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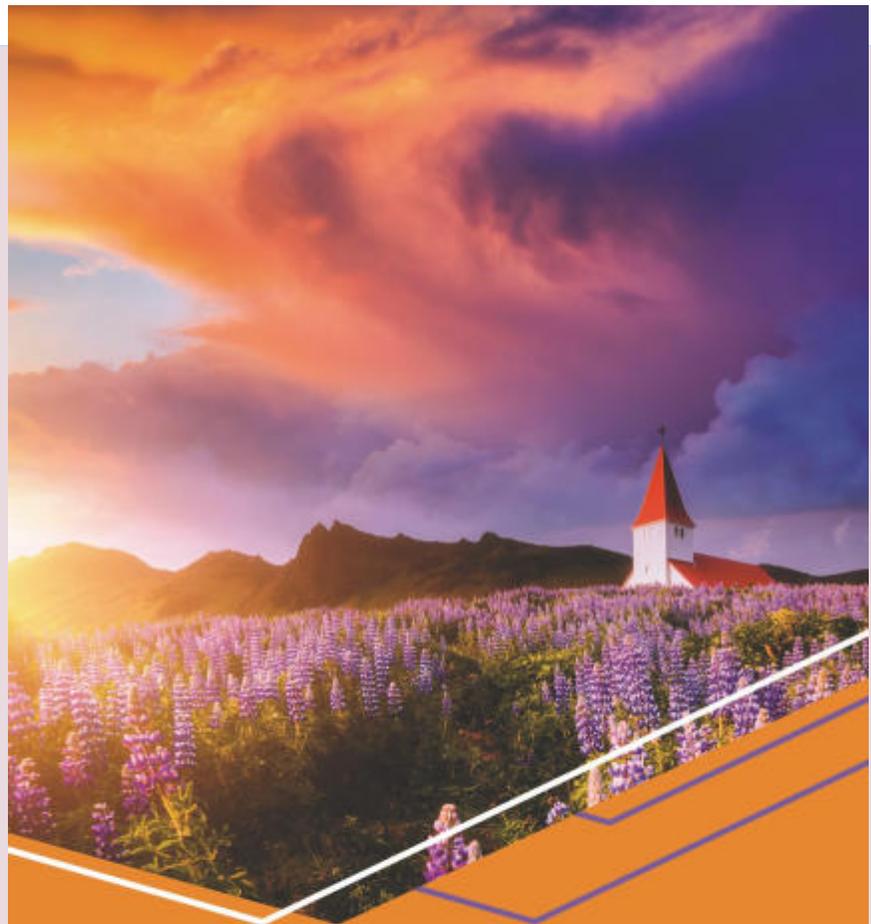
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WELCOME

**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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



Happy Birthday! This weekend we celebrate the birth of the Church and its mission. Sometimes the early Church

reminds me of our own modern day start-up businesses. Both start with someone with a new idea, and after organizing and gathering the first few people and sharing the idea, it is made public. This is not a perfect analogy, but it does remind me that Jesus and His disciples did a lot of work before the Church, as we know it, was up and running.

Over the last 90 days (Lent and Easter season) we have learned how Jesus came to understand what He was going to do at the request of the Father. He then publicly came forward and demonstrated the humility and the process that everyone would use to be part of the Body of Christ (these processes would eventually be our initiation sacraments).

Jesus then began to build His system and organization using the Apostles, disciples, and the teaching and miracles. Facing obstacles, He continued to train and form His partners, and

eventually shared the news of who He really is and what He intended to do. Finally, He made His incredible love-soaked act of His death and resurrection and then sent His first team out to proclaim this message to the whole world.

That we are here today is evident that Christ intended us to continue this project. In the days of Peter and John and James, they had the center of Jerusalem in which to proclaim the message. In our own time, we have the church buildings and the internet to share this extraordinary news of the love of God for each one of us in Jesus Christ.

As we continue to prepare for the fall (maybe sooner) and resuming what is a more “normal” world, we know (like the first Apostles must have known) that things will never be the same again. Soon we are beginning a new program called MQOA Sundays. We hope to reach, in a special way, those who look for hope and healing and welcome from the internet. We intend to reach out to the people who want what we have, the Good News of Christ, but are not ready to approach a brick-and-mortar church. I hope you will join me in praying for all those who are *not* here, those

who have not yet heard of Jesus — and ask God to send us out with the capacity to preach in a language they will understand. This is our post-Pentecost work and we are getting ready for it. I hope you will too.

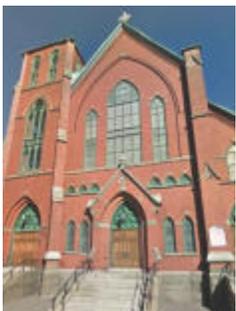
*Peace,
Father Murray*

Building news. We continue with projects that we have started in both churches. The kitchen at St. James has a new stove, refrigerator, and exhaust hood. The stove and refrigerator were donated, and the hood was paid for by a childhood friend of Father Murray. The tower work continues, and a recording studio is being set up in the lower church at St. James to help us have a continuing online presence. The curtains and rugs to help make it soundproof were all donated. At Immaculate, we are looking at doing some work on the bell as I mentioned earlier. I am grateful for those who have stepped forward with their time, talent and treasure to assist.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Offices: 158 Federal St. Salem, MA 01970 | 978-745-9060 |

The office is not open for visitors 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

¡Feliz cumpleaños! Este fin de semana celebramos el inicio de la Iglesia y su misión. A veces, la iglesia me recuerda a la creación de nuestros propios negocios en la actualidad. Hay alguien que está convencido de que tiene una nueva idea y después de organizar y reunir a las primeras personas y compartir la idea, la hacen pública. Esta no es una analogía perfecta, pero me recuerda que Jesús hizo mucho trabajo antes de darnos realmente la iglesia.

Durante los últimos 90 días (tiempo de Cuaresma y Pascua) hemos aprendido cómo Jesús aclaró por sí mismo lo que iba a hacer a pedido del Padre. Luego se presentó públicamente y demostró la humildad y el proceso que todos usarían para ser parte de su cuerpo. (Bautismo y aceptación del Espíritu Santo y de la invitación del Padre a ser escuchado a través de Jesús).

Jesús entonces comenzó a construir su sistema y organización usando a los apóstoles, los discípulos, las enseñanzas y los milagros que hizo. Enfrentando obstáculos, continuó entrenando y formando a sus compañeros y, en su momento, les compartió la noticia de quién es realmente y qué era lo que pretendía hacer.

Finalmente, hizo su increíble acto empapado de amor, su muerte y resurrección. Luego lo compartió con su primer equipo y los envió a proclamar este mensaje al mundo entero.

Que estemos aquí hoy es evidencia de que Cristo quiso que continuáramos este proyecto. En los días de Pedro, Juan y Santiago, tenían el centro de Jerusalén para proclamar el mensaje. En nuestro tiempo actual, tenemos los edificios de la iglesia y el Internet para compartir esta extraordinaria noticia del amor de Dios por cada uno de nosotros en Jesucristo.

A medida que continuamos preparándonos para el otoño (tal vez antes) y retomamos lo que es un mundo más normal, veremos al igual que los primeros Apóstoles, que nunca volverá a ser el mismo. Pronto comenzaremos un nuevo programa llamado Domingos de MQOA. Esperamos llegar, no a quienes se encuentran en las calles del centro de Salem, sino a quienes consumen información de Internet, o sea Millennials y Gen Z. Tenemos la intención de llegar a las personas que quieren lo que tenemos, pero que aún no nos han descubierto. Espero que se unan a mí para orar por todos los que no están aquí, por aquellos que aún

no han oído hablar de Jesús y que pidan a Dios que nos envíe con la capacidad de predicar en un idioma que comprendan. Esta es nuestra actividad posterior a Pentecostés y nos estamos preparando para ella. Espero que tú también.

Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias de los edificios.

Seguimos avanzando en algunos de los proyectos que hemos iniciado. La cocina en St. James tiene una nueva estufa, refrigerador y campana extractora. La estufa y el refrigerador fueron donados y la campana fue pagada por un amigo de la infancia del Padre Murray. El trabajo de la torre continúa y también está por llegar un estudio de sonido para ayudarnos a tener presencia en línea. Las cortinas y alfombras para lograr que el estudio esté aislado de sonido fueron todas donadas. En Inmaculada, estamos buscando hacer algunos trabajos en la campana como mencioné anteriormente. Estoy agradecido por aquellos que han dado un paso adelante con su tiempo, talento y tesoro para ayudar.

Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Monday:	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
Tuesday:	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/ Mk 10:32-45
Wednesday:	Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52
Thursday:	Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26
Friday:	Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33
Saturday:	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
Next Sunday:	

Daily Readings can be found at
www.usccb.org



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

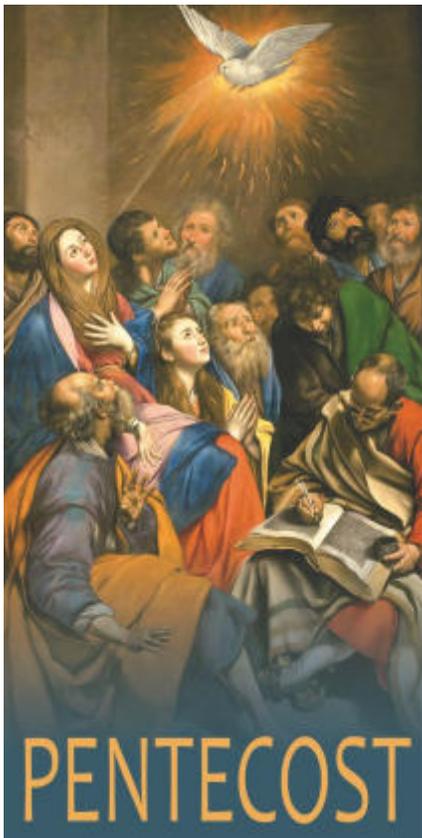
Online: A recording of the Mass will be posted on our website and Facebook page on **Saturdays at 4 PM (English)** and **Sundays at 11:30 AM (en español)**. After they are posted, you can view the Mass anytime at your convenience by going to:

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



Final weekend to let us know your thoughts.

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



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% 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 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!

Try God.

1060 AM Catholic Radio

06 CONNECT AND GROW

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS



I am a sports fan, and perhaps you are one, too. I don't follow all sports, but those that I do follow usually involve a team. There is

something about a team of individuals coming together for the goal of victory that is compelling. A team is only as good as the sum of all its players. If you have all the right talent at the right positions, great things can happen. What is hard for a fan to watch is a team that has great talent but fails to achieve its goals because some players choose not to give their all to the team. Selfishness, apathy, or immaturity keep some from giving fully of themselves. The hopes and dreams of a team and fan base are dashed even though they had all they needed to be the best.

A parish is a lot like a team. Those in a parish community work together to achieve goals that ultimately lead others to Christ. We come together to give of ourselves to advance the mission of the parish. When we all are committed to fully giving our gifts and talents, fulfilling our position in the Body of Christ, then our hopes and dreams of transforming the world around us can become reality.

However, when we sit out on the sidelines, we hurt our team. When we hold back and choose not to give of ourselves, we diminish what is truly possible for our parish community. I believe God always provides our parishes with what they need to be fruitful and vibrant. His gifts to us exist in each other. If you think your parish could be so much more, than perhaps this week you should call your pastor or other pastoral leader and say, "Put me in coach!"

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express" (Romans 8:26)

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All services are free and strictly confidential.

We are committed to serving all women, men, and families regardless of age, race, religion, ethnic background, living situation, and health or immigration status.



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.



PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts I received in my Baptism and Confirmation. I want to receive the fire of Your love as Your disciples did at Pentecost. Come with wonder and awe, with wisdom, understanding, and counsel, with courage and faith in You. Holy Spirit, may my actions witness to Your presence in my life. Help me to see the ways my strengths can serve others in their weakness. In all my interactions, I want to radiate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Breathe new life into the world through me. Amen.



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

Or, contact Steven Antonio at santonio@mqoa.org. Or, scan the QR Code to visit and join our Facebook group:

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@mqoa.org.

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



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.

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@mqoa.org



GETTING MARRIED AT MQOA



If you are newly engaged and want to be married at one of our churches, reach out to Father Murray at 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.

SACRAMENTS FOR YOUTH



If you or a family you know is looking to have their child receive First Communion or their Confirmation, please visit our website to view our short intro-videos and overviews, and then call the office to schedule your intake meeting with Margo or Steven.

www.mqoa.org/sacraments

- 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@mqoa.org.

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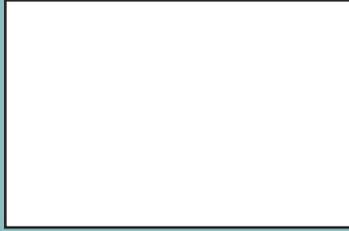

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