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October 10, 2021

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

POSSIBLE

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

Jesús, mirándolos fijamente, les dijo: "Es imposible para los hombres, mas no para Dios. Para Dios todo es posible". - Mc 10, 27

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THIS WEEK AT MQOA:

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY/UN MENS AGE DEL PADRE MURRAY

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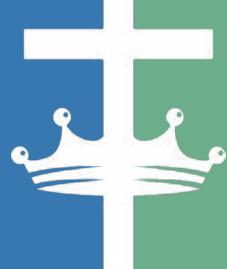
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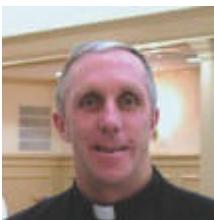
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WONDROUS STORIES ON SUNDAY



02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



Last weekend was the kickoff for our Grand Annual Collection. I hope you were pleased to see that we have a vision of what the parish

is, what we need to do, and where we are going for the future. I am grateful to Father Marc Montminy, who spoke at the Masses last weekend. His message was that we all have a role in the Church, no different than that of the first apostles and disciples. Our task is the same as theirs; we are called to go out to the world and make disciples and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The vision of our parish includes the call to help *heal* in Salem, regardless of the type of wound that a person has. I was inspired by Father Marc's story, and it reminded me that my own home city of Lowell has faced parish closures, as has the city of Salem. We have the challenge / opportunity to reverse what has been happening all over the Western world by remembering and focusing on the truth that we are called to be a Mission Church. Fr. Marc reminded us, by the example of St. Francis, that this is not the first time the Church has faced this type of challenge. Fr.

Marc's most significant comment, for me, was the understanding that we cannot just build a church building, open the doors, and expect people to show up. Now our task is to recreate Pentecost every week. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we are called and empowered to bring Christ's message everywhere.

One point that I thought was applicable to all of us was the idea that we should "be a friend, make a friend, bring a friend to Christ." That is something that all of us could do, just by inviting them to come to Mass with us as we all know someone who is no longer coming to Church. I invite you to come to Mass five minutes early during the rest of the month of October, and ask Mary to intercede with Jesus to change the hearts of those who have left the faith. In your prayer, ask to be given the name of one person you know. This may be someone who is close to returning, or just has shown some openness to the Church or faith. Invite them if you feel ready, and remember that this is everyone's work. On our part, we will welcome them warmly and work hard to make them feel at home.

The other piece of the success of the parish is our generous support of this mission. We ask everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their support of the parish by beginning the practice of

tithing. It is a challenging idea to consider giving according to our faith, but it helps to remember that gifts and successes are a gift from God. To acknowledge that with childlike trust, the trust that Jesus invited us to use in the Gospel last week, is part of the process. I have a friend who tries to resist the idea that all that she has is a gift from God. It makes it easier for her, she says, to say no to the big challenges from God. But honestly, she knows that God has given her everything, and so if He asks something of her, He knows it is possible for her to respond.

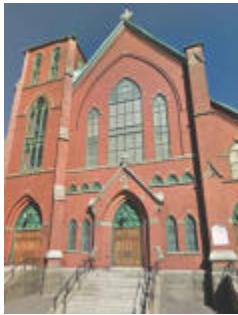
So, I ask you to consider two things: to *support* the mission and to help *fulfill* the mission. Every donation, large or small, helps our parish do what God calls us to do: to offer hope and healing in Salem. Helping to fulfill the mission is equally important and is the work of the Holy Spirit: to use your faith and your gifts to attract others to relationship with Jesus Christ. If we all decide we can do it together, for the glory of God and the good of others, we are going to see miracles. What it will look like, God knows, but I am hopeful for a church and city of engaged and prayerful disciples.

Peace, Father Murray

PARISH INFORMATION

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UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY 03

El fin de semana pasado fue el inicio de nuestra Gran Colecta Anual, así que espero que cada uno de ustedes esté complacido de ver que tenemos una visión de lo que es la parroquia, hay un plan de lo que debemos hacer y hacia dónde nos dirigimos en el futuro. Agradezco al Padre Mark Montminy que vino a ayudarnos a comprender que somos un pueblo cuyo papel en la iglesia no es diferente al de los primeros apóstoles y discípulos; y, que nuestra tarea es la misma que la de ellos. Somos un pueblo llamado a salir al mundo y hacer discípulos y bautizarlos en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

La visión de nuestra parroquia incluye el llamado a ayudar a sanar en Salem, sin importar el tipo de herida que tenga una persona. Me inspiré en la historia del padre Mark y me di cuenta de que mi ciudad natal de Lowell ha enfrentado cierres, así como la ciudad de Salem. Tenemos el desafío y la oportunidad de revertir lo que ha estado sucediendo en todo el mundo occidental, si recordamos y nos enfocamos en la verdad de que estamos llamados a ser una iglesia misionera. El ejemplo de San Francisco nos recordó que no es la primera vez que la iglesia se enfrenta a este tipo de desafío. El comentario más significativo del padre Mark, para mí, fue el entendimiento de que no podemos simplemente construir una iglesia, abrir las puertas y esperar que la gente se presente. Ahora nuestra tarea es recrear Pentecostés cada semana. Llenos del Espíritu Santo, estamos llamados a llevar el mensaje a todas partes. Un punto que pensé que era aplicable a todos nosotros fue

la idea de que deberíamos hacer un amigo y luego invitarlo a venir a ver nuestra comunidad.

Eso es algo que todos podríamos hacer. Todos conocemos a alguien que ya no va a la Iglesia. Los invito a venir a misa cinco minutos antes durante el resto del mes de octubre y pedirle a María que interceda ante Jesús para que cambien sus corazones. Concéntrense en una persona. Prueben con alguien que esté cerca de regresar o que al menos haya mostrado cierta apertura hacia la iglesia o la fe. Invítelos, si ustedes se sienten listos, y recuerden que este es el trabajo de todos. La otra parte del éxito de la parroquia es nuestro generoso apoyo a la misión. Vamos a pedirles a todos que consideren, en oración, aumentar su apoyo a la parroquia al comenzar la práctica del diezmo. Es una idea desafiante hasta que aprendamos que todos nuestros dones y éxitos son un regalo de Dios. Debemos reconocer con la confianza de un niño, que la confianza que Jesús nos invitó a usar en el Evangelio la semana pasada es parte del proceso. Tengo una amiga que intenta resistirse a la idea de que todo lo que tiene es un regalo de Dios. Esta actitud le facilita decirle que "no" a los grandes desafíos de Dios. Pero, honestamente, ella sabe que Dios le ha dado todo, por lo que, si Él le pide algo, Él sabe que es posible que ella responda. Por eso les pido a todos que consideren dos cosas, cómo apoyar la misión y cómo cumplir la misión.

Entonces, la primera parte es ayudar a financiar la misión de la manera más generosa posible. La segunda es

igualmente importante, usted va a usar su fe y sus dones para atraer a otros al conocimiento de Jesucristo, contando con la obra del Espíritu Santo. Si todos decidimos que podemos hacerlo juntos, para la gloria de Dios y el bien del otro, veremos milagros. Solo Dios sabe cómo se verá, pero tengo la esperanza de ver una iglesia llena de discípulos comprometidos y en oración.

Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias del edificio: Se ha solucionado el agujero en el estacionamiento. Hace mucho tiempo, había un convento en ese lugar y cuando fue derribado, parte del contenido de la casa se utilizó para rellenar. Entre las cosas utilizadas se encontraba una vieja lavadora. Cuando los lados de metal finalmente colapsaron por el óxido, derribó todo lo que estaba encima y causó el sumidero. El hoyo ha sido llenado. Estamos esperando que el relleno se asiente un poco y luego será pavimentado. El proyecto del campanario comenzará tan pronto como hayan llegado las partes para la campana y la conexión electrónica. El martes pasado, la torre de St. James fue terminada y fue inspeccionada por los ingenieros arquidiocesanos y se consideró concluida. Este fin de semana hubo una fuga de aceite de uno de los tres tanques en IC. Este será eliminado y luego funcionaremos con dos hasta que decidamos si es mejor sacar y cambiar los tres o funcionar con solo dos.

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

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| Sunday: | Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 |
| Monday: | Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32 |
| Tuesday: | Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41 |
| Wednesday: | Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46 |
| Thursday: | Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54 |
| Friday: | Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7 |
| Saturday: | Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12 |
| Next Sunday: | Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 |



04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

MQOA THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

MQOA Sunday
10:00 AM

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MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Healing Prayer
7:00 PM
IC Parking Lot

FRIDAY

Mass en español
7:00 PM at IC

SATURDAY

Confession & Adoration
3:00 PM at IC Chapel

SUNDAY

MQOA Sunday
10:00 AM

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**First Reconciliation
Meeting**
10:00 AM
IC Hall

The office will be closed on Monday, Oct 11 in observance of the holiday.



"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End*



Talking of Palliative Care is a CatholicTV series that talks about care at the end of a person's life: from planning and decision-making to nutrition and treatments. A palliative care program is a model of care for patients with chronic medical or life-limiting illnesses, delivered by a multidisciplinary team including doctors and nurses, social

workers, pharmacists, ministers, and volunteers. Palliative care is both a philosophy of care and an organized, highly structured system for delivering care that identifies and addresses the physical, psychological, spiritual, and practical burdens of illness.

The show is hosted by Dr. Karen O'Brien, co-director of the Palliative Care Inpatient Service at Massachusetts General Hospital, and MC Sullivan, RN, MTS, JD, the chief healthcare ethicist for the Archdiocese of Boston. It airs: Monday at 6 PM, Tuesday at 7AM, Thursday at 2 PM & 11AM

Go to www.catholictv.org and search for Talking of Palliative Care. You can watch current and past episodes.

HEALING SERVICE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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.

HELP US TO GROW 05



Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping.

Vincent DePaul

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.



Building news: The hole in the parking lot has been addressed. Long ago, there was a convent at that spot and, when torn down, some of the contents of the house were used for fill. Among the things used was an old washing machine. When the metal sides finally collapsed from rust, it brought down all that was above it and caused the sinkhole. The hole has been filled, and when the fill settles, it will be paved over. The bell tower project will begin soon as the parts for the bell and the electronics have all arrived. There was an oil leak this weekend from one of the three large tanks at IC. The tank will be removed and then we will function with two tanks until we decide whether it is better to remove and change all three or function with only two.



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Confession and Adoration Saturdays

3:00 PM in the IC Chapel

Many shy away from the beautiful sacrament of reconciliation, often noting that they express their sorrow directly to God. It can be difficult to admit one's faults to someone else.

But those who do get the sacramental grace of Jesus' mercy expressed directly through another human being, the priest, and get to hear the beautiful words of forgiveness that close the sacrament.

Join us on Saturday's at 3 PM in the IC Chapel for confession, and to spend some time praying in the Lord's presence as we expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration.

06 CONNECT AND GROW

Growth Through Grief Retreat for Fathers
A Day of Retreat for Fathers Experiencing the Loss of a Child to Substance Use
Directed by Deacon Jim Greer MAPT, CT, Office of Chaplaincy Programs

November 6, 2021, 8am to 3pm
8am Breakfast
8:45am Retreat begins
Miramar Retreat Center
121 Parks Street, Duxbury
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RSVP to Karen Farrell at:
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"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live"
John 11:25

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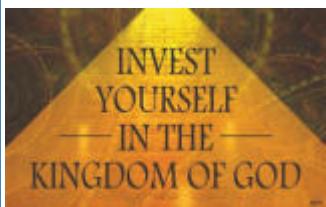
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St. Vincent de Paul Meeting | Monday, Oct. 11
6:30 PM, SJ Conference Room
St. Vincent de Paul meets the second Monday of every month.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS



If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.*

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*
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OLPI MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., October 10

8:30 AM Dick Lowe

Memorial

Sun., October 17

8:30 AM The LeBel Family

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.



Rosary and quiet reflection after the 5 PM Mass! We are offering this healing space every Sunday night, immediately following the 5 PM Mass and going for a half hour after. Come sit and enjoy the quiet. Or join us for the Rosary, where we will pray for the prayer requests sent to the parish through the week, the mission of the parish, healing for all friends and parishioners of MQOA, and events from the week.

*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,
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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.

There is no cost to the couple.

Since 2018 over 20 couples have participated in this joyous event.



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!

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**(You do not need a Facebook account
to join the conversation.)**

"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.

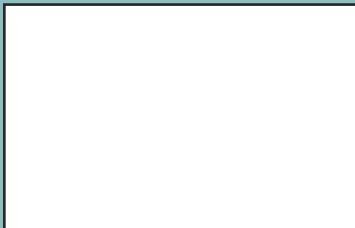
The celebration of the "Wondrous Stories" is held in the IC Chapel during the 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM Mass and follows the same structure as the Liturgy of the Word in the main church. A celebration of God's presence in the Word in a manner that is more suitable to the understanding of children. It recognizes 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.

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