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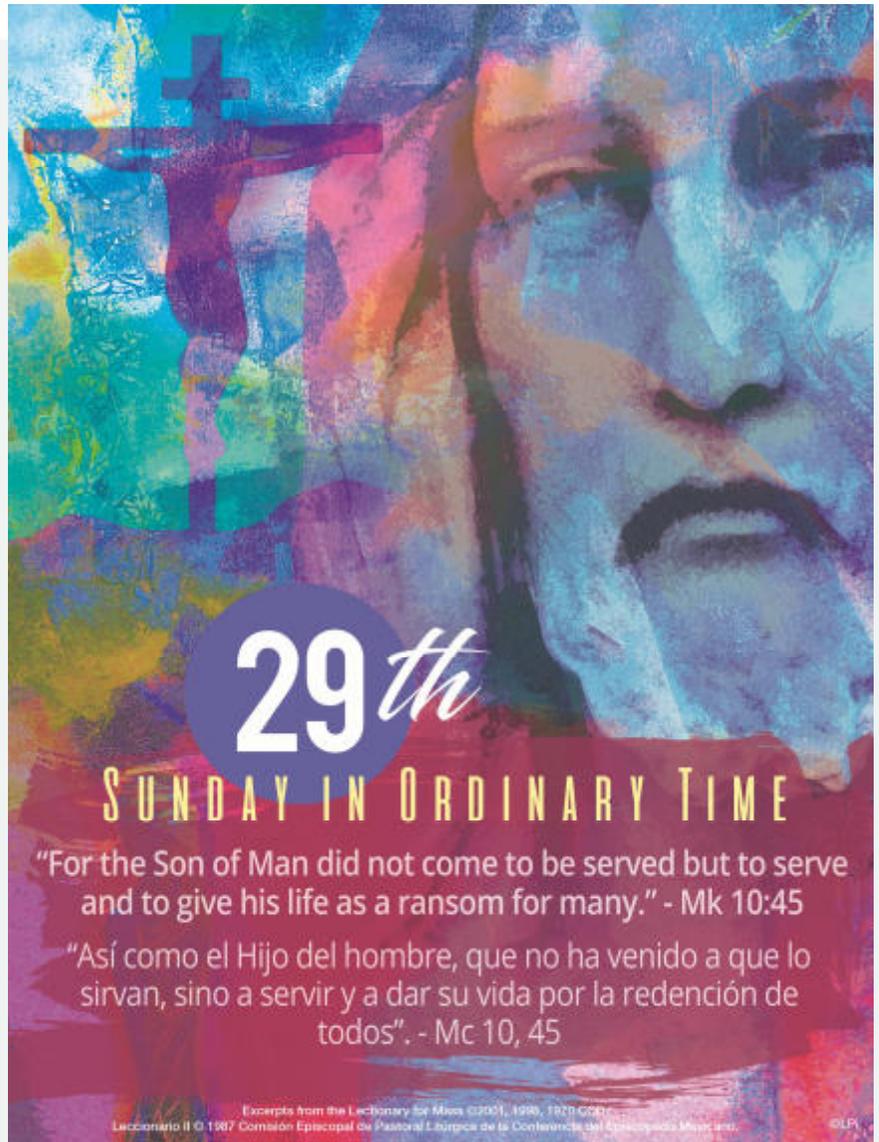
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We hope that you find us to be Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus Christ, centered in the Eucharist.

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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



We are halfway through this month of October's celebrations and the arrival of many tourists, and I am very pleased that

groups of parishioners have volunteered to welcome people at the doors of the church and offer them conversation, rosary beads, and an opportunity to sit in the church and pray or light a candle. These small acts of kindness and generosity over a long period of time are what we are trying to do to change the culture here at our parish.

As Father Marc Montminy reminded us a few weeks ago, there was a period when we could build a church, open the doors, and the people would come. It is not so now, and so we must adapt our practices to welcome people who perhaps do not know what the church is, what it looks like and what we do here. Many of our visitors are overwhelmed by the beauty of our church, struck by the peace in the silence, and delighted at our welcoming spirit. It takes all of us, young and old, new arrivals and longtime families, clergy and staff to create a parish that is welcoming, engaging, and vibrant.

I am also pleased that many

people have responded generously to the challenge of the Grand Annual and to the idea of tithing as a way to trust God completely and to support the parish. Margo has been doing a 90-day tithing challenge, donating 10% of her income, and writing about it on our blog, and I know at least one other parishioner who, while a little fearful, decided to give this a try and has seen the hand of God working quietly in all the areas of her life.

Faith is, in the end, trust. Jesus trusted, even on the cross; He trusted that the Apostles would receive the Holy Spirit and that they would figure out what was important and concentrate on evangelizing and praying for the descent of the Holy Spirit over the whole world. I would love to hear from many people about the way that God supports your faith and trust in Him.

In a parish in Nova Scotia recently invited their parishioners to tithe to the parish and trust God intentionally for 90 days. They told the people that if they did not see positive changes in their spiritual life and or they were in financial straits at the end of three months, the parish would return the money they donated. Not one case of return was necessary. I firmly believe that no one outdoes God in generosity. It starts with the gift of our lives and talents and continues with everything, including the promise of salvation,

as we hear in these recent Gospels. So, I invite you to be generous because God is generous. I challenge you to trust God in all things because God trusts you.

Building news: At long last, the tower project at St. James has been completed. This long project is the first of what I hope will be a

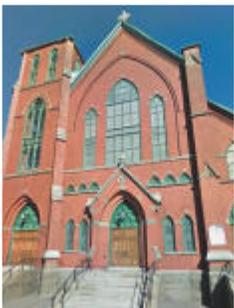
Peace, Father Murray

series of projects over the next few years to address all the deferred maintenance on the outside of the churches. A local gardener has volunteered his company's time and tools to do some clean-up work on the gardens and trees on the Flint Street side of St. James church. I am so glad to meet such generous people. As we get ready for the future, we want to be assured that the building exteriors and interiors are sound and welcoming. The air conditioning and heating units at the office were repaired this week at the offices. There was a small leak in the coolant container that was repaired. The parking lot at IC is now repaired and although we will have another more permanent repair coming shortly, and I am pleased that this job was not too big. The Salem Police have asked us to partner with them for a contingency plan for Halloween. If there is an emergency, we will open our buildings to house visitors.

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

Estamos a la mitad de las celebraciones del mes de octubre y la llegada de muchos turistas y me complace mucho que grupos de feligreses se hayan ofrecido como voluntarios para recibir a las personas en las puertas de la iglesia y hacerles conversación, regalarles rosarios y ofrecerles la oportunidad de sentarse en la iglesia y rezar o encender una vela. Estos pequeños actos de bondad y generosidad durante una larga temporada son lo que estamos tratando de hacer para cambiar la cultura aquí en nuestra parroquia.

Como nos recordó el padre Marc Montminy hace unas semanas, hubo un período en el que pudimos construir una iglesia, abrir las puertas y la gente vendría. Ahora no es así y por eso debemos adaptar nuestras prácticas para acoger a personas que quizás no sepan qué es la iglesia y cómo es y qué hacemos aquí. Al escuchar a las personas que nos visitan, es evidente que algunos se sienten abrumados por la belleza de nuestras iglesias, algunos se sienten impresionados por la paz en el silencio y otros están encantados con nuestro espíritu acogedor. Se necesita a todos, jóvenes y viejos, recién llegados y familias de toda la vida, sacerdotes y personal para crear una parroquia que sea acogedora, atractiva y vibrante.

También me complace que muchas personas hayan respondido generosamente al desafío de la

Gran Colecta Anual y a la idea del diezmo como una forma de confiar completamente en Dios y de apoyar a la parroquia.

Margo ha estado escribiendo sobre esto y conozco al menos a un feligrés que, aunque un poco temeroso, decidió intentarlo y ha visto la mano de Dios trabajando silenciosamente en todas las áreas de su vida. La fe es, al final, confianza. Jesús confió, incluso en la cruz, confió en que los Apóstoles recibirían el Espíritu Santo y que descubrirían lo que era importante y se concentrarían en evangelizar y orar por el descenso del Espíritu Santo sobre todo el mundo. Espero escuchar de muchas personas la forma en que Dios apoya su fe y confianza en Él.

En una parroquia, con la que estoy familiarizado, se dio el desafío de diezmar y la parroquia también confió en Dios. Le dijeron a la gente que hiciera un experimento de diezmo de 90 días, y que, si no veían cambios positivos en su vida espiritual o estaban en apuros económicos al final de los tres meses, la parroquia les devolvería el dinero. No fue necesario ningún caso de devolución. Una lección que debemos aprender es que no debemos desafiar a Dios de esa manera pero, por otro lado, nadie supera a Dios en generosidad.

Comienza con el don de nuestras vidas y talentos y continúa con todo, incluida la promesa de salvación

como escuchamos en estos evangelios recientes. Por eso los invito a ser generosos, porque Dios es generoso. Te desafío a que confíes en Dios en todas las cosas, porque él confía en ti.

Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias del edificio: Por fin, se ha completado el proyecto de la torre en St. James. Este largo proyecto es el primero de lo que espero sea una serie de proyectos en los próximos años para abordar todo el mantenimiento diferido en el exterior de la iglesia. Un jardinero local ha ofrecido voluntariamente el tiempo y las herramientas de su empresa para hacer algunos trabajos de limpieza en los jardines y árboles del lado de Flint Street. Estoy muy contento de conocer gente tan generosa. Mientras nos preparamos para el futuro, queremos estar seguros de que los exteriores e interiores del edificio son sólidos y acogedores. Las unidades de aire acondicionado y calefacción de la oficina las reparamos esta semana. Había un pequeño hueco en el contenedor de refrigerante que se reparó. El estacionamiento en IC ahora está reparado y aunque tendremos otra reparación próximamente, me complace que este trabajo no haya sido demasiado grande. La policía de Salem nos ha pedido que nos asociemos con ellos para un plan de contingencia para Halloween. Si hay una emergencia, abriremos nuestros edificios para alojar a los visitantes.

Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

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
Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17
[8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/
k 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/
Mk 10:46-52

Daily Readings can also be found at www.usccb.org



04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

MQOA THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

MQOA Sunday

10:00 AM at

facebook.com/MQOASalem
or your wherever you
listen to podcasts!

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS,
WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Daily Mass at IC chapel

7:30 AM

FRIDAYS

Mass en español

7:00 PM at IC

SATURDAYS

Confession & Adoration

3:00 PM at IC Chapel

SUNDAY, OCT. 17

MQOA Sunday

10:00 AM

www.mqoa.online.church

First Communion Family
Meeting 10:30 AM at IC

Rosary and reflection

5:45 PM at IC Chapel

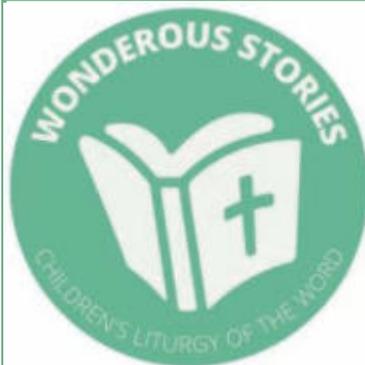


ADORATION AND CONFESSION

3:00 PM on Saturdays 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.



WONDEROUS STORIES

Kids up to grade 6 are welcome to join in Wonderous Stories, our children's liturgy of the word, during the 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses.

Presented in English, this free program presents the Gospels in a kid-friendly way, and invites kids to engage with the Bible and with our leaders through music, drama and conversation while their parents hear

the Good News on their own level at Mass.

Parents are welcome to attend Wonderous Stories with their kids, and all are welcome. Wonderous Stories is designed for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5, however, all children are welcome. Family members are welcome to accompany the children.

Wonderous Stories is led by staff members, Charlie Joyce and Steven Antonio. Interested in volunteering? Contact us: info@MQOA.org

CURIOS ABOUT SCRIPTURE?

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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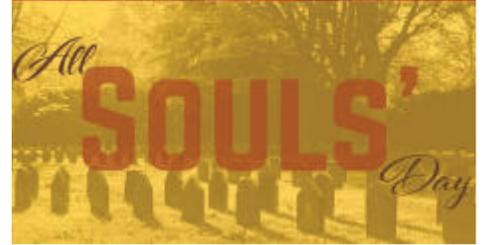


SERVE, GIVE, CELEBRATE 05



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

The twin feasts of All Saints and All Souls are coming up, and we invite you to celebrate.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1
7:30 AM Mass in English at IC

or
6:00 PM Mass in English and Spanish,
followed by a **potluck dinner in the lower church hall at IC.** Bring your family's favorite shareable meal; drop it in the hall before Mass and join together with everyone afterward to feast!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7:30 AM Mass in English at IC

or
6:00 PM Mass in English and Spanish at IC
We'll remember and light candles for everyone we've lost this year.



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In your prayer and giving, please remember the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the work they do in Salem, providing for those hit hardest by this pandemic.

Every month SVdP Society helps those in need to avoid hunger, utility shut-offs and evictions. We rely on donations from generous people like you!

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:

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

NO 5:00 PM MASS ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT

We will not hold our usual 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, October 31. But we'll be back on Sunday, November 7! We wish you and yours a happy and safe night of trick or treating!



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<https://flow.page/mqoa>



Use your checking account or a major credit card. You can make a one-time or recurring donation.

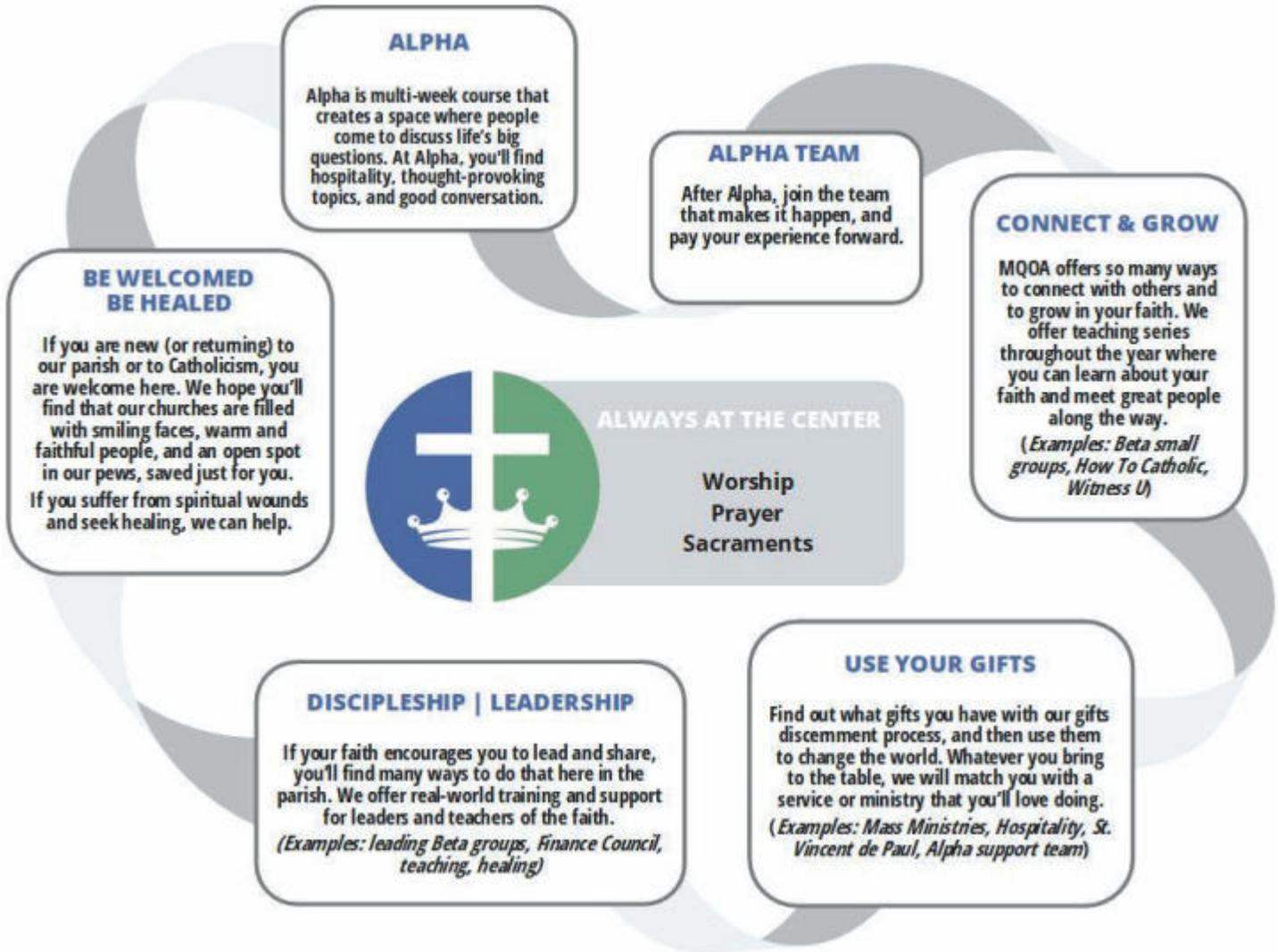


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06 TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS IN FAITH

Followers of Jesus walk the path of faith throughout our lifetimes. No matter where you are in your life or what shape your faith is in, there's always a next step on the pathway into discipleship. Below is MQOA's pathway, our identified "next steps" that anyone can take to grow in their faith, growth and relationship with God. Where are you on the pathway?



FIND YOUR NEXT STEPS

We can help you discern your next steps in faith. Start with a Spiritual Gifts discernment on our website.

Visit www.MQOA.org/pathway and scroll all the way down to take the quick assessment.

Or, make an appointment to meet with any of our staff members to see how you can grow in your faith and relationship with God.

Reach out: info@MQOA.org



TIME FOR PEACEFUL, HEALING PRAYER

Join us to pray after the 5 PM Mass at IC every Sunday. We offer this healing space immediately following the 5 PM Mass. Come sit and enjoy the quiet. Join us in praying the Rosary, for the prayer requests sent to the parish throughout the week, the mission of the parish, healing for all friends and parishioners of MQOA, and other intentions and needs of the world from the week.





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November 6, 2021, 8am to 3pm

8am Breakfast

8:45am Retreat begins

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kfarrell@rcab.org or 617-746-5843



"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live"

John 11:25



Archdiocesan Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Services



Archdiocese of Boston Office of Chaplaincy Programs



JOIN OR FORM A BETA SMALL GROUP

Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish has a small group process we call Beta; it is produced every week and gives small groups a chance to talk about the Sunday Gospels as they relate to real life. You can start a Beta Group by checking out our weekly lesson, or jump into a group that runs every Monday morning and is always open to newcomers. Find out more on our website: www.MQOA.org/beta

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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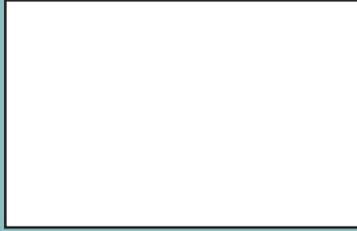

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