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June 13, 2021

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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.



### 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."- Mk 4:30-32b

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# 02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



This week, we begin Ordinary Time in earnest. We passed through the special seasons of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, and

celebrated the mighty works of love done for us in Jesus Christ. Now we continue with the glorious work of growing in our faith and sharing it with others. We are called to be evangelizers. As COVID restrictions are being lifted, we too will slowly begin to offer more in-person programs, and we all can begin to think about inviting more people to these programs. All our programs are designed to remind us that the most important people in our parish are those who are still not with us.

One exciting development is the beginning of a new Knights of Columbus council at the parish. We need 20 men to begin a new council, and I know that Peter Mercier and others are working hard to recruit men who will be part of this. Their first action will be to experience Alpha and begin to see how a life of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit will undergird all their efforts in the future service to the parish. We have begun to talk about how the council might serve the parish, and there are many things they can do. The first and most important project will be to develop themselves into evangelizers. The more comfortable

everyone can become at welcoming the stranger or the estranged, the unknowing or the skeptics, the more we will be able to continue to build the community. As more new housing goes up in the city, the more opportunities we will have to welcome people to our faith.

St. Oscar Romero, the martyr bishop of El Salvador, is reported to have prayed a prayer that is attributed to Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, Michigan. The prayer reminds us that everything we do is building on what came before us and for what lies ahead of us. Here are some parts of it: "It helps now and then to step back and take the long view. The kingdom of God is not only beyond our efforts but even beyond our vision. ... We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that others will come to harvest them. We lay foundations that will need further development.... We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own."

We have the privilege in Ordinary

Time to work to bring the Gospel and healing to Salem. Let us continue the work we have begun with faith and confidence in the grace and love of God supporting us all the way.

*Peace,  
Father Murray*

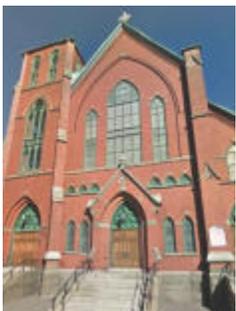
Building News. We continue with the tower projects at both churches. Soon we will have an assessment of the repair that needs to be done on the bell at IC. They will remove the bolts that hold it, fashion new ones, and put them back in. The harness that holds the bell will be scraped clean of the rust and coated with a paint that will prevent this in the future. The third part of the project will be to check that the electricity is secure and then install a new timing mechanism. This digital clock will allow us to ring the bell more easily for weddings, funerals, calls to worship, as well as sound the hours from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. There was an old tradition in the church to sound the bell for the deceased at 9:00 PM, but I am thinking the neighbors may not appreciate this tradition.

At St. James, the windows are being treated and soon the paint will go on the first window frames to be repaired. The historic color will be evergreen green. This approved color will improve the appearance of the tower as it will not be faded.

## 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

Esta semana comenzamos el tiempo ordinario en serio. Pasamos por las temporadas especiales de Adviento y Navidad, Cuaresma y Pascua y celebramos las poderosas obras de amor hechas para nosotros en Jesucristo. Ahora continuamos con la gloriosa obra de crecer en nuestra fe y compartirla con otros. Somos un pueblo llamado a ser evangelizadores y ahora que estamos haciendo una transición lenta hacia la reapertura total, podemos comenzar a pensar en invitar a más hermanos a los programas en persona. Todos nuestros programas están diseñados para recordar que las personas más importantes de nuestra parroquia son las que todavía no están con nosotros.

Un avance emocionante es el comienzo de un nuevo consejo de Caballeros de Colón en la parroquia. Necesitamos 20 hombres para comenzar un nuevo consejo y sé que Peter Mercier y otros están trabajando arduamente para reclutar a los hombres que serán parte de esto. Su primera acción será experimentar Alpha y comenzar a ver cómo una vida de fe y el poder del Espíritu Santo apuntalarán todos sus esfuerzos en el futuro servicio a la parroquia. Hemos comenzado a hablar sobre cómo podrían servir a la parroquia y hay muchas cosas que pueden hacer. El primer y más importante proyecto será el de convertirse en evangelizadores. Cuanto más fácilmente todos seamos capaces de acoger al extraño o al que se ha alejado, al ignorante o al

escéptico, más podremos seguir reconstruyendo la comunidad. A medida que aumenten más viviendas para la ciudad, tendremos más oportunidades de dar la bienvenida a la gente para que se integre a nuestra fe.

Se cuenta que San Oscar Romero, el obispo mártir de El Salvador, rezó una oración que también se atribuye al obispo Ken Untener de Saginaw, Michigan. La oración nos recuerda que todo lo que hacemos se basa en lo que nos precedió y en lo que está por venir. Aquí hay algunas partes. "De vez en cuando ayuda el dar un paso atrás y tener una visión a largo plazo, el reino de Dios no solo está más allá de nuestros esfuerzos, sino incluso más allá de nuestra visión. ... .. Plantamos semillas que un día crecerán, Regamos semillas ya plantadas, sabiendo que vendrán otros a cosecharlas. Ponemos los cimientos que necesitarán un mayor desarrollo ... No podemos hacer todo, y hay una sensación de liberación al darnos cuenta de eso. Nos permite hacer algo y hacerlo muy bien. Puede que esté incompleto, pero es un comienzo ... una oportunidad para que la Gracia de Dios entre y haga el resto. ... .. Puede que nunca veamos los resultados finales, pero esa es la diferencia entre el maestro de obras y el trabajador. Somos obreros, no maestros constructores; ministros, no mesías. Somos profetas de un futuro que no es el nuestro".

Así que tenemos el privilegio del Tiempo Ordinario para trabajar para llevar el Evangelio y la sanación a

Salem. Continuemos el trabajo que hemos comenzado con la fe y la confianza en que la Gracia y el amor de Dios estarán apoyándonos durante todo el camino.

*Paz, Padre Murray*

Noticias de los edificios: Continuamos con los proyectos en las torres de ambas iglesias. Pronto la gente de la campana vendrá a evaluar la reparación que se debe hacer en la campana en IC. Quitarán los pernos que la sujetan, fundirán unos nuevos y luego volverán a colocar la campana con los nuevos pernos. Se raspará y limpiará el óxido del arnés que sujeta la campana y luego se lo recubrirá con una pintura anticorrosiva que evitará que vuelva a oxidarse en el futuro. La tercera parte del proyecto será verificar que la electricidad sea segura y luego instalar un nuevo mecanismo de sincronización. Esta conexión digital nos permitirá utilizar más fácilmente la campana, para bodas, funerales, llamadas al culto, así como sonar el horario de 8:00 AM a 6:00 PM. Había una vieja tradición en la iglesia de hacer sonar la campana por los difuntos a las 9 pm, pero yo estoy pensando en los vecinos.

En St. James, las ventanas están siendo tratadas y pronto la primera parte reparada será pintada. El color histórico será el verde perenne. Este color aprobado cambiará la apariencia ya que no se desvanecerá.

## Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

Sunday:	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10 Mk 4:26-34
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/ 2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

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



# 04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

## NEW! MQOA QR CODE | FOR ALL THINGS MQOA



- Find the Mass Guide with Sunday readings and more.
- Prayer Requests and information on healing.
- Discipleship Pathway: ways to grow in your faith.
- Links to our social media sites and website.
- Easy ways to support us: Give thru Givebutter, or Online Giving—whichever is easiest for you. Link to give to the Catholic Appeal. And learn about how shopping on Amazon can support MQOA.

Or go to: <https://flow.page/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](https://facebook.com/mqoasalem) OR  
[www.mqoa.com/worship](http://www.mqoa.com/worship)

MQOA will continue to host Mass outside through 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.

## Mary Queen of the Apostles Parish

# PANDEMIC IN REVIEW

Even though our buildings have been closed, our parish has remained open... in more ways than ever. We are grateful for the growth that came through this pandemic.

### 64 GUESTS

Guests journeyed through 5 Alphas hosted online in English, 1 in Spanish, and 6 families participated in our first Family Alpha.

### The Marriage Course

### 21 COUPLES

One of MQOA's new courses, The Marriage Course ran 3 times online with couples from the Boston, Chicago and Houston areas! 100% reported positive impact on their marriages.

"Great course and highly recommended." - Bob

### 634 Fans

Our online presence grew so much in the last year. All our programs shifted to online, including all 5 BETA groups and "How to Catholic." We posted over 100 masses in English and Spanish. Guests can connect with our new guest Wi-Fi network campus-wide.

Baptisms	30
First Communions	15
Confirmations	21
Weddings	14

## 75 SACRAMENTS

### 3 NEW MEMBERS

We welcome three adults who entered into full communion with the Church! 15 joined them in learning "How to Catholic" on Sunday evenings in Lent.

### \$86

The average amount donated with online giving. MQOA created new ways to give online, text-to-give, scan-to-give and even highlighted stories of why people support MQOA part of our first online fundraiser "U R MQOA"

### 25 PRAYERS

We launched another new program. The Prayer Course, focusing on prayer. An eight-week journey reflecting on the Lord's Prayer! MQOA's most popular online program to date.

### 64 LIVES CHANGED

On Pentecost Sunday, 64 people stepped forward to show that their lives have been changed due to an encounter of Jesus since last Pentecost Sunday!

Be Welcome. Be Healed. Belong... now more than ever!



## 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.**



## JUNE 13 ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

This parable about the mustard seed is a reminder to us about our role in the work of evangelization. "It is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." Many of us shy away from sharing our faith with others. However, if each one of us is courageous enough to share our faith with one person, who then shares with one person, who shares... That is what evangelization is all about. It is telling the stories of God working in our lives, of prayers asked for and answered, of feeling the presence of Jesus with us. Share the "mustard seed" of your faith and watch to see how it will grow!

## 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



- Use your checking account or a major credit card.
- One time or recurring.



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**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>

### For Our New Volunteers

If you have not completed the Protecting God's Children (PGC) training program, (a requirement for all volunteers), the Archdiocese is offering it via Zoom thru the summer. Live PGC training is also available, and the places hosting the training are listed on the **Virtus.org** website.

Go to **Virtus.org**, the 'Live Training' tab and 'Pre-register for an upcoming live training session' - and you will find the schedule for adults to complete their PGC requirement with the Archdiocese of Boston via Zoom (Braintree).

You will also see what Live sessions are being offered throughout the diocese, if you would prefer, so you may find one close to home.

Thank you for your continued teamwork and commitment to keeping kids safe

# 06 CONNECT AND GROW

## STEWARDSHIP

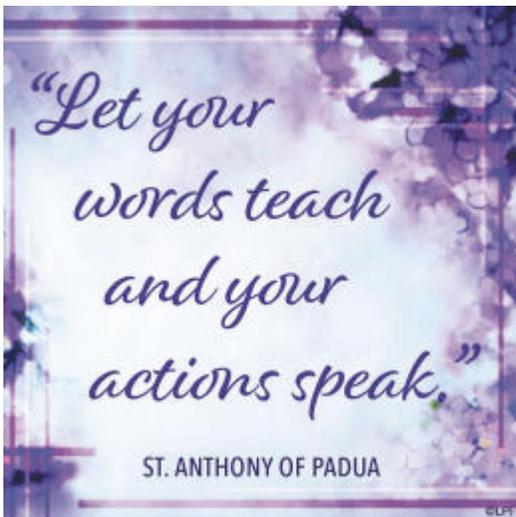
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Collection:	\$2,151.50
Online:	\$ 891.21
Mailed:	\$1,927.00
Total:	\$4,969.71

Thank you for your continued support! Without you we could not provide our faith-filled programs and ongoing support to all our parishioners and the Salem Community.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish relies on the weekly offertory and other donations to serve God and God's people. By giving \$10 or \$20 in our weekly collection, you help make Masses more beautiful, ministries more personal, service to the poor more possible, and opportunities to grow in faith more plentiful.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR CHECKS TO "MARY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PARISH."



### Help the Tower Bell Ring Again



Help support the preservation of the tower bell at IC. As you may be aware, the bell, its harness, and the clock's timing mechanisms are in need of repair. The estimated cost for the project is \$20,000. We have raised approximately \$7500. If you would like to donate, you can drop off/mail a check, made out to MQOA and put "Bell Project" in the memo. Or give thru Givebuttr or Online Giving. Thank you for your support!

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You



"Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found."

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. "That's what you're looking for," he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.  
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



## Sunday, June 13

8:30 AM Ana Hanton Memorial

6:00 PM Robert F. and Anna L Collins Memorial

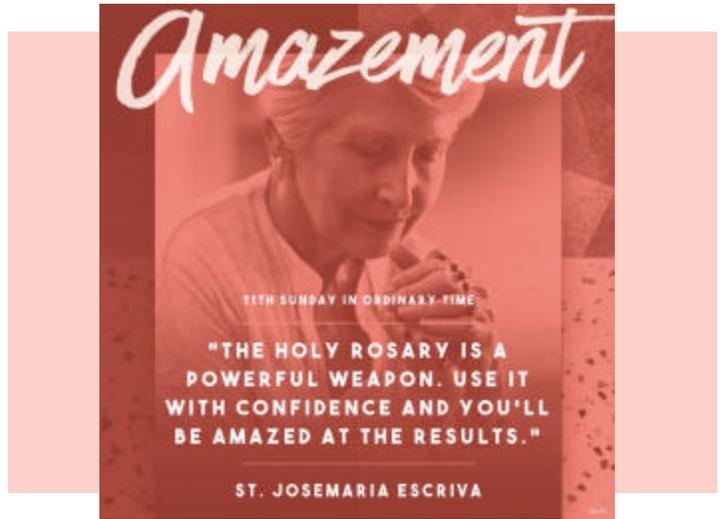
## Sunday, June 20

11:30 AM Ana Hanton Memorial

If you would like to schedule a Mass intentions to remember or honor a loved one, call the office at 978-745-9060. Or email [mbarrette@mqa.org](mailto:mbarrette@mqa.org).

Intentions can be reserved for the outdoor weekend Masses, our Tuesday online Mass, and the online weekend Mass.

For intentions during the week, Father Murray will pray for each Mass intention during his private daily Mass.



Join us for another episode of "Connect to Grow" with host Steven Antonio and guest, Marianna Musk, LICSW.

We will discuss the effects on all family members, including children, teenagers, and parents. Join us LIVE and submit questions for Marianna to answer between segments."

**We will be live on Monday, June 21 at 7 PM, at:**  
<https://fb.me/e/6y4OvyHNP>



A crew works on the tower windows at Saint James.

### 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.



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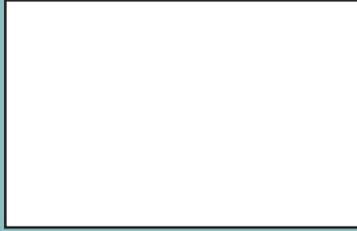
  
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