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## WELCOME

**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.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*  
**OF LENT**  
2º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mk 9:7

Se formó entonces una nube, que los cubrió con su sombra, y de esta nube salió una voz que decía: "Este es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo". - Mc 9, 7

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# 02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



Last week, we announced we have been asked to take part in a national survey concerning spiritual growth and discipleship.

The Disciple Maker Index is now available on our website and can be accessed by going to [www.mqoa.org/lent](http://www.mqoa.org/lent). The purpose of the survey is to help us understand at what level our parishioners and guests consider themselves to be disciples of Jesus. In addition, the survey will help us to better know how to support their (your) journeys to a closer relationship with Jesus.

Father James Mallon, in his new book, *Beyond the Parish*, seeks to show how the principles he used in his parish in Nova Scotia helped people become missionary disciples of Jesus. He describes a missionary disciple using these criteria:

- A missionary disciple has a personal relationship with Jesus.
- A missionary disciple can share their faith and share what God has done in their life with others.
- A missionary disciple is open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- A missionary disciple has a knowledge and love of the Scriptures. (Fr. Mallon says that a

missionary disciple does not have to have a theology degree from a university, nor do they have to sign up for every Bible study class. In his experience, however, when people come alive in their faith, the Word of God comes alive as well. This kind of person is growing in their knowledge and love of Scripture.)

- A missionary disciple knows basic Catholic theology. (He describes a man that he met who had not attended church in over thirty years. Within weeks of his conversion in Alpha, he started reading the Catechism. This man had never read a book in his life, and within months he read the entire Catechism! When people fall in love with Jesus, they demonstrate a hunger to get to know Him and the richness of our Catholic faith. They thirst for knowledge of and encounter with Him.)
- A missionary disciple is working toward a daily prayer life.
- A missionary disciple experiences real Christian community. (Fr. Mallon specifically means someone involved in a small group of some kind. The task of parish renewal has been described as getting people to move from sitting in rows to sitting in circles, so they can experience real Christian community, where they are

accountable to and for one another.)

- A missionary disciple demonstrates a commitment to receiving the Eucharist weekly.
- A missionary disciple receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation with some regularity.
- A missionary disciple can pray spontaneously out loud when asked without having a heart attack.
- A missionary disciple sees their life as a mission field. (They see their everyday life—among their coworkers, friends, family, and colleagues—as their mission field.
- A missionary disciple serves in some capacity within or outside the parish according to their gifts.

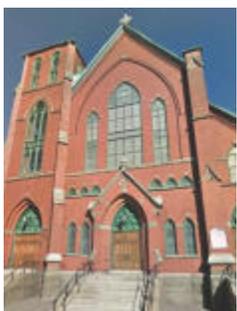
I found this to be a challenging and inspiring list. I hope that as you take the DMI survey, you might find challenge and inspiration in what it is asking, and set a course for growth for the rest of Lent and into the future, as we continue to grow disciples.

*Peace,  
Father Murray*

## PARISH INFORMATION

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The office is not open at this time.  
Please call to make an appointment.



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# UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY 03

Como anunciamos al comienzo de la Cuaresma, se nos ha pedido que seamos parte de una encuesta nacional sobre el crecimiento espiritual y el discipulado. El *Disciple Maker Index* está ahora en la web en nuestro sitio y se puede acceder a él en [www.mqoa.org](http://www.mqoa.org). Están tratando de ayudar a la iglesia, y a nosotros, a comprender a qué nivel se consideran discípulos de Jesús. Además, están tratando de ver cómo las parroquias están apoyando ese viaje hacia una relación más cercana con Jesús a través de la iglesia. El Padre James Mallon en su nuevo libro, "Más allá de la parroquia" busca mostrar cómo los principios que usó en su parroquia ayudaron a desarrollar discípulos misioneros de Jesús. También ofrece una descripción de un discípulo. Aquí la tienen. "Hace muchos años discutimos e identificamos las cualidades o atributos de un discípulo misionero. No es una lista exhaustiva, pero puede resultarle útil a medida que comienza a discernir...Un discípulo misionero es:

- alguien que tiene una relación personal con Jesús.
- alguien que pueda compartir su fe y compartir lo que Dios ha hecho en su vida con otros.
- alguien que esté abierto a los dones del Espíritu Santo.
- alguien que tenga conocimiento y amor por las Escrituras: Un discípulo misionero no tiene que tener un título en teología de una universidad, ni tiene que inscribirse en cada clase de estudio bíblico. Sin embargo, en nuestra experiencia, cuando las personas cobran vida en su fe, la Palabra de Dios también cobra vida. Este tipo de persona está creciendo en su conocimiento y amor por las Escrituras.
- alguien que conozca la teología católica básica: pienso en un hombre que conocí hace unos años y que no había asistido a la iglesia en más de treinta años. A las pocas semanas de su conversión en Alfa, comenzó a leer el Catecismo. Este hombre nunca había leído un libro en su vida y en unos meses leyó todo el Catecismo. Cuando las personas se enamoran de Jesús, demuestran un hambre de conocerlo y la riqueza de nuestra fe católica. Tienen sed de conocerlo y encontrarse con él.
- alguien que trabaja por una vida de oración diaria: Queremos que las personas maduren en la oración y tengan una vida de oración diaria.
- alguien que experimenta una verdadera comunidad cristiana: esto significa alguien involucrado en un pequeño grupo de algún tipo. La tarea de la renovación parroquial ha sido descrita como hacer que las personas pasen de sentarse en filas a sentarse en círculos, para que puedan experimentar una verdadera comunidad cristiana, en la que son responsables unos por otros.
- alguien que demuestra un compromiso con la Eucaristía dominical semanal.
- alguien que celebra el Sacramento de la Reconciliación con cierta regularidad.

- alguien que puede orar espontáneamente en voz alta cuando se le pide sin sufrir un ataque cardíaco.
- Alguien que ve su vida como un campo misionero: Un discípulo misionero se levanta de la cama todas las mañanas, hace esa ofrenda matutina y ve todo el día por delante lleno de oportunidades. La misión propia de los bautizados no es la vida dentro de la parroquia, sino la vida en el mundo. Ven su vida diaria, entre sus compañeros de trabajo, amigos, familiares y colegas, como su campo misional.
- alguien que sirve en alguna capacidad dentro o fuera de la parroquia de acuerdo con sus dones". (P.256 FF)

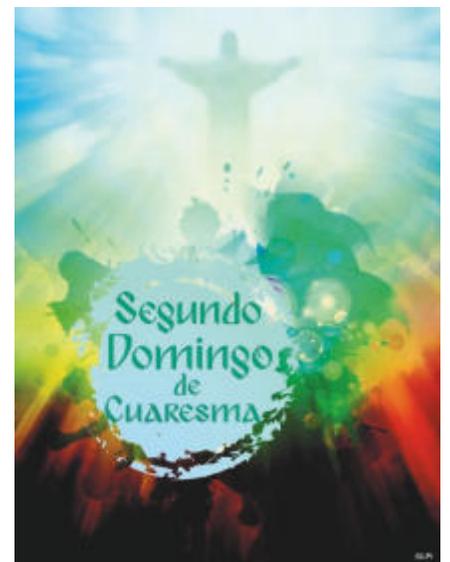
Espero que, al responder la encuesta, esté abierto a lo que se pide y establezca un curso de desafío para el resto de la Cuaresma y en el futuro a medida que continuamos creciendo como discípulos.

*Paz, Padre Murray*

## Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Daily Readings can also be found at  
[www.usccb.org](http://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](https://www.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](https://www.facebook.com/mqoasalem) OR [www.mqoa.com/worship](http://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](http://mqoa.org/worship) Or, call the office.

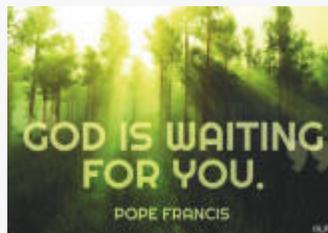
### FOLLOW ALONG WITH MASS

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](http://mqoa.org/worship)



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane



It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn't really mind.*

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?  
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please consider donating to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your contributions are greatly 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.

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

## Please take the Disciple Maker Index Survey



We are currently participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We are one of five parishes in the archdiocese selected to participate.

**Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online.** The survey can be accessed on our website at:

**[www.mqoa.org/lent](http://www.mqoa.org/lent)**

It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

**Thank you for helping with this important project!**

## 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.*

You can give online via **Venmo, Apple Pay, or PayPal** with **Givebutter**; it's quick and easy! Visit **[www.givebutter.com/mqoa](http://www.givebutter.com/mqoa)**



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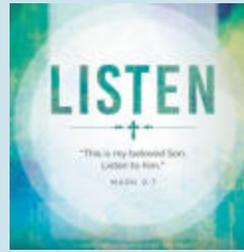
## Catholic Appeal Begins Next Weekend

Next weekend, parishes across the Archdiocese will launch the annual Catholic Appeal, which provides necessary funding for the more than 50 ministries that serve our parishes, schools, and communities, helping us all live our faith together. This is our Church, and when you support the Catholic Appeal, you are directly supporting our parish and all those who turn to our Church for assistance. Visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to learn more or make a donation. To give now, scan the QR code.



**Thank you for your support!**

## February 28 ~ Second Sunday of Lent



The readings this week deserve to be read, and reread and pondered. "God put Abraham to the test." A bit scary, isn't it? Think about it: God put (insert YOUR name) to the test. Perhaps one test you face arises from the disruptions caused by the pandemic - feelings of discouragement, isolation, doubt and fear to name a few! Despite the various difficulties that may need to be faced, listen again to the words God speaks in today's gospel - "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Open your heart to Christ; listen attentively to what he is speaking to you, asking of you. How will you respond?



## FIAT

A gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be "The Stations of the Cross."

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at [marian.batho@csjboston.org](mailto:marian.batho@csjboston.org) or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

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invites you and your family to a Mass of thanksgiving for your courage, bravery, and selflessness

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**at St. Theresa Parish, North Reading**

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Due to COVID-19, there is limited seating in the Church. To attend the Mass in person, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BAFA92CA2F85-mass4>. You can also scan the QR Code to go to the sign up.



To just submit your name or that of someone you know who is an essential worker, email the names to: [northregion@rcab.org](mailto:northregion@rcab.org). The names of essential workers from the North Region will be listed on the St. Theresa website.

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MQOA PRESENTS



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On ZOOM

Have a question? Want to check in for a moment? Need prayer? Just want to say hi? Join Margo for office hours on Mondays during Lent, 10-11AM, on [Zoom](#).

Join our *MQOA Connections* Facebook page (search for this private group on Facebook), and Margo will post the link to Zoom every Monday.



LENT  
PRAYER  
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If you are newly engaged and want to be married at one of our churches, reach out to Father Murray at [pastor@mqoa.org](mailto:pastor@mqoa.org). We will walk you through your engagement and help you prepare for this most important sacrament. Weddings are scheduled at least nine months in advance, and our churches are popular wedding venues, so email or call soon: 978-745-9060. We are following all COVID-19 safety protocols established by the State of Massachusetts, the Archdiocese of Boston, and the City of Salem.

## Join Us This Lent

*"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."* -Catherine Doherty, servant of God

<p><b>Stations of the Cross</b> Fridays 7PM   English Online</p>	<p><b>Eucharist Adoration</b> Weddays 7PM   Online</p> 
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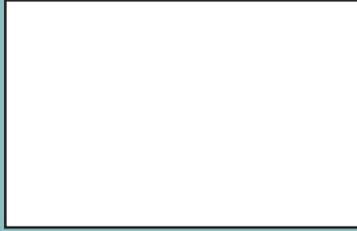
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