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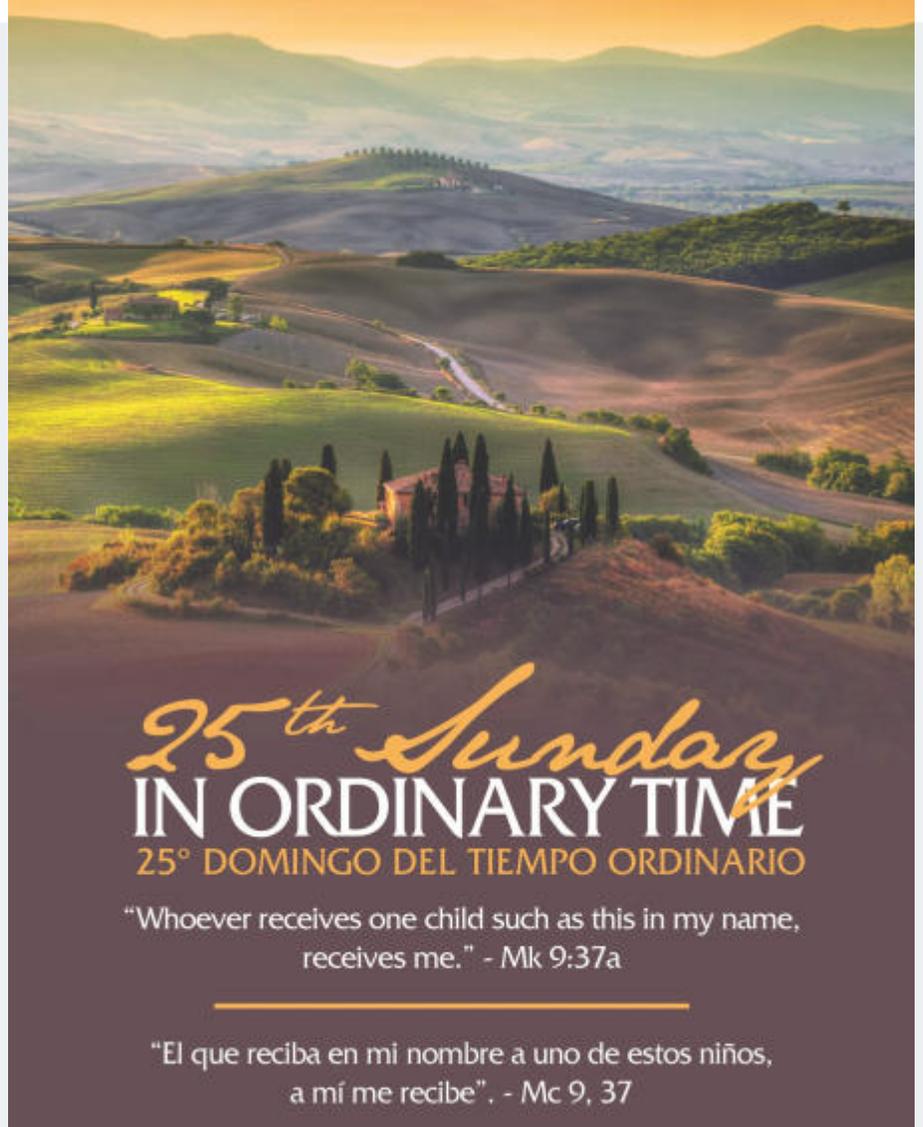
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## WELCOME BIENVENIDO

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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.



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# 02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



This week I received a lovely thank you note from a couple who were married here recently. It was a glowing letter about their experience of our

parish, from the welcome they received to the care of the church and grounds and the way they were treated by the staff and volunteers and wedding coordinators during their preparations and on their big day. This is not the first note like that, and I am sure it will not be the last. Practicing hospitality is one of our values here at MQOA, and I am always proud when people from “the outside” feel the effect of our efforts.

Whenever I open the church early on Saturdays for weddings and people wander in to look around, I make an effort say hello and give a brief history of the church. Our guests always thank me for the welcome and hospitable greeting. It is so important that we treat one another and particularly the “outsiders” among us hospitably. In the present age with so many not attending churches, and so many unchurched people around us, I believe practicing hospitality might be one of our secrets to consistent growth.

It is also one of the themes of this week’s Gospel. It is interesting that Jesus uses a child to give a lesson

about being received. Children had no resources and in the time of Jesus and not valued as they are now, but Jesus elevates this child to be a symbol of the way we need to be open to receiving God. In our efforts at introducing people to Jesus, we start with a radical welcome to everyone. This welcome includes a meal and discussion about life and faith. We welcome anyone who wants to come to Alpha to have these conversations with confidence that God will be with us in this, will open the hearts and minds of our guests and will use the team members to bring others to Jesus Christ. We have seen that this method bears fruit in our parish and in people’s lives, and believe it will continue to do so. It is our first act of hospitality to the present and future of our parish.

In the healing ministry, we have been pleased to welcome people from around the area, Catholic and non-Catholic that have come in search of help, and are pleased to report that people feel welcomed, prayed for, and supported — and some have given us reports of different types of healing. I am convinced that we will be successful if we continue to look outward and see that the people who are *not* here are just as important as those who have heard and are deepening their relationship to Jesus. Our emphasis on hospitality to those who are away, our acceptance of who they are and desire to bring them closer to Jesus, to be healed or to start or restart a relationship with

Him through the Church is what we are about.

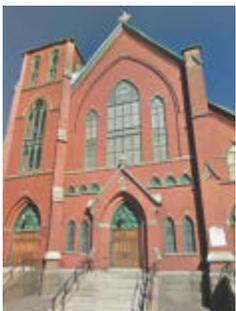
*Peace, Father Murray*

**Building news:** After a long wait, I am pleased to say that the kitchen at St. James is finally finished with a new stove, refrigerator, updated safety hood and is now connected to the Salem Fire Department (in case I am ever invited to cook). The bell project is underway and will be completed by the end of October. We are waiting for new bolts and a clapper to sound the bell, and a new electronic control panel. The sinkhole in the parking lot at IC is being repaired this week; it was caused, it is believed, by water eroding the fill. The stolen copper gutters will be replaced this week with aluminum, which is very sturdy and less attractive to thieves. The tower at St. James is still coming along and there are new plants in the front of the church, thanks to Katy Casiglia and Karen Pelletier. Many Thanks to our new Knights of Columbus council and all the volunteers who have been at work at both IC and St. James.

## 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.

Esta semana he recibido una preciosa nota de agradecimiento de una pareja que se casó aquí recientemente. Era una carta brillante sobre su experiencia en nuestra parroquia, desde la bienvenida que recibieron hasta el cuidado de la iglesia y los terrenos y la forma en que fueron tratados por el personal y los voluntarios y coordinadores de la boda durante sus preparativos y en su gran día. Esta no es la primera nota así, y estoy seguro de que no será la última. Practicar la hospitalidad es uno de nuestros valores aquí en MQOA, y siempre me siento orgulloso cuando la gente de "fuera" siente el efecto de nuestros esfuerzos.

Siempre que abro la iglesia temprano los sábados para las bodas y la gente entra a mirar, me esfuerzo por saludar y dar una breve historia de la iglesia. Nuestros invitados siempre me agradecen la acogida y el saludo hospitalario. Es muy importante que nos tratemos unos a otros y, en particular, a los "forasteros" entre nosotros con hospitalidad. En la época actual, con tantas personas que no asisten a las iglesias y tantas personas sin iglesia a nuestro alrededor, creo que practicar la hospitalidad podría ser uno de nuestros secretos para un crecimiento constante.

También es uno de los temas del Evangelio de esta semana. Es interesante que Jesús utilice a un niño para dar una lección sobre la acogida. Los niños no tenían recursos y en la época de Jesús no se les valoraba como ahora, pero Jesús eleva a este niño a ser un símbolo de la forma en que tenemos que estar abiertos a recibir a Dios. En nuestros esfuerzos por presentar a la gente a Jesús, empezamos con una bienvenida radical a todos. Esta bienvenida incluye una comida y un debate sobre la vida y la fe. Damos la bienvenida a cualquiera que quiera venir a Alpha para tener estas conversaciones con la confianza de que Dios estará con nosotros en esto, abrirá los corazones y las mentes de nuestros invitados y utilizará a los miembros del equipo para llevar a otros a Jesucristo. Hemos visto que este método da frutos en nuestra parroquia y en la vida de las personas, y creemos que seguirá haciéndolo. Es nuestro primer acto de hospitalidad para el presente y el futuro de nuestra parroquia.

En el ministerio de sanación, hemos tenido el placer de acoger a personas de toda la zona, católicas y no católicas que han venido en busca de ayuda, y nos complace informar de que las personas se sienten acogidas, rezadas y apoyadas, y algunas nos

han informado de distintos tipos de sanación. Estoy convencido de que tendremos éxito si seguimos mirando hacia fuera y vemos que las personas que no están aquí son tan importantes como las que han escuchado y están profundizando en su relación con Jesús. Nuestro énfasis en la hospitalidad hacia los que están lejos, nuestra aceptación de lo que son y el deseo de acercarlos a Jesús, para que sean sanados o para que comiencen o reinicien una relación con Él a través de la Iglesia es lo que pretendemos.

*Paz, Padre Murray*

### **Noticias de la construcción:**

Después de una larga espera, me complace decir que la cocina de St. James está finalmente terminada con una nueva estufa, refrigerador, campana de seguridad actualizada y ahora está conectada al Departamento de Bomberos de Salem (en caso de que alguna vez me inviten a cocinar). El proyecto de la campana está en marcha y se completará a finales de octubre. Estamos esperando nuevos pernos y un badajo para hacer sonar la campana, y un nuevo panel de control electrónico. Esta semana se está reparando el socavón en el estacionamiento del IC; se cree que fue causado por el agua que erosionó el relleno. Los canalones de cobre robados se sustituirán esta semana por aluminio, que es muy resistente y menos atractivo para los ladrones. La torre en St. James sigue avanzando y hay nuevas plantas en el frente de la iglesia, gracias a Katy Casiglia y Karen Pelletier. Muchas gracias a nuestro nuevo consejo de Caballeros de Colón y a todos los voluntarios que han estado trabajando tanto en IC como en St. James.

### **Readings for the week of September 19, 2021**

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/  
Mk 9:30-37  
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13  
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/  
Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

# 04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

## MQOA THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

MQOA Sunday  
10:00 AM

[www.mqoa.online.church](http://www.mqoa.online.church)

Mass Ministries Summit  
En español  
12:45 PM  
IC Hall

### TUESDAY

Family Alpha  
7:00 PM  
Online

### WEDNESDAY

Alpha (English)  
7:00 PM  
Online

### FRIDAY

Mass in espanol  
7:00 PM at IC

Latino Concert  
7:30 PM at IC Hall

### SATURDAY

Confession & Adoration  
3:00 PM at IC Chapel

### SUNDAY

MQOA Sunday  
10:00 AM

[www.mqoa.online.church](http://www.mqoa.online.church)

**Thank you to our Knights of Columbus group!** They helped remove the Bingos signs from St. James Hall. The new chapter of Knights are helping to transform the space into a more welcoming place for programs like Alpha.



**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.



## 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 Givebutler, 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>

SANTA MARÍA REINA DE LOS APÓSTOLES  
LE INVITA A LA COMUNIDAD LATINA A UNA

## Reunión de Ministros de la Misa

PARA RENOVAR SU COMPROMISO COMO  
MINISTRO O COMPROMETERSE POR  
PRIMERA VEZ COMO:

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MONAGUILLO/A  
MINISTRO DE EUCARISTÍA  
MINISTRO DE HOSPITALIDAD/UJIERE  
MIEMBRO DEL EQUIPO DE ESTACIONAMIENTO  
MIEMBRO DEL MINISTERIO DE MÚSICA  
U OTRO MINISTERIO

**19 DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2021**

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

Para más información, llame al 978-745-9000 Ext. 106 o mande un correo a [cfoyce@mqoa.org](mailto:cfoyce@mqoa.org)



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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>

#### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Read again the second reading from St. James. He encourages us as followers of Jesus, to possess the wisdom of God. He describes the fruit of that wisdom as peace, gentleness, sincerity and mercy—virtues we all long for. Jesus reminds the disciples in the gospel that to be first or greatest they must learn how to be a servant to others, not in competition with others. While jealousy and selfish ambition exist all around us, each of today's readings remind us to be witnesses to a different way of living and loving. Share the fruits of your discipleship with someone in need of God's wisdom!

#### 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.



## MASS SCHEDULE

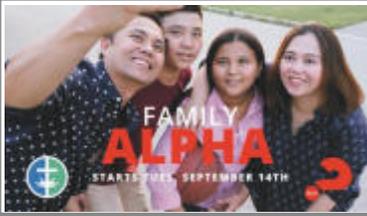
All Masses are at IC Church or Chapel

Daily: 7:30 AM

Sundays  
8:30 AM (English)  
11:30 AM (Spanish)  
5:00 PM (English)

# 06 CONNECT AND GROW

## Alpha this fall—ONLINE!



### Family Alpha

(For teenagers and their parents)  
This Tuesday at 7PM  
Last week to join!



### Alpha in English (21+)

This Wednesday at 7PM  
Last week to join!



### Come and See Night 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](https://MQOA.org/alpha)**

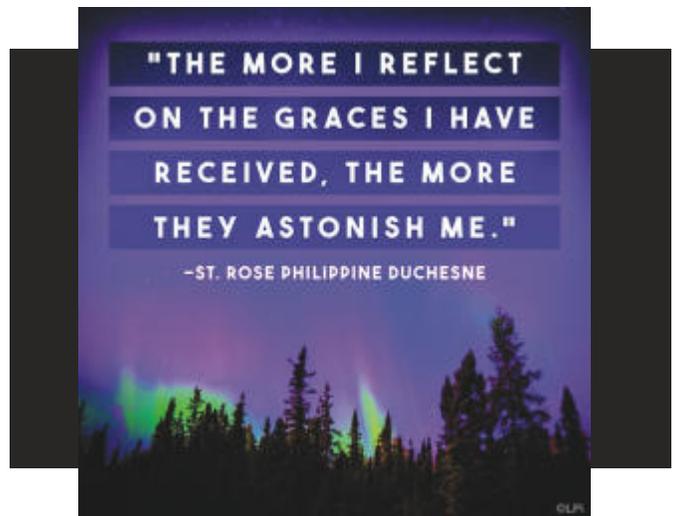
for more information.



Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to their next meeting on Wednesday, October 20, at 7:00 PM (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be "Common Fears in Discerning Religious Life."

Discerning Religious Life."

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at [marian.batho@csjboston.org](mailto:marian.batho@csjboston.org) or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

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



## Sun., Sept 19

8:30 AM Madeine Wells Memorial

## Wed., Sept 22

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](mailto:mbarrette@mqa.org).

## Second Collection this Week

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit: [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org)

La segunda colecta de esta semana es para apoyar en las necesidades, médicas y financieras de los Sacerdotes jubilados de la Arquidiócesis de Boston. Estos Sacerdotes han dedicado sus vidas a servir fielmente a Cristo, a su Iglesia y a usted. Por favor sea generoso en esta importante colecta. Para más información por favor visite: [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org).

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## Sacrament of Baptism

If you are seeking Baptism for yourself or your child, please call the office or email our Pastoral Associate, Margo at [mmorin@mqa.org](mailto:mmorin@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 hope you'll check it out, and that it will enhance your own experience of scripture!

[www.facebook.com/MQOASalem](https://www.facebook.com/MQOASalem)  
(You do not need a Facebook account to join the conversation.)



## MQOA is on What'sApp!

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*Make your New Year's Eve special by having your Marriage Blessed in the presence of God*

If you are married, but not in the Catholic Church, you are invited to a

**Marriage Validation Ceremony**

**Officiated by Bishop Mark O'Connell**

**Friday, December 31 at 6:00 PM**

**Saint Theresa Church, 63 Winter St., North Reading**

Celebrate the sanctity of marriage by ending 2021 in this wonderful way, and together look forward to the blessings of 2022.

During the wedding ceremony, each couple will say their vows separately before Bishop O'Connell and their two witnesses.

To get more information about how to register, please contact the Regional Bishop's Office at 978-531-1013 or [northregion@rcab.org](mailto:northregion@rcab.org).

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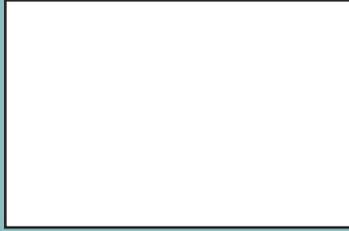
  
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