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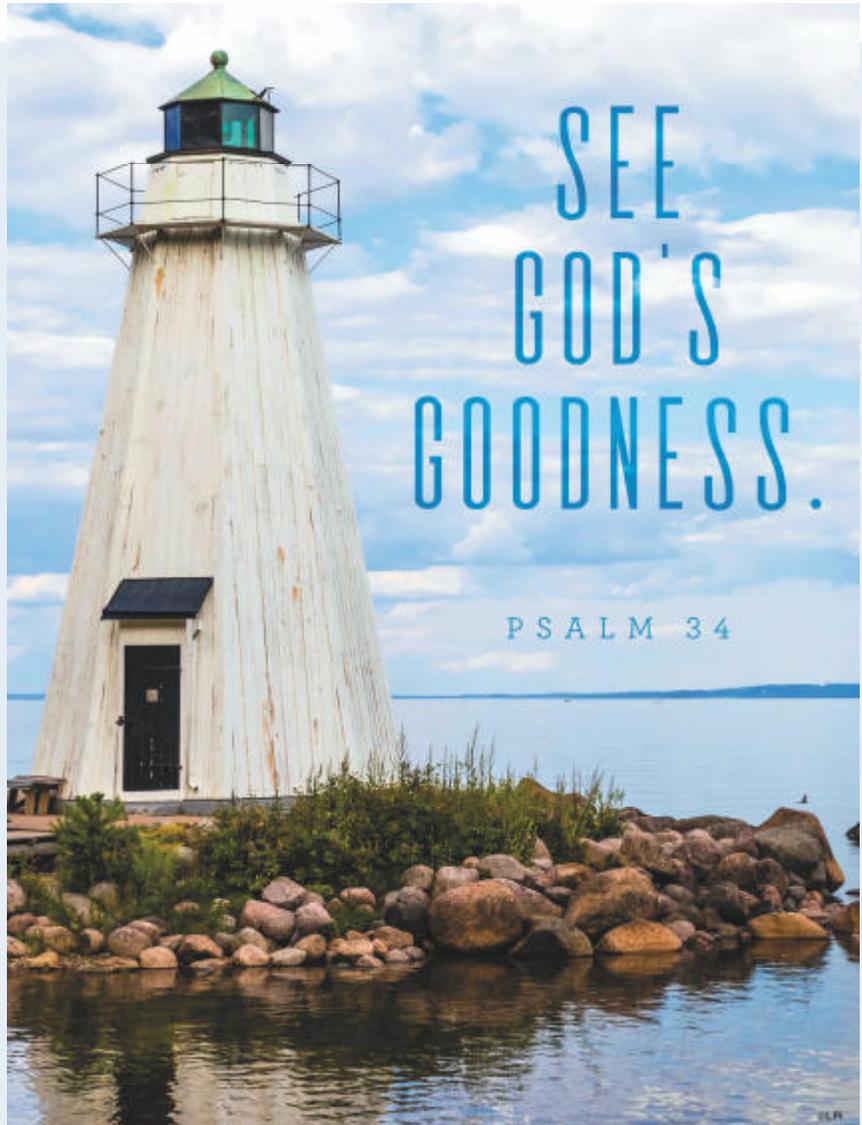
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These last few weeks the Sunday Gospels have been filled with passages from the Gospel of John's chapter six, and this is

one of the Church's ways of asking us to reflect on the Eucharist. In the Documents of Vatican II (specifically, the document on Sacred Liturgy), it says, "*the (Eucharistic) liturgy is to foster fully conscious, active participation in the Eucharist, ... which is the source and summit of our faith.*" (SC II#14ff)

This means that there is more to our faith than just going to Mass; that by actively engaging in this sacred liturgy, we enter into the great mystery of God's saving work by remembering what Christ did and what His life, death and resurrection mean to each of us. We see this in the answer that Jesus gave to the people last week when they asked, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them by saying that they were looking for signs, but that the real search of our lives is the search for the living God. (Jn 6:24-35).

Two big words say really important things about the

Eucharist. First, it is the **source** of our faith. One of the saving graces for me during this past year was the Eucharist. Although we had to take precautions, I could still celebrate the Mass in the chapel. As a result of that experience, I am still getting used to having people with me. I got very accustomed to celebrating in front of a single camera, and then much later in front of two or three people, and now thankfully with as many people as we can. Over and over I heard that people were longing for the Eucharist and I understand completely.

The Mass is also the **summit** of our faith, which means that we are the most Catholic when we are at Mass. It makes me sad that many people do not attend Mass for whatever reason, old or new. Hopefully for those of us who are able and willing to attend, it gives us the strength to share our faith or to invite someone to come and see what it is that God wants to share with them too.

As we slowly return to some type of normalcy and while making efforts to be careful in light of the newest strain (Delta variant), I hope that everyone will take the time to reflect deeply on what Jesus is saying in the Gospel. St. Augustine said that

"Our hearts are restless until we rest in You." When I think of all that we are doing in this parish, I hope it is evident that we are always pointing towards this; to share the in the life of Jesus Christ through the great gift of the Eucharist, the greatest gift of our faith.

Peace, Father Murray

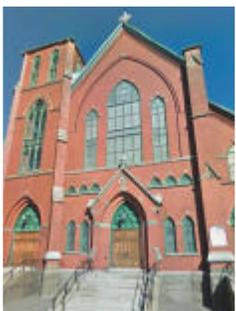
Building news: The company doing the work on the tower at St. James is moving along, and hope to move to the front of the church next week. It is taking much longer than they thought. The kitchen should be complete as of this writing, and the light project is 90% complete.

The bell people were in on Wednesday to get some final measurements to see how they will support the bell while the bolts are out of it. I am pleased to announce that Anthony O'Donnell has donated the rest of the money needed for the repair and update of the bell in memory of his father Thomas. This will allow us to upgrade the electric system as well as care for the bell in the future.

PARISH INFORMATION

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The office is open on an irregular schedule. Please call ahead.



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156 Federal St. Salem, MA 01970

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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.

Estas últimas semanas los Evangelios dominicales se han llenado de pasajes del capítulo seis del Evangelio de Juan y es una de las formas de la Iglesia de pedirnos que reflexionemos sobre la Eucaristía. En los Documentos del Vaticano II, específicamente, el documento sobre la Sagrada Liturgia dice: “la liturgia (eucarística) debe fomentar la participación activa y plenamente consciente en la Eucaristía, ... que es la fuente y la cumbre de nuestra fe”. (SC II # 14ss) Obviamente esto significa que hay más en nuestra fe que solo la Misa, pero que al asistir activamente a esta sagrada liturgia, entramos en el gran misterio de la obra salvífica de Dios recordando cada domingo lo que Cristo hizo y lo que su vida, muerte y resurrección significan para cada uno de nosotros. Es la respuesta que Jesús dio indirectamente a la gente la semana pasada cuando le preguntaron: “Rabí, ¿cuándo llegaste aquí?”. Jesús les respondió diciendo que buscaban señales, pero que la búsqueda real durante toda nuestra vida es la búsqueda del Dios vivo. (Jn 6, 24-35).

Dos grandes palabras sobre la Eucaristía dicen algo realmente importante. Primero, es la fuente de nuestra fe. Una de las gracias salvadoras para mí durante este

último año fue la Eucaristía. Aunque teníamos que tomar precauciones, aún podía celebrar la misa en la capilla. Como resultado de esa experiencia, todavía estoy tratando de acostumbrarme a tener gente a mi alrededor. Por muchos meses tuve que celebrar frente a una sola cámara; y luego, mucho más tarde, frente a dos o tres personas y ahora, afortunadamente, con tanta gente como podamos. Una y otra vez escuché que la gente anhelaba la Eucaristía y lo comprendo completamente. La Misa es también la cumbre de nuestra fe, lo que significa que somos más católicos cuando estamos en Misa. Me entristece que muchas personas no asistan a Misa por cualquier motivo, antiguo o nuevo. Con suerte para nosotros, nos da la fuerza para compartir nuestra fe o para invitar a alguien a que venga y vea qué es lo que Dios quiere compartir con ellos también.

A medida que regresamos lentamente a algún tipo de normalidad y mientras nos esforzamos por tener cuidado ante la nueva cepa (variante Delta), espero que todos se tomen el tiempo para reflexionar profundamente sobre lo que Jesús está diciendo en el Evangelio. Es lo que quiso decir San Agustín cuando expresó que, “Nuestros

corazones están inquietos hasta que descansemos en Ti” (Las Confesiones de San Agustín). Cuando pienso en todo lo que hacemos en esta parroquia, espero que sea evidente que siempre estamos apuntando hacia esto, a compartir el conocimiento de Jesucristo a través del gran don de la Eucaristía, el mayor don de nuestra fe.

Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias del edificio: La empresa que realiza el trabajo de pintura está avanzando y espera llegar a trabajar en el frente de la iglesia la próxima semana. Está tardando mucho más de lo que pensaban. La cocina debe estar lista mientras escribo este mensaje y el proyecto de iluminación está completo en un 90%. La gente de la campana estuvo el miércoles para tomar algunas medidas finales para ver cómo sostendrán la campana mientras los pernos están todavía fuera de ella. Me complace anunciar que Anthony O'Donnell ha donado el resto del dinero necesario para la reparación y actualización en memoria de su padre Thomas. Esto nos permitirá actualizar el sistema eléctrico y cuidar la campana en el futuro.

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

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
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/
Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



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.
- Easy ways to donate: Give via Givebuttr (uses venmo, etc.) or sign up for Online Giving.

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

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

Weekdays

- 7:30 AM | Immaculate Conception Chapel
Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Friday

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OR
www.mqoa.com/worship

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Confession and Adoration

Saturdays at 3:00 PM, at Immaculate Conception Chapel



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!

5. Successful Parishioners are Proud Enough of the Parish to Represent It Well

Successful parishioners are ambassadors for their parish. While admitting the parish still has so much more to do to meet the needs of its people, the community and the world, they speak in positive terms about what their parish is doing. Without being boastful, they are proud of their parish's accomplishments, presence in the community, future plans.

They are not shy about both proclaiming they are Catholic and living out their Catholicism in a specific place. They mention their parish in conversation at work or among friends. They might even mention it in the hardware store or the supermarket, when appropriate—with appropriate pride. They are proud of their parish and they want others to know about it, not so much that they will get a pat on the back, but that others will know that there is a place where people in community are attempting, with God's ever-present help, to live better lives and to make this world a better place.

More important than speaking about their parish, they represent what it stands for with their very actions. There is perhaps no greater compliment within Catholicism than to hear someone say, "You can tell she (or he) attends St. John (or Immaculate Heart of Mary, or whatever the parish's name). There's something about that individual." —*from Catholicdos.org*



Save the date for our **MASS MINISTRY SUMMIT** on **Sunday, August 29** from **1-3:00 PM** at Immaculate

Conception in the lower church hall.

We'll serve you some delicious food, update you on all the plans for this coming year of ministry in the parish, invite you to commit or re-commit to a liturgical ministry, and commission you for your work.

If you have ever (or never) considered taking up a ministry in hospitality (greeters, parking lot team), altar serving, lectoring or Eucharistic ministry, please join us on that day.

If you have served for a short while or a long time, please join us on that day in order to be able to continue in your ministry.

Watch this space for registration information and other details.



Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2020-21 are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston.

The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the Cardinal. Couples can register here: www.bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversary-mass

For more information, please contact Emily Elliott in Family Life Ministry at Emily_Elliott@rcab.org.

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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, 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
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Thank you for your support.

06 STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST 1, 2021

Collection:	\$2960.50
Online:	\$664.11
Mailed:	\$1984.00
Total:	\$5608.61

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF MQOA!



And, thank you for your financial support!!

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."

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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- Checks written to MQOA

In-kind:

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



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.



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.

Tune in this Sunday at mqa.org/online.church or listen anytime to the podcast version, wherever you get your podcasts, or at mqa.org/podcasts



BE HEALED

Visit our website to learn about how MQOA can help you find healing through prayer, the Five Keys process, or the sacraments of reconciliation and the anointing of the sick.

HEALING SERVICE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 AT 7 PM, IC PARKING LOT

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

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



Along with the donations of many of you, 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!



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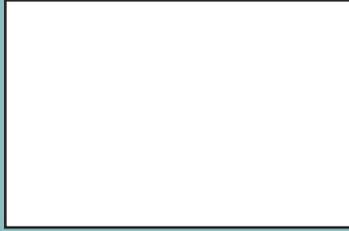

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