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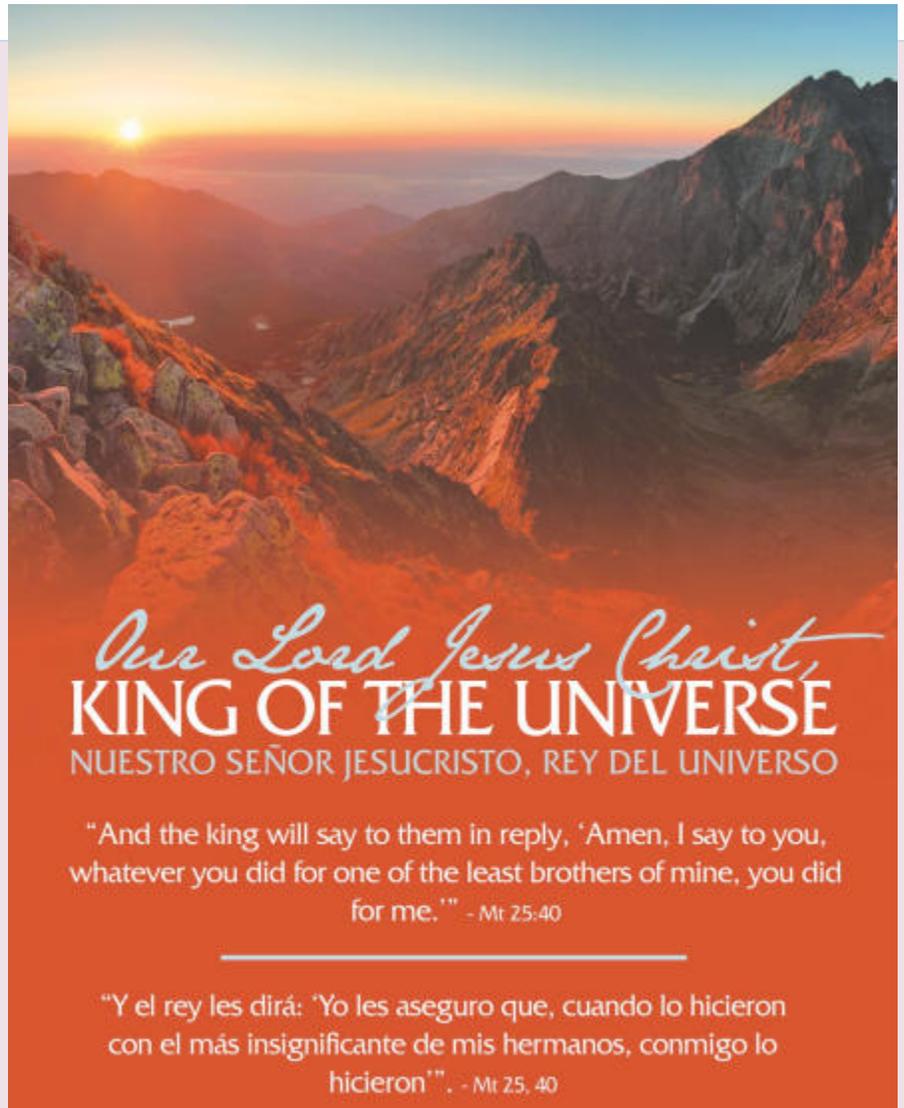
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WELCOME

Thank you for staying connected with us in prayer, wherever you are.

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

Contact us soon to find out how you can be a part of what MQOA is doing to offer welcome and healing to all.



Our Lord Jesus Christ,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO

"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" - Mt 25:40

"Y el rey les dirá: 'Yo les aseguro que, cuando lo hicieron con el más insignificante de mis hermanos, conmigo lo hicieron'" - Mt 25, 40



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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



There are so many unknowns as I write this final bulletin message of the liturgical year. We are still waiting for the

final numbers in the presidential election. We are unsure about the transition in January. We are unsure how to keep ourselves safe in a world with COVID-19, even now with developing news of vaccines and arguments about the efficacy of masks. We are unsure as to when we will get back to some semblance of a normal economy and to the social lives we were enjoying. There is economic upheaval and the challenge of a cold winter with so many unemployed.

And yet, we are sure of this one thing: the story of Jesus. We started telling the story anew at Christmas, with a humble birth in an anonymous manger outside of Bethlehem, and we finish the liturgical year this weekend with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. There is comfort in the knowledge that Jesus Christ is alive and moves among us, and we are the proclaimers of this message to the whole world.

The entire liturgical year helps us

to remember who Jesus is — the Son of God. We remember, year after year, what He has done for each of us through His life, death, and resurrection. And we celebrate what it means that He will return to help us see how He was mysteriously among us, and how we sometimes (unknowingly and knowingly) served Him. At the heart of all of our lives is the truth that God loves us, loves us into being, loves us into relationship, forever seeks to keep that relationship with us strong during our lives, and finally loves us into eternity to be with Him forever. We are sure of this. Jesus Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, and we have been called to proclaim this message everywhere.

As the year concludes, we might ask ourselves what it means for each of us to be a follower of Jesus Christ. In the readings this year, as we have followed along in the Gospel of Matthew, we were led more deeply into seeing how Jesus was the fulfillment of the promises God made to the Jewish people at the time of Moses and through all the prophets. The Gospel constantly sought to connect the messages of the prophets and the Law to the message of Jesus and showed how He fulfilled those teachings.

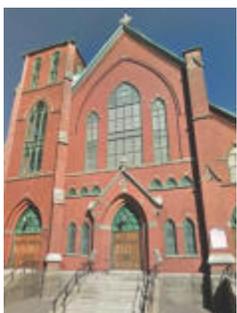
In the letters to the various communities we read about throughout the year, we learned of their development, the challenges they faced, and the questions they had. We can ask ourselves this: "What new ground did I reach in my faith this year? How is my relationship with the Lord better as this liturgical year concludes? Am I better at sharing my faith? Can I explain with greater ease what it means for me to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?"

What I have learned this year is that the Church, at its best, can bring all those seeking faith together, whether they come in the physical doors of the church buildings, or through the online doors that we have set up. And I am sure of this: As this year ends and we begin with another, Jesus Christ is Lord and calls us again to know and learn more about Him, so that we might confidently proclaim His Gospel to the world.

*Peace,
Father Murray*

PARISH INFORMATION

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Hay tantas incógnitas mientras escribo este mensaje del boletín del final del año litúrgico 2020.

Todavía estamos esperando los números definitivos de las elecciones presidenciales. Si bien creemos que hay un nuevo presidente electo, no estamos seguros de la transición en enero. No estamos seguros de cómo mantenernos a salvo en este mundo saturado de Covid-19 con noticias en desarrollo sobre vacunas y argumentos sobre la eficacia de las mascarillas. No estamos seguros de cuándo volveremos a una apariencia de una economía y una vida social normales como las que disfrutábamos. Hay una agitación económica y el desafío de un invierno frío con tantos desempleados. Y, sin embargo, estamos seguros de que la historia de Jesús, que comenzó con un nacimiento humilde en un pesebre anónimo en las afueras de Belén, termina con este fin de semana en el que celebramos la Fiesta de Cristo Rey y el conocimiento de que Jesucristo está vivo y se mueve entre nosotros y que somos los proclamadores de este mensaje al mundo entero. Todo el año litúrgico nos ayuda a recordar quién es Jesús como hijo de Dios; qué ha hecho por cada uno de nosotros en esta vida, muerte y resurrección; y qué signifi-

ca que volverá para ayudarnos a ver cómo Él, misteriosamente, estaba entre nosotros. y cómo a veces le servimos sin saberlo ya sabiendas. En el corazón de todas nuestras vidas está la verdad de que Dios nos ama, nos ama en la existencia, nos ama en la relación y busca para siempre mantener esa relación fuerte, y finalmente nos ama en la eternidad para estar con Él para siempre. De esto estamos seguros. Jesucristo es el Señor del cielo y de la tierra y hemos sido llamados a proclamar este mensaje en todas partes.

Al concluir el año, podríamos preguntarnos qué significa para cada uno de nosotros ser un seguidor de Jesucristo. En las lecturas de este año a medida que seguimos el Evangelio de Mateo, fuimos guiados más profundamente para ver cómo Jesús fue el cumplimiento de las promesas que Dios hizo al pueblo judío en la época de Moisés y a través de todos los profetas. El Evangelio buscó constantemente conectar los mensajes de los profetas y la Ley con el mensaje de Jesús y mostró cómo cumplió y superó esas enseñanzas.

En las cartas a las diferentes comunidades que leímos a lo largo del año, nos enteramos de las comunidades

en desarrollo, los desafíos que enfrentaron y las preguntas que tenían. Ahora, nosotros podemos preguntarnos ¿hemos alcanzado un nuevo nivel en nuestra fe? ¿Cómo han mejorado nuestra fe y la conexión con el Señor al concluir este año litúrgico? ¿Somos mejores compartiendo nuestra fe? ¿Podemos explicar con mayor facilidad qué significa para nosotros ser discípulos de Jesucristo? Yo he aprendido que el Internet es una herramienta importante para nosotros y que debemos encontrar la manera de dar la bienvenida a todos los que nos buscan, ya sea que entren por las puertas de ingreso de las iglesias de nuestros barrios, o por el portal en línea que hemos configurado. De esto estoy seguro, que al terminar este año y comenzar otro, Jesucristo es el Señor y nos llama nuevamente a conocerlo y a aprender más de él, para que podamos proclamar con confianza su Evangelio al mundo.

Paz, Padre Murray

Scripture for the week of November 22, 2020

- 22 SUN Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
23 Mon Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
24 Tue Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
25 Wed Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
26 Thu Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
27 Fri Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33
28 Sat Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
29 SUN Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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



04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

MQOA THIS WEEK In-Person/Online

SATURDAY

Mass, 4:00 PM Online

SUNDAY

Mass, 8:30 AM**
St. James Hall
Online & In-Person

Mass, 11:30 AM **
Immaculate Hall
Online & In-Person
en español

Mass, 6:00 PM **
Immaculate Hall
Online & In-Person

**Listen in your car
from the church parking lot
on 88.1 FM

MONDAY

Online message from
Fr. Murray
9:00 AM, en español

TUESDAY

Daily Mass
Online at 9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY

This Week @ MQOA
Posted online

ONLINE POSTS

Mass, Father Murray's Monday message in Spanish and "This Week @ MQOA," can be viewed via our Facebook page: facebook.com/mqoasalem

IN-PERSON MASS

Sunday Masses indoors: **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** before attending one of our Indoor Masses. Sign up, up to four weeks in advance, at mqoa.org/worship or call the office. Please only sign up for the Sunday you plan to go indoors to celebrate Mass. Please wear masks and maintain social distancing.

YOU MAY ALSO REMAIN IN YOUR CAR. Mass will be broadcast on 88.1 FM and online. Communion will be brought to your car following Mass. If you plan to remain in your car, registration is not needed.

FOLLOW ALONG WITH MASS!

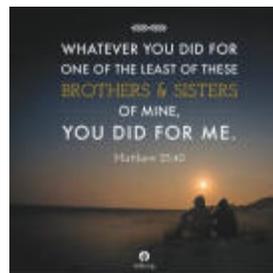
If you are celebrating Mass in-person or watching Mass online, use this Mass Guide to follow along. Updated weekly with Sunday's Readings.

mqoa.org/worship



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP — RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

There Is Much to Be Done



Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospels, we see how Jesus encouraged his followers to treat those in need with mercy. You can also treat the poor with mercy by giving to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our members use your gifts to directly assist those in need in Salem--through food vouchers, or payments to landlords or payments to utilities. We gratefully acknowledge your generous contributions of money and time to help those in need in Salem.

Due to COVID-19 and associated health and safety rules, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is still not holding our traditional monthly collections with volunteers at the church doors, but we need your donations now more than ever. Our volunteers are still hard at work helping our Salem neighbors in need. During the last six weeks, we have received over 60 calls for assistance, with the majority being for rental assistance and food. We depend on your generous donations to St Vincent's via the baskets in the back of Ste. Anne's church, or in a separate envelope at MQOA or mailed to SVdP at 158 Federal St, Salem, MA 01970. Those who benefit from your donations are most appreciative of your generosity.



LOOKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

So that we can serve you better, we are looking for your feedback about our Indoor Mass at MQOA.

Scan code or visit mqoa.org/worship to answer a short survey.





20|30: Young Adult Community is an online space for young adults in their 20s and 30s to gather together. A space to share life experiences and build community. Check out our website and Facebook as we will have events throughout the year!

Please email Steven Antonio with any questions: santonio@mqoa.org

YOUR WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT MAKES EVERYTHING HAPPEN

Everything we do at Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish is supported by your prayerful and financial support.

Your regular weekly contribution makes online ministries like Alpha, our streamed Adoration times, and recorded Masses happen, and supports our efforts to keep in touch, minister to, and serve our parishioners and beyond.



You can give **Online** via Venmo, credit card, or PayPal with **Givebutler**; visit our website: www.givebutler.com/mqoa or scan this code >>>>>>>>



Become a sustaining giver, learn how you can support the parish with your Amazon purchases, and more at www.mqoa.org/donate



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HOW TO DONATE

Regular/sustaining:

- Online via WeShare
- Online with Givebutter
- Envelopes: call 978-745-9060

One-time gifts:

- Online with WeShare
- Online with Givebutter
- Checks written to MQOA Parish

Legacy:

Wills, bequests, estate planning help is available: 978-745-9060

In-kind:

Carpentry, electrical, plumbing, cleaning, food preparation, tech, equipment, other expertise. Tax receipts are available.

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(or scan below with your phone)



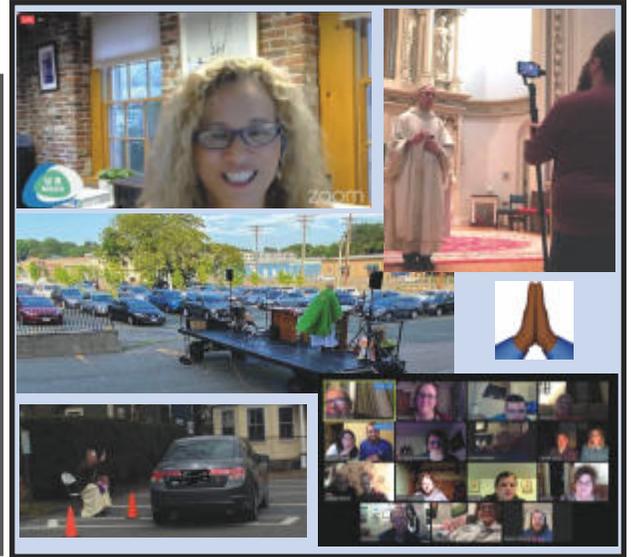
GRAND ANNUAL Thank you to those who have already responded to our Grand Annual letter. If you did not receive Father Murray's Grand Annual letter in the mail, you can find it on the Home Page of our website. We know this has been a challenging year for many, especially financially. If you are able, we hope you will consider donating to our Grand Annual. We are grateful for your donations and for your prayerful support.

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE
(as of 11-16-20)

\$9,167.50
Thank you!

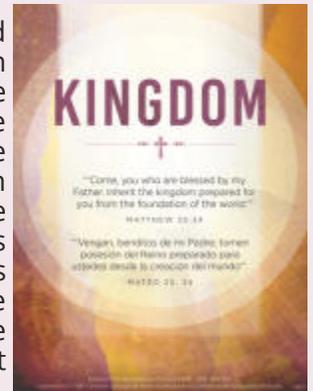
We are grateful for you support!

Goal: \$45,000



NOVEMBER 22 ~ THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today's parable is one of the most vivid parables Jesus spoke. We will not be judged on the knowledge we have accumulated, or the fame that we have acquired, or the fortune we have gained. We will be judged on the way we have listened and been present to others—in the way we have served Christ in the other. The lesson is crystal clear: God will judge us according to our reaction to those in need. This means giving simple help to the people we meet every day—to the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the stranger, the prisoner—to Christ himself!



It's "Knowvember" in Salem

Stop the Spread

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

- ✓ Help us **KNOW** the prevalence of COVID-19 in our community.
- ✓ Help you **KNOW** if you are contagious or have the virus without symptoms.
- ✓ Get tested twice a month – it's free and easy and will help us **KNOW** how best to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

You can receive **FREE COVID-19 testing** at the sites below. Protect yourself and others – get tested at least twice a month.

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 31

<p>WALK-IN TESTING: OLD TOWN HALL Derby Square, enter from Essex Street</p> <p>Mondays – Wednesdays 9AM – 2PM Thursdays 1PM – 6PM Fridays 9AM – 1PM</p>	<p>DRIVE-THRU TESTING: SALEM HIGH SCHOOL 77 Wilson Street</p> <p>Mondays – Fridays 4PM – 8PM Saturdays 10AM – 3PM</p>
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IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED.

If you had a loved one who passed away this year, we invite you to email their names to info@mgoa.org, to be written in our book of remembrance. They will be prayerfully remembered this November.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are still offering Mass intentions to remember or honor a loved one. For intentions during the week, Father Murray will pray for each Mass intention during his private daily Mass.

Intentions can also be reserved for our online and indoor weekend Masses. If you are interested in scheduling a Mass intention, call the office at 978-745-9060. Or, email mbarrette@mgoa.org.

There is no cost to having a Mass said, but we gratefully accept donations.



Can't wait to decorate? CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND DECORATORS NEEDED!

We want to transform our side lawn at IC into a beautiful Christmas Walk for the month of December, and we need your help! Get your family together and sign up on a day/time in December to add your family's decorative touch to our displays! Contact Margo to arrange a time to decorate at mmoring@mgoa.org. We want the walk to grow and grow all month. Can't wait to decorate? Get started at IC this week!

If you have no eye for decorating but have decorations to spare, we need Christmas lights (white and multicolored) and any Christmas decorations you are willing to give. If you have new or used decorations/lights to donate or let us borrow, drop them off anytime at our parish office at 158 Federal Street. You can leave them in our lower mailbox or by the door.

This December, take a stroll some evening through a Christmas wonderland to get in the Christmas spirit!

Do you know an ALPHA fan?

Buy them an ALPHA MQOA mask for Christmas! (They make great stocking stuffers!)



Are you an Alpha fan?

Buy yourself an ALPHA mask to share the spirit!

Use this QR Code to make your purchase. Or, call the office.



Es "Noviembre de Conocimiento" en Salem

Detenga la propagación

PRUEBAS GRATIS DE COVID-19

- ✓ Ayúdanos a **CONOCER** la prevalencia de COVID-19 en nuestra comunidad.
- ✓ Ayudarle a **SABER** si es contagioso o tiene el virus sin síntomas.
- ✓ Hágase la prueba dos veces al mes: es gratis y fácil y nos ayudará a **SABER** cuál es la mejor manera de detener la propagación de COVID-19 en nuestra comunidad.

Usted puede recibir la prueba de COVID-19 GRATIS en los sitios a continuación. Protéjase y protéja a los demás – Hágase la prueba al menos dos veces al mes.

AHORA HASTA DICIEMBRE 31

<p>PRUEBAS SIN CITAS: OLD TOWN HALL Derby Square, entrar desde Essex Street</p> <p>Lunes a Miércoles 9AM – 2PM Jueves 1PM – 6PM Viernes 9AM – 1PM</p>	<p>PRUEBAS DE AUTO SERVICIO: ESCUELA SECUNDARIA DE SALEM 77 Willson Street</p> <p>Lunes a Viernes 4PM – 8PM Sábados 10AM – 3PM</p>
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