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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.



The Most Holy
BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
EL CUERPO Y LA SANGRE DE CRISTO

He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." - Mk 14:24

Jesús les dijo: "Esta es mi sangre, sangre de la alianza, que se derrama por todos". - Mc 14, 24

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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



This second week after the end of the Easter season, we celebrate our central teaching on the Eucharist. It is also a

traditional weekend for First Communion and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, often featuring processions of different types around the world. We are excited to celebrate three First Communions at the 6:00 PM Mass this week. Throughout the year we have also been celebrating First Communions at both the English and Spanish Masses.

During the final blessing at baptisms, we remind those newly baptized and their families that this is the hope for our future: That one day this child or adult will be welcomed at the table of the Eucharist when they make their own profession of faith and can believe that it is the Body of Christ, the real presence that they are receiving at Communion.

I still remember my First Communion, at the altar rail in my home parish of St. Michael in Lowell. (I also remember that I fought with my brother on the way home, he pushed me down

and I got grass stains on my pants. As this was a suit that had two more brothers to go, my mother was not pleased.)

At a former parish in which I served, I remember a small child with learning difficulties whose parents wanted their son to receive Communion. They were worried that he couldn't understand the meaning of the Eucharist, and really, all the classes were overwhelming for him. But in a startling moment of grace and joy, when I asked him what happens at the Mass, he simply said, "It looks like bread, but it is really Jesus." It was astounding, and at the same time, a great example of how grace works in the most powerful of ways to overcome many things that sometimes block our understanding. At that moment, grace informed the mind of a small boy and brought great joy to his parents. His parents and the whole body of Christ rejoiced the day he received the Eucharist for the first time.

It also was the moment when I recognized that with all the learning of St. Thomas, the beautiful reflections in the Gospel of John that we have just heard in the bread of life discourses, it boils down to that simple statement that is made in faith by

everyone who receives each week. He is a young adult now and serves Mass at his church. The body of Christ needs all the parts, and the body of Christ feeds all the parts. It is a great feast and mystery, and we are graced to experience it.

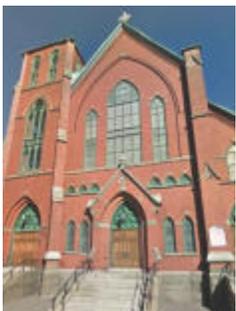
*Peace,
Father Murray*

Building News: We have signed a contract to have the bell at Immaculate Conception repaired and the timing mechanism updated. The work will begin in a few months, as the company that does this work has a two-month forecast. The job will be to replace the bolts on the harness, repair the worn spot where the clapper has been hitting the bell, remove the rust, paint the harness with a rust preventer coat, and then replace the clappers to make them less damaging on contact. The final part of the project is to replace the wiring, if necessary, and then mount a new digital control panel (no more late-night Angelus, so I am sure the neighbors will be thrilled).

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

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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 segunda semana después del final de la temporada de Pascua es la semana que celebramos nuestra enseñanza central sobre la Eucaristía. También es un fin de semana tradicional de Primera Comunión y adoración con procesiones de diferentes tipos a nivel local y en todo el mundo. A nivel local, tenemos Primeras Comuniones en la misa de las 6:00 PM esta semana. A lo largo del año también hemos estado celebrando las primeras comuniones en diferentes misas, tanto en inglés como en español, a medida que salimos lentamente de la pandemia.

En los bautismos, durante la bendición final, les recordamos a los recién bautizados y a sus familias que ellos son la esperanza futura. Esperamos que algún día en el futuro este niño o adulto sea acogido en la mesa de la Eucaristía cuando haga su propia profesión de fe y pueda entender que en la Comunión está recibiendo el Cuerpo de Cristo, ya que Él está realmente presente en las formas del Pan y el Vino.

Todavía recuerdo mi primera comunión, en la barandilla del altar en mi parroquia de San Miguel en Lowell. (También recuerdo que me peleé con mi hermano de regreso a casa. Él me empujó hacia abajo y mis pantalones quedaron

manchados por la hierba. Como este era un traje al que le faltaba ser usado por dos hermanos más, mi madre no estaba contenta.) Más recientemente, recuerdo cómo esto quedó claro en una antigua parroquia en la que serví. Había un niño pequeño con dificultades de aprendizaje y al que realmente todas las clases le resultaban abrumadoras. Sus padres querían que su hijo recibiera la comunión, pero pensaban que él no podría hacerlo a menos que reconociera qué era la comunión. En un momento sorprendente de gracia y alegría, cuando le pregunté al niño qué pasaba en la misa, simplemente dijo: "Parece pan, pero en realidad es Jesús". Asombroso y, al mismo tiempo, un ejemplo típico de cómo la Gracia trabaja de la manera más poderosa para superar muchas cosas que a veces bloquean nuestra comprensión. En ese momento, la Gracia trajo la respuesta a la mente de un niño pequeño y produjo gran alegría a sus padres. Por supuesto, se unió a la clase y sus padres estaban encantados.

También fue un momento en el que reconocí que, con todo el saber de Santo Tomás o las hermosas reflexiones en el Evangelio de Juan que acabamos de completar en los discursos del pan de vida, se reducen a una simple declaración. Esa es la declaración que nace de la

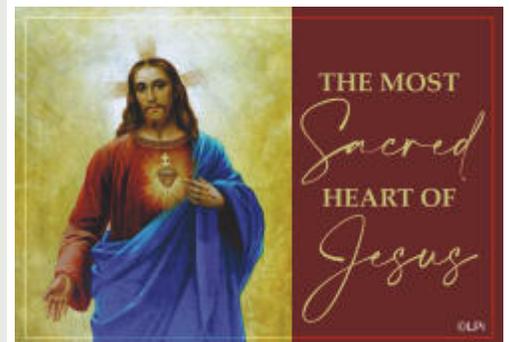
fe de todo el que recibe el cuerpo de Cristo cada semana. Ahora él es un adulto joven y sirve en las misas en esta iglesia. El cuerpo de Cristo necesita de todas las partes y, a la vez, el cuerpo de Cristo alimenta todas las partes. Es una gran fiesta y un misterio. Nosotros tenemos la gracia de experimentarlo.

Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias de construcción. Hemos firmado un contrato para reparar la campana y actualizar el mecanismo de cronometraje. El trabajo comenzará en unos meses ya que la empresa que realiza este trabajo tiene una previsión de dos meses. El trabajo consistirá en reemplazar los pernos del arnés en el que cuelga la campana, reparar el punto desgastado donde el badajo ha estado golpeando para producir sonido, quitar el óxido y pintar el arnés con una capa anticorrosiva y luego reemplazar los badajos (dispositivos que golpean la campana) para hacerlos menos dañinos al contacto. La parte final del proyecto es reemplazar el cableado, si es necesario, y luego montar un nuevo panel de control digital. (No más Ángelus a altas horas de la noche, así que estoy seguro de que los vecinos estarán encantados).

Readings for the week of June 6, 2021

Sunday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/ Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday:	2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/ Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/ Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/ Jn 19:31-37
Saturday:	2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday:	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



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.**

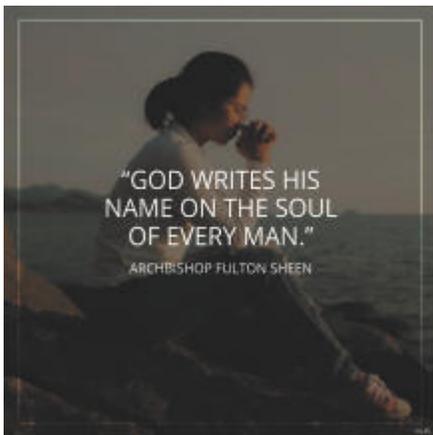
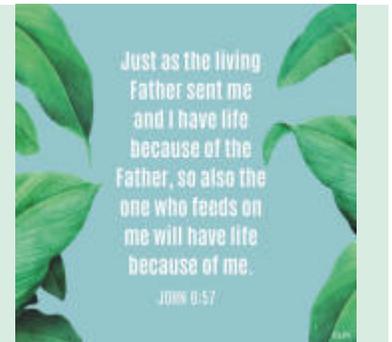
MQOA will continue to host Mass outside through the months of May and June. We will continue to evaluate the vaccine and case rates for Salem through the weeks ahead before setting a solid date for moving indoors. Please stay up-to-date via our website and social media.

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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- Prayer Requests and information on healing.
- Discipleship Pathway: ways to grow in your faith.
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EMERGENCY COVID COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN INDIA AND BRAZIL



As you may know, there is immense suffering and loss of life occurring in India and Brazil due to the pandemic. The Catholic Church, through Catholic Relief Services (CRS), is on the ground in those countries working to support local hospitals and programs which are being overwhelmed and which have reached a breaking point.

Thru June 6, the Archdiocese of Boston is collecting donations to support CRS. If you would like more information on how you can help, or to donate, go to:



<https://parish.bostoncatholic.org/events>



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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Everything we do at Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish is supported by your prayerful and financial support.

WAYS TO GIVE:

ENVELOPES: Mail to our office at **158 Federal Street.** Or drop them in our secure mailbox at the office door.

ONLINE SUPPORT | EASY AND SECURE



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Text: "MQOA" TO (202) 858-1233

GIVEBUTTER is a quick and easy way to give using your Venmo, Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal, or any major credit cards.



Find information and links to the above online giving platforms by scanning the MQOA QR Code or visit:

<https://flow.page/mqoa>



June 6 | Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood (Corpus Christi)

It is the beautiful feast of Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ. During this "Year of the Eucharist," we focus on the fact that Christ is truly present in this gift that is so central to our life of faith. At the Passover meal of the Last Supper, Jesus blessed and broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and now he gives it to us, his disciples. Each time we gather for Mass and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we are then sent forth to be the Body of Christ to others. This precious gift given to us by Jesus is meant to be shared. He gave himself away utterly, so we must give ourselves away utterly. As you leave Mass today, be Christ's presence to your family, friends and co-workers.



06 CONNECT AND GROW

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS



We Can Prepare the Upper Room

We all know that person, don't we? Hey, maybe we've even been that person.

"I have a great relationship with God, but I don't go to church regularly. God and I are on good terms. I can talk to Him just fine on my own."

There isn't anything false in these statements. It's important to have an intimate, even conversational prayer relationship with God. But the problem with this attitude is that it implies that churches don't matter. Community worship doesn't matter. Today, we are reminded exactly why that is so untrue. Why we need our parishes, our priests, and each other.

The Body and Blood of Christ — that's what it's all about. If it's not about that, it's not about anything. If we don't have the Eucharist, we're just like the ancient priests, making sacrifices that don't have the power to redeem anybody.

Where do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? For most of us, it's in our parishes. The altar of sacrifice is also the table we gather in front of, as a family, to become one with Christ in the truest and realest way possible, recreating the scene in the Upper Room over and over again every time Mass is celebrated.

The disciples were commissioned by Christ to prepare the Upper Room for the Last Supper. How can we take up that work ourselves? How can we strengthen the bonds in our spiritual family? How can we serve our parish, always remembering that the table is not meant to be set only for two?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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 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.



May 12



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.mgoa.org/2030

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



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BE HEALED



Visit our website (or scan the MQOA QR Code) 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.

HEALING SERVICE

TUESDAY, JUNE 8 AT 7 PM VIA ZOOM

As Catholic Christians, 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.

RECONCILIATION



Many shy away from this beautiful sacrament, often noting that they express their sorrow directly to God. It can be difficult to admit one's faults to someone else. But those who do get the sacramental grace of Jesus' mercy expressed directly through another human being, the priest, and get to hear the beautiful words of forgiveness that close the

sacrament.

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

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



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@mqa.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.mqa.org/sacraments

Volunteers Needed!



HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

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@mqa.org.

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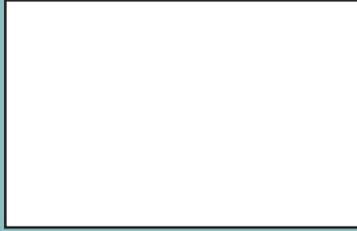

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