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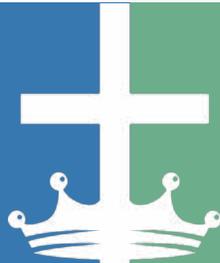
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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
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LA ASUNCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA

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This Sunday, we pause our reflection on the Eucharist to celebrate one of the great gifts given to the Church, perhaps its greatest

disciple—Mary. This week, we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Briefly, we believe that Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul, upon her death. This feast is also called the Dormition of Mary. (Dormition is a word that implies sleep, as if Mary did not suffer earthly death.) There is a site for Mary's tomb outside of Gethsemane, and at this site there are statues depicting this "sleep."

From the fourth century until the official proclamation in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, her assumption was celebrated as an act of faith and since then has become part of our official teaching (CCC and online Catholic sites). It is an important reminder that our bodies are a gift from God and indicates that in God's plan, in some glorified way, we too will be resurrected and joined to our souls in eternal life. Mary, we believe, never had this experience due to her faithful discipleship and her generous trust in God. Mary's yes to receiving Jesus as her son, and

subsequently following Him, resulted in this gift.

All of us can learn from Mary as one who continues to be faithful to God even from heaven. Her appearance in different places reminds us of our close connection to things we cannot see but know through faith and grace. They exist and are made by God to share with us after this life is finished.

For me, one of the great moments in the Easter scenes is when Jesus appears to Mary and the disciples and is not recognizable. We believe that this was because He was in His glorified form. He still had His scars, but now was beyond the earthly restraints of time and place. (I am hoping the scar from where my brother accidentally hit me with a rake and tore my lip will be repaired, but it is not essential, and I hope to still enjoy the banquet one way or another.) Mary is our model, our protector, and intercessor. Where she is we hope to go too. I hope all will continue to ask her to send the grace of her Son and the power of the Holy Spirit to bless us and guide us, that we might be people who generously trust God, seek to do His will, and see His life as one that we will model ourselves after.

We continue to monitor the re-emergence of the pandemic. I am

glad that we have the procedures in place that we do.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Peace, Father Murray

Building news: The bell people started the project, and we have discovered a problem in the tower with one of the walls, which seems to be bulging. We have an engineer coming to look at it. We have also received a price to repair the plaster above the sanctuary at IC. We will hold our breath and wait for the winter as the scaffolding will be put up for a month, and we don't want the scaffolding at all our weddings.

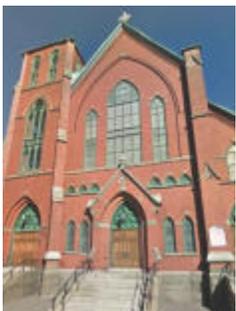
At SJ, the kitchen project is 95% finished, and we have only the inspections by the city and fire department to go. The repair and painting of the SJ tower is coming along, and they are getting ready to address the front of the tower. The painting on the west side (parking lot) is a good example of what it will look like when finished.

Lastly, the light project is nearing completion. Some of the lights are not conventional, and we will need to get adaptations of them.

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UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY 03

Este domingo hacemos una pausa en nuestras reflexiones sobre la Eucaristía para celebrar uno de los grandes dones otorgados a quizás la más grande discípula de la Iglesia, María. Esta semana celebramos la fiesta de la Asunción de María. Brevemente, creemos que María fue asunta al cielo en cuerpo y alma tras su muerte. Esta fiesta también se llama la Dormición de María. (Dormición es una palabra que implica dormir, como si María no sufriera la muerte terrenal). Hay un sitio para la tumba de María fuera de Getsemaní y hay estatuas talladas que representan este "sueño".

Pero desde el siglo IV hasta la proclamación oficial en 1950 por parte del Papa Pío XII, su asunción fue celebrada como un acto de fe y desde entonces ha pasado a formar parte de nuestra enseñanza oficial. (CCC y sitios católicos en línea) Es un recordatorio importante de que nuestros cuerpos también son un regalo de Dios e indica que, en el plan de Dios, de alguna manera glorificada, nosotros también seremos resucitados y unidos a nuestras almas en la vida eterna. Creemos que María nunca tuvo esta experiencia, debido a su fiel discipulado y su generosa confianza en Dios. El sí de María a recibir a Jesús como su hijo y su seguimiento dan como resultado este regalo.

Todos podemos aprender de María como alguien que continúa siendo

fiel a Dios incluso desde el cielo. Sus apariciones en diferentes lugares nos recuerdan nuestra estrecha conexión con las cosas que no podemos ver, pero que conocemos a través de la fe y la Gracia. Es decir, esas cosas existen y están hechas por Dios para ser compartidas con nosotros después de que esta vida haya terminado.

Para mí, uno de los grandes momentos de las escenas de Pascua es cuando Jesús se aparece a María y a los discípulos y no es reconocible. Creemos que esto se debió a que estaba en su forma glorificada. Todavía tenía sus cicatrices, pero ahora está más allá de las restricciones terrenales del tiempo y el lugar. (¡Espero que se repare la cicatriz del labio que mi hermano accidentalmente me rompió cuando me golpeó con un rastrillo! Pero no es esencial, solo espero seguir disfrutando del banquete de una forma u otra). María es nuestro modelo, nuestra protectora e intercesora. También esperamos ir donde está ella. Espero que todos sigan pidiéndole que envíe la Gracia de su Hijo y el poder del Espíritu Santo para bendecirnos y guiarnos, para que seamos personas que confíen generosamente en Dios, busquen hacer su voluntad y vean su vida como el modelo a seguir.

Continuamos monitoreando el resurgimiento de la pandemia. Me

alegro de que tengamos los procedimientos establecidos.

Disfruten el resto del verano.

Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias del edificio: El proyecto de la cocina está terminado en un 95% y solo nos quedan las inspecciones de la ciudad y del departamento de bomberos. Los trabajadores de la campana vinieron para iniciar el proyecto y hemos descubierto un problema en la torre con una de las paredes, que parece estar abultada. Tenemos un ingeniero que viene a verlo. También hemos recibido una cotización para reparar el yeso sobre el santuario en IC. Aguantaremos la respiración y esperaremos el invierno, ya que los andamios estarán instalados durante un mes y no queremos tener eso para todas las bodas de nuestras novias. Se acerca la reparación y pintura de la torre SJ y se están preparando para abordar el frente de la torre. La pintura del lado oeste (estacionamiento) es un buen ejemplo de cómo se verá cuando esté terminada. Todavía estamos esperando el final del proyecto de iluminación, pero está casi terminado. Algunas de las luces no son convencionales y necesitaremos adaptarlas.

Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

Sunday:	<i>Vigil:</i> 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 <i>Day:</i> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



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.
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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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The queen takes her place at your right hand,
arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

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!

6) Are Not Members, But Disciples

Membership has a static sound to successful parishioners. Quite frankly, it's not good enough for them. Attending or "doing their obligation" is not sufficient for this most important part of their life.

They would probably be the last ones to call themselves disciples, but that's what they are. They are trying to live a life that mirrors the life of Christ, for they see Christ as "the way, the truth and the life." They are trying to let others in on the wonderful, dynamic lifestyle that can be theirs. They are not simply members of some sort of comfortable club that makes no demands on them. Just going through the motions is too hollow for them.

Discipleship, not membership, characterizes how they choose to live a Catholic life within their parish and in their everyday life. As Christ saw needs in the world and tried to meet them, so do the successful parishioners who are not afraid to proclaim Christ's message—no, not with words, but with their actions.

They are not preservers of an institution, but practitioners of a way of life.—*from Catholicdos.org*

Save the date for our MASS MINISTRY SUMMIT

Sunday, August 29
1-3:30 PM
at IC, lower church hall

We will serve 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, lecturing or Eucharistic ministry, please join us!

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

Registration and details regarding the Mass Ministry Summit will be coming soon!

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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.

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:

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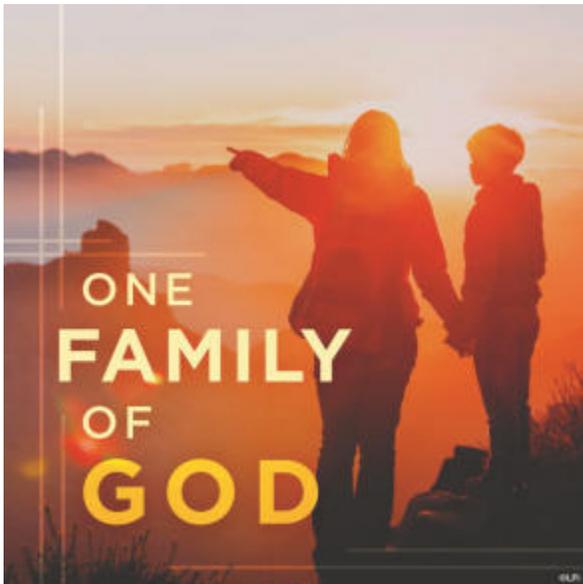
STEWARDSHIP

Due to staff vacations, the August 8 offertory collection information will be in next week's 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."



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?



I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Wed., August 18

7:30 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.

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.)

CONFIRMATION

Our community will walk with you on this journey. Sacramental preparation brings both candidates, sponsors, and parents to a deeper understanding of the lifelong commitment that is made when receiving a sacrament in the Catholic Church.



If you have (or are) a young person in grade 10 or above, who has been baptized and has received First Communion, we welcome you and your family to prepare for Confirmation.

2022 Confirmation Program

MQOA's Confirmation prep begins with a family focus program in the fall with **Family Alpha**. Then in the new year, youth and sponsors attend the How to Catholic series.

- **Family Alpha**, begins Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 PM, at St. James Hall. (Until November 2)
- **How To Catholic | Teaching Series**, meets for seven weeks beginning on Sunday, March 6 at 3:30 PM, in IC Hall.
- **Confirmation Rehearsal & Mass**
 - **Rehearsal** is Sunday, May 8, 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, in IC Hall.
 - **Confirmation Mass** is held at our Sunday 5 PM Mass at IC Church on Sunday, May 15.

Learn more and register at:
mqa.org/confirmation

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Sacramental preparation brings the whole family to a deeper understanding of the lifelong commitment that is made when receiving a sacrament in the Catholic Church.



If you have a child who is 7 years old or older, and who has been baptized, we welcome your family to prepare together for your child to receive their first Reconciliation and Communion.

2022 Program

- **"Go Seek Find" Kits** consists of a Children's Bible, activity sheets, a treasure map, and stickers all designed to help parents teach their children about Reconciliation and the Mass. Once registered, families can pick up their child's kit at Mass.
- **Family Gatherings** are split between the two sacraments with three in the fall and three in the spring. They meet before or after Mass, depending on which Mass your family attends. Coffee and donuts are served. Parent and children sessions are in IC Hall at 10 AM.

First Communions will take place beginning in May, 2022. They are held at all our Sunday Masses.

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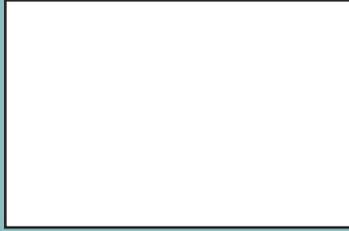

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