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April 25, 2021

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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.



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

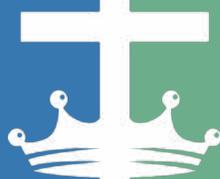
"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

4^o DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"Yo soy el buen pastor, porque conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí, así como el Padre me conoce a mí y yo conozco al Padre. Yo doy la vida por mis ovejas". - Jn 10, 14-15

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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



One of the more important themes that we see in the Easter scriptures is *re-creation*. There were extraordinary reactions to Jesus in His glorified, resurrected form. Jesus is so new in His glorified form that even His friends do not recognize Him. You and I might ask ourselves if the same is true for us. As a result of our Lenten sacrifices, prayer, and almsgiving, do people notice a change in us? This can be a fair barometer of how we are growing as disciples. We can also ask this question as a parish. Are we different as we are working toward becoming more missionary, and reaching out to those who do not know Jesus?

Daniel Cellucci is the chief executive officer of the Catholic Leadership Institute. Here is what he sees in parishes that are changing and becoming more missionary focused. There are four points. He says that the "Next Generation Catholic Parish ..."

1. ...fosters spiritual maturity and has a plan for discipleship for its members.
2. ...shares leadership and maintains a commitment to being a healthy organization.
3. ...consistently offers intentional and excellent experiences of Sunday worship.

4. ...(most importantly) the pastor and the people have a missionary impulse to go out and bring others to know Jesus.

The early disciples believed that Jesus would return *today*, and when *today* passed and the clouds did not open, they thought: *tomorrow*. This went on for a long time. We can see this in the writings of Paul and the other writers in the New Testament. What they failed to see when Jesus told them to go out to "all the nations to preach the good news (Mt 28:19)" was that this was going to take some time. It is so important that we still pray as if today might be the *today* that the Lord comes in glory.

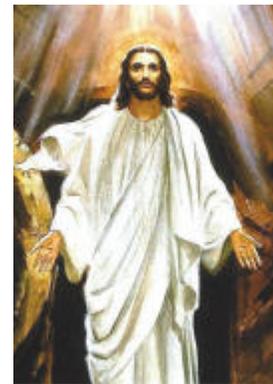
In the meantime, we can learn from the culture of Christianity and of the Romans and Israelites cultures--or any culture from that time. History shows that the early Christians faced persecutions and challenges almost constantly. Their dedication to their faith at times when it was very much a gamble, to me, makes it all the more impressive that they did not give up. We are called to bring others to Jesus despite living in a time that requires courage to do this. We may not be called to sell everything and put it in a communal fund like the disciples did, but we are called to share all the gifts we have been given with others.

The most powerful way we can do that is to live lovingly and

generously in the community, so much so that we are admired and imitated. This is the first step to evangelizing the whole world. It begins with us in the same way that it began with the early disciples. In order to address the needs of those who are away, alienated, or do not know the Church, we must find ourselves focusing on these things. We are in the midst of the Easter *re-creation* of the parish, and I hope you will continue to help us and to pray that the future of the parish will be outward looking and missionary focused until we see Jesus coming in glory.

*Peace,
Father Murray*

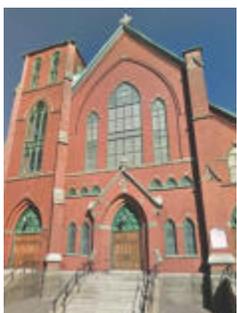
Building news. The painting of the churches is completed for now. The tower work at St. James will be starting up soon and we hope to have it done this summer.



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

Uno de los temas más importantes de las Escrituras acerca de la Pascua es el tema de la recreación. Está claro que hubo reacciones extraordinarias hacia Jesús en su forma glorificada y resucitada. Jesús es tan nuevo en su forma glorificada que ni siquiera sus amigos lo reconocen. Podríamos preguntarnos si sucede lo mismo con nosotros. Como resultado de nuestros sacrificios de Cuaresma, oración y limosna, ¿la gente nos pregunta cuándo cambiamos? Es un buen barómetro de cómo estamos creciendo como discípulos. También podemos hacer esta pregunta a nuestra parroquia. ¿Vamos cambiando y nos vemos diferentes mientras trabajamos para ser más misioneros y llegar a aquellos que no conocen a Jesús?

Daniel Celluci es el director ejecutivo del Catholic Leadership Institute. A continuación, describo lo que él ve en las parroquias que están cambiando y convirtiéndose en una organización más enfocada en ser misioneros. Hay cuatro puntos. La parroquia católica de la próxima generación ...

1. ...fomenta la madurez espiritual y el desarrollo de un plan de discipulado de sus miembros.
2. ...comparte liderazgo y mantiene un compromiso con una organización saludable.
3. ...ofrece constantemente una experiencia excelente e intencionada de la adoración dominical.

4. ...lo más importante es que el pastor y la gente tienen un impulso misionero de salir y traer a otros a conocer a Jesús.

Los primeros discípulos creían que Jesús regresaría "hoy" y cuando el "hoy" pasaba y las nubes no se abrían, pensaban, "mañana". Esto continuó durante mucho tiempo y podemos ver esa idea en los escritos de Pablo y los otros escritores de las cartas del Nuevo Testamento. Es muy importante que sigamos orando como si hoy fuera el día en que el Señor venga en gloria. Lo que no tomaron en cuenta es que Jesús les había dicho que fueran a "todas las naciones a predicar las buenas nuevas". (Mt 28:19.) Obviamente, esto iba a llevar algún tiempo. Mientras tanto, lo que ellos nos han mostrado es que la cultura del cristianismo era diferente a la cultura romana e israelita, o cualquier otra en ese momento.

La historia nos muestra que enfrentaron persecuciones y desafíos casi constantemente, por lo que es aún más admirable que continuaran viviendo como lo hicieron. También nos recuerda que estamos llamados a llevar a otros hacia Jesús, a pesar de vivir en una época que requiere coraje para hacerlo. Puede que no seamos llamados a vender todo lo que tenemos y ponerlo en un fondo comunal, pero estamos llamados a

ser personas que vivan preparadas para compartir con los demás todos los dones que nos han sido dados.

Quizás el don más poderoso sea vivir con amor y generosidad en la comunidad de la Iglesia, tanto que seamos admirados e imitados. Este es el primer paso para evangelizar al mundo entero. Comienza con nosotros de la misma manera que comenzó con los primeros discípulos y luego debe expandirse a todo el mundo. Para poder atender las necesidades de aquellos que están lejos, alienados o que no conocen la iglesia, debemos mantenernos enfocados en estas cosas. Esta es la recreación de la parroquia y espero que continúen ayudándonos y orando para que el futuro de la parroquia sea orientado hacia el exterior y centrado en la misión, hasta que veamos que Jesús viene en gloria.

Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias de los edificios: La pintura de las iglesias ya está terminada. El trabajo de la torre en St. James comenzará pronto y esperamos haberlo terminado este verano.

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

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
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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



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04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

Returning NEXT Sunday, May 2! Outdoor Mass



We are bringing the Masses back outdoors! We continue to keep the safety of all generations of guests at the forefront as we plan for this spring into summer. We will use the stage at St. James Church and the side lawn at Immaculate Conception Church. At both churches, you can bring your own chair

or remain in your car. **Rain or shine, Mass will be broadcast to 88.1 FM.**

Sundays

- 8:30 AM | St. James Parking Lot - English
- 11:30 AM | Immaculate Conception Side Lawn - Spanish
- 6:00 PM | Immaculate Conception Side Lawn - English

Online: 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/mqoasalem OR www.mqoa.com/worship

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

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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, 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!



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

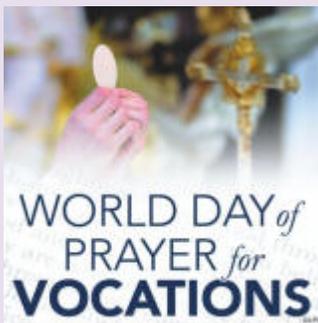
If you are able to donate, please remember the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the work they do in Salem, providing for those hit hardest by this pandemic.

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

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.



Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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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 PM (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 or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

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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.

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06 CONNECT AND GROW

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS



Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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



APRIL 25 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, I know mine and mine know me." These words from today's Gospel hold both comfort and challenge! How well do you know Christ? Do you recognize his voice when he speaks to you? Do you willingly follow him as one of his sheep, as one of his disciples? Following the Good Shepherd takes faith, courage and an open heart. Take time this week in prayer to listen to the voice of our Good Shepherd. Pray for the grace to be responsive to his call to discipleship.

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.catholic.tv.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



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and Advance Care Planning



Outdoor Mass returns May 2

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



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.

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 2, 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.

Sacrament of Baptism

If you are seeking Baptism for yourself or your child, please call the office or email our Pastoral Associate, Margo at mmorin@mqa.org



COMING UP | SAVE THE DATE | ONLINE EVENTS

SUNDAYS, THRU JUNE 6

At 7:30 PM (Join us when you can.)

The Prayer Course | 8-week Series



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

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Contact Margo at mmorin@mqa.org if you have 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 for more information.

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

Friday, March 12

Friday, April 9

Friday, May 7

5:00 PM

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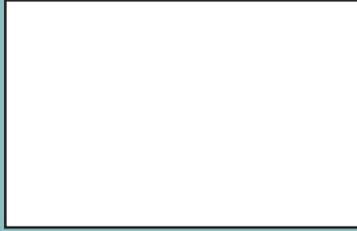

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