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Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

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Simón Pedro le respondió: "Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna". - Jn 6, 68



### THIS WEEK AT MQOA:

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY/UN MENSaje  
DEL PADRE MURRAY

**04**

7 SECRETS OF SUCCESSFUL PARISHIONERS

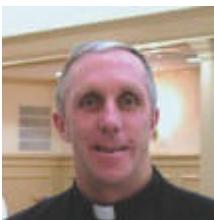
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ALPHA RETURNS THIS FALL

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## 02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



We return this week to the sixth chapter in the Gospel of John. In today's reading, we see some of Jesus' disciples turn

away from Him because they could not understand, and their faith wasn't strong enough to accept what Jesus told them. Isn't this something we see happening in our own time? It reminds me of the great saying of St. Anselm, one of the great theologian Doctors of the Church. He said, "I believe that I may understand." This is the humble admission that some of the teachings of the Church are very challenging, and without faith and a desire for understanding of the ways of God, there are many people who simply cannot believe in God and certainly not in the Eucharist.

Within our own Catholic community, it is believed that a great percentage of people also do not believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This is one of the great challenges of our day. We first need to evangelize and catechize many of our own brothers and sisters before we can successfully "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every

creature." (Mt 16:15) The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is about to announce a three-year project to help us fully understand the teachings on the Eucharist. This is to prepare us to be able to share the history of the Eucharist in a way people can understand and hopefully help them to grow closer to Jesus.

One of the gifts of the Church that is most recently being promoted is the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus. There is no better place to start than with the Eucharist. Mary, who was the first to receive Jesus in her body, is our model. She is the one who believed even when the circumstances were challenging. This week, we join Peter and the other disciples by proclaiming that there is no other place to go. Hopefully, this shows us that, enlivened by our faith and experiencing a deeper understanding, we can go out and share this with others.

This week, we are announcing that we will be moving to Immaculate Conception church for Sunday worship. There are several reasons for this move. First, as we slowly open, we will not need a large space. Second, there are still many people who do not or cannot come inside due to the COVID restrictions and will attend Mass from the parking lot.

Third, from an economic point of view, heating two churches all winter long is getting very expensive. We will continue to work on St. James in anticipation of needing it in the future. I know it is a difficult situation and a decision that does not sit well with some. I hope that I am here to see it open and full again, but it is going to need everyone working and praying together to achieve this. Let us believe that this is for the best and understand that we are building for a "future not our own." (Oscar Romero)

*Peace, Father Murray*

Building news: Work on the front of the building at St. James has begun and we are starting to see real progress. The bell at IC was inspected by the company doing the work, and it looks like we will soon see progress there too. An engineer came to inspect the walls that we suspected were problematic, but it looks like we will be OK. We will have one more structural engineer come to look at it, and then we can continue with the work.

### PARISH INFORMATION

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#### 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

Regresamos esta semana al sexto capítulo de Juan y vemos un momento final que todavía, de muchas maneras, observamos que ocurre en nuestro propio tiempo. Me recuerda el gran dicho de San Anselmo, uno de los grandes doctores teólogos de la Iglesia. Dijo: "Creo que puedo entender". Esta es la humilde admisión de que algunas de las enseñanzas de la iglesia son muy desafiantes y, sin fe y un deseo de comprender los caminos de Dios, hay muchas personas que simplemente no pueden creer en Dios y ciertamente no lo ven en la Eucaristía.

Dentro de nuestra propia comunidad católica, se considera que un gran porcentaje de personas tampoco cree en la presencia real y ese es uno de los grandes desafíos de nuestros días. Primero necesitamos evangelizar y catequizar a muchos de nuestros propios hermanos y hermanas antes de que podamos "Salir por todo el mundo y proclamar las buenas nuevas de Cristo" (Mt 28). La Conferencia de Obispos de los Estados Unidos está a punto de anunciar un proyecto de tres años para ayudarnos a todos a comprender mejor las enseñanzas sobre la Eucaristía y prepararnos para poder compartir la historia de la Eucaristía de una manera

que la gente pueda entender y, con suerte, acercarse a Jesús.

Uno de los dones de la iglesia que se está promoviendo más recientemente es la importancia de una relación personal con Jesús. En verdad, no hay mejor lugar para comenzar que con la Eucaristía. María, que fue la primera en recibir a Jesús en su cuerpo, es nuestro modelo. Ella es la que cree incluso cuando las circunstancias son desafiantes. Esta semana nos unimos a Pedro y los otros discípulos al proclamar que no hay otro lugar adonde ir. Con suerte, esto nos muestra que, animados por nuestra fe y experimentando una comprensión más profunda, podemos salir y compartir esto con los demás.

Esta semana hemos comenzado a anunciar que nos trasladaremos a la iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción para el culto dominical. Hay varias razones para este cambio. Primero, a medida que abrimos lentamente, queda claro que no necesitaremos un gran espacio. En segundo lugar, todavía hay muchas personas en el estacionamiento, que no quieren o no pueden ingresar debido a las restricciones de COVID. En tercer lugar, desde un punto de vista económico, calentar dos iglesias durante todo el invierno se está volviendo muy

caro. Continuaremos trabajando en St. James anticipándonos a necesitarlo en el futuro. Sé que es una situación difícil y una decisión que no les sienta bien a algunos. Espero estar aquí para ver el templo abierto y completo nuevamente, pero será necesario que todos trabajen y oren juntos para lograrlo. Debemos creer que esto es lo mejor y entender que estamos construyendo para un "futuro que no es el nuestro" (Oscar Romero)

*Paz, Padre Murray*

Noticias del edificio: Se ha iniciado el frente del edificio en St. James, por lo que estamos comenzando a ver un progreso real. La campana fue inspeccionada por la empresa que realiza el trabajo y parece que también podemos ver algunos avances allí. Un ingeniero vino a inspeccionar las paredes que sospechábamos que eran problemáticas, pero parece que estaremos bien. Haremos que venga un ingeniero estructural más para examinar el edificio y luego podremos continuar con el trabajo.

## Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

- 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
- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



# 04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

This week ends our seven-week series reflecting on what it means to be a successful parishioner. We hope you came away with a different perspective so you can be a part of making our parish a vibrant, active, and prayerful parish. We are working toward a parishioner-led, multi-ministry goal, to become the epicenter of life for all. We hope we can count on you to be a part of it. If so, consider attending our Mass Ministries Summit, next Sunday, August 29 at 1 PM (more information is on Page 5).

## 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.

### 7. Believe in the Power of Prayer and the Eucharist

While I've saved this "secret" for last, it is the most important. It is the very foundation of the successful parishioner's life. After all, what is all the work and involvement in parishes to accomplish, if it is not grounded in prayer? And without the Eucharist? Without God coming so urgently and completely into our lives?

Their prayer life is as varied as they are; the successful parishioner is not one to follow some stylized formula. No, rather their prayer erupts from their aching hearts, hearts that want to be close to God and to heal a broken world. They are quietly and humbly confident in their prayer life. Not that their prayers will be specifically answered as specifically offered, but that a loving God is reaching out to them as they reach out to him and, in that mystical interchange, they will receive not necessarily what they want or desire, but what they truly need.

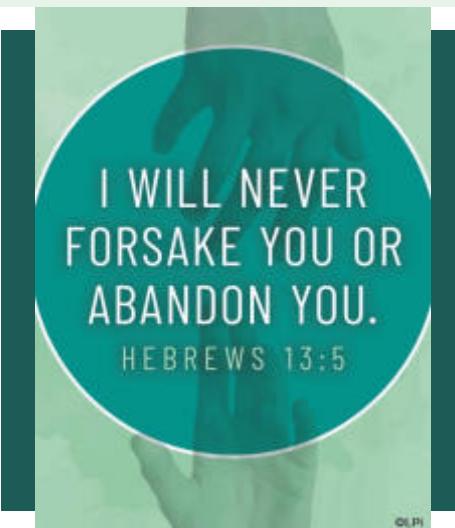
They understand well the words of Scripture—when God is with us, who or what can prevail against us?

And the Eucharist provides the necessary and rich food for the journey of life. Successful parishioners do not look at the Eucharist as a reward for their good behavior. They know well their sins, shortcomings, impatience, anger, greed, lack of charity. But they also understand that the love of God transcends all their failings and the Eucharist is a testament to a love that will never abandon them.

Christ, God, with them in a way unlike any other—that is the promise and the power of the Eucharist, and successful parishioners want the intimacy with God and neighbor that this wonderful gift provides.

As your eyes pass over this list of the Seven Secrets of Successful Parishioners, I'll bet you'll find that you can put a checkmark by a good number of them. Of course, your list of traits might be different from mine, but I offer these seven as threads that run through a healthy, happy and holy life as a Catholic, a life lived out involved in a Catholic parish today.

Paul Wilkes is the author of The Seven Secrets of Successful Catholics, and creator of New Beginnings, a parish revitalization program, which is distributed by St. Anthony Messenger Press. To find out more, go to [www.AmericanCatholic.org/NewBeginnings](http://www.AmericanCatholic.org/NewBeginnings). —from *Catholicdos.org*



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# HELP US TO GROW 05



Save the date for our  
**MASS MINISTRY SUMMIT**  
**NEXT 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 are on our Facebook page. Or email Margo at [mmorin@mqa.org](mailto:mmorin@mqa.org) to register or for more information.



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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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Where charity  
is not found,  
God cannot dwell.

—ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

# 06 CONNECT AND GROW



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.

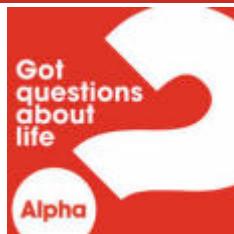
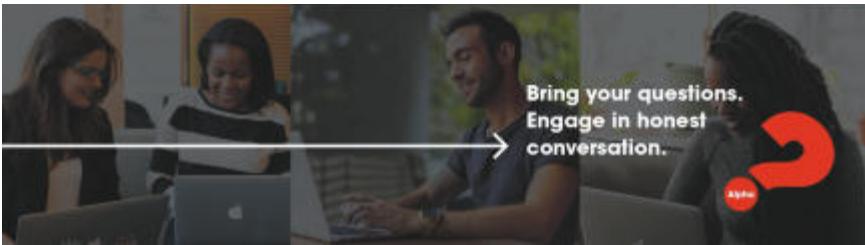
PLEASE REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR CHECKS TO  
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**Alpha is returning this fall!**

**Come and See Nights are:**

- **Alpha in English (21+)** | Wednesday, September 15 at 7PM
- **Alpha in Spanish (21+)** | Monday, September 27th at 7PM
- **Family Alpha** (for teenagers and their parents) | Tuesday, September 14 at 7PM



It all happens at **St. James Church Hall**. It's free, full of great people and delicious food, and we hope you'll join us (by yourself, or bring 4 friends!).

**Go to MQOA.org/alpha**  
for more information.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Submission as Stewardship.

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

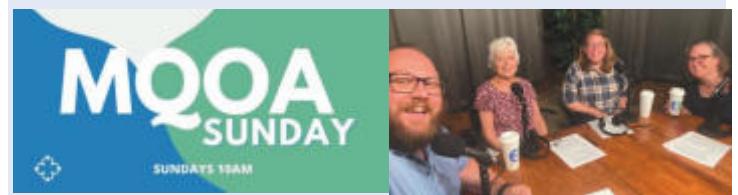
I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*





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).



**Have you had a chance to tune into MQOA Sunday? If not, give it a try!** Join us each Sunday at 10 AM on our Facebook page for 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.



CONFIRMATION

**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

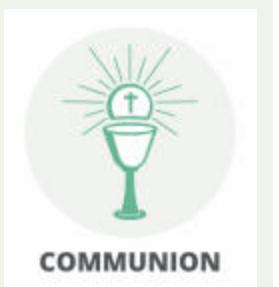
MQOA's Confirmation prep begins with a family focus program in the fall with **Family Alpha**. Then in the new year, youth and sponsors attend the How to Catholic series.

- **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](http://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.



COMMUNION

**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.

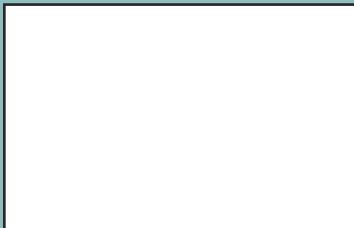
First Communions will take place beginning in May, 2022. They are held at all our Sunday Masses.

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