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## WELCOME BIENVENIDO

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

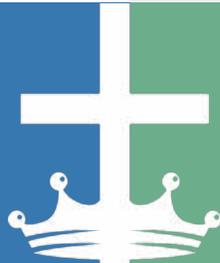
Contact us to find out how you can be a part of what MQOA is doing to offer welcome and healing to all.



### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME 23<sup>ER</sup> DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

El lo apartó a un lado de la gente, le metió los dedos en los oídos y le tocó la lengua con saliva. Después, mirando al cielo, suspiró y le dijo: "¡Éffetá!" (que quiere decir "¡Abrete!"). - Mc 7, 33-34



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# 02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



As the summer winds down and the tourist season begins in earnest, I hope that as visitors come to our

churches, we will remember that we are "Ambassadors of Christ" as St. Paul tells the community of Corinth, and us (2Cor 5:2). Every visitor, whether they are looking at the beauty of the churches or are stopping for a "visit" to talk to the Lord, must be welcomed graciously.

This past weekend, we had a Mass Ministry Summit, a meeting in which we shared with the liturgical ministers the plans we have for the fall, and into the future. We are asking everyone here to be a minister of hospitality and greeting, no matter what their assigned role is at the Mass. We want everyone who comes into the church to see that Christian discipleship means that we see Christ in others, and treat everyone accordingly.

This fall, there are many opportunities to get involved in the parish as we begin a Liturgy for the Word for children during

our morning Masses (what we have called "Wondrous Stories" in the past), Alphas in English, in Spanish and an Alpha specifically for families. In addition, we also hope to start bilingual evenings of praise and worship on Saturdays once a month.

The healing ministry continues to sponsor a night of prayer and healing every second Tuesday of each month at the chapel at IC, starting with Mass at 7:00 PM.

While we do not need the space at St. James for regular weekend Masses at this time, we hope to grow into it; that is my dream. The plan is to start at IC and grow into a large parish again. We start by inviting people to Alpha, to introduce (or re-introduce) them to God, and to the community. Eventually, we hope that every person in this parish will experience Alpha, and feel the invitation and go deeper, becoming evangelizing disciples too.

At the root of the challenge for us is to keep a clear focus on what we are doing and why. The why is always the same; to preach the saving message of Jesus Christ to all of Salem and to bring healing to this wounded Church, starting with everyone here in Salem. We have social/prayer groups that are forming

to receive those who want a smaller community; to support new people or veteran parishioners as they start or continue their faith journey. We are hoping that all will see the value of this work and participate in some way. This is kind of our Divine Renovation of the parish.

Most importantly, I ask you to pray every day for the success of the parish. It will take all of us working together, and I am confident that God will lead us to where He wants us to be. Please keep praying, particularly through the intercession of Mary and St. James.

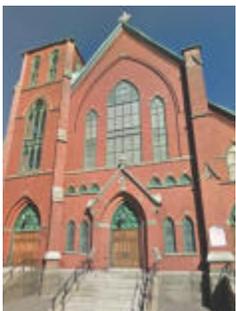
*Peace, Father Murray*

Building News: This week our sharp-eyed maintenance man Chad noticed a hole in the middle of the parking lot; that led to an investigation and eventually the recognition that we will have to do some repair on the lot. I am unsure at this writing as to what will happen, but of course will keep you informed.

## 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.



### 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

A medida que el verano termina y la temporada turística comienza en serio, espero que cuando los visitantes vengan a nuestra iglesia, ustedes recuerden que somos "Embajadores de Cristo", como San Pablo le dice a la comunidad de Corinto y a nosotros (2Cor 5 : 2). Cada visitante, ya sea que esté mirando la belleza de las iglesias o que se detenga para una "visita" para hablar con el Señor, debe ser bienvenido con amabilidad. El fin de semana pasado, tuvimos una cumbre ministerial, una reunión en la que compartimos con los ministros litúrgicos el plan que tenemos para el otoño y el futuro (8:30 am en inglés, 11:30 en español y 5:00 pm en inglés, todas en IC). Estamos pidiendo a todos los aquí presentes que sean ministros de hospitalidad y recibimiento, para que todo el que entre a la iglesia sea bienvenido y se sienta acogido. El visitante necesita sentir que nuestro discipulado cristiano significa que vemos a Cristo en los demás y que compartimos la verdad de que Cristo también ha sido plantado en cada uno de nuestros corazones.

Este otoño hay muchas oportunidades para ayudar mientras comenzamos una liturgia de la palabra para niños durante las misas, grupos Alpha en inglés, español y para las familias.

Además, también esperamos comenzar las tardes de alabanza y adoración los sábados una vez al mes.

El ministerio de sanación continúa patrocinando una noche de oración y sanación cada segundo martes del mes en la capilla de IC comenzando con la misa a las 7:00 PM.

Esperamos convertirnos en St. James y ese es mi sueño. El plan es comenzar en IC y crecer como podamos hasta convertirnos en una gran parroquia nuevamente. La estrategia es invitar a las personas a Alpha para presentarles a Dios y a la comunidad. Con el tiempo, esperamos que todos los que pasan por Alfa y son tocados por el Espíritu Santo vengan y se unan a nosotros y luego también continúen creciendo como discípulos evangelizadores. La raíz del desafío para nosotros es mantener un enfoque claro en lo que estamos haciendo y por qué. El por qué es siempre el mismo, predicar el mensaje salvador de Jesucristo a todo Salem y traer sanidad a esta iglesia herida, comenzando con todos los de aquí, de Salem. Tenemos grupos sociales / de oración que se están formando y otros que ya están formados para recibir a aquellos que desean una comunidad más pequeña, para apoyar a las

personas nuevas, o feligreses veteranos a medida que comienzan o continúan su viaje de fe. Esperamos que todos vean el valor de este proyecto y participen de alguna manera. Esta es una especie de Renovación Divina de la parroquia. Lo más importante es que oren todos los días por el éxito de la parroquia, se los pido encarecidamente. Será necesario que todos trabajemos juntos, y estoy seguro de que Dios nos llevará a donde Él quiere que estemos. Sigamos orando, especialmente por la intercesión de María y Santiago (Saint James).

*Paz, Padre Murray*

Noticias del edificio. Esta semana, nuestro hombre de mantenimiento de mirada precisa, Chad, notó un agujero en el medio del estacionamiento, lo que llevó a una investigación y, finalmente, al reconocimiento de que tendremos que hacer algunas reparaciones en el estacionamiento. Al momento de escribir este artículo, no estoy seguro de lo que sucederá, pero, por supuesto, los mantendré informados.

## Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/ Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49  
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35



# 04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

## MQOA THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

MQOA Sunday  
10:00 AM  
[www.mqoa.online.church](http://www.mqoa.online.church)

### MONDAY

No events

### TUESDAY

No events

### FRIDAY

Mass in espanol  
7:00 PM at IC

### SATURDAY

Confession & Adoration  
3:00 PM at IC Chapel

### SUNDAY

MQOA Sunday  
10:00 AM  
[www.mqoa.online.church](http://www.mqoa.online.church)



Congratulations to Trevor Johnson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout! Correction: Last week, we congratulated Trevor using the wrong last name. We apologize Trevor for this error.

Beside lecturing at MQOA, Trevor was seen and heard last week on MQOA Sunday! Thanks Trevor for all you do!



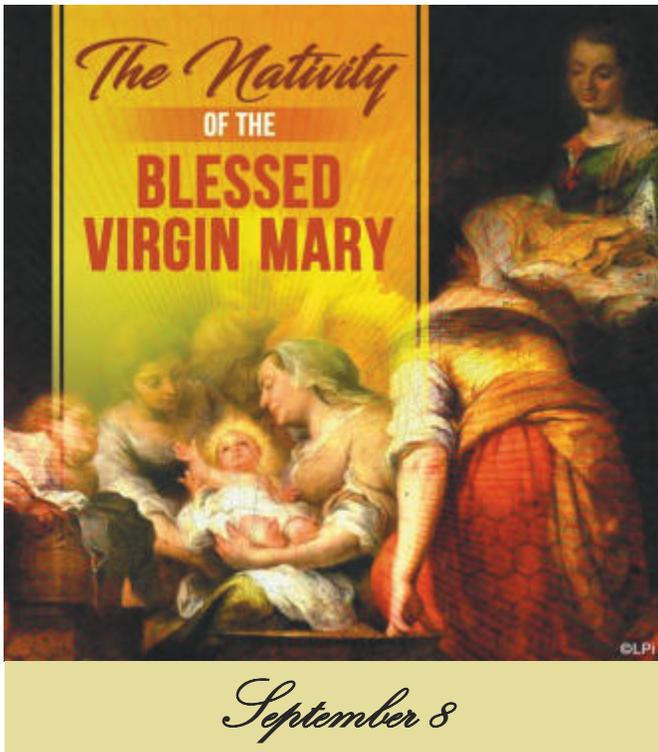
The office will be closed on Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.

### MQOA QR CODE | FOR ALL THINGS MQOA



- 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>



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Salem Knights of Columbus is looking for men to join, and would like to invite you to a meeting to learn more about this great organization. They meet every fourth Monday of the month, and their next meeting is Monday, September 27, at 7PM, in the SJ Conference Room.



## MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are at  
Immaculate Conception Church or Chapel

Daily: 7:30 AM

### Sundays

8:30 AM (English)

11:30 AM (Spanish)

**5:00 PM** (English) Note: This is a new time.



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Everything we do at Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish is supported by your prayerful and financial support.

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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's, St James, or Immaculate Conception.** Or, you may also **mail checks** made out to St. Vincent de Paul to:

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Thank you for your support.

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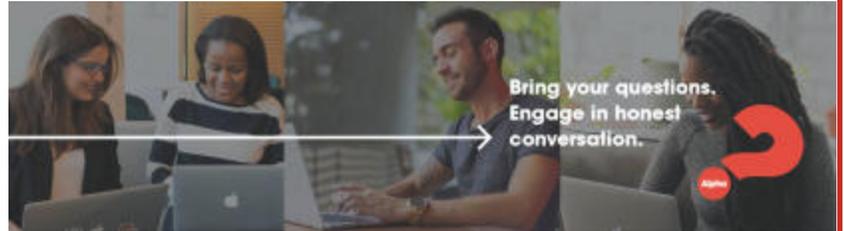
## Alpha is returning this fall—ONLINE!

### Come and See Nights are:

- **Family Alpha** (for teenagers and their parents) | Tuesday, September 14 at 7PM
  - **Alpha in English (21+)** | Wednesday, September 15 at 7PM
  - **Alpha in Spanish (21+)** | Monday, October 4 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](http://MQOA.org/alpha) for more information.



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## JESUS IS HERE

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

Mass with Cardinal Seán O'Malley

Keynotes by Bishop Robert Barron and Bishop Daniel Flores

Music by Village Lights

More information coming soon.  
Contact [yearoftheeucharist@rcab.org](mailto:yearoftheeucharist@rcab.org) with any questions.

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## SEPTEMBER 5 ~ TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In today's first reading from Isaiah, we hear: "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...He comes to save us." As Disciples of Christ, it is our task to express this message to family, friends and co-workers. Impressed by the action of Jesus, the crowd in today's gospel could not keep what they saw to themselves. They proclaimed the wonderful deeds Jesus had done. Can the same be said of us – that we want to share how Jesus has worked in our lives? Pray for courage to tell someone how Jesus has strengthened and saved you. Your words and gestures of care and compassion may be the reassurance that person needs to turn to Jesus for help.



## EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Our weekly newsletter is a great way to keep in touch and learn of any updates and changes at MQOA. Straight to your inbox every Friday, it includes inspiring reflections from our pastoral staff and a sneak peek at the weekend's bulletin. Sign up on our website at: [ww.mqoa.org](http://ww.mqoa.org) (click info, then newsletter) or scan the QR Code on page 4.



Sun., Sept 12

8:30 AM Anton Nam V. Ngo Memorial

5:00 PM Joan Marie Mattison Memorial



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

[www.facebook.com/MQOASalem](http://www.facebook.com/MQOASalem)

**(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:**  
[mqoa.org/confirmation](http://mqoa.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.

**Learn more and Register today:**  
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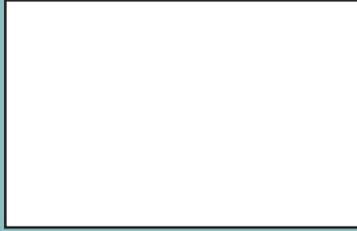
  
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