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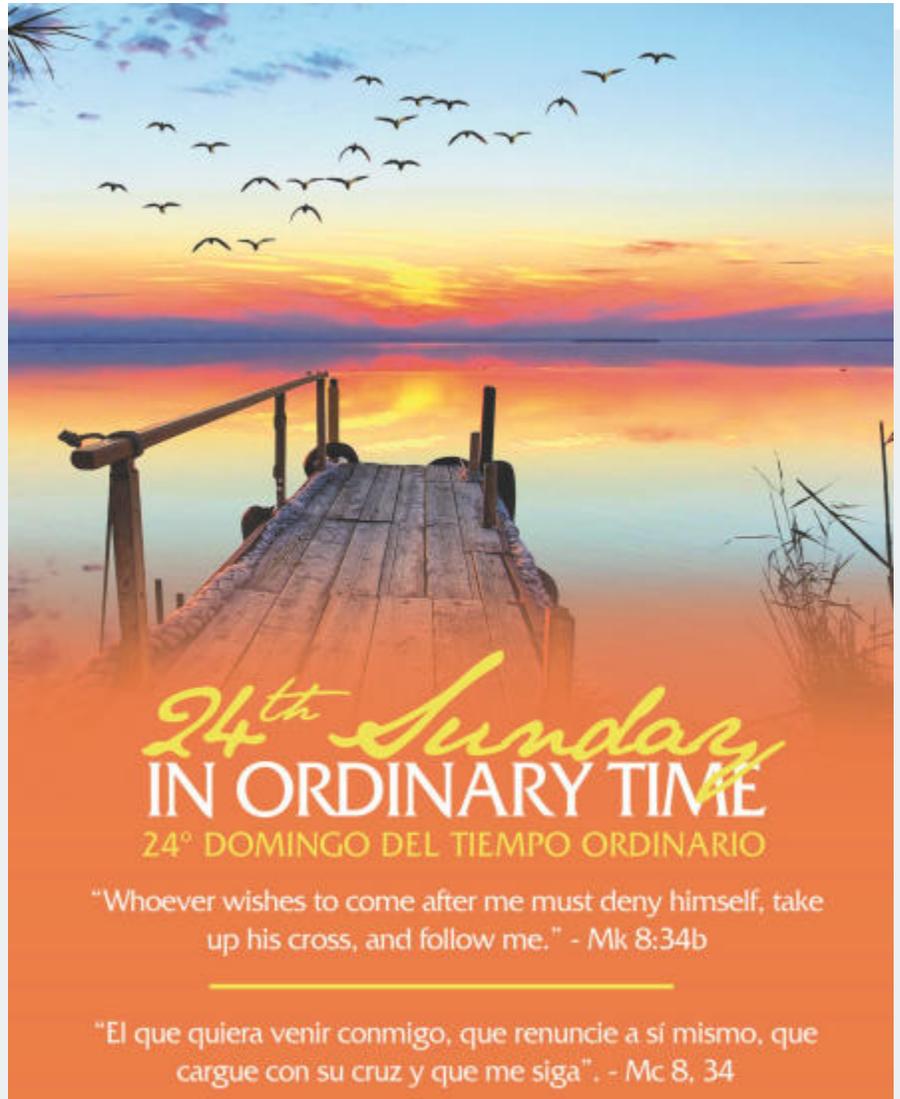
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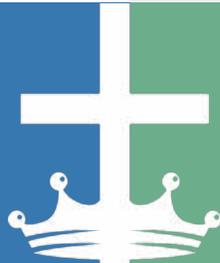
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24th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME
24º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34b

"El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que cargue con su cruz y que me siga". - Mc 8, 34



THIS WEEK AT MQOA:

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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



One of the hallmarks of the Christian life is to recognize that we are a people who see the world differently.

While other religions may see God as far away, we see God as close and personal. The reality of our faith is that what may look like a tragedy is actually a victory; what looks like the death of Christ is actually the triumph of Christ over death. Seeing hope in an apparently hopeless situation is the paradox of Christianity, and we can see that especially in the Gospel of Mark. In Mark's Gospel, we see that denying the truth of the suffering of Jesus will earn a rebuke. And we learn that the radical generosity of God is to us and for us. The response from us to this radical truth, then, also needs to be radical.

Soon, we will be announcing the kickoff of this year's Grand Annual. Our goal is that it will be the last one we ever need to have. What I would like to propose is that we all begin to think about how we support the Church, and particularly, this parish. In the Bible, more than

once Jesus challenges those who are well off to think about how they might be better followers of His.

The invitation is to *sell all you have and come and follow me* (MT 19:21). I am not suggesting that we all do that, but I am asking everyone to think and pray about the idea of *tithing*. In the Scriptures, ranging from Deuteronomy to Proverbs to Jesus, the teaching is that giving back the first fruits of our labors to the Lord is a way to be grateful, to be supportive, and to trust in God. In Proverbs, we hear that giving the first fruits means the *first ten percent*. It is an act of thanksgiving and trust to do this. It does not mean that we will give all of it to the Church, although that is an option, but that we will be mindful of giving in gratitude and trust for all that we receive from God.

I tithe yearly and have been doing so for a long time. Whenever I get any gift, I intentionally give away ten percent. Sometimes these are relatively small amounts, and sometimes larger. I give about 6% yearly to the parish from my salary, and 4% goes to other causes I support both local and international. For more thoughts about this, Margo polled her

friends on Facebook about tithing. She has decided to challenge herself to try tithing for 90 days and learn about it as she goes, and she'll be writing about her experience on the blog at www.MQOA.org.

As we continue to prepare for the mission of the parish, thanks for considering prayerfully how we support the parish with our time, treasure, and talent.

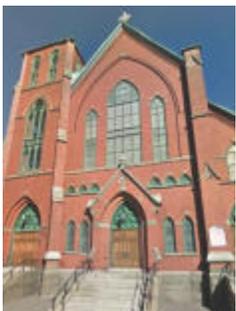
Peace, Father Murray

Building news: The small sink hole we discovered a couple of weeks ago in the parking lot at IC is being addressed. Looking at the area, there was a building on the lot at one time, and the foundation was filled in with dirt and stone. The recent rains have eroded away the fill and so we will have this problem addressed. This week we anticipate that we can finally use the kitchen after a long time renovating. The tower work on both buildings continues to advance slowly.

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.

Uno de los sellos distintivos de la vida cristiana es el reconocimiento de que somos un pueblo que ve el mundo de manera diferente. Mientras que otras religiones pueden ver a Dios como lejano, nosotros lo vemos como cercano y personal. La otra extraña realidad del cristianismo es que exige que aceptemos que nuestra fe incluye lo que parece una tragedia al principio. Es la paradoja del cristianismo y podemos ver que, especialmente en el Evangelio de Marcos, negar la verdad del sufrimiento de Jesús merecerá una reprimenda. Una lección importante que aprender es la generosidad radical de Jesús / Dios hacia y para nosotros. Entonces, la respuesta nuestra también debe ser radical.

En breve anunciaremos el inicio de la Gran Anual de este año y espero que sea la última que necesitemos. ¿Por qué? Lo que me gustaría proponer es que todos empecemos a pensar en cómo apoyamos a la iglesia y en particular a esta parroquia. En la Biblia, más de una vez, Jesús desafía a los que están en buena posición económica a pensar en cómo podrían ser mejores seguidores de él. La invitación es ... vende todo lo que tienes, ven y sígueme. (MT 19:21)

No estoy sugiriendo que todos hagamos eso, pero les pido a

todos que piensen y oren sobre la idea del diezmo. En las Escrituras, desde Deuteronomio hasta Proverbios y Jesús, la idea de devolver los primeros frutos de nuestro trabajo al Señor es una forma de estar agradecidos, de apoyar y de confiar en Dios. En Proverbios, escuchamos que dar los primeros frutos significa el primer diez por ciento. El diezmo es un acto de agradecimiento y confianza, no quiere decir que lo vamos a dar todo a la iglesia, aunque es posible, pero seremos conscientes de dar en agradecimiento y confianza por todo lo que recibimos de Dios.

Yo diezmo anualmente y lo he estado haciendo durante mucho tiempo. Siempre que recibo un regalo, soy consciente de que voy a regalar el diez por ciento. A veces es dinero entregado a una persona sin hogar, otras veces a la iglesia, o inclusive a proyectos (doy alrededor del 6% de mi salario anual a la parroquia y el 4% se destina a otras causas que apoyo, algunas locales, otras internacionales). Para obtener más pensamientos sobre esto, Margo encuestó a sus amigos en Facebook sobre el diezmo. Ha decidido desafiarse a sí misma para intentar diezmar durante 90 días y aprender sobre ello a medida que avanza, y escribirá sobre su experiencia en el blog en

www.MQOA.org.

Mientras continuamos preparándonos para la misión de la parroquia, espero que todos consideren cómo podemos apoyar a la parroquia con nuestro tiempo, tesoro y talento.

Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias del edificio. Esta semana descubrimos un pequeño sumidero en el estacionamiento de IC. Lo estamos examinando y se solucionará el problema. Mirando el área, está claro que allí hubo un edificio y que los cimientos fueron rellenados con tierra y piedra. Las lluvias recientes han erosionado el relleno, por lo tanto, abordaremos este problema. Anticipamos que esta semana podremos usar la cocina, después de mucho tiempo reparándolo todo. El trabajo de la torre en ambos edificios continúa avanzando lentamente.

Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/
Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-37



04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

MQOA THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

MQOA Sunday
10:00 AM
www.mqoa.online.church

MONDAY

St. Vincent de Paul
Meeting
6:30 PM
SJ Conference Room

TUESDAY

Healing Prayer
7:00 PM
IC Parking Lot

Family Alpha
7:00 PM
Online

FRIDAY

Mass in español
7:00 PM at IC

SATURDAY

Confession & Adoration
3:00 PM at IC Chapel

SUNDAY

MQOA Sunday
10:00 AM
www.mqoa.online.church

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19 DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2021

¿Cuándo?: después de la misa en español hasta las 3pm
¿Dónde?: Inmaculada Concepción

Para más información, llame al 978-745-9060 Ext. 106 o mande un correo a cjoyce@mqoa.org

HEALING SERVICE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 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 Healing Prayer Service. Our Healing Team consists of trained priests and lay ministers who guide prayers of healing for physical, spiritual, and emotional needs.

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.

Use this QR Code to link you to the membership page.



St. Vincent de Paul Meetings Resume



Beginning this Monday, September 13 at 6:30 PM in the conference room at St. James.

St. Vincent de Paul meets the second Monday of every month.

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.



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

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Find information and links to the above online giving platforms by scanning the MQOA QR Code or visit: <https://flow.page/mqoa>

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:

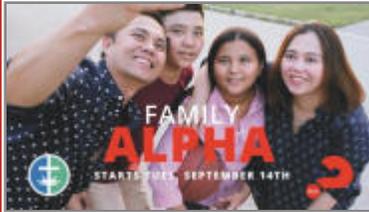
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Thank you for your support.

06 CONNECT AND GROW

Alpha is returning this fall—ONLINE!

Come and See Nights (Online) 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 this fall ONLINE! It's free and you will meet great people! We hope you'll join us! Tell your friends. **Go to MQOA.org/alpha**

for more information.



**Fall 2021 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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Sun., Sept 12

- 8:30 AM Anton Nam V. Ngo Memorial
- 5:00 PM Joan Marie Mattison Memorial

Sun., Sept 19

- 8:30 AM Madeine Wells 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
(You do not need a Facebook account to join the conversation.)

CONFIRMATION

LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN-UP

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, ONLINE
- **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

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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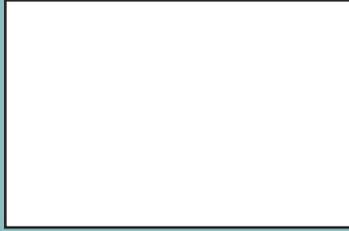

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