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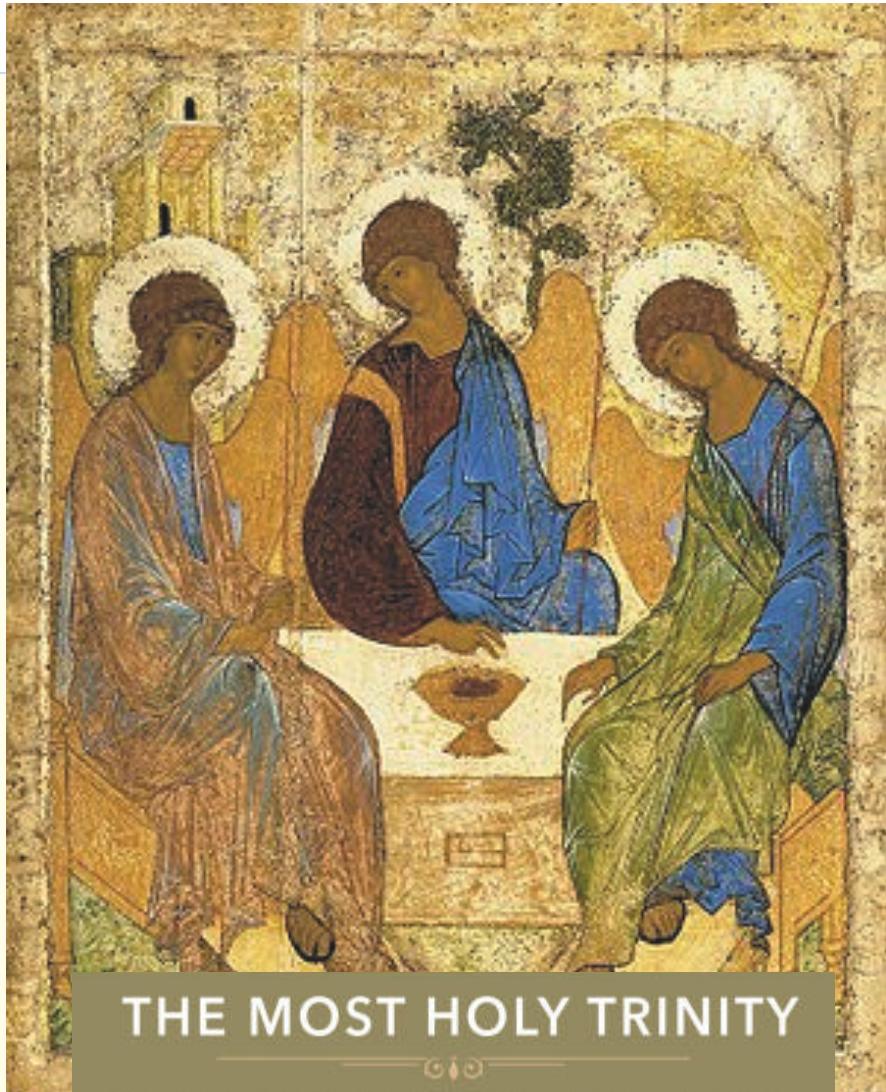
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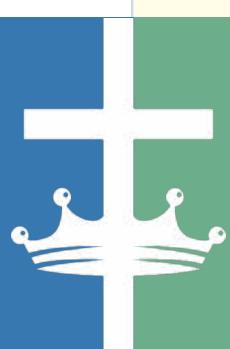
We hope that you find us to be Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus Christ, centered in the Eucharist.

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



### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19



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THIS WEEK

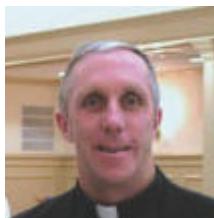
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## 02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



Now that the glory and celebration of the Easter season has ended, we enter Ordinary Time and begin to reflect on our faith and living that faith. Ordinary Time is when we begin to look at the regular teachings of our faith. We are, in a way, preparing to go out to the whole world as instructed by Jesus at the Ascension. Last week, we celebrated the first time this happened, aided by the power of the Holy Spirit. It shows us we can do extraordinary things, as ordinary people, when we let Jesus be our teacher and the Holy Spirit be our sustenance. It is also our pattern for the future. If we are going to continue to thrive as a Church, we too must go out to the world (Salem) and preach the Gospel.

For the next two Sundays, before we move into "real" Ordinary Sundays, we are given the opportunity to reflect upon two major teachings of our faith. The first is the way God is revealed to us in the Trinity: One God with three distinct parts that are equally made up of love, and are in continuous communication with themselves and with us. I love the **Russian icon by Andrei Rublev (shown on the front cover)** as it

shows this extraordinary reality. (If you ever visit the Levesque Funeral Home, Paul Levesque has a beautiful reproduction of it on one of the walls in the back of the home.) There is a small rectangle at the center of the table that art historians believe contained a mirror. The message is that every viewer is invited into the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. See yourself as part of the Trinity too. Extraordinary. I have a copy of this icon in my chapel in the rectory, and I never tire of contemplating it. When we say, "Who is our God? What is God's name?", we can say, "Trinity is God's name." There is, as St. Thomas Aquinas would say, "so much more to say," but working to understand who God is by contemplating the Trinity is a good start.

Many years ago, I was in Cuzco, Peru, for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. There was a huge procession that included the Eucharist in a monstrance, borne on a carriage pulled by men and women through the streets of the city until arriving at the cathedral. After that came scores of statues of saints from nearby churches being carried by parishioners to the cathedral. The crowd watching would cheer as the saints passed by them. Afterwards, there was all-day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. It was

the celebration of the truth of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

The procession was a concrete way to say, "We believe that Christ is present here and now, in this monstrance." Our own Peter Gordon has been reflecting on the Eucharistic presence for this whole year and posting wonderful videos on YouTube. They are great reflections on our belief that the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ at the Mass, and that we are all sharers in this grace-filled moment when we are at Mass or when we attend adoration.

"There is so much more to say," and yet it may be summed up by saying that Jesus is here among us in the humblest of ways to help us grow in holiness.

*Peace,  
Father Murray*

Building news. We continue the work on the tower at St. James and recently received donations for the bell at Immaculate. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. There is still opportunity to help if you would like to be part of these projects, to memorialize a family member, or just to help preserve these buildings with a financial donation.

### 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

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158 Federal St.

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15 Hawthorne Blvd. Salem, MA 01970

Rectory: 30 Union St.

# UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY 03

Este fin de semana entramos en el Tiempo Ordinario, lo que significa que comenzaremos a reflexionar sobre nuestra fe y nuestra vida luego de que ha terminado el Tiempo Pascual con todo su esplendor y celebración. El Tiempo Ordinario es cuando comenzamos a mirar las enseñanzas regulares de nuestra fe. De alguna manera, nos estamos preparando para salir al mundo entero, como nos instruyó Jesús en la Ascensión. La semana pasada celebramos la primera vez que esto sucedió, con la ayuda del poder del Espíritu Santo. Nos muestra que todos nosotros, que somos gente común, podemos hacer cosas extraordinarias cuando dejamos que Jesús sea nuestro maestro y el Espíritu Santo nuestro sustento. También es nuestro modelo a seguir para el futuro. Si vamos a continuar como una iglesia próspera, también debemos salir al mundo (Salem) y predicar el Evangelio.

Durante los dos domingos siguientes, antes de pasar a los domingos ordinarios reales, se nos da la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre dos enseñanzas principales de nuestra fe. La primera es la forma en que Dios se nos revela en la Trinidad, un solo Dios con tres partes distintas que están igualmente compuestas de amor y están en continua comunicación con ellos mismos y con nosotros. Me encanta el ícono ruso de Andrei Rublev como una

forma de mostrar esta extraordinaria realidad. (Si alguna vez visita la funeraria Levesque, Paul, el propietario, tiene una hermosa recreación en una de las paredes en la parte trasera de la casa). Hay un pequeño rectángulo en el centro de la mesa que los historiadores del arte creen que contenía un espejo. El mensaje es que todo espectador está invitado al amor del Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo. Mírate a ti mismo como parte de la Trinidad también. Extraordinario. Tengo una copia en mi capilla de la rectoría, no me canso de mirarla. Cuando decimos ¿quién es nuestro Dios? Cuál es su nombre, podemos decir. "Trinidad es su nombre". Hay, como diría Santo Tomás de Aquino, "mucho más que decir". Pero sigamos adelante con la fiesta del Corpus Christi.

Hace unos años yo estuve en Cuzco, Perú, para la fiesta del Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo. Hubo una gran procesión que incluyó la Eucaristía en una custodia que surgía de un carro tirado por hombres y mujeres por las calles de la ciudad hasta llegar a la Catedral. Después de eso, hubo decenas de estatuas de santos de iglesias cercanas que los feligreses también llevaron a la Catedral. La multitud que miraba vitoreaba cuando los santos eran llevados por ellos. Después hubo adoración durante todo el día en la iglesia. Fue la celebración de la real presencia de Cristo en la Eucaristía.

La procesión fue una forma concreta de decir: "Creemos que Cristo está presente aquí y ahora en esta custodia. Nuestro propio Peter Gordon ha estado reflexionando sobre esto durante todo el año y publicando maravillosas reflexiones en YouTube. Son grandes reflexiones sobre nuestra creencia de que el pan y el vino se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo y todos somos partícipes de este momento lleno de Gracia cuando estamos en Misa o cuando asistimos a la adoración.

Hay mucho más que decir y, sin embargo, se puede resumir diciendo: "El está aquí entre nosotros de la manera más humilde para ayudarnos a crecer en santidad".

*Paz, Padre Murray*

Noticias de construcción.  
Continuamos el trabajo en la torre en St. James y recientemente recibimos donaciones para la campana en Inmaculada. Gracias a todos por su generosidad. Si desea, puede ser parte de estos proyectos conmemorando a un miembro de su familia mediante una donación. También puede ayudarnos con algún regalo para preservar estos edificios.

## Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

Sunday:	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
Monday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Daily Readings can be found at  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



# 04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

## Welcome Back to Outdoor Mass



We will use the stage at St. James Church and the side lawn at Immaculate Conception Church. At both churches, you can bring your own chair or remain in your car. **Rain or shine, Mass will be broadcast to 88.1 FM.**

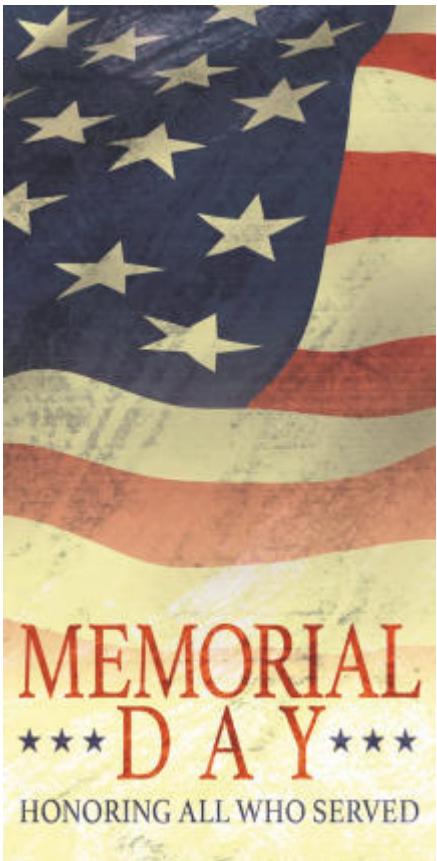
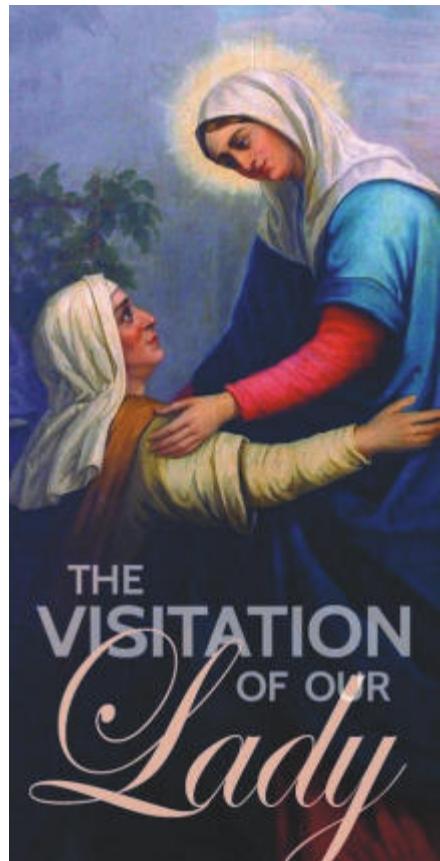
### Sundays

8:30 AM | St. James Parking Lot - English  
11:30 AM | Immaculate Conception Side Lawn - Spanish  
6:00 PM | Immaculate Conception Side Lawn - English

**Online:** 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://facebook.com/mqoasalem) OR [www.mqoa.com/worship](https://www.mqoa.com/worship)

MQOA will continue to host Mass outside through the months of May and June. We will continue to evaluate the vaccine and case rates for Salem through the weeks ahead before setting a solid date for moving indoors. Please stay up-to-date via our website and social media.



### NEW! MQOA QR CODE | FOR ALL THINGS MQOA

- Find the Mass Guide with Sunday readings and more.
- Prayer Requests and information on healing.
- Discipleship Pathway: ways to grow in your faith.
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Or go to: <https://flow.page/mqoa>



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### EMERGENCY COVID COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN INDIA AND BRAZIL

As you may know, there is immense suffering and loss of life occurring in India and Brazil due to the pandemic. The

Catholic Church, through Catholic Relief Services (CRS), is on the ground in those countries working to support local hospitals and programs which are being overwhelmed and which have reached a breaking point.

Thru June 6, the Archdiocese of Boston is collecting donations to support CRS. If you would like more information on how you can help, or to donate, go to:

<https://parish.bostoncatholic.org/events>

# HELP US TO GROW 05



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you are able to donate, please remember the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the work they do in Salem, providing for those hit hardest by this pandemic.

In the past, they have had successful monthly campaigns at the doors of the church that had to be suspended due to the pandemic.

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**

**Please pray for the volunteers and the people they help. Thank you for your support.**



## May 30 ~ Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity

Listen intently to the readings at Mass this weekend, they leave no room for doubt as to the message. YOU have been commissioned, right along with the disciples to... Go... Baptize... Teach. All strong imperatives. Perhaps even more important - is the last line in the gospel: "... I am with you always, until the end of the age." Evangelization is the work of the whole Church--and that includes you. He is with you ALWAYS, no matter the times or circumstances. So - take Christ's commissioning to heart and spread the Good News!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT



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

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# 06 CONNECT AND GROW

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS



### God Doesn't Take a Break

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the Church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if—like typical Americans—our break is full of productive work.

Thank God—literally—that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is—and remember the thanks we owe the Giver.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Congratulations to Emma Sorrento who recently received her First Communion.

May God bless you Emma!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 31

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|------|--|-------------------|
| 8:30 | Teddy  | Birthday Memorial |
| 6:00 | Robert & Genevieve Griggs<br>and Jennifer Richmond | Memorial          |

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 outdoor 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.

*I am with you always, until the end of the age.*  
Matthew 28:20



### 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](http://www.mqa.org/2030)

Or, contact Steven Antonio at [santonio@mqa.org](mailto:santonio@mqa.org).  
Or, scan the MQOA QR Code to visit and join our Facebook group.

# CONNECT AND GROW 07

## BE HEALED



Visit our website (or scan the MQOA QR Code) to learn about how MQOA can help you find healing, through prayer, our Five Keys process, or the sacraments of reconciliation and the anointing of the sick.

## HEALING SERVICE

TUESDAY, JUNE 8 AT 7 PM VIA Zoom

As Catholic Christians, we believe that God still heals in practical and visible ways today. Join us for this bilingual online Healing Prayer Service. Our Healing Team consists of trained priests and lay ministers who guide prayers of healing for physical, spiritual, and emotional needs.

## RECONCILIATION



Many shy away from this beautiful sacrament, 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.

If you or a family member would like to receive Reconciliation please call or email the office to arrange a time with Father Murray at 978-745-9060 or at [info@mqoa.org](mailto:info@mqoa.org)

## Sacrament of Baptism

If you are seeking Baptism for yourself or your child, please call the office or email our Pastoral Associate, Margo at [mmorin@mqoa.org](mailto:mmorin@mqoa.org)



## GETTING MARRIED AT MQOA



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.

## SACRAMENTS FOR YOUTH



If you or a family you know is looking to have their child receive First Communion or their Confirmation, please visit our website to view our short intro-videos and overviews, and then call the office to schedule your intake meeting with Margo or Steven.

[www.mqoa.org/sacraments](http://www.mqoa.org/sacraments)

## Volunteers Needed!



### HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

Our outdoor Masses require many hands to create a welcoming and safe Mass for all. We need your help! Please consider helping in

one of the follow positions:

- Lectors
- Eucharist Ministers
- Greeters. Welcome our parishioners and guests in their cars at the gates and hand them the bulletin.

- Parking attendants. Direct cars to parking spots.
- Set-up and clean-up helpers. Vital to help the Mass run smoothly and allow our ministers to prepare for their roles.
- Prayers. We realize not everyone is ready to return to Mass. Maybe you would be willing to pray for us at a Mass. There are two prayer slots available for each Mass.

**Thank you for your consideration.**

If you can help, please contact Margo at [mmorin@mqoa.org](mailto:mmorin@mqoa.org).

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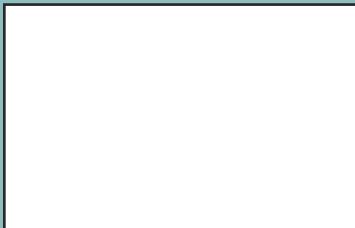
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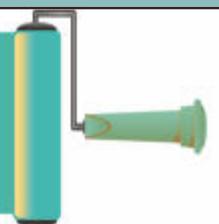


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