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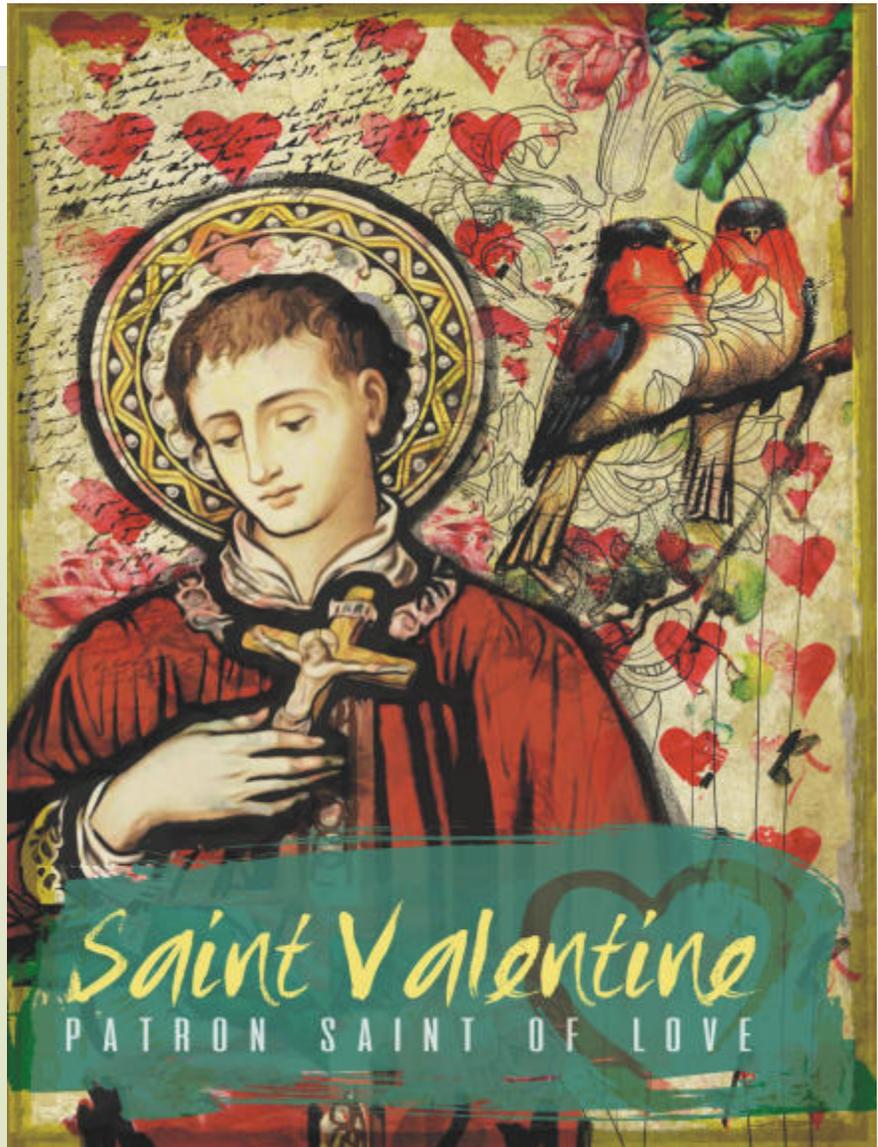
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**Be welcomed.
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We hope that you find us to be Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus Christ, centered in the Eucharist.

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



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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



February is a month filled with events to celebrate both inside and outside the Church. Last week was National Marriage Week. I want to

take a moment to recognize all those who are married and have celebrated weddings in our parish, and all couples who have been together, living out the promises you made to each other however long ago. The Church teaches that households of married couples and their children are small ("domestic") churches, and that the institution of marriage is one of the foundations of human society. "The well-being of the individual person and of human and Christian society is intimately linked with the healthy condition of that community produced by marriage and family." (*Gaudium et Spes 47*)

I hope this week is one that includes romance and appreciation of your spouse. I remember a priest giving a homily on marriage and was struck by the line to the groom, "Joe, part of your job in this marriage is to help Mary get to heaven, and Mary, that is part of your life too." May it be ever so, and especially in all the weddings we celebrate in the coming year in our churches.

It is also Black History Month. This month is a good time to look at

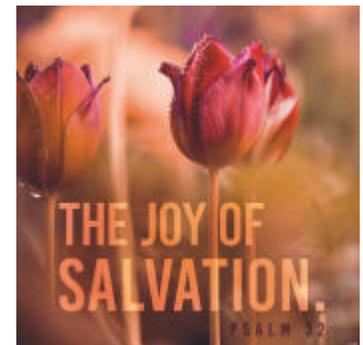
ourselves as a diverse community, while also appreciating the contributions Blacks have made to our nation. It is also important to say and remember that racism and racist attitudes are never acceptable among Christian disciples. The events of last summer, I hope, will not be quickly forgotten and the energy that spurred a call to social justice will continue until all people in this country can feel accepted, safe, and valued.

We are also preparing for Lent and Easter, and have begun to plan how we might best celebrate, reverently and safely, the beginning of this great season of grace. In the first preface of Lent are the words, "... *this joyful season God gives us...*" (First Preface of Lent. Roman Catholic Missal)," and even though it is a solemn time, it is meant to be a season of hope and of joy. This Ash Wednesday, I hope that all will visit our website, join us for a live-streamed online Mass there or on Facebook at 9:00 AM, and then stop by Immaculate Conception church between 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM for the reception of ashes. This year the ashes will be sprinkled on the top of our heads, to avoid contact. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, but please plan to join us sometime during the day if you feel safe doing so.

Finally, we have been invited to join a nationwide survey called **the**

Disciple Makers Index. The DMI is designed to allow participants to reflect upon their spiritual growth and discipleship, and helps us to know where the members and friends of the parish are at spiritually, and how we can support your growth. It is an online survey that we will be hosting on our website in English and Spanish. The creators are researching parishes across the country, and Cardinal O'Malley's office called and asked if we would be part of it. There are four other parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston participating, and I want to encourage every person who engages with MQOA in person or online to take the survey to help the future Church. Stay tuned for more information about how you can participate.

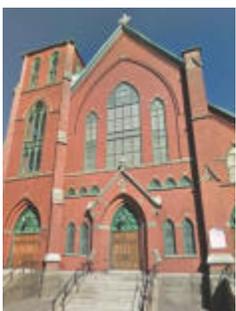
*Peace,
Father Murray*



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Offices: 158 Federal St. Salem, MA 01970 | 978-745-9060 |

The office is not open 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.

Febrero es un mes lleno de eventos para celebrar y considerar dentro y fuera de la Iglesia. Para comenzar, la semana pasada fue la Semana Nacional de Bodas y quiero tomarme un momento para reconocer a todos aquellos que están casados y han celebrado bodas en nuestra parroquia o han estado aquí viviendo las promesas que se hicieron hace mucho tiempo. La iglesia enseña que los hogares de parejas casadas y los niños son iglesias pequeñas y que la institución del matrimonio es uno de los cimientos de toda la sociedad humana. "El bienestar de la persona individual y de la sociedad humana y cristiana está íntimamente ligado a la condición sana de esa comunidad producida por el matrimonio y la familia. (Gaudium et Spes # 47, Documentos del Vaticano II).

Espero que esta semana sea una que incluya romance y aprecio por su cónyuge. Recuerdo a un sacerdote dando una homilía en una boda porque me llamó la atención la frase que le dijo a los novios: "Joe, parte de tu trabajo en este matrimonio es ayudar a María a llegar al cielo, y María, eso también es parte de tu vida". Que siempre sea así, y especialmente en todas las bodas que celebraremos el año que viene en nuestras iglesias.

Además, es el Mes de la Historia Afroamericana. Este mes está reservado para reflexionar y recordar lo que la diáspora africana le ha hecho

a la gente de África y para vernos a nosotros mismos como una comunidad diversa, al tiempo que apreciamos las contribuciones que la comunidad afroamericana ha hecho a nuestra nación. También es importante decir y recordar que el racismo y las actitudes racistas nunca son aceptables entre los discípulos cristianos. Espero que los acontecimientos del verano pasado no se olviden con demasiada rapidez y que la energía que impulsó un llamado a la justicia social continúe hasta que todas las personas de este país se sientan aceptadas, seguras y valoradas.

Adicionalmente, nos estamos preparando para la Cuaresma y la Pascua y hemos comenzado a planificar la mejor manera de celebrar con reverencia y seguridad el comienzo de esta gran temporada de gracia. En el primer prefacio de la Cuaresma están las palabras, "... este tiempo gozoso que Dios nos da ..." (Primer Prefacio de la Cuaresma. Misal Católico Romano). Espero que todos revisen el sitio web, se unan a nosotros para una misa en vivo en línea en Facebook a las 9:00 AM y luego pasen de 10:00 AM a 6:00 PM para la recepción de las cenizas. Este año las cenizas se esparcirán sobre nuestras cabezas para evitar el contacto. El Miércoles de Ceniza no es un día sagrado de obligación, pero por favor planee unirse a nosotros en algún momento durante el día si se siente seguro al hacerlo.

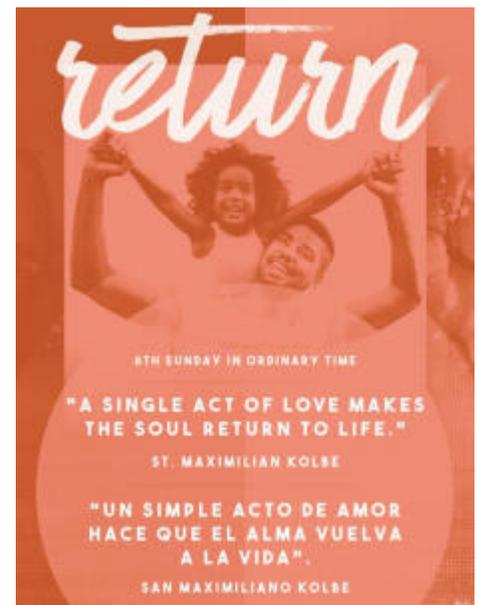
Finalmente, hemos sido invitados a unirnos a una encuesta a nivel nacional llamada **Índice de Creadores de Discípulos (Disciple Makers Index)**. Es una encuesta en línea que publicaremos en nuestro sitio web con contenido en inglés y español. Los creadores están investigando parroquias en todo el país y el representante del Cardenal Arzobispo llamó y pidió que seamos parte de esta encuesta para ver cuál es nuestra posición. Hay otras cuatro parroquias en la arquidiócesis que participan, por lo que quiero animar a todas las personas a que se conecten en línea y respondan la encuesta. Estará disponible en inglés y español y todos están invitados a tomar la encuesta para ayudar a la futura iglesia participando hoy. Escuchará más sobre esto en las próximas semanas.

Paz, Padre Murray

Scripture for the week of February 14, 2021

14	SUN	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
15	Mon	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
16	Tue	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
17	Wed	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
18	Thu	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
19	Fri	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
20	Sat	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
21	SUN	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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



04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

MQOA THIS WEEK

SATURDAY

Mass, 4:00 PM

A recording of the Mass will be posted on our Facebook page and on our website. This can be viewed anytime at your convenience.

SUNDAY

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

Spanish Mass, 11:30 AM **
Immaculate Church
In-Person

Also at 11:30 AM

A recording of the Mass, en español, will be posted on our Facebook page and on our website. This can be viewed anytime at your convenience.

Mass, 6:00 PM **
Immaculate Church
In-Person

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

TUESDAY

Weekday Mass
9 :00 AM

A recording of the Mass will be posted on our Facebook page and on our website. This can be viewed anytime at your convenience.

DAILY

Updates and inspiration on
our Facebook page:
facebook.com/MQOASalem

ONLINE MASSES

A recording of the Mass will be posted on our website and Facebook page on **Saturdays at 4 PM (English)** and **Sundays at 11:30 AM (en español)**. After they are posted you can view the Mass anytime at your convenience by going to: **facebook.com/mqoasalem** OR **www.mqoa.com/worship**

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. 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.

Sign up at: mqoa.org/worship Or, call the office.

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**



9:00 AM streamed Mass in English*

IC will be open, 10 AM to 6 PM to receive ashes.

There will also be music and confession.

This year, ashes will be sprinkled on the top of your head. You can also take a packet of ashes home to administer to yourself or family.

6:00 PM, streamed Mass in Spanish*

*Streamed Masses can be viewed on our website and on our Facebook page.

"...TO SERVE THE POOR
IS TO GO TO GOD..."
St. Vincent de Paul



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously to the St Vincent de Paul Society during the month of December. The final total for the month was an amazing \$11,369.05! Our very generous anonymous donor, who has matched December contributions up to \$10,000 for the last several years, has said that they will match the entire amount collected this year. So, in total, \$22,738.10 was added to our treasury in December to help the needy in Salem. Your contributions have been especially appreciated during this pandemic, when so many people who have not needed help in the past are in need now due to COVID-related job loss or a reduction in work hours. We said a prayer of thanksgiving at our last Zoom meeting for our benefactors and also prayed for the health and safety of all of you.

While we can't be at the church doors for our regular collections, 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

**Thank you for your continued generosity
to help the needy in Salem.**

Venerable Augustus Tolton



Augustus Tolton was born on April 1, 1854 to a father and mother who were both enslaved. In hopes of gaining the family's freedom, his father escaped to the North to fight in the Civil War, where

he was one of 180,000 Black soldiers who died as members of the Union Army. Augustus' mother managed to cross the Mississippi River with her children and gain freedom in Illinois. Augustus grew into a deep love for the Catholic faith and desired to be a priest; when no seminary would accept a Black man, his local parish priests began his informal theological education.

Finally, in 1878, he was admitted to the Franciscan College in Quincy, Illinois, and after that studied for two years in Rome. Augustus was ordained in 1886 and served for two years in his hometown of Quincy before living out the rest of his ministry in St. Augustine's Church (later to become St. Monica's) in Chicago. He died at age 43 of heat stroke. Father Augustus Tolton was the first American Catholic priest publicly recognized as Black at the time of his ordination.

—Shannon Evans, Franciscan Spirit Blog, 2/1/2021

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.

*If you have envelopes, please mail them to our office at **158 Federal Street**. You can also drop them in our secure mailbox at the office door.*



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06 INFORMATION BOARD

JOB POSTING: HISPANIC MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

MQOA parish, comprised of two historic churches and located in the center of beautiful Salem, MA, is dedicated to being a place of hospitality and healing to all. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic, possess a deep sense of the evangelizing and healing mission of our parish, the importance of outreach in the Church with immigrants of first- and second- generation, and experience in attending to the pastoral and social needs of Hispanics in the US.

MQOA serves a large population of Hispanics, primarily from the Dominican Republic.

This position is part-time, 12-15 hours/week.

Compensation: \$15,000.00/year.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate Spanish-language liturgies; online and in person.
- Recruit, train, and manage volunteers (greeting, Eucharistic Ministry, lectors, prayer writing/translation, announcements, recordings for online Masses etc.)
- Coordinate database of parishioner information for Hispanic families Faith Formation Liaison
- Promote and connect Hispanic adults and families to parish faith formation programs (sacramental prep., Alpha, Beta Groups, RCIA, etc.) Translate and assist families as needed
- Manage publicity, promotion and communication of parish programming.

Assist with publication of the parish Bulletin, Social Media (What's App, etc.), and website.

Works collaboratively with pastoral staff. Present on Sundays (8 hours— including attending the 11:30 AM Mass in Spanish) and for some evening programs (online and in person) on weeknights.

Candidates must be fully bilingual in Spanish – English. Fluency in English and Spanish conversation, reading, and writing is required.

Competency with social media and computer skills required. Public speaking, presentation (online, video) skills preferred. Bachelor's Degree preferred.

To learn more about MQOA: www.MQOA.org

If you are interested in the position, please contact Margo Morin at mmorin@mqoa.org

February 14

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



St. Paul speaks to us clearly and succinctly in the second reading today: "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." During the week, make this your prayer - that in all things large and small, in your words and in your actions, that all will be done to give glory to God. When you do that, not only will you notice a difference in your thinking and your attitude toward others, but others will also notice a difference in you as well.



In just a couple of weeks, we will be launching our parish's annual Catholic Appeal. As you may know, the Catholic Appeal funds the 51 Central Ministries of the Archdiocese that support our parish on a daily basis—especially as we continue to navigate the pandemic. You may have already received a letter from Cardinal Seán asking for your early support. If you are able, please consider responding to that request to help our parish meet our Appeal goal early. You can offer your support by going online to bostoncatholicappeal.org to make your gift at any time or scan the QR code to our Givebutler account:



Thank you for your support!



MARRIAGE COURSE

As our couples enter into their final two weeks of the Marriage Course, please continue to pray for them.

The Marriage Course is a new program from the team that brought us Alpha. The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage.

So far, our couples have explored such topics as strengthening connections, the importance of communication within a partnership, ways to resolve conflict in a positive way, and the power of forgiveness.

This first series has been well received, so we are planning on offering the Marriage Course again in the spring. Keep a lookout for future dates in our bulletin or on our website, or contact Steven Antonio, our Director of Family Engagement, if you would like to be added to an email list to be contacted with information about a future series.

santonio@mqa.org

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Unfailing Goodness of God



I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

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 Tuesday online Mass, and the online and indoor weekend Masses. If you are interested in scheduling a Mass intention, call the office at 978-745-9060. Or, email mbarrette@mqa.org.

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



A PLACE FOR YOU(NG ADULTS)



20/30 is for young adults who are seeking purpose, worth, community, faith. We offer you an online space to connect and grow, a space to share life experiences and build community.

Check out our website and Facebook group to view our past and future "Connect to Grow" webinars, and to join us for upcoming events.

Visit www.mqa.org/2030

Or, contact Steven Antonio at santonio@mqa.org. Or, scan the QR Code to visit and join our Facebook group:



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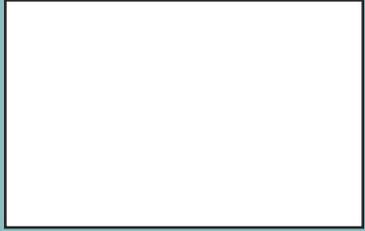
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