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

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

16^º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Cuando Jesús desembarcó, vio una numerosa multitud que lo estaba esperando y se compadeció de ellos, porque andaban como ovejas sin pastor, y se puso a enseñarles muchas cosas. - Mc 6, 34

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This is the fourth in a series discussing the vision of the parish. In the past weeks I have written about the way we do catechesis (faith formation) and liturgy, and now I want to outline how we, as pastor and parishioners, can best serve those visions.

When I arrived here (four years ago, August 2017), there was already a great sense of evangelization through the Alpha program. Alpha has been an important vehicle of evangelization and allows people to consider membership in the Church. Alpha has given us a number of new members. For example, this past month we celebrated the baptism of the daughter of one of our newest members, and we can see that the Holy Spirit continues to work in his family and others. Others have decided to have their marriages blessed by the Church or have received healing through the process of annulment, because they feel called to a deeper participation in the Church. Others have had their faith re-invigorated and have taken on new roles in the life of the parish.

We have also increased the number of ministries in which

people can participate. I am particularly pleased by those in the parking lot ministry and those who are serving as greeters at the doors of our churches. Some people are (reasonably) still reluctant to come inside, and they still need to be welcomed and served. Of course, those inside need to be cared for too and that is everyone's job. Simple ministries of welcome are essential to growing the church.

The Alpha program invites people to connect with others and to ask questions, offers an opportunity to dialogue with peers, and help all to discover or rediscover a relationship with Jesus. It is also a great way to introduce our faith and parish to outsiders. The genius of the program is that it allows the guests to consider for themselves if they want to keep going after the program is finished. Our Beta groups give people opportunities to do just that. My vision is that each person experiences Jesus in these ministries, and in turn invites someone in their family or among their friends to come along and see too. I hope that by offering these opportunities consistently, and by constantly striving to improve, we can invite hundreds of people to come to faith in Jesus Christ. This is always our purpose. There are other programs and ways to do this to be sure, but we have landed on this one, and hope that it will continue to help the

parish grow.

Lately, I have heard several times that our parish has a reputation for being very welcoming. I could not be more pleased to hear that. And all of us should be proud that we are getting a reputation that is more in imitation of Jesus than ever. It is our purpose to be proclaimers of the Good News of Jesus Christ to all the world. The other part of our parish self-understanding and calling is to the ministry of healing. I will write about that part of the vision next week. Have a good week.

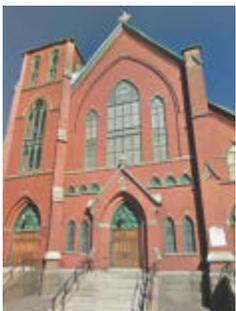
Peace, Father Murray

Building news: The tower work continues at St. James, and soon we will begin the process of having the bell repaired at IC. This past week, roofers came to make the bell more accessible for the repair company. It was dangerous to climb through the roof hatch (it was installed backwards) and so they modified it for safety. The kitchen at St. James is also updated with a new fire suppression system, in case I am let near the stove to cook something. We have added a new industrial refrigerator and put in a new gas line for the stove. The koi pond is back in operation at IC and we welcomed new fish. (Thanks Lou!)

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.



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158 Federal St.

Rear Hall: enter from rear parking



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15 Hawthorne Blvd. Salem, MA 01970

Rectory: 30 Union St.

Este es el cuarto envío de una serie que discute la visión de la parroquia. En el pasado, he hablado sobre la forma en que hacemos la catequesis y la liturgia. Ahora quiero resumir cómo nosotros, como párrocos y feligreses, podemos servir mejor a esas visiones.

Cuando llegué aquí (hace 4 años, el 1 de agosto) ya había un gran sentido de evangelización a través del programa Alpha. Este programa ha sido un vehículo importante de evangelización y ha permitido que las personas consideren ser miembros de la iglesia. Gracias a Alpha hemos anexado varios nuevos feligreses a la comunidad. Por ejemplo, el mes pasado celebramos el bautismo del hijo de uno de nuestros miembros más recientes y podemos ver que el Espíritu Santo continúa obrando en su familia y en otros. Algunos han decidido que sus matrimonios sean bendecidos por la iglesia y otros están trabajando en anulaciones para participar más regularmente en la vida de la iglesia.

Otros han revitalizado su fe y han asumido nuevos roles en la vida de la parroquia. También hemos aumentado el número de ministerios en los que la gente puede participar. (Estoy particularmente complacido por aquellos en el ministerio del estacionamiento y aquellos que están sirviendo como recepcionistas en la puerta. La pandemia nos ha hecho conscientes de que algunas personas todavía se resisten a entrar, por lo tanto, necesitan ser

bienvenidos, atendidos y cuidados. Poco a poco nos estamos abriendo camino hacia la iglesia) Los ministerios simples de bienvenida son esenciales para el crecimiento de la iglesia.

El programa Alpha invita a adultos y personas de todas las edades, en sus grupos apropiados, para hacer preguntas, dialogar con sus compañeros y ayudar a todos a redescubrir una relación con Jesús. También es una excelente manera de presentar nuestra fe y parroquia a los forasteros. La genialidad del programa es que permite a los invitados considerar por sí mismos si quieren continuar una vez finalizado el programa, y les da una oportunidad a través de los grupos Beta para hacer precisamente eso. Mi visión es que cada persona experimente a Jesús en este programa y, a su vez, invite a alguien de su familia o de sus amigos a que venga y lo viva también. Espero que al hacer esto de manera consistente y esforzándonos constantemente por mejorarlo, podamos invitar a cientos de personas a alcanzar la fe en Jesucristo. Este es siempre nuestro propósito. Hay otros programas, sin duda, pero hemos aterrizado en este y esperamos que continúe ayudando a la parroquia a crecer.

Últimamente he escuchado varias veces que nuestra parroquia tiene la reputación de ser muy acogedora. No podría estar más complacido de escuchar eso. Y todos deberíamos

estar orgullosos de tener una reputación que imita a Jesús más que nunca. Nuestro propósito es ser proclamadores de la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo a todo el mundo. La otra parte de la autocomprensión y el llamado de nuestra parroquia es la sanación. Escribiré sobre esa parte de la visión la próxima semana. Que tengan una buena semana.

Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias de los edificios. El trabajo de la torre continúa y ahora estamos a punto de reparar la campana en IC. La semana pasada, los techadores vinieron para hacer que la campana fuera más accesible para la empresa de reparaciones. Era peligroso trepar por la trampilla del techo, ya que estaba instalada al revés, por lo que la modificaron por seguridad. La cocina de St. James también se actualizó con un nuevo sistema de extinción de incendios en el caso de que me dejen cerca de la estufa para cocinar algo. Hemos agregado un nuevo refrigerador industrial y hemos instalado una nueva línea de gas para la estufa. El estanco de Koi está de vuelta y le dimos la bienvenida a nuevos peces. (Gracias Lou)

Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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



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- 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 *

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

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www.mqoa.com/worship

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. Psalm 85

7 Secrets of Successful Parishioners

By Paul Wilkes, author of The Seven Secrets of Successful Catholics

Successful parishioners are those who are not satisfied at merely being a member of a parish. They are those who, among other things, believe in the adventure of being Catholic, believe in other parishioners and see the parish as the spiritual epicenter of life.

Over the next seven weeks we will share each secret with you. Let us know what you think!

2) Believe in Other Parishioners

There is a wonderful passage in F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, as the impressionable young Nick assesses just what it is about Gatsby that he finds so appealing.

"He smiled understandingly—much more than understandingly. It was one of those rare smiles with a quality of eternal reassurance in it, that you may come across four or five times in life. It faced—or seemed to face—the whole external world for an instant, and then concentrated on you with an irresistible prejudice in your favor.

"It understood you just as far as you wanted to be understood, believed in you as you would like to believe in yourself, and assured you that it had precisely the impression of you at your best, you hoped to convey."

So it was with Christ as he looked to that handful of people who would be his first disciples—and they, in turn, would become the religious giants that the look and trust of Christ told them they could be. They were neither the elite nor the educated, nor the professionally religious. They grew to meet his expectations.

So it is in our parishes. The successful parishioner looks out over the parish and sees untapped talent, seeds waiting to sprout, an abundance of goodness just waiting to be summoned for whatever task is at hand. It's all there, the successful parishioner senses. It doesn't need to be "hired out"; it just needs to be summoned forth.

And when the successful parishioner looks out with that Gatsbyesque, Christ-like look, amazing things happen. People begin to believe in themselves. People who may not have seen their latent talents now see them. All of us so badly want to be affirmed, not looked over. To be recognized for what we do well, not criticized for what we do poorly. For someone to see that amazing core we have. In committee meetings, involved in ministries, or simply being there at weekend liturgies with that gift of believing in fellow parishioners—even when things may not be going well—the successful parishioner provides the positive energy that affirmation always yields. —*from Catholicdos.org*



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.**

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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 Givebutler.

Thank you for your support!

06 CONNECT AND GROW

STEWARDSHIP

Due to early deadlines and staff vacation, the offertory collection summary for the past two weeks will be reported in the next bulletin. Thank you!



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."



Camp COASA

A free camp for children living with the stress of substance abuse in their families. If you know of a child who might benefit from this opportunity, the contact information is below.



Camp COASA

Join us for a week of learning, healing and fun!



COASA (Children of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse) at Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps and the Labour Center are co-hosting a week-long summer program for children living with the stress of alcohol and/or other substance use disorders at home or within the family.

August 2 - August 7, 2021
Julie's Place
133 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127
Children, ages 8-16

Morning sessions include meditation and reflection, workout and educational support groups teaching children about alcohol and/or other substance-use disorders, how to express and deal with their feelings and how to develop coping skills. Afternoons will be spent on fun surprise adventures. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

** There is a required Family Night registration on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm for all those who wish to participate in the program. Pizza will be served.*

For more information or to sign up for the program, please contact Maureen McGlame at (617) 272-5039 or mmcglame@rfkchildren.org ASAP. There is no cost to attend this program.

RFK Children's Action Corps is an affiliate of the Doctor Franklin Perkins School (Perkins).








Sunday, July 18

8:30 AM Jean L. Hernando Memorial

Wednesday, July 21

7:30 AM Matta Bong T. Nguyen Memorial

Sunday, July 25

8:30 AM Jeannette M. L. Soucy 1st Anniversary

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.



Join us each Sunday at 10 AM on our Facebook page for **MQOA Sunday**, an interactive, engaging conversation centered around the Sunday Gospel.

MQOA Sunday is a casual kitchen-table conversation that makes the Gospels approachable and relatable and is a great way to connect with people in the parish and the world.

We'll be using our weekly Beta Group lessons as the base of our conversations, and will take questions and prayer requests live.

We hope you'll check it out, and that it will enhance your own experience of scripture!

www.facebook.com/MQOASalem

(You do not need a Facebook account to join the conversation.)

Confession and Adoration

Saturdays at 3:00 PM

At Immaculate Conception Chapel



Do you have someone you would like us to pray for? Or maybe you find you are in need of prayer.

If you would like us to pray for an intention, visit our Healing Page on our website. There you can submit a prayer request. Our Healing Team and others will pray for your intention.

www.mqa.org/healing



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Our new parish council will be holding an informational meeting at **7 PM, Monday August 2, at the St. James Conference Room.**

A Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way that will enhance your spiritual, family, parish, and community life. Come meet us!

If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter your Salem address and we'll connect with you. Or, contact Peter Mercier (knights@mqa.org)

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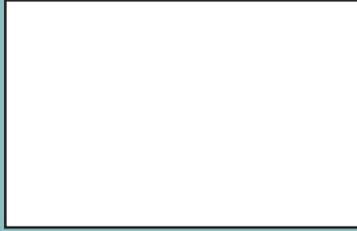

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