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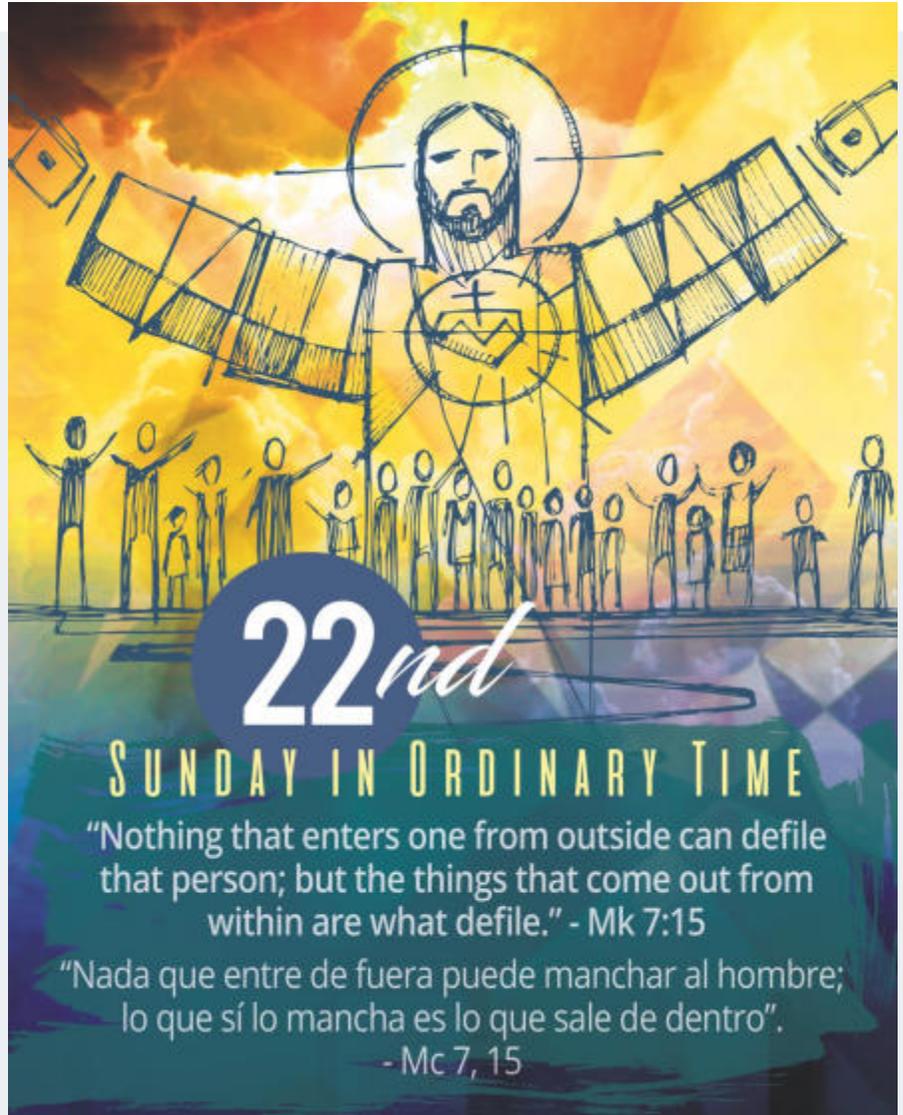
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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:15

"Nada que entre de fuera puede manchar al hombre; lo que sí lo mancha es lo que sale de dentro".
- Mc 7, 15



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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



In the last 57 years or so, the words of the Mass have been changed three times. At the beginning of the first change

(around 1964), there was great upheaval as the presider at Mass was turned around to face the congregation, and the Mass began to be prayed in local languages. Many people began to leave the Church because of these changes. Like many of us, I have family members included in this sad reaction.

The second major change occurred around 2010 and included new practices for everyone, including new words and gestures in the Penitential Rite and Gloria. Locally, many parishes put "how to" cards in the pews and, in some parishes, the pastors took the opportunity to educate and teach about the changes, and about the Eucharist. These, too, were changes that many people did not like, because of the perceived awkwardness of the language and the fact that many memorized patterns were being changed.

The most recent change came at

the beginning of this past Lent. The bishops who are responsible for the liturgy in English-speaking countries have compared our English translation of the Latin "Dominus" to "O Lord" to other language translations around the world, and have determined that instead of saying "O Lord" at the beginning of each prayer addressed to God, that we will now simply say "Lord"

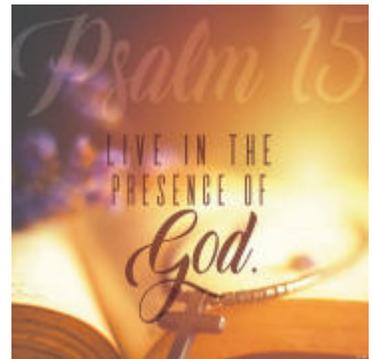
It is a small change and probably 99% of Mass-goers will miss it, but it is a change in the way we pray. I use these examples of things that are passing and (sometimes) require change, even when it appears to be awkward or uncomfortable at first. What never changes is our belief that at every Mass, through the Eucharist, we remember and celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

These examples are modern examples of what we hear about in this week's Gospel. Jesus' criticism was that people, especially the Pharisees, were too focused on what was only nominally important, rather than the interior disposition of their hearts and minds toward God. Even during Mass, there are times when things don't go perfectly, but every Mass is still a

holy gathering of God's people around the altar to pray and remember. Whether your preference is the current Mass or some older version, the truth is that at the heart of the Mass is the memorial of the saving passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus for each one of us, and as if we were the only one who needed this ongoing act of love.

The lesson is that we, like the Pharisees in today's Gospel reading, must be on guard against giving unbalanced importance to things that take us away from what is really vital. As we continue with the rest of the liturgical year, we will begin to hear more lessons like this. As these are presented, I hope and pray for all of us that we can continue to discover the heart of the Gospel and apply it to our daily lives.

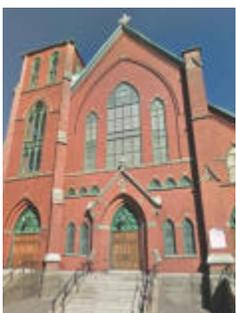
Peace, Father Murray



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.En los últimos 57 años más o menos, hemos cambiado las palabras de la Misa tres veces. Al comienzo de los primeros cambios, (~ 1964) hubo una gran conmoción cuando la misa dio un giro y se empezó a rezar en los idiomas locales. Mucha gente comenzó a dejar la iglesia debido a estos cambios. Como muchos de nosotros, tengo familiares incluidos en esta triste reacción.

El segundo gran cambio ocurrió alrededor de 2010 e incluyó nuevas prácticas para todos, incluidas nuevas palabras y acciones en el Rito Penitencial y Gloria. A nivel local, muchos pusieron tarjetas de "¿Cómo ...?" en las bancas y en algunas parroquias, los pastores aprovecharon la oportunidad para educar y catequizar sobre la Eucaristía. Fue un cambio que a muchas personas no les gustó debido a la incomodidad percibida del idioma y al hecho de que se estaban cambiando muchos patrones memorizados.

El cambio más reciente se produjo al comienzo de esta Cuaresma pasada. Después de comparar nuestra traducción al inglés del latín "Dominus" como "O Lord" con traducciones de otros idiomas en todo el mundo, los obispos que son responsables de la liturgia en los países de habla inglesa, han

determinado que, en lugar de decir O Lord al comienzo de cada oración dirigida a Dios, ahora simplemente diremos "Señor".

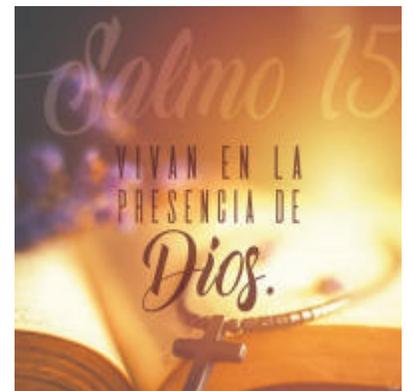
Es un pequeño cambio y probablemente el noventa y nueve por ciento de la gente no lo notará, pero es un cambio en la forma en que oramos. Utilizo estos ejemplos de cosas que están pasando y (a veces) requieren un cambio, incluso cuando parece raro o incómodo al principio. Lo que nunca cambia es la enseñanza de que en cada Misa, en la Eucaristía, recordamos y celebramos la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo.

Estos ejemplos son buenos ejemplos modernos del Evangelio de esta semana. La crítica de Jesús fue que las personas, especialmente los fariseos, estaban demasiado concentrados solamente en aquello nominalmente importante, en lugar de la disposición interior de sus corazones y mentes hacia Dios. Incluso durante la Misa, hay momentos en que las cosas no salen perfectamente, pero cada Misa sigue siendo una reunión sagrada del pueblo de Dios alrededor del altar para rezar y recordar. Ya sea que prefieras la Misa actual o alguna versión anterior, lo cierto es que el corazón de la Misa está en el

memorial de la pasión salvadora, muerte y resurrección de Jesús para cada uno de nosotros, y como si fuéramos los únicos que necesitaran este acto continuo de amor.

La lección es que nosotros también debemos estar atentos para no dar una importancia desbalanceada a las cosas que nos alejan de lo realmente importante. A medida que continuamos con el resto del año litúrgico, comenzaremos a escuchar más lecciones como esta. Conforme se presenten estas cosas, espero y oro por todos nosotros para que podamos seguir descubriendo el corazón del Evangelio y aplicándolo a nuestra vida diaria.

Paz, Padre Murray



Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/ Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

MQOA THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

MQOA Sunday
10:00 AM

www.mqoa.online.church

Mass Ministries Meeting
1:00 PM at IC Hall

MONDAY

Spanish Reunion Alpha
7:00 PM
St. James Hall

TUESDAY

Pre-Marriage Course #1
7:00 PM on ZOOM

FRIDAY

Mass in espanol
7:00 PM at IC

SATURDAY

Confession & Adoration
3:00 PM at IC Chapel

SUNDAY

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10:00 AM

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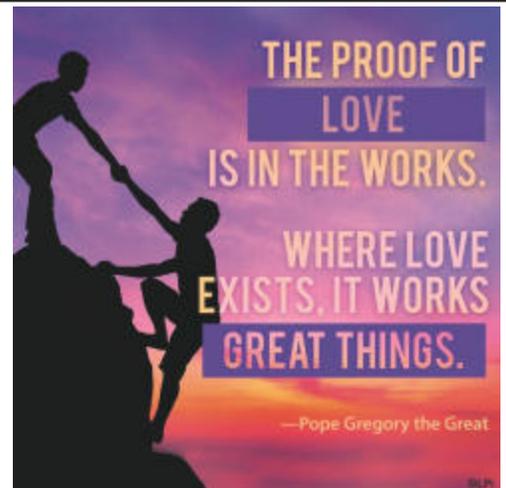


Congratulations to Trevor Jackson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout! Trevor had his Eagle Scout Court of Honor this past Sunday, after having to postpone it due to COVID this past year.

Trevor attends St. Michael's College and has been a lector at MQOA for over a year.



Blessing for all our students, teachers, and administrators for a safe and wonderful school year!



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- Find the Mass Guide with Sunday readings and more.
- Prayer Requests and information on healing.
- Discipleship Pathway: ways to grow in your faith.
- Links to our social media sites and website.
- Easy ways to support us: Give thru Givebutter, or Online Giving—whichever is easiest for you. Link to give to the Catholic Appeal. And learn about how shopping on Amazon can support MQOA.

Or go to: <https://flow.page/mqoa>



Save the date for our
MASS MINISTRY SUMMIT

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 29
1-3:30 PM
at IC, lower church hall

We will serve delicious food, update you on all the plans for this coming year of ministry in the parish, invite you to commit or re-commit to a liturgical ministry, and commission you for your work.

If you have ever (or never) considered taking up a ministry in hospitality (greeters, parking lot team), altar serving, lecturing or Eucharistic ministry, please join us!

If you have served for a short while or a long time, please still join us in order to be able to continue in your ministry.

Registration and details are on our Facebook page. Or email Margo at mmorin@mqa.org to register or for more information.

Second Collections for "Haiti Earthquake Relief"

On August 14, Haiti suffered a major earthquake, leaving loss of life, injuries, and destruction. This week's second collection will support the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), who are on the ground now in Haiti, and also the Church in Haiti.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) announced last week that it "is sending teams to provide clean water, sanitation, shelter, and emergency supplies in response to a major earthquake that struck southern Haiti early Saturday morning."

There are many organizations collecting donations for Haiti. By donating to the "Haiti Earthquake Relief" fund of the Archdiocese of Boston, you can be assured that your money will go directly to help the people thru the work of CRS and the Church in Haiti, and not to the government.

Checks can be addressed to "Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish". Please add "Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the memo.

For more information visit: www.crs.org

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Find information and links to the above online giving platforms by scanning the MQOA QR Code or visit:
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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
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Thank you for your support.

06 CONNECT AND GROW

STEWARDSHIP  Thank you for your continued support! Without you we could not provide our faith-filled programs and ongoing support to all our parishioners and the Salem Community.

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.

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



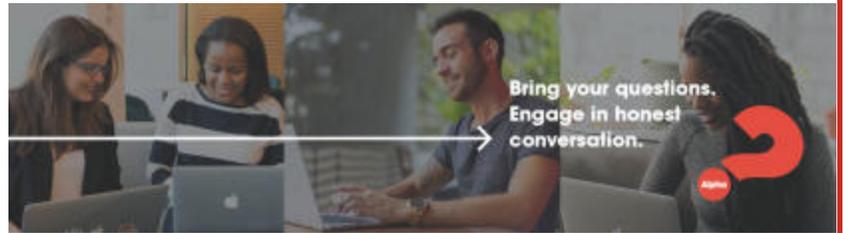
Alpha is returning this fall!

Come and See Nights are:

- **Alpha in English (21+)** | Wednesday, September 15 at 7PM
- **Alpha in Spanish (21+)** | Monday, September 27th at 7PM
- **Family Alpha** (for teenagers and their parents) | Tuesday, September 14 at 7PM

It all happens at **St. James Church Hall**. It's free, full of great people and delicious food, and we hope you'll join us (by yourself, or bring 4 friends!)

Go to MQOA.org/alpha for more information.



MQOA is feeling thankful 😊

Thank you to all the knights from our new Knights of Columbus group, who helped clean out the attic at St. James. This huge service project helped create storage space for MQOA.

Our Salem Knights of Columbus is looking for men to join, and would like to invite you to a meeting to learn more about this great organization. They meet every fourth Monday of the month, and their next meeting is Monday, September 27, at 7PM, in the SJ Conference Room.





Wed., Sept 1

7:30 AM Matta Bong T. Nguyen Memorial

Fri., Sept 3

7:30 AM Anna Vi T. Nguyen Memorial



Have you had a chance to tune into MQOA Sunday? If not, give it a try! Join us each Sunday at 10 AM on our Facebook page for an interactive, engaging conversation centered around the Sunday Gospel.

MQOA Sunday is a casual kitchen-table conversation that makes the Gospels approachable and relatable and is a great way to connect with people in the parish and the world.

We'll be using our weekly Beta Group lessons as the base of our conversations, and will take questions and prayer requests live.

We hope you'll check it out, and that it will enhance your own experience of scripture!

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(You do not need a Facebook account to join the conversation.)

CONFIRMATION

Our community will walk with you on this journey. Sacramental preparation brings both candidates, sponsors, and parents to a deeper understanding of the lifelong commitment that is made when receiving a sacrament in the Catholic Church.



If you have (or are) a young person in grade 10 or above, who has been baptized and has received First Communion, we welcome you and your family to prepare for Confirmation.

2022 Confirmation Program

MQOA's Confirmation prep begins with a family focus program in the fall with **Family Alpha**. Then in the new year, youth and sponsors attend the How to Catholic series.

- **Family Alpha**, begins Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 PM, at St. James Hall. (Until November 2)
- **How To Catholic | Teaching Series**, meets for seven weeks beginning on Sunday, March 6 at 3:30 PM, in IC Hall.
- **Confirmation Rehearsal & Mass**
 - **Rehearsal** is Sunday, May 8, 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, in IC Hall.
 - **Confirmation Mass** is held at our Sunday 5 PM Mass at IC Church on Sunday, May 15.

Learn more and register at:
mqoa.org/confirmation

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Sacramental preparation brings the whole family to a deeper understanding of the lifelong commitment that is made when receiving a sacrament in the Catholic Church.



If you have a child who is 7 years old or older, and who has been baptized, we welcome your family to prepare together for your child to receive their first Reconciliation and Communion.

2022 Program

- **"Go Seek Find" Kits** consists of a Children's Bible, activity sheets, a treasure map, and stickers all designed to help parents teach their children about Reconciliation and the Mass. Once registered, families can pick up their child's kit at Mass.
- **Family Gatherings** are split between the two sacraments with three in the fall and three in the spring. They meet before or after Mass, depending on which Mass your family attends. Coffee and donuts are served. Parent and children sessions are in IC Hall at 10 AM.

First Communions will take place beginning in May, 2022. They are held at all our Sunday Masses.

Learn more and Register today:
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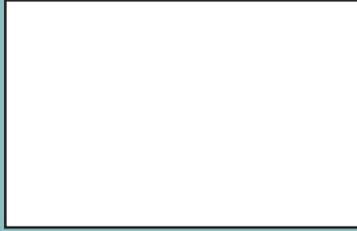

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