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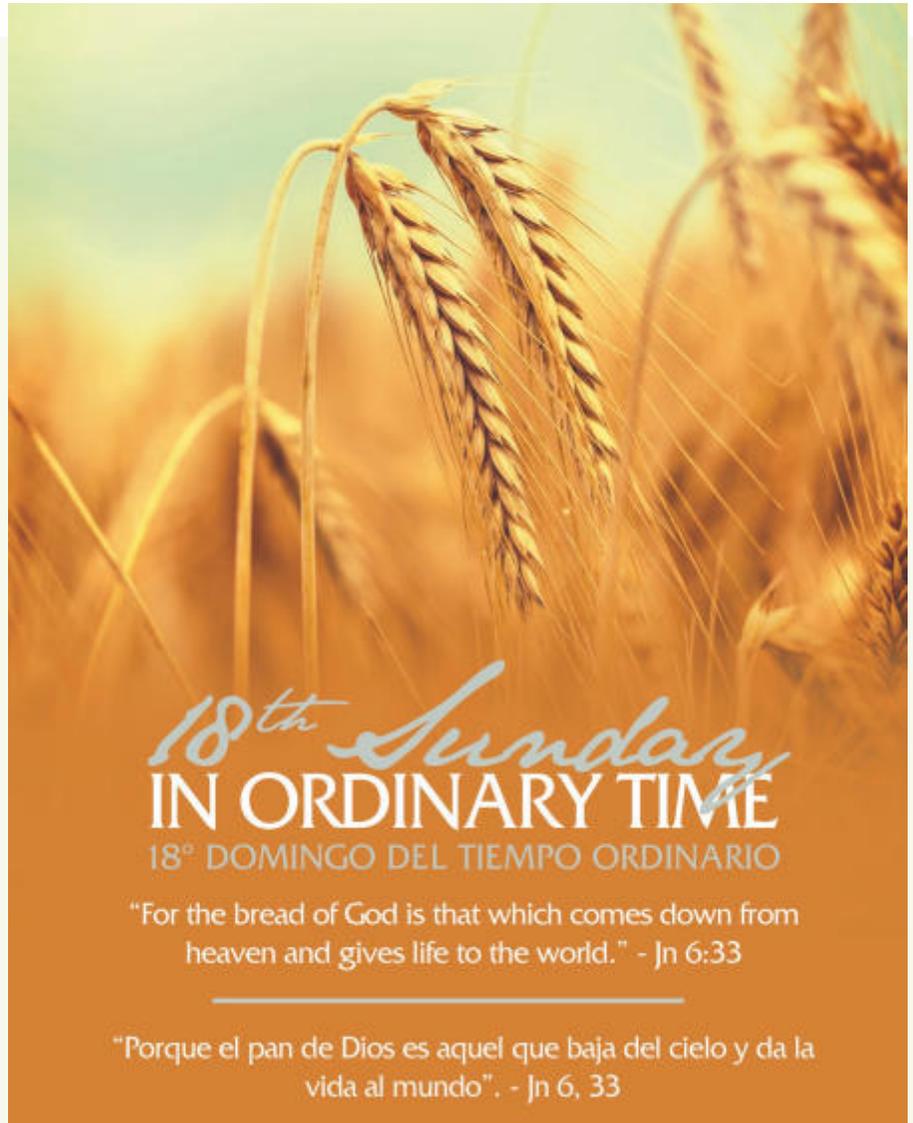
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We hope that you find us to be Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus Christ, centered in the Eucharist.

Contact us to find out how you can be a part of what MQOA is doing to offer welcome and healing to all.

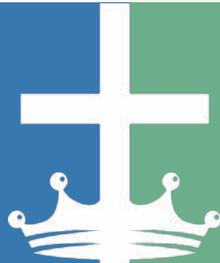


18th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

18^o DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:33

"Porque el pan de Dios es aquel que baja del cielo y da la vida al mundo". - Jn 6, 33



THIS WEEK AT MQOA:

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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



One part of our parish that I am proud of is our healing ministry. Since I have been here, we have tried to be a place of evangelization and healing. It

means that we are working to use the many gifts present in the parish to offer God's healing to all who are wounded. There are many types of wounds, of course. When I speak about healing in the context of the Church and in imitation of Jesus, I mean healing for all who need it, in whatever way they need it.

Sometimes the wounds of people are seen in their poverty. The great work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society helps to address this type of wound that we see in so many people. The people who go to visit the elderly and ill offer a different type of healing; sometimes a visit to someone who is alone or frail, and who fears coming to Mass, can help them feel connected and supported through Communion and our presence.

We also have a healing prayer ministry at MQOA and invite people to receive prayer, sometimes anointing them and praying over them quietly. We have seen many people who have received healing in our churches. Most recently, a woman came to our parish to see what we were doing after hearing about our prayer nights. She

reported that after being prayed over, her shoulder pain had diminished, but more importantly she received a great experience of the peace of God. As she was prayed over, she felt a sense of heat (a common experience) and then a great peace. Not all people report these things, but many do have a sense that God is helping them with the struggles they have.

We also offer a process called the 5 Keys. This is a longer session of praying over a person and allowing God to direct them to the parts of their lives that are wounded and most in need of care. This is done with a small team of pray-ers, and includes a preparation of reading and confession. We also anoint the person as we begin. People who have experienced this process report a deep sense of peace and a "lifting" of whatever was bothering them. At the heart of this process is forgiveness; experiencing it from God, but also forgiving others that have trespassed against us. The team of parishioners who have felt called to this ministry pray over people and are used as instruments of God to bring healing. This is one of the ways our parish concretely lives out the Gospel, and I am pleased that it is going well.

The vision of our parish relies on everyone finding a way to participate. If you have a sense that God is calling you to pray for others' healing, I hope you will consider this great ministry, as either an active member or a remote prayer

partner. Together and in Christ, we can do all things.

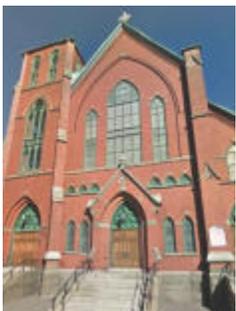
Peace, Father Murray

Building news: The tower project at St. James continues to inch along. The workers tell me that the job is going more slowly because of unanticipated problems. The wood on the west side (facing Bridge Street) was originally thought to be okay, but it seems to need more work than originally estimated. We are still waiting for the fire safety system to be installed in the kitchen. The light project in both churches is almost complete with the major portions done. We had some water enter the lower hall at St. James with the fierce rains of last week. The drains are now being looked at and will be cleared and repaired. There was a large tree limb that fell on the IC property and fortunately, our own Margo drove out of the spot where it fell, minutes before. We also received an estimate for the repair of the plaster over the altar at IC but will wait with careful (and prayerful!) observance until the wedding season is concluded to get the scaffolding inside. The bell project restorers will be at IC on August 8 to do the survey on the bell and determine how it will be supported during the repairs.

PARISH INFORMATION

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

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UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY 03

Uno de los aspectos de nuestra parroquia del que estoy orgulloso es nuestro Ministerio de Sanación. Desde que estoy aquí, hemos tratado de ser un lugar de evangelización y sanación. Significa que vamos a trabajar para ser una parroquia que usa los múltiples dones presentes en la comunidad para hacer todo lo que Dios quiere que hagamos. Por supuesto, hay muchos tipos de sufrimientos. Cuando hablo de sanidad en el contexto de la iglesia e imitando a Jesús, utilizo un pincel amplio. A veces, las heridas de las personas se ven en su pobreza. El gran trabajo de la sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl ayuda en parte a abordar este tipo de dolor que vemos en las personas. Los hermanos que van a visitar a ancianos y enfermos son otra parte de la curación, ya que a veces una visita a alguien que está solo o frágil y teme venir a misa, es un paso hacia la sanación de alguien a quien podemos ayudar con la comunión y nuestra presencia.

También tenemos servicios de sanación e invitamos a las personas a recibir oración, a veces ungiéndolos y luego orando por ellos en silencio. Hemos visto muchas personas que han recibido varios grados de curación. Más recientemente, por ejemplo, una mujer vino a nuestra parroquia, después de escuchar sobre nuestras noches de oración, para ver lo que estábamos haciendo. Ella informó que su dolor en el hombro disminuyó, lo cual fue grandioso, pero lo que es más importante, recibió una gran experiencia de la paz de Dios. Mientras se oraba por ella, sintió algo

de calor (una experiencia común) y luego una gran paz. No todas las personas informan sobre estas cosas, pero muchas tienen la sensación de que Dios los está ayudando en su lucha diaria.

También tenemos un proceso llamado las 5 claves. Esta es una sesión más larga de orar por una persona y permitir que Dios la dirija a las partes de su vida que están heridas y que necesitan más atención. Esto se hace en equipo y también incluye una preparación de lectura y confesión. También unguimos a la persona al comenzar. Las personas que han experimentado este proceso informan de una profunda sensación de paz y de "levantarse" de lo que les molestaba. En el corazón de este proceso está el perdón, experimentándolo de parte de Dios, pero también perdonando a otros que nos han ofendido. Una vez más el equipo -los feligreses que se han sentido llamados a este ministerio- ora por las personas y es usado como instrumento de Dios para traer sanidad. Este ha sido uno de los Ministerios de la parroquia que vive concretamente el Evangelio y me alegra que vaya bien.

La visión de nuestra parroquia requiere que todos encontremos la manera de participar. Siempre estamos buscando personas para hacer oración de intercesión durante nuestros tiempos de oración. Si usted puede, nos gustaría su apoyo en este equipo. Espero que consideren este gran ministerio, ya sea como un miembro activo o como un compañero remoto de oración. Juntos

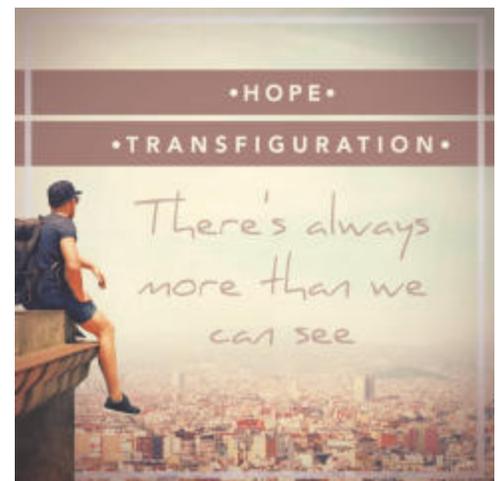
y en Cristo, podemos hacer todas las cosas.

Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias del edificio: El proyecto de la torre en St. James continúa avanzando poco a poco. Los trabajadores me dicen que la obra va más lenta debido a problemas imprevistos. Originalmente se pensó que la madera en el lado oeste (frente a Bridge Street) estaba bien, pero parece que necesita más trabajo de lo que se estimó originalmente. Seguimos esperando que se instale el sistema de seguridad contra incendios en la cocina y luego estará completamente operativo. El proyecto de iluminación en ambas iglesias está casi completo con la mayor parte terminada. Tuvimos un poco de agua en el pasillo inferior de St. James con las fuertes lluvias de la semana pasada. Ahora se están examinando los desagües y se limpiarán y repararán. Un pedazo muy grande de árbol cayó en la propiedad de IC. Afortunadamente, nuestra querida Margo condujo fuera del lugar minutos antes de que este cayera. También recibimos un presupuesto para la reparación del yeso sobre el altar en IC, pero esperamos con oración y observancia hasta que concluya la temporada de bodas, para colocar el andamio adentro. La gente de Bell estará aquí el 8 de agosto para hacer la encuesta sobre la campana y determinar cómo se apoyará durante las reparaciones.

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Saturday:	Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2 /Jn 6:41-51



04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

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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.
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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

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

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 several weeks we will share each secret with you. Let us know what you think!

4. Do Not Always Have to Win or Be Right

The successful parishioner cares too much about the parish to look upon it as a jousting match or a place where ego must triumph and be continually fed.

While being a person who has strong opinions, ideas, feelings, quirks, likes and dislikes, the successful parishioner is also a team player. Successful parishioners know that the wisdom of the group must often prevail over an individual's passionate desires. And yet, there are times when they have to boldly state their beliefs, the facts, their line of reasoning, and press forward.

Yes, there may be times when a path of action is so clear and necessary it must be held onto, but that does not mean that every decision, action, change must be the object of endless debate, bruised feelings or—and this happens too often over what are usually the finer points of parish life—downright hostility.

Discernment, carefully listening to others, charity come into play here. Successful parishioners continually try to look within themselves to see if it is the good of the parish community or their own willfulness that has the higher priority.

This "secret" is not one that strong-minded, active parishioners always practice well, but it is absolutely crucial in the makeup of the successful parishioner. For without it, the Holy Spirit has little room to influence or inform or steer.

The successful parishioner is a team player who tries to work toward worthwhile goals that are good for the whole church community, even though he or she may not totally agree with the ways those goals are being pursued.—*from Catholicos.org*



Fall 2019 Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

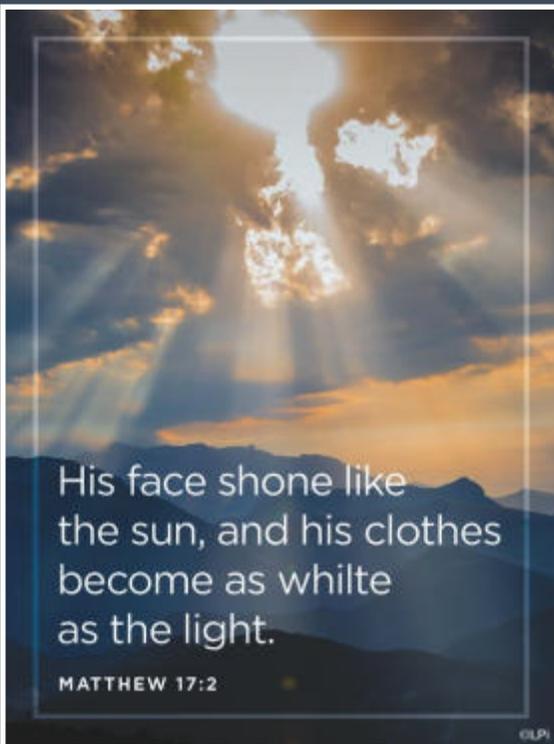
September 25, October 16,
and November 20

"Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself." - A Project Rachel retreat participant.

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat.

Fall dates are September 25, October 16 and November 20, 9 AM to 5 PM.

Locations are confidential. Limited to 10 participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.



His face shone like
the sun, and his clothes
became as white
as the light.

MATTHEW 17:2

The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6

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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:

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July 11:	\$3,497.89
July 18:	\$4,973.50

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

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

There are many ways to support MQOA

We are grateful for all your gifts of time, lending us your talents, and sustaining our parish with your financial support.

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- Envelopes: call 978-745-9060

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In-kind:

Carpentry, electrical, plumbing, cleaning, food preparation, tech, equipment, other expertise. Tax receipts are available.

Call the office for more information on how you can participate in our stewardship program! Thank you!



Sunday, August 1

8:30 AM Anton Nam V. Ngo Memorial

Sunday, August 8

8:30 AM Matta Bong T. Nguyen 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.



We are very excited, and grateful, to announce we have raised the entire amount for the IC Bell Restoration Project!

Last week we received a generous donation from a donor that will cover the balance of the bell restoration, and additional funds will be used for additional work needed on the tower and electric system. Thank you to all who donated!



THE PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE is a series of five sessions, designed for couples considering marriage, whether engaged or not, and wishing to build a strong and lasting relationship.

While based on Christian principles, it is relevant and helpful for any couple with or without a Christian faith or church background. The founders, Nicky and Sila Lee, have been married for over forty years and speak regularly on relationships and marriage preparation. They are co-authors of *The Marriage Book*.

The series starts THIS Tuesday, August 3, at 7PM, online.

Contact Steven Antonio, santonio@mqa.org or go to www.mqa.org/MC



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!

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

Tomorrow, Monday, August 2 at 7 PM



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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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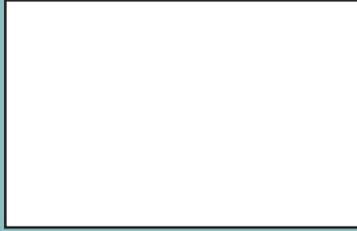

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