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## WELCOME BIENVENIDO

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26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# MIRACLES

**"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b**

**"Porque no hay ninguno que haga milagros en mi nombre, que luego sea capaz de hablar mal de mí". - Mc 9, 39**

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## THIS WEEK AT MQOA:

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# 02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



In last week's Gospel, the apostles were corrected by Jesus to not worry about who is

important and what their status is in the community. Each of the apostles were called to be leaders. It is important to remember that all of us are called to be leaders, too, in some way. We are asked to lead others to a relationship with Jesus Christ and to serve Him in our service to others. This call comes from our baptism; we are anointed members of the body of Christ, called and empowered to be people who serve (priest) share the Gospel (prophets) and to lead others to Jesus (kings).

Chris Lowney is a Catholic man who left a big Wall Street job to work on the challenges that face the modern Church. In one of his books, "Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church", he proposes that we all do just that; everyone can lead someone into the Church. We can trust that despite our many challenges, we have the gifts and abilities to lead others to know Jesus, and that will in turn help

each of us to discover the truth of our lives. We can trust that God loves us, that Jesus is with us, and that the Holy Spirit is guiding each of us. If we put this trust into practice and invite (lead) someone, God will be there to help us receive, heal, inform, and form them to build them up as leaders too. It is our privilege to have this task. Everyone leads, and in this week's Gospel, we are invited again to lead others to the truth too.

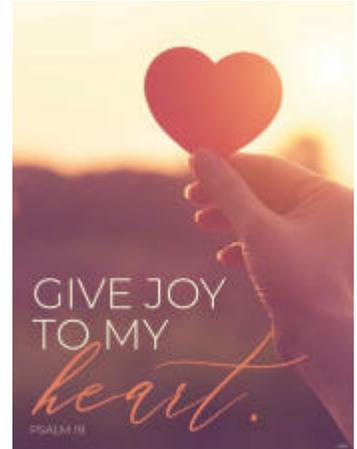
Next Sunday, Father Marc Montminy will be here to preach at the morning and evening Masses as we present our annual financial report and ask for your help to continue to grow as a parish that evangelizes and heals. He is the pastor of Saints Mary and Joseph in Salem, NH. Fr. Marc is highly regarded as a pastor who embraces the Gospel and who teaches others to do the same, and has been successful in encouraging people to entrust their entire lives to God.

We welcome him as he helps us to discern how we can best support our parish and its mission to bring evangelization and healing to the world, beginning with Salem.

*Peace, Father Murray*

Welcome Father Marc!

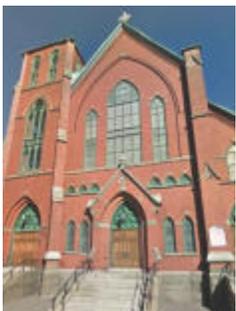
**Building news.** I have been told by the company that the tower work at St. James will be finished this Saturday. The next big project at St. James will be to think about the other window frames, the large window above the doors, and the doors themselves. The bell company has sent the electronics for the bell at IC, and they will be installed soon. The bell updates/repairs are slated to be finished by the end of October. As part of this work, a crack in the bricks around the I-beam supporting the bell will be attended to. The parking lot at St. James has been rented by the city for parking 15 buses and vans for the rest of the school season. Thank you to all those volunteering to clean and garden around the properties!



## 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

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# UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY 03

La semana pasada Jesús corrigió a los apóstoles para que no se preocuparan por quién es importante y cuál es su estatus en la comunidad. Cada uno de ellos fue llamado a ser líder. Es un punto importante recordar que todos estamos llamados a ser líderes de alguna manera. Se nos pide que guiemos a otros a una relación con Jesucristo y que le sirvamos en los demás. Este llamado proviene de nuestro bautismo. Estamos llamados a ser miembros del cuerpo de Cristo, sacerdotes, profetas y reyes (o reinas, según nuestro género). Estamos llamados a ser personas que sirven (sacerdotes), comparten el Evangelio (profetas) y llevan a otros a Jesús. (reyes / reinas).

Chris Lowney es un laico católico que dejó un gran trabajo en Wall Street para trabajar en los desafíos que enfrenta la iglesia moderna. En uno de sus libros, "Todos dirigen, cómo revitalizar la Iglesia", propone que todos hagamos precisamente eso. Todos pueden llevar a alguien a la iglesia. Es cuestión de confiar en que, a pesar de nuestros muchos desafíos, podemos llevar a otros a conocer a Jesús, y eso, a su vez, nos ayudará a cada uno de nosotros a descubrir la verdad de nuestra vida. Aprendemos que podemos confiar en que Dios nos ama, que Jesús está con nosotros

y que el Espíritu Santo nos guía a cada uno de nosotros. Si ponemos en práctica esta confianza e invitamos a alguien (lo guiamos), Dios estará allí para ayudarnos a recibirlo, sanarlo, informarlo y formarlo para convertirlo en líder también. Es nuestro privilegio tener esta tarea. Todos lideran y esta semana estamos invitados a guiar a otros a la verdad también.

La próxima semana, el Padre Mark Montminy, sacerdote de la Diócesis de New Hampshire, estará aquí para predicar en las misas mientras presentamos nuestro informe anual y pedimos su ayuda para continuar creciendo como una parroquia que evangeliza y sana. Él es el pastor de St. Mary y St. Joseph en Salem NH. Padre Mark es muy considerado como un pastor que abraza el Evangelio y enseña a otros a abrazarlo. Él ha tenido éxito en alentar a las personas a confiar toda su vida a Dios.

Le damos la bienvenida mientras nos ayuda a discernir cómo podemos apoyar mejor a nuestra parroquia y su misión de llevar la evangelización y la curación al mundo comenzando con Salem.

¡Bienvenido Padre Mark!

*Paz, Padre Murray*

**Construyendo noticias.** La empresa me ha dicho que el trabajo de la torre en St. James se terminará este sábado. ¡Hurra! Lo siguiente será pensar en los otros marcos de las ventanas, la ventana grande sobre las puertas y las puertas mismas. La compañía de campanas ha enviado los dispositivos electrónicos a la iglesia y se instalarán antes de la reparación de la campana. La campana está programada para ser reparada a fines de octubre. Hay una grieta en los ladrillos donde se encuentra la viga que soporta la campana y también tendremos eso resuelto. El estacionamiento de St. James ha sido alquilado por la ciudad para un total de 15 autobuses y camionetas para la temporada escolar. Gracias a todos los que se ofrecieron como voluntarios para limpiar y cultivar el jardín alrededor de las propiedades.

## Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



# 04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

## MQOA THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

MQOA Sunday  
10:00 AM

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

### MONDAY

Knights of Columbus  
Meeting  
7:00 PM

St. James Conference Room

### TUESDAY

Family Alpha  
7:00 PM  
Online

### WEDNESDAY

Alpha (English)  
7:00 PM  
Online

### FRIDAY

Mass en español  
7:00 PM at IC

### SATURDAY

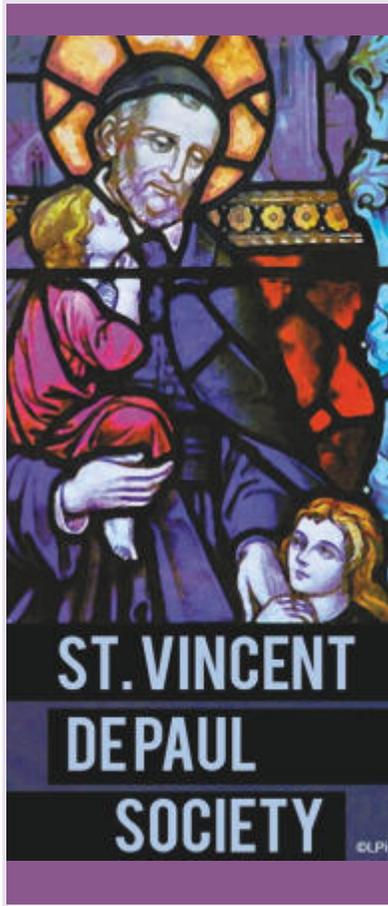
Confession & Adoration  
3:00 PM at IC Chapel

### NEXT SUNDAY

Wondrous Stories Begins  
at the 8:30 AM &  
11:30 AM Masses,  
IC Chapel

MQOA Sunday  
10:00 AM

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### St. Vincent de Paul

September 27 is the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul.

Born in 1580, he became a priest at age 20. In his 30s, he had a conversion and felt called to serve and evangelize the poor.

In his memory, perhaps you could give to our SVDP, who are helping those in need in Salem. They have not been able to have their monthly collections, but you can still give. Visit our website and give to SVDP online. (Go to "Donate" and click "Online Giving." Scroll down to find SVDP.)

Or, you may place your donation in one of the **collection boxes at St. Anne's, St. James, or Immaculate Conception.**

You can also **mail checks** made out to St. Vincent de Paul to

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
158 Federal St.  
Salem, MA. 01970

**Thank you for your support.**



COMMUNION



CONFIRMATION

### Sacraments for Youth

If you or a family you know is looking to have their child receive their First Holy Communion or make their confirmation, please visit our website for more information and to register at:

[mqoa.org/communion](http://mqoa.org/communion)

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

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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.
- 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>



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. Their **next meeting is tomorrow: Monday, September 27, at 7PM**, in the SJ Conference Room.

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



## Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries in 2020-21 are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston.

The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the Cardinal. Couples can register at <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversary-mass>.

For more information, please contact Emily Elliott in Family Life Ministry at [Emily\\_Elliott@rcab.org](mailto:Emily_Elliott@rcab.org).



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)



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## September 19 | 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!



# 06 CONNECT AND GROW

## Feast Day of the Holy Guardian Angels | October 2



Each person on earth has a guardian angel who watches over them and helps them to attain his salvation. It has been a common theological opinion that this angelical guardianship begins at the moment of birth; prior to this, the child would be protected by the mother's guardian angel. But this is not certain, and since we now know that the soul

is infused at the moment of conception, it may be that the angelic guardianship also begins at that moment. In any case, this protection continues throughout our whole life and ceases only when our probation on earth ends, namely, at the moment of death. Our guardian angel accompanies our soul to purgatory or heaven, and becomes our coheir in the heavenly kingdom. —from Catholiculture.org



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."

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.



### THE SALEM PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.

It is looking for volunteers who are able to support distribution sites and sign up on a recurring basis. A current need is for people to assist distributing food on Tuesdays (between 11-2 PM) at three Salem Housing Authority locations; and,

on Fridays at a few locations, including Pequot Highlands, Fairweather Apartments, and Salem Heights, from 8-10:00 AM (actual time may vary depending on location).

Other volunteer opportunities are available. Go to <https://www.thesalempantry.org/volunteer> for more information, or contact Samantha Johanson, Manager of Operations, at 978-552-3954, Ext 3, to find out more.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? "I could never serve on the Parish Council. That's for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years." "Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn't need my help." "I can't afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn't matter even if I did increase it."

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren't in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren't likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren't privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it's outside our comfort zone, even if it's something that never occurred to us before.

There's only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**Sun., October 3**

**8:30 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).



**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.)

## ¡Alpha en español empieza pronto! Alpha in Spanish Begins Soon!

¡Es gratis, es en persona, y conocerás buena gente!  
¡Esperamos que te unas! Cuéntales a tus amigos. Ve a [MQOA.org/alpha](http://MQOA.org/alpha) para más información.

**Noche de "Ven y Ve"**  
**Alpha en Español**  
**(21+)**

El lunes 4 de Octubre  
A las 7PM

**Come and See Night**  
**Alpha in Spanish**  
**(21+)**

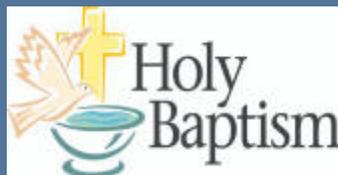
Monday, October 4  
at 7PM

It's free and you will meet great people! We hope you'll join us! Tell your friends. **Go to [MQOA.org/alpha](http://MQOA.org/alpha)** for more information.



## 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)



## "Wondrous Stories"

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

"Wondrous Stories" Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special celebration of the scriptures with readings from the children's lectionary. These readings are brought alive for the children using methods that include drama and an interactive style.

The celebration of the "Wondrous Stories" is held in the IC Chapel during the 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM Mass and follows the same structure as the Liturgy of the Word in the main church. A celebration of God's presence in the Word in a manner that is more suitable to the understanding of children. It recognizes the need to adapt the readings in such a way that respects the spiritual life of young children while retaining the same structure used in the main assembly. Children are called forward after the opening prayer, head to the chapel, and return to their families during the offertory.

**Wondrous Stories is designed for children in kindergarten through grade 5,** however, all children are welcome. Family members are welcome to accompany the children.

Wondrous Stories is led by staff members Charlie Joyce and Steven Antonio and is always looking for volunteers for this ministry.

### Sundays

8:30 AM English - IC Church  
11:30 AM Spanish - IC Church

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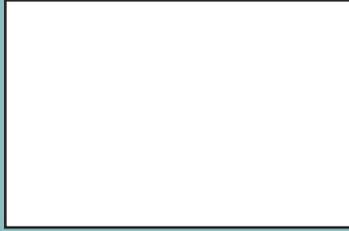
  
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