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WELCOME

We are a new parish, established in August of 2017, comprised of St. James and Immaculate Conception churches. We work together to invite all people to a deeper relationship with Jesus through our liturgies and opportunities to learn and to serve one another.

HOLY DAY MASSES

**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
January 1, 2019**

9:00 AM at IC

5:30 PM at IC

7:00PM at IC en
español



Not finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

- Lk 2:45-47

Al no encontrarlo [a Jesús], regresaron a Jerusalén en su busca. Al tercer día lo encontraron en el templo, sentado en medio de los doctores, escuchándolos y haciéndoles preguntas. Todos los que lo oían se admiraban de su inteligencia y de sus respuestas.

- Lc 2, 45-47

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY

Happy New Year! We begin this civil new year immersed in the Christmas season. Although many want to start putting their trees out on the curb and storing away the Christmas ornaments, wreaths and decorations in the attic, **we can continue to say “Merry Christmas”** until next week, when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

We are celebrating the great moments of the beginning of the life of Jesus. We are celebrating, like new parents, the birth of a new life and the newness of it does not immediately diminish. I remember when my nieces and nephews were born, the excitement and the traveling to where they were, and waiting to “behold them” and hold them (my mother’s skills as a champion arm wrestler were in full use, nobody got those babies out her arms without her permission). **Our task this week, in the context of the Gospel of Matthew, like the wise men who came in search of the Savior, even in his infant form, is to always go in search of Jesus.**

One mystery has always been that they didn’t bring pampers or toys or things even for Joseph and Mary. Rather, they brought gifts that signaled what kind of life Jesus was going to have, and what he was going to do. Something about encountering this baby directed them to change the direction of their lives and follow the light that led them to Christ. It is a good message for us, too, as the new year begins. **After their encounter with Jesus, they consciously decided to avoid evil and went home by a “different way”.**

This can also be our experience. **Each time we truly encounter Christ (in the Eucharist) we are encouraged to “go home by a different way.”** We are called to be a people who see Jesus in others, the poor, the refugee, the disenfranchised, the sick, etc. Serving others is a way of imitating the wisdom of the magi or the wise men.

When I was a kid, at my church we had great productions of this scene and the Christmas pageant. I have fond memories of using my father’s bathrobe, a decorated hockey stick for a walking staff and a box of chocolate gold coins to present to Jesus (luckily the procession started at the beginning of Mass or I am sure that Jesus would have received less gold at the presentation).

Thanks you to all those who have had a part in making the seasons of Advent and Christmas so special here at MQOA. From the beginning with the giving trees, the Christmas walk, the bazaar, the pageant, the music and all you faithful ministers at our Masses. Thanks to all of you. **This is what the Church is – the people of God gathered around the altar – worshiping, praising, remembering the mighty truth and glorious that God Loves us.**

*Peace,
Father Murray*



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UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Comenzamos este nuevo año civil inmerso en la temporada navideña. Aunque muchos quieren empezar a poner sus árboles en la acera y guardar los adornos navideños, coronas y adornos en el desván, **podemos seguir diciendo "Feliz Navidad"** hasta la próxima semana, cuando celebramos el bautismo del Señor.

Celebramos los grandes momentos del comienzo de la vida de Jesús. Estamos celebrando, como nuevos padres, el nacimiento de una nueva vida y la novedad de ella no disminuye de inmediato. Recuerdo cuando nacieron mis sobrinas, la emoción y el viaje a donde estaban, y esperando a "contemplantos" y mantenerlos (las habilidades de mi madre como luchador del brazo del campeón estaban en pleno uso, nadie consiguió a esos bebés fuera de sus brazos sin su permiso). **Nuestra tarea esta semana, en el contexto del Evangelio de Mateo, como los hombres sabios que vinieron en busca del Salvador, incluso en su forma infantil, es ir siempre en busca de Jesús.**

Un misterio siempre ha sido que no traen Pampers ni juguetes ni cosas para José y María. Más bien, trajeron regalos que señalaban qué clase de vida iba a tener Jesús, y qué iba a hacer. Algo sobre encontrar a este bebé les dirigió a cambiar la dirección de sus vidas y a seguir la luz que los condujo a Cristo. Es un buen mensaje para nosotros, también, a medida que comienza el nuevo año. Después de su encuentro con Jesús, decidieron conscientemente evitar el mal y se fueron a casa por un "camino diferente". Esto también puede ser nuestra experiencia. **Cada vez que nos encontramos con Cristo (en la Eucaristía) nos anima a "ir a casa de una manera diferente"**. Estamos llamados a ser un pueblo que ve a Jesús en los demás, los pobres, los refugiados, los marginados, los enfermos, etc. Servir a los demás es una forma de imitar la sabiduría de los magos o de los sabios.

Cuando era niño, en mi iglesia tuvimos grandes producciones de esta escena y el desfile de Navidad. Tengo buenos recuerdos de usar el albornoz de mi padre, un palo de hockey decorado para un bastón y una caja de monedas de oro de chocolate para presentar a Jesús (por suerte la procesión comenzó al principio de la Misa o estoy seguro de que Jesús habría recibido menos oro en la presentación).

Gracias a todos aquellos que han tenido un papel en hacer las temporadas de Adviento y Navidad tan especial aquí en MQOA. Desde el principio con los árboles que dan, el paseo de Navidad, el Bazar, el desfile, la música y todos ustedes ministros fieles en nuestras Misas. Gracias a todos ustedes. **Esto es lo que la iglesia es — el pueblo de Dios se reunió alrededor del altar — adorando, alabando, recordando la poderosa verdad y gloriosa que Dios nos ama.**

*Paz,
Padre Murray*

TODAY'S MASS READINGS:

The readings for the **Masses of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** in year C can be found

starting at number 874 in the Journeysongs book.

The **prayers for the Mass** are found starting at **number 140** (grey section).

WE CELEBRATE AND THANK OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you volunteer or serve in any way at Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish, you are invited to a



thank you tea on Sunday, January 13 at 2:00 PM at St. James church hall.

Join us for a catered event with coffee, tea and delicious desserts so that we can celebrate all the work and ministry that you give to our parish throughout the year.

Please RSVP to Margo at info@salemcaholiccommunity.org by Wednesday, January 9.

WONDROUS STORIES, OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AT 10:30 MASS

Wondrous Stories, our Children's Liturgy of the Word, is offered as ongoing faith formation (in the place of CCD) for children up to 6th grade. Offered **during our 10:30 AM family-friendly Mass at St. James church**, kids gather in the parish hall (while their parents enjoy the readings and homilies at Mass) to learn about the Gospel and our Church. Kids love it, and parents love it.

Parents are welcome to attend with their kids anytime.



MQOA E-NEWSLETTER

You can be among the first to hear all the news and updates from Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish. It's so easy!



Email us to be added to the mailing list: info@salemcaholiccommunity.org

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Join us for Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

9:00 AM at Immaculate Conception in English

5:30 PM at Immaculate Conception in English

7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception en español

You can learn more about this Holy Day at <https://tinyurl.com/MMOG2019>

WEDDINGS AT MQOA

At Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish, the sacrament of marriage is a sign of God's invitation to unimaginable intimacy with Him and one another.



Marriage Preparation

If you are an engaged couple and want to get married at Immaculate Conception or Saint James Church, please contact our pastor,

Father Bob Murray:

rmurray@salemcaholiccommunity.org to set a date as soon as possible.

Father Murray will also connect you to our marriage ministers, Martin and Stacey Walsh: weddings@salemcaholiccommunity.org who will help you with marriage preparation and wedding coordination.

Please Note: Weddings are scheduled at least nine months to one year in advance.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYER

Our monthly Mass with healing prayer is this **Tuesday night, January 8 at 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception.**

Join us for a beautiful bilingual (Spanish and English) Mass, then stay to receive prayer from our team for healing, or receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome to come and receive prayer.

To learn more about Catholic healing Masses, visit this site:

<https://tinyurl.com/cathhealing>

To learn about the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, visit: www.franciscanmedia.org/sacrament-of-anointing-of-the-sick/



ALPHA RETURNS IN JANUARY

Does Christmas have you wondering... *is there more to life than this? Is there a God? Can I have faith?* Treat yourself to an opportunity to ask all these questions and more... at Alpha.

Alpha is a series of dinner meetings with conversation about the big questions in life. You can **bring your doubts, discouragement, curiosity, and questions to the table and enjoy deep, honest, and judgment-free conversations** with other adults. The food is amazing, the people are warm and welcoming, and everything is free.



Alpha

AN MQOA ALPHA GUEST SAYS:

"...our group had a profoundly positive experience here...the sharing, the questions, the funny stories and the painful moments too, all make Alpha a wonderful experience of the Church at its very best!"

Join us for a **"Come and See" night on Thursday, January 31 at 7:00 PM** at St. James church hall,


OR

Try our **"Come and See" gathering on Tuesday, January 29 at 10:00 AM** at Immaculate Conception church hall.

Learn more at our website: www.salemcatholiccommunity.org/alpha



"DO I HAVE A PURPOSE?"
"IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?"
"IS THERE A GOD?"
"WHAT'S THE MEANING OF LIFE?"
"IS THIS IT?"
"WHAT AM I DOING HERE?"



Alpha

YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

December 22-23, 2018

Totals for giving for this week and for Christmas were not available in time for printing of this bulletin.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR CHECKS TO "MARY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PARISH."

Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish relies on the weekly offertory and other donations to serve God and God's people.

By giving \$10 or \$20 in our weekly collection, you help make **Masses more beautiful, ministries more personal, service to the poor more possible, and opportunities to grow in faith more plentiful.** Thank you for your financial and prayerful support.

ONLINE GIVING

If you've never given online, now is a great time to start! Giving online helps you manage your budget, give more intentionally, and avoid the need to remember to bring cash to Mass. It helps your parish by giving a dependable donation income weekly or monthly. It's easy to sign up today:
www.tinyurl.com/MQOACHurchgiving



Remember: if schools are closed in Salem, Mass will not be offered and our parish offices will be closed. Stay home, check on your neighbors, and be safe!

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THIS WEEK AT MQOA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:30 AM Rosary at Immaculate Conception chapel
9:00 AM **Mass at Immaculate Conception chapel**
10:00 AM AA meeting — St. James conference room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 Holy day- Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM **Holy Day Mass at Immaculate Conception**
10:00 AM AA meeting — St. James conference room
5:30 PM **Holy Day Mass at Immaculate Conception**
7:00 PM **Misa del día santo en español — IC**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 AM Rosary at Immaculate Conception chapel
9:00 AM **Mass at Immaculate Conception chapel**
6:30 PM Bingo — St. James church hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

8:30 AM Rosary at Immaculate Conception chapel
9:00 AM **Mass at Immaculate Conception**
10:00 AM AA meeting — St. James conference room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30 AM Rosary at Immaculate Conception chapel
9:00 AM **Mass at Immaculate Conception chapel**
10:00 AM AA meeting — St. James conference room
6:00 PM Youth Group at Immaculate Conception

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

5:00 AM Hispanic Intercessory Prayer Group — IC
10:00 AM AA meeting — St. James conference room
1:00 PM ASASV meeting — St. James conference room
3:00 PM Confessions at Immaculate Conception chapel
4:00 PM **Mass at Immaculate Conception**
Memorial: Beverly J. Colella

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

7:30 AM **Mass at St. James Church**
Memorial: Deceased members of the Eastman and Kosinski families
9:00 AM **Mass at Immaculate Conception Church**
Memorial: John Walsh
10:30 AM **Mass at St. James Church - with Wondrous Stories** (learn more on page 4)
Memorial: Ronald Deschenes
12:00 PM **Mass at Immaculate Conception Church — en español.**
1:00 PM **Fiesta: di de los Reyes — IC**
6:30 PM **Mass at Immaculate Conception Church**
Memorial: Janice Page

To request a Mass in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish offices at 978-745-9060, or email info@salemcaholiccommunity.org

MASS MINISTER SCHEDULES

SATURDAY, Dec. 29

4:00 PM SJ

Greeters:

Liz Borkowski

Lectors:

Paula Keene

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joe Carmody

Nancy Roney

SUNDAY, Dec. 30

7:30 AM SJ

Greeters:

*greeters needed

Lectors:

Sean Leonard

Eucharistic Ministers:

Beth Griffin

Judy Quinlivan

9:00 AM IC

Greeters:

Ted Kobialka

*greeters needed

Altar Servers:

Lectors:

Marie Brescia

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jo-Ann Gates

David Henry

Beverly Horowitz

10:30 AM SJ

Greeters:

David DeVoe

*greeters needed

Altar Servers:

Stephen Szpak

Aisling Hinchey

Clay Wolfe

Lectors:

Mary Lou Britton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mary Ellen Abodeely

Philip Abodeely

Aida Oquiendo-Nieves

Claudia Nicgorski

6:30 PM IC

Lectors:

Karen Hayes

SATURDAY, Jan. 5

4:00 PM SJ

Greeters:

John Wilkinson

Lectors:

James Fouhey

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joe Carmody

Nancy Roney

SUNDAY, Jan. 6

7:30 AM SJ

Greeters:

Beth Griffin

Lectors:

Sean Leonard

Eucharistic Ministers:

Susan Laperchia

Judy Quinlivan

9:00 AM IC

Greeters:

Ted Kobialka

*greeters needed

Altar Servers:

Lectors:

Marie Brescia

Eucharistic Ministers:

Philip Moran

Darlene Willnow

David Arias

10:30 AM SJ

Greeters:

David DeVoe

*greeters needed

Altar Servers:

Stephen Szpak

Aisling Hinchey

Clay Wolfe

Lectors:

St. Yvette

Eucharistic Ministers:

Steve Costello

Mary Ellen

Abodeely

Philip Abodeely

Betty Richard

6:30 PM IC

Lectors:

Stacey Walsh

SATURDAY, Jan. 12

4:00 PM SJ

Greeters:

LizBorkowski

Lectors:

Marie Goreham

Eucharistic Ministers:

Richard Poisson

Jack Murtagh

SUNDAY, Jan. 13

7:30 AM SJ

Greeters:

*greeters needed

Lectors:

Mary Plue

Eucharistic Ministers:

Beth Griffin

Maryann Morrissey

9:00 AM IC

Greeters:

Carol Collins

*greeters needed

Altar Servers:

Lectors:

Jerry Collins

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jo-Ann Gates

David Henry

Beverly Horowitz

10:30 AM SJ

Greeters:

Karen Pelletier

*greeters needed

Altar Servers:

Lindth Valsote

Lour Drick Valsote

Lindell Valsote

Lectors:

Eileen Luddy

Eucharistic Ministers:

Patrice Bergevin

Glenn Bergevin

Diane Lewandowski

Claudia Nicgorski

6:30 PM IC

Lectors:

Mary Lou Britton

HOLY DAY MINISTRY SCHED.

TUESDAY, Jan 1

9:00 AM IC

Greeters:

Barbara Kostan

Lectors:

Kate Sousa

Eucharistic Ministers:

Susan Sirois

Joe Szymanski

Mark Carmody

Tuesday, Jan. 1

5:30 PM IC

Greeters:

Liz Borkowski

Lectors:

Marie Goreham

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jack Murtagh

Richard Poisson

Nancy Roney

PLEASE CHECK IN

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar servers, please check in in the sacristy when you arrive to serve for Mass. There's a log book in each of our churches. Also, please come early and greet our guests at the church doors before Mass. Thanks!

JOIN A MINISTRY

Our goal is to invite all into ministry as God is calling you. We hope to have enough to have each person serve only once a month. If you'd like to be trained as a Greeter, Altar Server (adults and young people), Lector (reader), Eucharistic Minister, or Sacristan, please speak to Fr. Murray or Margo Morin — or **email us at**

info@salemcaholiccommunity.org

STEP RIGHT UP

If you are trained as a liturgical minister and see that there is a need of help on a Mass where you are not scheduled to serve, please step up to help. Eucharistic Ministers are especially needed at Saturday's 4:00 Mass.

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