÍ EN LA LEY DE MOISÉS, EN LOS PROFETAS Y EN LOS SALMOS". —LC 24, 44

3<sup>ER</sup> DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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## THIS WEEK AT MQOA:

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# 02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



This Easter season reminds us that the power of the Holy Spirit operates in us and among us. It is easy to fall into the danger of taking ourselves so seriously that we forget to leave room for the action and direction of the Holy Spirit. The amazing scenes of Jesus' appearances to various people after His death in our Gospel readings these weeks remind us that we are called to give testimony to the real person of Jesus.

I've always wondered about what Jesus looked like in the resurrection. From the first appearance to His ascension, we see that He was with the Apostles. At their first meeting, because He was so changed, Jesus needed to convince them that it was really Him, by eating and drinking and by showing His wounds and scars.

In our own time, I think that we will have scars too. We bear the scars of the scandals and leadership failures in the Church. Sometimes our scars will be unseen, even while they are

deeply felt; scars of being rejected for believing, or the sadness of losing connection to the churches, traditions, and practices of our childhoods. But even with our scars, we are still the mysterious body of Christ (one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church). We are still called to eat and drink with Jesus and His disciples (look in the mirror to find one) at the Mass.

Then too, like the first disciples, we are called to carry the message to the world. We can start at the kitchen table or the house next door, or with anyone we meet. God's plan is for everyone to know how much they are loved. Instead of shouting down from heaven, God wants us to gather and share with one another Jesus' message and love. I find hope for the future because I know that in the end God always triumphs.

It's a good question to ask: Why did Jesus appear after His death? It seems to me that it was important for the disciples to see Him so they could begin to believe and put together all the lessons He taught. Jesus finishes His earthly human-and-divine life and then ascends to the

eternal life of offering salvation to us all. We have been honored by God to receive a share in the human task and to share the message of salvation. We also have been given the tools to accomplish it: the Holy Spirit, the sacraments, the Bible, and each other. All we have to do now is to be witnesses.

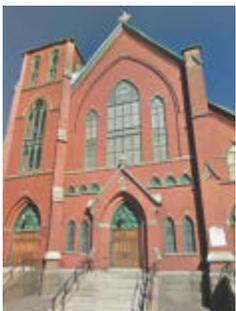
*Peace,  
Father Murray*

**Building News:** We have now completed the repair painting of the upper churches at both St. James and IC. We also will be installing a new fire suppression hood in the kitchen at St. James. We're taking advantage of this time when so few people are able to be indoors, to get this work done. We also are working on setting up a space for recording videos and podcasts, thanks as always to generous benefactors.

## 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

Esta temporada de Pascua nos recuerda que es importante tener presente el poder del Espíritu Santo que opera en nosotros y entre nosotros. A veces pienso que podemos caer en el peligro de tomarnos a nosotros mismos tan en serio que, nos olvidamos de dejar espacio para la acción y la dirección del Espíritu Santo. Las asombrosas escenas de las apariciones de Jesús nos recuerdan que somos personas llamadas a dar testimonio ante una persona real en Jesús.

Para mí, el misterio siempre ha sido cómo se veía Jesús en la resurrección. Desde la primera aparición hasta la Ascensión, vemos que estaba con los Apóstoles, pero tan cambiado que necesitaba convencerlos comiendo y bebiendo y mostrando las cicatrices que tenía.

En nuestro propio tiempo, creo que también tendremos cicatrices. Son las cicatrices de los escándalos y el abandono de las parroquias y de la iglesia. A veces serán cicatrices invisibles, pero que las sentimos al ser rechazados por creer o por la tristeza de perder parte de nuestras prácticas. A pesar de estas posibilidades, espero que la gente vea que todavía so-

mos el cuerpo místico de Cristo. (La Iglesia, Santa, Una, Católica y Apostólica) Esto significa que estamos llamados a comer y beber con Jesús y sus discípulos (mírate en el espejo para encontrar a un discípulo) en el contexto de la Misa.

Luego, como los primeros discípulos, estamos llamados a llevar el mensaje al mundo. Podemos empezar aquí en la mesa de la cocina o en la casa de al lado o en cualquier persona que encontremos cuando tengamos la oportunidad. ¿Pero por qué? El plan de Dios es que todos sepamos cuánto nos ama y, en vez de que Él lo grite desde el cielo, parece pensar que al reunirnos y compartir lo que ha sucedido, de una manera que podamos escucharlo y repetirlo, recibimos realmente el mensaje. Siempre tengo esperanzas porque sé que al final Dios triunfará.

Esto siempre será una interrogante, ¿Por qué apareció Jesús después de su muerte? Obviamente, era importante que los discípulos lo vieran y luego comenzaran a creer y a juntar todas las lecciones que Él enseñó. Jesús termina su tarea humana terrenal / Dios y luego asciende a la tarea Dios /

Salvador. Dios nos ha honrado al darnos una participación en la tarea humana de compartir el mensaje localmente. También se nos han dado los medios para lograrlo, es decir, el Espíritu Santo, los sacramentos y la Biblia. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer ahora es ser testigos.

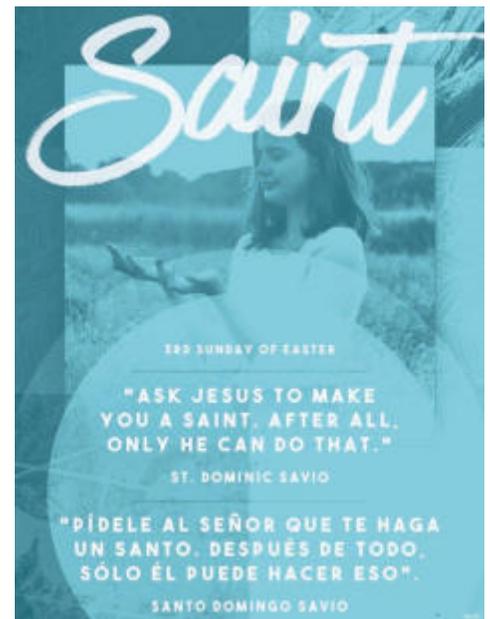
*Paz, Padre Murray*

Noticias de los edificios: Ahora hemos completado la pintura de reparación de las iglesias superiores tanto en St. James como en IC. También instalaremos una nueva campana de extinción de incendios en la cocina de St. James. Ha sido un buen momento para hacer el trabajo con pocos inconvenientes para los grupos y pronto esperamos poder dar la bienvenida a todos. También estamos trabajando para organizar un lugar para albergar un podcast con algunos de los equipos que se nos han entregado. Gracias, como siempre, a los generosos benefactores.

## Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

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| Sunday:      | Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48       |
| Monday:      | Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29                  |
| Tuesday:     | Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35 |
| Wednesday:   | Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40                         |
| Thursday:    | Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51                         |
| Friday:      | Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59                          |
| Saturday:    | Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69                  |
| Next Sunday: | Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18 |

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



# 04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

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



## Catholic Appeal

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have participated, in the 2021 Catholic Appeal, especially during this difficult year. Together, we have raised **\$23,395.00** toward our parish goal of **\$35,673.68 (66% or our goal)**. 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](http://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!**



## 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](http://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](https://facebook.com/mqosasalem) OR [www.mqoa.com/worship](http://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](http://mqoa.org/worship). Or, call the office.

# SUPPORT YOUR PARISH 05



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

If you are able to donate, please remember the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the work they do in Salem, providing for those hit hardest by this pandemic.

In the past, they have had successful monthly campaigns at the doors of the church that had to be suspended due to the pandemic.

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.

If you are financially able, please consider making a donation. 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**

**Please pray for the volunteers and the people they help.  
Thank you for your support.**



**FIAT**, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on April 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. There will be a Panel Discussion on the Various Stages of Formation. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at [marian.batho@csjboston.org](mailto:marian.batho@csjboston.org) or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.



If you or a family member would like to receive Reconciliation please call or email the office to arrange a time with Father Murray at 978-745-9060 or at [info@mqa.org](mailto:info@mqa.org)

## 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.



## YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE USING TEXT-TO-GIVE OR THE QR CODE:

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- Text: "MQOA" TO (202) 858-1233
- Scan the QR Code.
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## BECOME A SUSTAINING GIVER:

Learn how you can support the parish with your Amazon purchases, and more at [www.mqoa.org/donate](http://www.mqoa.org/donate)



**THANK YOU**

**FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**



# 06 CONNECT AND GROW

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### How to Fail Your Way to Heaven



You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus

falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

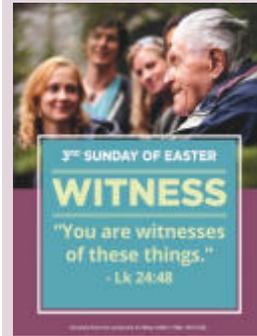
It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



### ATTENTION:

Unfortunately, there are people using the identities of clergy to extort money, usually asking for gift cards or wire transfers. **Please do not fall for these scams.** No one from the Archdiocese, Father Murray, or staff will ever ask for money via email, nor gift cards, etc. If you are uncertain, always check with the office.



## APRIL 18 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus asks the disciples in today's gospel, and he asks us, "Why are you troubled?" Along with the disciples, you too may be thinking, "Haven't you seen the terrible things that have been happening" over the past year? Jesus responded to his frightened disciples that they were not to stay in the upper room — that place of fear and confusion. Rather Jesus sent his disciples out into the world. Many things have caused discouragement and fear for us — his current-day disciples — yet these things give us even more reason to rely on Christ. What holds you back from sharing the good news? Take time this week to reflect on this gospel. How will you be a witness of Christ's saving love?

### It's Here! The New CatholicTV Series on Palliative Care



Join **MC Sullivan, RN, MTS, JD**, Chief Healthcare Ethicist and Director of the *Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning* for the Archdiocese of Boston, and **Karen A. O'Brien, MD**, Co-Director of the Palliative Care Inpatient Service at Massachusetts General Hospital, as they discuss topics in Palliative Care for patients and families dealing with serious illness. The weekly programs cover subjects from advance care planning to decision-making about treatments, nutrition and hydration, and when and how to address end-of-life care.

### You won't want to miss it!\*

Airs: Mondays at 6pm; Tuesdays at 7am, and Thursdays 2am and 11am

\*If you happen to miss an episode, the link will be provided on the RCAB Palliative Care website page following the episode, <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/palliativecare> or go to: <https://www.catholicstv.org/talking-of-palliative-care.html>

The Office of Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning always welcomes questions and comments — on these televised talks, or in general. Please submit to [PalliativeCare@rcab.org](mailto:PalliativeCare@rcab.org)



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and Advance Care Planning



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## MASS INTENTIONS



We are still offering Mass intentions to remember or honor a loved one. For intentions during the week, Father Murray will pray for each Mass intention during his private daily Mass.

Intentions can also be reserved for our Tuesday online Mass, and the online and indoor/outdoor weekend Masses. If you are interested in scheduling a Mass intention, call the office at 978-745-9060. Or, email [mbarrette@mqa.org](mailto:mbarrette@mqa.org).

There is no cost to having a Mass said, but we gratefully accept donations.

## Volunteers Needed!



### Volunteers needed to help at outdoor Masses

Beginning May 1, our Sunday Masses will only be held outdoors until we feel it is safe to move inside. We have several

vital volunteer roles that will help create a welcoming and safe Mass for all. We hope you will be able to assist us. Please consider helping in any of the follow positions:

- Lectors
- Eucharist Ministers
- Greeters. Welcome our parishioners and guests in their cars at the gates and hand them the bulletin.
- Parking attendants. Direct cars to parking spots.
- Set-up/Clean-up helpers. Vital to help the Mass run smoothly and allow our ministers to prepare for their roles.
- Prayers. We realize not everyone is ready to return to Mass. Maybe you would be willing to pray for us at a Mass. There are two prayer slots available for each Mass.

Thank you for your consideration. If you can help, please contact Margo at [mmorin@mqa.org](mailto:mmorin@mqa.org).

## 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@mqa.org](mailto:mmorin@mqa.org) if you have questions.

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

### Marriage Course #2 | 7-Week Series



MARRIAGE COURSE

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@mqa.org](mailto:santonio@mqa.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@mqa.org](mailto:santonio@mqa.org) for more information.

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### Outdoor Mass returns May 1.

Guests are welcome to participate from their cars or bring chairs to sit outside. A limited number of chairs will be provided.



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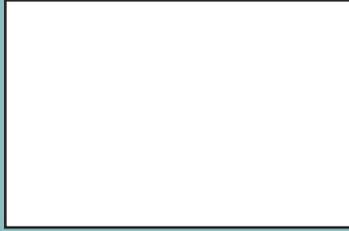
  
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