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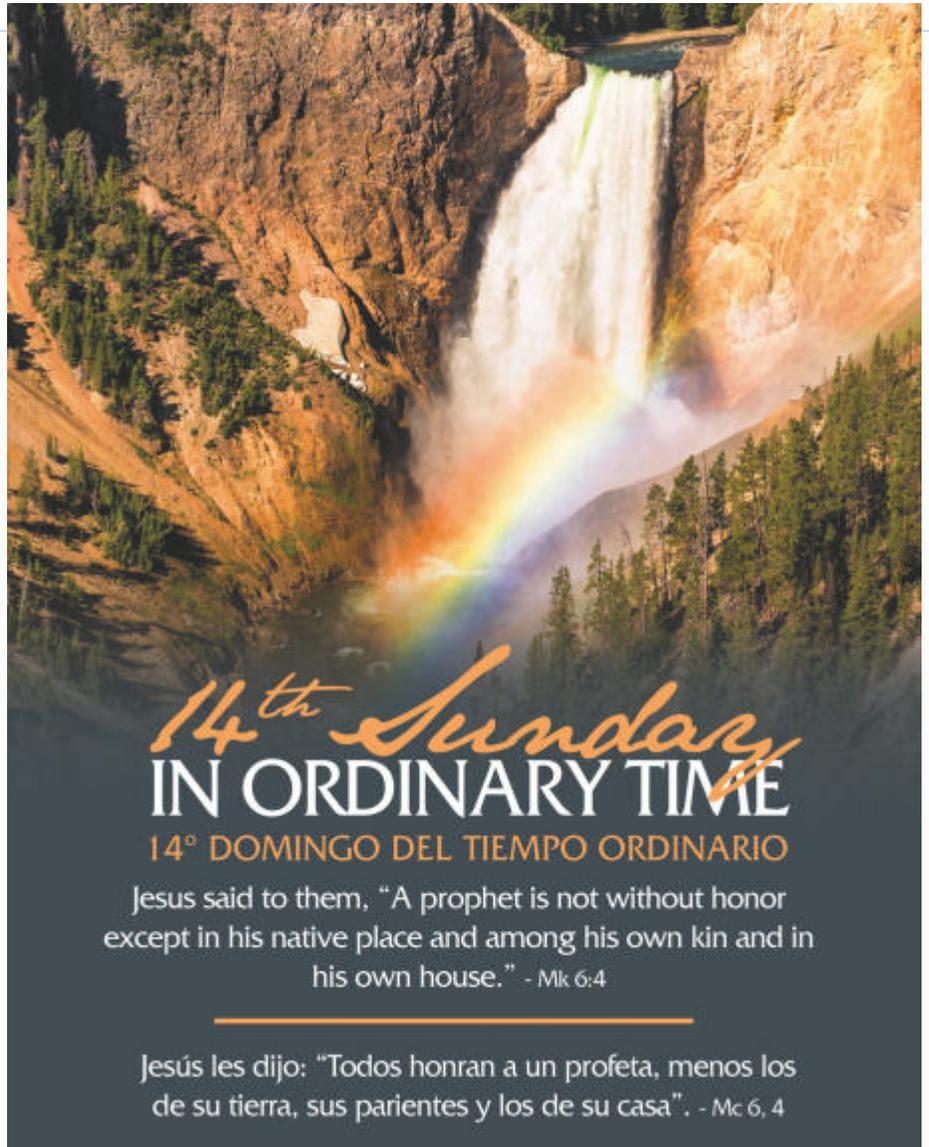
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## WELCOME BIENVENIDO

**Be welcomed.  
Be healed.  
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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 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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# 02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



Last week, I wrote about the vision of the parish around catechesis. This week I am writing about the way we worship. Our purpose is to

make life-long disciples of Jesus Christ. Centered in the Eucharist, we seek to evangelize and heal, starting with our city and reaching out to all that we can with the Good News of Jesus Christ. This includes reaching out to all age groups.

As we move indoors, we will have Sunday Mass in the lower hall at St. James at 8:30 AM and in the chapel at Immaculate at 6:00 PM. Both are air conditioned, and we hope it will be comfortable during the summer months. The Mass at 11:30 AM in Spanish will continue in the church at Immaculate. We have bought a large exhaust fan to install in the superstructure which will run every night to take hot air out of the church. These are not the only changes that we are making, but for the summer, we will continue in this way.

One of the complaints I have heard about our present situation is that we need to see more young people. I agree and I want to say that most of the changes and adaptations we are making are designed with the Millennial and Generation Z people in mind. Their

world is very technology driven and our website with its messaging and videos and modern ways of registering, etc. are all part of our strategy to attract and bring new people in. We always will want to have beautiful and prayerful liturgies for all, but part of that is including music that is attractive to several age brackets. In this parish we have people of the "Greatest Generation", "Boomers", Gen X, Millennials, and Gen Z's". We want to start slowly incorporating a variety of music into the liturgies and encourage singing.

During this past year, we have begun to think about how we do everything and whether we use all our facilities and churches as best we can. As we come back in the fall, we will all be together at Immaculate Conception. We will continue to work on St. James by fixing the outer structure, and more importantly the benches and floors. We really do not need a church that holds 1,000+ people, or to have 3 or 4 Masses when we can easily fit everyone into one church at this time.

What is great is that at Christmas and Easter, we will have a church that can easily accommodate everybody who comes to Mass. The plan also includes using St. James for moments when we need to accommodate many more people than can fit into Immaculate. We also will be using St. James Church for baptisms, weddings, and funerals as people

request them. In addition, we plan to use the hall at St. James for our Alpha programs, to host parish retreats and incorporating the church upstairs as we need to during retreats and taking advantage of the great resources we have there.

At Immaculate we have been painting and cleaning the lower church and will install a small prep and serving area to accommodate groups there too. We have also been preparing the halls to accommodate the latest technology and hope that we can develop a "tech team" to allow for video and the latest use of the internet.

I realize these ideas are quite a departure from the past, but if we do not try something new and only continue to do what is not working, we will not see the success I am hoping for. Have a blessed 4th of July.

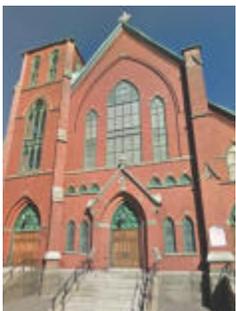
*Peace, Father Murray*

Building news: The work at both churches continues and we now can see what the paint will look like on the tower. The company has opened the heat escape windows and now we are addressing an unseen problem with the new window covers. Pigeons have been flying and causing a mess with their droppings. We are now designing covers that will allow air flow but prevent the pigeons from entering. (Regret sleeping through this class.)

## 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

La semana pasada, escribí sobre la visión de la parroquia alrededor de la catequesis. Esta semana espero escribir sobre la forma en que adoramos. Nuestro propósito es hacer discípulos de Jesucristo de por vida. Centrados en la Eucaristía, buscamos evangelizar y curar, comenzando con nuestra ciudad y llegando a todos los que podamos con las buenas noticias de Jesucristo. Mientras empezamos a celebrar en el interior, a tiempo completo, comenzaremos con la sala inferior en St. James a las 8:30 y luego en la capilla a las 6:00 pm, ya que ambos tienen aire acondicionado y esperamos que sea más cómodo durante los meses de verano. La misa a las 11:30 en español continuará en la iglesia en Inmaculada. Hemos comprado un gran extractor de aire para instalarlo en la superestructura y se lo encenderá todas las noches para sacar el aire caliente de la iglesia. Estos no son los únicos cambios que estamos haciendo, pero para el verano, continuaremos de esta manera.

Una de las quejas que he escuchado sobre nuestra situación actual es que necesitamos ver a más jóvenes. Estoy de acuerdo y quiero decir que la mayoría de los cambios y adaptaciones que estamos haciendo están diseñados pensando en la gente de los grupos Millennial y la Generación Z. Su mundo está impulsado por la tecnología. Nuestro sitio web con sus mensajes y videos y las formas modernas de registro, etc., son parte de nuestra estrategia para atraer y llevar a nuevas personas. Siempre querremos tener hermosas y

orantes liturgias para todos, como parte de eso está incluida la música que es atractiva para varios grupos generacionales. En esta parroquia tenemos personas de la "Generación grande", "Boomers", "Gen X", "Millennials" y "Gen Z". En el transcurso del horrible año pasado, empezamos a pensar en cómo hacer las cosas y si usamos todas las instalaciones e iglesias a nuestra disposición, lo mejor que podamos. También comenzaremos a incorporar lentamente una variedad de música en las liturgias y fomentaremos el canto. Mientras avanzamos al otoño, todos estaremos juntos en la Inmaculada Concepción y continuaremos trabajando en St. James en la estructura externa, pero lo más importante es que se arreglen los bancos y los pisos.

Realmente no necesitamos una iglesia que tenga capacidad para más de 1,000 personas o tenga 3 o 4 misas, cuando podemos encajar fácilmente a todos en una iglesia en este momento con nuestra iglesia más pequeña. Lo genial es que para Navidad y Pascua, tendremos una iglesia que acomodará fácilmente a todos los que vengan, por lo que el plan también incluye el uso de St. James para los momentos en que necesitemos acomodar a muchas más personas que las que puedan caber en Inmaculada. También utilizaremos la iglesia de St. James para bautismos, bodas y funerales a medida que las personas llamen y las requieran. Además, planeamos usar la sala en St. James para nuestros programas alfa, para organizar retiros parroquiales, utilizando la iglesia arriba, ya que

necesitamos durante los retiros y aprovechando los grandes recursos que tenemos allí. En Inmaculada, hemos estado pintando y limpiando la iglesia inferior e instalaremos una pequeña área de preparación y servicio para acomodar a grupos allí. También hemos estado preparando las salas para utilizar la última tecnología y esperamos que podamos desarrollar un "equipo técnico" para permitir el video y el uso de lo último en Internet.

Me doy cuenta de que estas ideas son bastante alejadas del pasado, pero si no intentamos algo nuevo y continuamos haciendo lo que no funciona, no veremos el éxito que espero tener. Tengan un bendito 4 de julio.

*Paz, Padre Murray*

Noticias de construcción: El trabajo de ambas iglesias continúa y ahora podemos visualizar cómo se verá la pintura en la torre. La compañía ha abierto las ventanas de escape de calor y ahora estamos abordando un problema no visible con las nuevas cubiertas de la ventana. Las palomas han estado volando y causando un desastre con sus excrementos. Ahora estamos diseñando protectores que permitirán el flujo de aire, pero evitarán que las palomas entren. (Lamento haberme dormido durante esta clase también)

## Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday:	Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

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



# 04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

## 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>

## Mass Schedule

### Sundays

- 8:30 AM | St. James Hall - English
- 11:30 AM | Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception Church
- 6:00 PM | English Mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel

### Daily Mass \* (Begins Tues., July 6)

- 7:30 AM | Immaculate Conception Chapel
- \*Every morning except Thursdays and Saturdays.

[facebook.com/mqoasalem](https://www.facebook.com/mqoasalem) OR  
[www.mqoa.com/worship](http://www.mqoa.com/worship)

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.  
Psalm 123*



The office will be closed on Monday, July 5 for to the Fourth of July holiday!

Happy Fourth of July! We hope you enjoy the long weekend and be safe!



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Prophecy of You and Me



Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone

who knows something we don't.

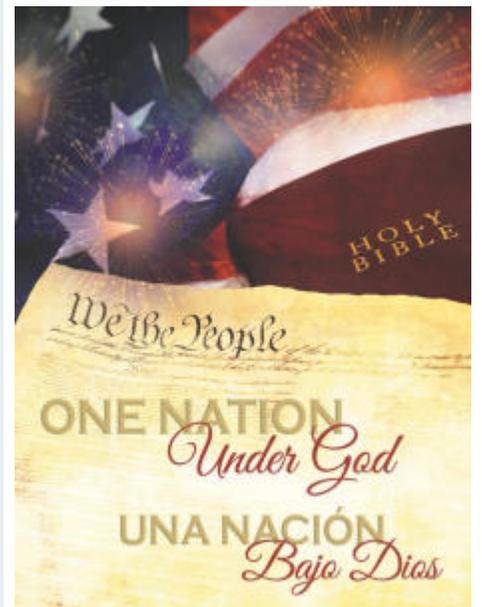
When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

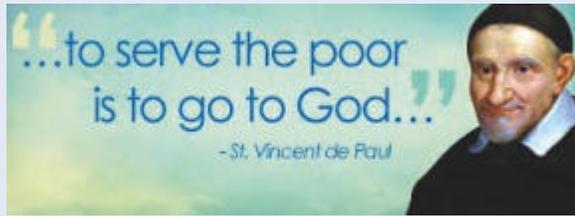
What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

# Try God.

1060 AM Catholic Radio





## 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:

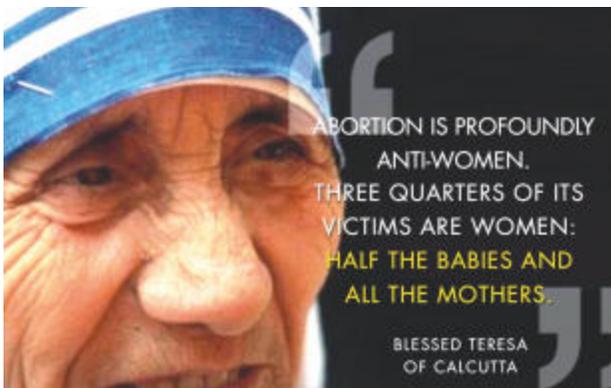
**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
158 Federal St.  
Salem, MA. 01970**

**Please pray for the volunteers and the people they help. Thank you for your support.**

## Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortions. Sign the petition to let Congress know you support the Hyde Amendment.

**NoTaxpayerAbortion.com**



## 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.

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## 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

### JUNE 20, 2021

Collection:	\$1,771.50
Online:	\$1,328.39
Mailed:	\$2,102.50
Total:	\$5,202.39

### JUNE 27, 2021

Collection:	\$2,265.50
Online:	\$1,156.54
Mailed:	\$3,735.00
Total:	\$7,157.04



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, it's harness, and the clock's timing mechanisms are in need of repair. The estimated cost for the project is \$20,000. **As of June 28, we have raised \$8,000.**



#### Fun Facts about the bell:

- The bell was made by William S. Blake, of the William Blake & Co foundry, and installed in 1881.
- William S. Blake's father, William Blake, worked with Paul Revere's son, Joseph Warren, making bells as early as 1823. The foundry was then named Paul Revere & Sons.
- After various reorganizations over the next 30 years, and a couple of name changes, William Blake consolidated ownership and changed the name of the company to William Blake & Company,
- William S. took over management of the company after his father died in 1871.
- The bell is made of bronze and weighs about 3,000 lbs.

If you would like to donate to the restoration project, you can drop off/mail a check, made out to MQOA and put "Bell Project" in the memo, to 158 Federal St. Or give thru Givebutter.

**Thank you for your support!**

### Virtual Rosary for Couples Struggling with Infertility, Difficult Pregnancies, or Infant Loss

Join Fr. Ed Riley and the Archdiocese Family Life team on Monday, July 26 from 7:30-8:30 PM to pray for couples struggling with infertility, difficult pregnancy, or infant loss. We'll be praying on the Feast of Sts. Anne and Joachim as part of National Natural Family Planning Week July 25-31. You can register through [bit.ly/VirtualRosary2021](https://bit.ly/VirtualRosary2021) or visit [bostoncatholic.org/nfp](https://bostoncatholic.org/nfp) for more information.





## Sunday, July 4

8:30 AM	Matta Bon T. Nguyen	Memorial
11:30 AM	Basilio & Lumen Tan	Memorial
6:00 PM	Michael Roney	Memorial

## Friday, July 9

9:00 AM	Matta Bong T. Nguyen	Memorial
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## Sunday, July 11

8:30 AM	Jane Murray Pesce	Memorial
11:30 AM	Florentino & Modesta Tan	Memorial

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

*Make your New Year's Eve special by having your Marriage Blessed in the presence of God*

If you are married, but not in the Catholic Church, you are invited to a

**Marriage Validation Ceremony**

**Officiated by Bishop Mark O'Connell**

**Friday, December 31 at 6:00 PM**

**Saint Theresa Church, 63 Winter St., North Reading**

Celebrate the sanctity of marriage by ending 2021 in this wonderful way, and together look forward to the blessings of 2022.

During the wedding ceremony, each couple will say their vows separately before Bishop O'Connell and their two witnesses.

To get more information about how to register, please contact the Regional Bishop's Office at 978-531-1013 or [northregion@rcab.org](mailto:northregion@rcab.org).

There is no cost to the couple.

Since 2018 over 20 couples have participated in this joyous event.



## Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (11/7)

All couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries in 2020-21 are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley for a special Anniversary Mass. The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the Cardinal. Couple can register at: [bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversary-mass](http://bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversary-mass). For more information, please contact Emily Elliott in Family Life Ministry at [EmilyElliott@rcab.org](mailto:EmilyElliott@rcab.org).

## Confession and Adoration

Saturdays at 3:00 PM

At Immaculate Conception Chapel

## 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](http://www.mqa.org/sacraments)

## Sacrament of Baptism

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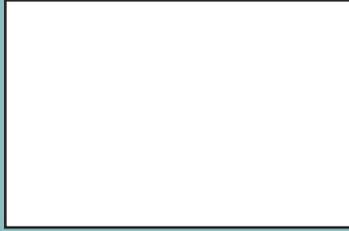
  
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