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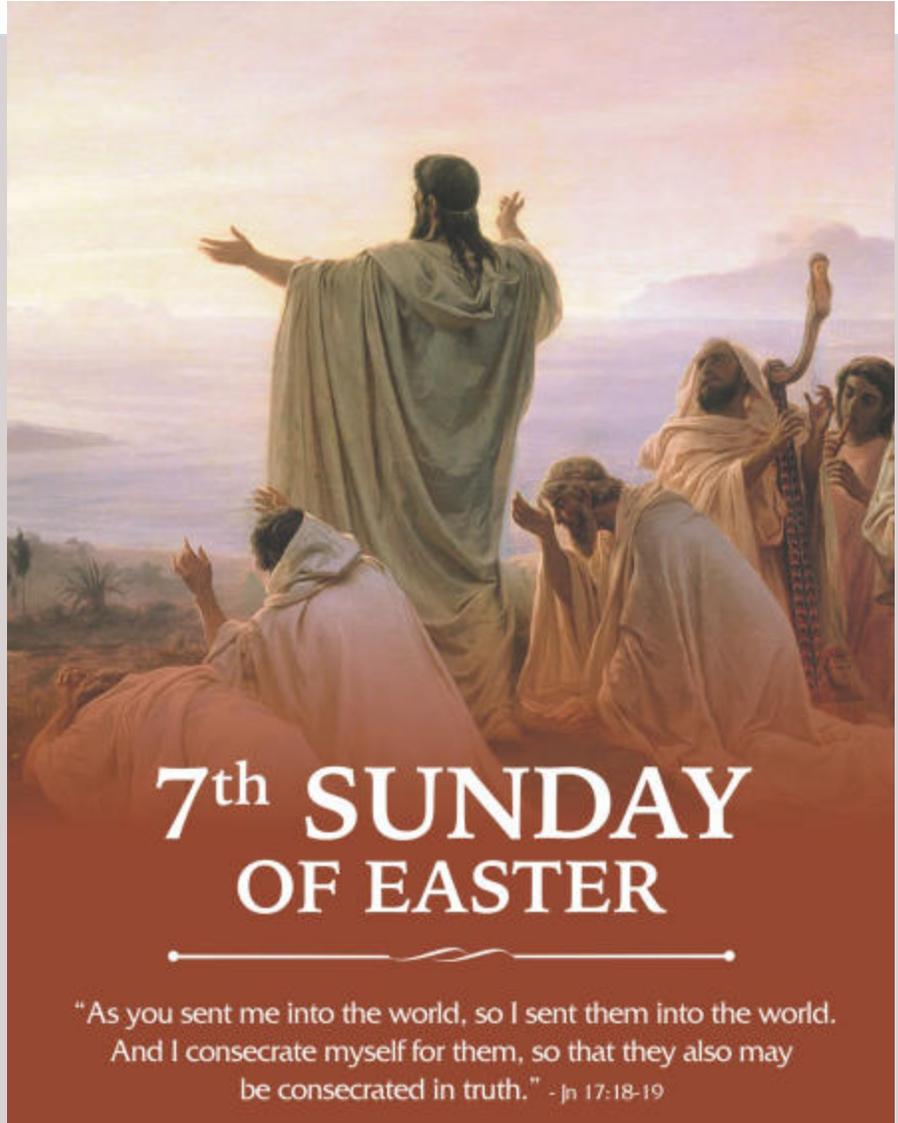
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**Be welcomed.
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We hope that you find us to be Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus Christ, centered in the Eucharist.

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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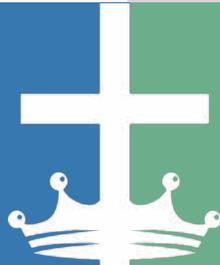
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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



This past Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension. The Gospel scenes from Matthew and Luke are similar, and along with the account in the book of Acts, all are a good reminder that we are not meant to sit at home waiting for Jesus to bring others to us. In the past, it did work that way for the Church; people came to the Church without our having to do anything to invite or attract them. But in our modern times, we are called to hear the missionary call and go out as the apostles did.

Salem is diverse in its population and spiritualities. We seek to offer a message of hope and healing in the person of, and personal relationship with, Jesus. In the last few weeks, we have hosted outdoor Masses, and this is certainly one way to get the attention of passers-by. We have also hosted a neighborhood meeting with the mayor, the interim chief of police, and many citizens to discuss the issues that concern them. We have our online courses, Masses, and presentations. In each of these experiences, we have an opportunity to pique the interest of those participating and those observing from the outside who may be looking for something. We want it to be known that we are part of the neighborhood and want to

help bring healing and welcome beyond our church walls. We want to show our concerns are for the whole city, and not just our parish.

This past year, we've worked hard to meet people where they are, as Jesus did, and this has been helped through our web-based programming. We want to invite people to know Christ, first through us and then to enter into a personal relationship with Him.

Another way we can witness to the power of Jesus in our lives is to take the Pentecost Challenge: At Mass next Sunday (around the homily time), I'll invite you to come to the front of the stage if you've experienced the Holy Spirit active in your life this past year. We want to praise God for this. We will also want to be able to see, in a concrete way, the spiritual growth in our parish. If Mary, Queen of the Apostles can continue to raise up those whose lives have been touched by God and celebrate that, I am sure that God will continue to send us more and more disciples.

The week after Pentecost, we will begin Ordinary Time. This is the time for us to go out to the whole world and announce the Good News. In our parish, we invite people to know God through the Alpha program, and thru online and (eventually) in-person programs that outline a path to Jesus, a life of growing and deepening discipleship

in faith, and a call to serve in the various ministries in the parish.

As we continue to move toward more relaxed protocols, I invite each of you to take the opportunity to embrace a ministry. I also ask everybody to experience Alpha in the next year's time, so that as a community we can begin to promote this program for everybody and to help those who are searching to find God in an adult, conversational-style setting. The more people who experience Alpha, and in turn, use this as an introduction to a dialogue of faith to help others, the better we will be at bringing souls to Christ. Are there other methods? Sure — and we are going to ask the Holy Spirit to help us in all things — but right now, we need everybody on board to help with the mission.

This is the mission that the whole parish is called to, and I hope everyone will join us.

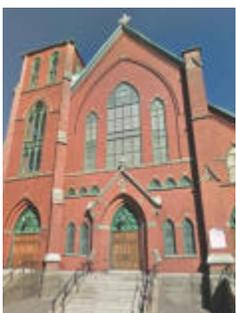
*Peace,
Father Murray*



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UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY 03

Este pasado jueves celebramos la fiesta de la Ascensión. Las escenas del Evangelio de Mateo y Lucas son bastante similares. El relato de los Hechos de los Apóstoles también es un buen recordatorio de que no somos cristianos que esperamos sentados en casa a que Jesús nos mande a llamar por otras personas. De hecho, esa práctica funcionó por un periodo y hace algún tiempo. En nuestra época moderna, debemos estar preparados para escuchar el llamado misionero y salir.

Parte del "agua profunda" para nosotros es nuestra propia ciudad de Salem con su diversa población y espiritualidades. Buscamos ofrecer un mensaje de esperanza y sanación en la persona y en su relación personal con Jesús. ¿Cómo hacemos esto? En las últimas semanas hemos organizado misas al aire libre y esta es, sin duda, una forma de llamar la atención de la gente. También hemos tenido una reunión con el alcalde, el jefe de Policía interino y muchos otros ciudadanos para discutir los temas que les preocupan desde su punto de vista. Tenemos nuestros cursos en línea y en persona, y en cada una de estas experiencias, aprovechamos la oportunidad de despertar el interés de quienes pasan por aquí o revisan el sitio web, de demostrar que somos parte del vecindario y que queremos ayudar a llevar el diálogo y la comunicación entre el gobierno de la ciudad y el electorado. Así les dejamos claro que nuestras preocupaciones

son para con toda la ciudad y no solo para con nuestra parroquia.

En los momentos de contacto virtual por la web, el agua profunda está en encontrar a las personas donde se ubican, como lo hizo Jesús, y luego invitarlas a conocerlo, primero a través de nosotros y luego a entrar en una relación personal con Jesucristo. Otra forma en que podemos dar testimonio del poder de Jesús en nuestras vidas es aceptando el desafío de Pentecostés.

El desafío consiste simplemente en esto: que usted pase al frente del escenario cuando sea llamado por el sacerdote de la misa el próximo domingo (alrededor de la hora de la homilía) y diga simplemente con su presencia, Jesús vino a mi vida en este último año, Cuaresma o tiempo de Pascua. Lo que queremos hacer es simplemente alabar a Dios por esto y luego vamos contando. Simplemente estamos tratando de establecer una línea de base para el crecimiento espiritual en nuestra parroquia. Si María, Reina de los Apóstoles, puede continuar levantando a aquellos cuyas vidas han sido tocadas por Dios y celebrarlo, estoy seguro de que Dios continuará enviándonos cada vez más discípulos.

La próxima semana después de Pentecostés, comenzaremos el tiempo ordinario. Este es el momento para seguir saliendo hacia el mundo entero y anunciar las Buenas Nuevas. En esta parroquia, nuestra visión es invitar a

las personas a conocer a Dios a través del programa Alpha, los programas en línea y (eventualmente) en persona, que delinean un camino hacia Jesús, una vida de discipulado creciente y profundo en la fe y un llamado a servir en los diversos ministerios de la parroquia. Para algunos, sé que estas son las aguas profundas cuando se trata de ejercitar nuestra fe y de vivirla en comunidad.

A medida que continuamos avanzando hacia protocolos más relajados, espero que todos aprovechen la oportunidad para integrarse a un ministerio. Voy a pedirles a todos que experimenten Alpha, para que, como comunidad, podamos comenzar a promover este programa para que todos ayuden a aquellos que buscan encontrar a Dios en un ambiente de conversación para adultos. Cuantas más personas experimenten Alpha y, a su vez, ayuden a otros a usar esto como una introducción a un diálogo de fe, seremos mejores llevando almas a Cristo. ¿Existen otros métodos? Seguro que sí, y vamos a pedirle al Espíritu Santo que nos ayude en todo, pero ahora mismo necesitamos que todos estén a bordo para ayudar con la misión. Estas son las "aguas profundas" a las que está llamada toda la parroquia. Espero que todos se unan a nosotros.

Paz, Padre Murray

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday:	<i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter:</i> Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	<i>Morning:</i> Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

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



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04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

Welcome Back to Outdoor Mass



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

FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE 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



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@mqoa.org.

Fall Mass Times Survey

As we begin planning for the fall, we want your input on Mass times. Please take our short, one-minute survey.

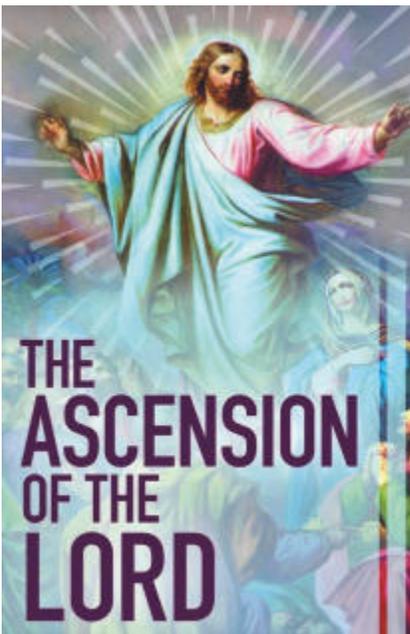
The form can be found:

- On our website: mqoa.org/worship
- At: www.tinyurl.com/MQOASurvey
- Via this QR code



"THE FUTURE STARTS TODAY, NOT TOMORROW."

ST. JOHN PAUL II



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Catholic Appeal Help us reach our goal

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have participated, especially during this difficult year. Together, we have raised **\$24,985** toward our parish goal of **\$36,632 (68% of our goal)**. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at MQOA.

We are hoping to make it to our goal, and we are almost there. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, donations can be made online 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)



Thank you for your support!

06 CONNECT AND GROW

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS



There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

"Baby Bottle" envelopes to support The Pregnancy Care Center



The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) offers, loving, confidential support to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. The goal of the PCC is to journey alongside women to let them know they are not alone. Additionally, they provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling and material assistance (baby items, food). The services are free, thanks to support from individuals and local churches. The PCC has locations in Haverhill, Lawrence and Lowell.

This weekend we will begin a Baby Bottle Campaign which will be used to raise funds for The Pregnancy Care Center ministry. Please visit pccfriends.org to fill a virtual baby bottle or use the addressed baby bottle envelopes provided to mail in your donation. Be sure to note our church on your check. You can also scan the QR code with a smartphone to access our virtual baby bottle campaign. Thank you!

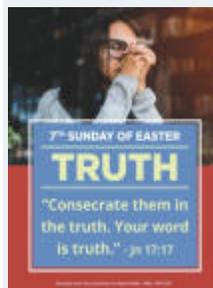


FIAT, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM (ET) on Zoom.

The topic will be **Community Life**. 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.



May 16 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter



Listen closely to today's gospel. It is as if we are eavesdropping on Jesus at prayer. Notice that he is praying for you! He is asking God to protect you, to keep you from the evil one, and to consecrate you in the truth. Take some quiet time today to listen again to Jesus' prayer for you. Have confidence that God hears Christ's prayer, that he is with you and strengthens your discipleship.



MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT

*DISCERNING YOUR CHARISMS
FOR MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP*

Thursday, May 27 | 6--8:30 PM

Did you know that one way the Holy Spirit builds up the Body of Christ is through charisms, or special graces that equip us to live out our discipleship and mission? What a gift!

Join us for a prayerful virtual workshop during which we'll learn more about individual charisms and the importance of discerning and exercising our charisms to fully live out our discipleship, become the people we were made out of love to be, and bear fruit for His mission!

Register at <http://bit.ly/charismsworkshop21> This is a virtual gathering.

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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@mgoa.org



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@mgoa.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.

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@mgoa.org.

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

Teach us to give
and not count
the cost.

— St. Ignatius de Loyola

Volunteers Needed!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our outdoor Masses require many hands to create a welcoming and safe Mass for all. We need your help! Please consider helping in one 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 and 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@mgoa.org.

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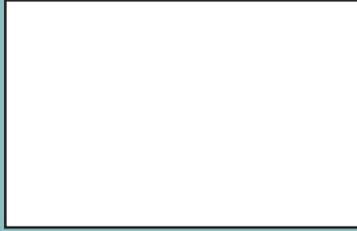

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