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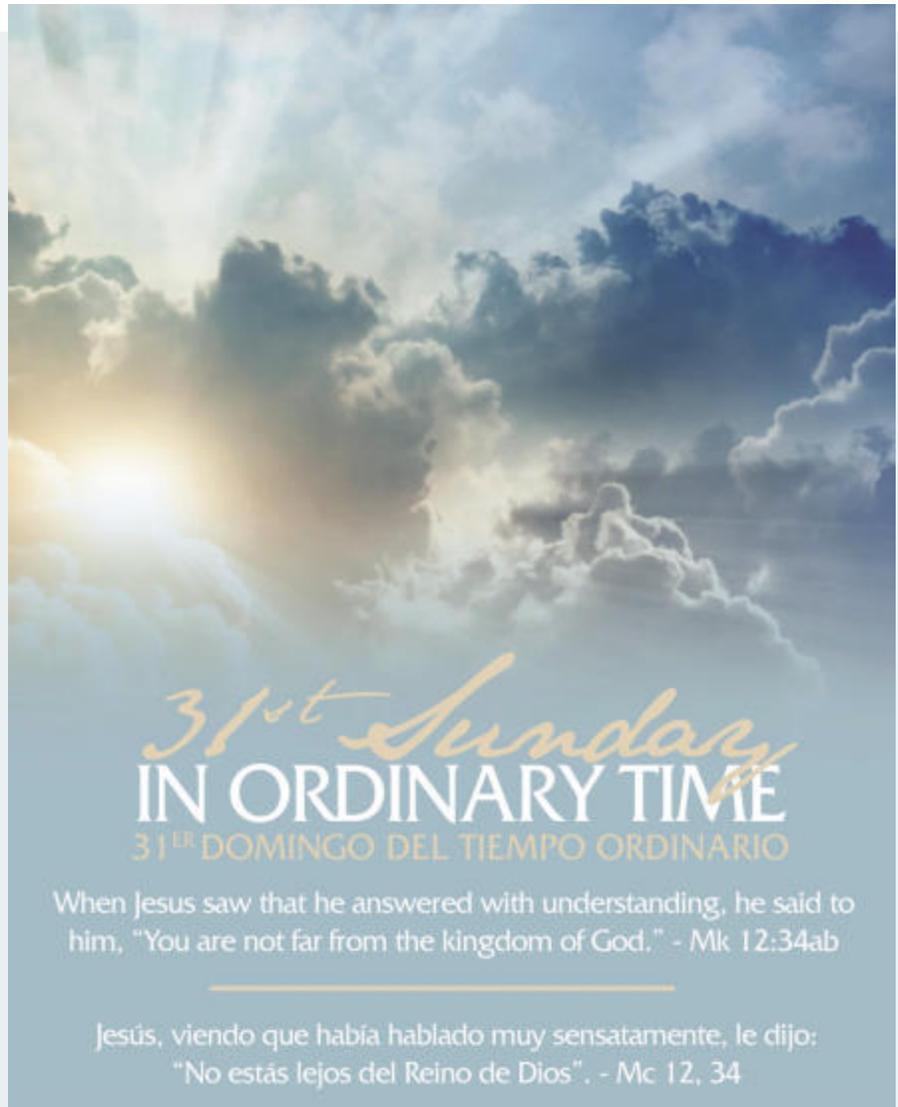
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WELCOME BIENVENIDO

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

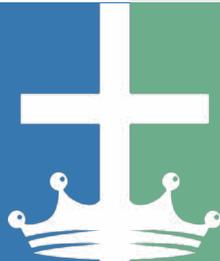
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31st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME
31^{ER} DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

Jesús, viendo que había hablado muy sensatamente, le dijo:
"No estás lejos del Reino de Dios". - Mc 12, 34



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02 A MESSAGE FROM FR. MURRAY



We sometimes hear the phrase: "We are entering the home stretch." It began as a racing reference, but it can be

applied to many journeys in our lives, as a sign that something is coming to an end or conclusion. And so it is with this liturgical year, we enter these last few weeks—the home stretch—and we have a few things to keep in mind.

In November, the month of souls, we remember the four realities of our lives: birth, death, final judgment, and eternity. We start this week with a reminder of what is important. In today's Gospel Jesus said, "The Lord our God is Lord alone!" It is a phrase Jesus uttered every day. In many Jewish households in our own time, it is still prayed daily. It's an important statement of belief that, as we enter the home stretch—the end of the liturgical year—the Church wants us to remember.

The readings of the liturgical year help us think and pray about our relationship with God. One idea for a home retreat is to sit quietly every night for a few

minutes and ask ourselves what place God has in our lives. Is God first? Do I love and trust God and know that God loves and trusts me? The honesty we use in answering these questions can set us up for deeper growth in the next liturgical year. Another set of questions we might ask ourselves is how much did we learn this year about our faith? Are we more able to tell others the reason for our hope than we were last year at this time? What about our humility before God? Have we shown trust in this area too? I sometimes think that the large crowds who didn't ask Jesus any more questions were afraid because they knew they would be challenged by Him. That might be our fear too, but one we all need to confront if we are going to grow as disciples.

A "first things first" attitude can help us remember that we are at our best when we are centered in Christ. This weekend, although we normally would fill our parking lot with paying customers, we decided to reserve spots for a wedding and for a retreat. Gathering funds from the parking lot is great and helps our budget a lot, but our mission is not to make money. The very purpose for all the funds we gather is to help us to support the retreats, the weddings, and all the other

programming we do here in the parish.

As we turn to this month of souls, we might also remember that we can pray for those who have gone before. Please feel welcome to write the names of those you remember in the Book of Remembrance, and we will pray for them the rest of the liturgical year.

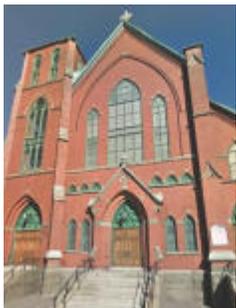
Peace, Father Murray

Building news: As the winter weather comes closer, we are preparing the churches to withstand the elements. We have had the boilers serviced, cleaned, and readied for the heating season. The bell project at IC will conclude soon, and the dedication plaque will be blessed and displayed. We are still waiting for the completion of the light project but have already begun to see savings on the electric bills. At IC, the leaky oil tank will be removed, and we will get along now with two tanks with hopes that is sufficient for our heating system.

PARISH INFORMATION

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A veces escuchamos la frase de que “estamos entrando en la recta final”. Puede aplicarse a los deportes (donde tiene sus raíces) en los negocios, la remodelación del hogar, el año escolar, etc. Es una señal de que algo está llegando a su fin o conclusión. Así ocurre con este año litúrgico. Entramos en estas últimas semanas en la recta final y se nos dan algunas cosas para recordar.

En el mes que viene, de las almas, recordamos que las cuatro realidades de nuestra vida son el nacimiento, la muerte, el juicio final y el cielo y/o el infierno. Comenzamos esta semana con un recordatorio de lo que es importante. Hoy en el evangelio, en tiempos de Jesús, esta frase pronunciada por Él se decía todos los días. En muchos hogares judíos todavía se dice actualmente. Es un recordatorio de que al entrar en la recta final, hasta el final del año litúrgico, están los grandes temas que la iglesia quiere que recordemos. “Primero es lo primero” como se dice y hoy ese es el mensaje.

Al comienzo y al final del año litúrgico, debemos estar recordando nuestra relación con Dios y dónde encaja todo en nuestras vidas. Una idea para un retiro en casa que podríamos intentar consiste en sentarnos en silencio todas las noches durante unos minutos y preguntarnos qué

lugar ocupa Dios en nuestras vidas. ¿Él está en el primer lugar? ¿Lo amo y confío en Él y sé que Él me ama y confía en mí? La honestidad que usemos en esta pregunta y respuesta bien puede ayudarnos para el próximo año litúrgico. Otro conjunto de preguntas que podríamos hacernos es ¿Cuánto aprendimos este año sobre nuestra fe? ¿Estamos más preparados para dar razón de nuestra esperanza, que el año pasado en esta época? ¿Y nuestra humildad ante Dios? ¿Hemos mostrado confianza también en esta área? A veces pienso que las grandes multitudes que no le hicieron más preguntas a Jesús tenían miedo de que Él las desafiara demasiado. Ese también puede ser nuestro miedo, pero todos debemos enfrentarlo si queremos crecer como discípulos.

Nuestra actitud ante “primero es lo primero” también puede ayudarnos a recordar que somos personas centradas en Cristo. Este fin de semana, aunque normalmente llenábamos nuestro estacionamiento con clientes que pagaban, decidimos reservar lugares para una boda y para un retiro. Recaudar fondos del estacionamiento es una gran idea y ayuda mucho a nuestro presupuesto, pero no estamos aquí para ganar dinero. Los fondos nos ayudan a apoyar los retiros, las bodas y todos los demás programas que hacemos

aquí en la parroquia.

Al volver ahora a este mes de las almas, también podemos recordar que debemos orar por aquellos que se han ido antes de haber sido marcados (bautizados) con el signo de la fe. Por favor, siéntete bienvenido a escribir el nombre de aquellos que recuerdas en el Libro del Recuerdo y oraremos por ellos el resto del año litúrgico.

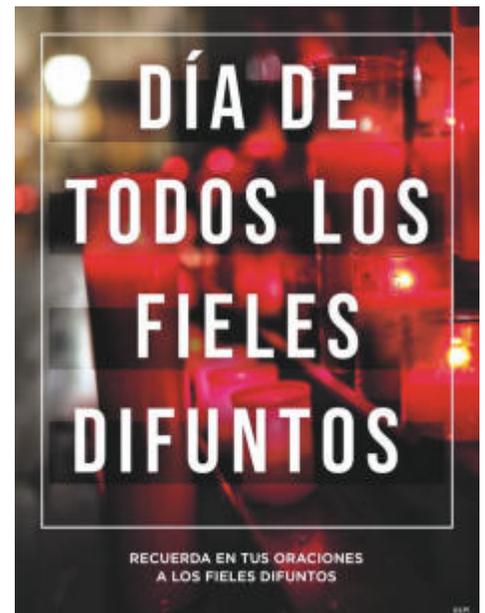
Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias de construcción: A medida que se acerca el clima invernal, estamos preparando las iglesias para los elementos. Hacemos que las calderas sean revisadas, limpiadas y preparadas para la temporada de calefacción. El proyecto de la campana en IC concluirá pronto y la placa de dedicación será colgada y bendecida. Todavía estamos esperando la finalización de las luces, pero ya hemos comenzado a ver ahorros en las facturas de electricidad. En IC se quitará el tanque de aceite que gotea y ahora estamos resolviendo con dos tanques. Veremos si eso es suficiente para nuestro sistema de calefacción.

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday:	Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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



04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

MQOA THIS WEEK

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS,
WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Daily Mass at IC chapel
7:30 AM

SUNDAY, OCT 31

MQOA Sunday
10:00 AM at

facebook.com/MQOASalem
Or wherever you listen to
podcasts!

Rosary and Reflection—
cancelled
5:45 PM at IC Chapel

MONDAY, NOV 1

All Saints Day
Mass and Potluck
(see page 5 for details)

TUESDAY, NOV 2

All Souls Day Mass
(see page 5)

THURSDAY, NOV 4

AA Meeting
7 PM | SJ Conference Rm

FRIDAY, NOV 5

Mass en español
7:00 PM at IC

SATURDAY, NOV 6

Confession & Adoration
3:00 PM at IC Chapel

FEELING GENEROUS? TELL US ABOUT IT!

As we all continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, MQOA has prayerfully decided to begin thinking more strategically about the future of our parish and the well-being of our people. As part of that effort, we want to understand how you, our parishioners, have been financially impacted by the pandemic and how you are presently viewing generosity, giving and your financial priorities. We are partnering with Barna (www.barna.com) to offer an assessment that we hope will provide insights into the experiences and wishes of those in our faith community. We would love for you to take it so we can listen to and learn from you.

It should take less than ten minutes of your time but will provide us with valuable insight into our congregation that will inform future actions.

The survey is easy to access:

1. Text MQOA to 90888 to start the assessment
2. Type this address in your computer browser:
www.tinyurl.com/MQOAGen
3. Or scan the QR code:



We will share our findings with you as soon as we have the results! Thank you for your participation!

JOIN OR FORM A BETA SMALL GROUP

Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish has a small group process we call Beta; it is produced every week and gives small groups a chance to talk about the Sunday Gospels as they relate to real life. You can start a Beta Group by checking out our weekly lesson, or jump into a group that runs every Monday morning and is always open to newcomers. Find out more on our website: www.MQOA.org/beta



WONDEROUS STORIES

Kids up to grade 6 are welcome to join in Wondrous Stories, our children's liturgy of the word, during the 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses. Presented in English, this free program presents the Gospels in a kid-friendly way, and invites kids to engage with the Bible and with our leaders through music, drama and conversation while their parents hear the Good News on their own level at Mass.



TIME FOR PEACEFUL, HEALING PRAYER

Join us to pray after the 5 PM Mass at IC every Sunday. We offer this healing space immediately following the 5 PM Mass. Come sit and enjoy the quiet. Join us in praying the Rosary, for the prayer requests sent to the parish throughout the week, the mission of the parish, healing for all friends and parishioners of MQOA, and other intentions and needs of the world from the week.



SERVE, GIVE, CELEBRATE 05



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

The twin feasts of All Saints and All Souls are coming up, and we invite you to celebrate.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1
7:30 AM Mass in English at IC
OR

6:00 PM Mass in English and Spanish, followed by a **potluck dinner in the lower church hall at IC.** Bring your family's favorite shareable meal, drop it in the hall before Mass, and join together with everyone afterward to feast!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7:30 AM Mass in English at IC
OR

6:00 PM Mass in English and Spanish at IC
We'll remember and light candles for everyone we've lost this year.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In your prayer and giving, please remember the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the work they do in Salem, providing for those hit hardest by this pandemic.

Every month SVdP Society helps those in need to avoid hunger, utility shut-offs and evictions. We rely on donations from generous people like you!

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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<https://flow.page/mqoa>



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**GOD IS LIGHT,
AND IN HIM
THERE IS NO
DARKNESS AT ALL.**

1 JOHN 1:5

06 MQOA THIS WEEK

Synod on Synodality—Take the survey!



Over the next several years, the Church around the world will be participating in a process called the Synod on Synodality. The Holy Father will be meeting with Bishops from across the globe in 2023 to discuss ways of improving the process by which the Church on all levels is open to hearing the voices of people from all walks of life.

That process begins here in Boston now with asking as many people as possible to take a simple survey. The link to the survey can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPFt9>

Or, scan the QR Code to the right to go to the survey.



We hope to be able to make some contribution to the global conversation on synodality. More importantly, we hope to improve the synodality of various local institutions here in the Archdiocese, as well as of the Archdiocese itself.

This survey is a first step. Among upcoming events (which we will post in future bulletins), there will be an opening Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, on Saturday, November 27, at 4:30PM. The Mass will be broadcast on CatholicTV, as well being a live event. We hope you will take a moment to answer this survey.



FIND YOUR NEXT STEPS

We can help you discern your next steps in faith. Start with a Spiritual Gifts discernment on our website.

Visit www.MQOA.org/pathway and scroll all the way down to take the quick assessment.

Or, make an appointment to meet with any of our staff members to see how you can grow in your faith and relationship with God.

Reach out: info@MQOA.org



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Daily Examen of Stewardship

“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?

What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?

To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?

Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Sun., October 31
11:30 AM Jean Cheney Memorial

Sun., November 7
8:30 AM Rosa Bertoldi Memorial

*Volunteers
Needed*

THE SALEM PANTRY is looking for volunteers who are able to support distribution sites and sign up on a recurring basis. A current need is for people to assist distributing food on Tuesdays (between 11-2 PM) at three Salem Housing Authority locations; and, on Fridays at a few locations, including Pequot Highlands, Fairweather Apartments, and Salem Heights, from 8-10:00 AM (actual time may vary depending on location).

Other volunteer opportunities are available.

Go to: <https://www.thesalempantry.org/volunteer> for more information, or contact Samantha Johanson, Manager of Operations, at 978-552-3954, Ext 3, to find out more.

ST. ANDREW DINNER

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-POPE EMERITUS BENEDECT XIV

- Prayer
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REMINDER: Register NOW!

13th Annual Archdiocesan Convocation
Saturday, November 13, 2021 10 am to 12:30 pm
Theme: "Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future"

Please join us to hear the clarion call from our Global Spiritual Leader, Pope Francis - who helps us focus on what is most important in our lives after a very challenging year. We are now survivors. We are believers called to action by the Holy Spirit through a conversation with our Keynote Speaker, Austen Ivereigh, on behalf of Pope Francis. We invite you to celebrate Mass, listen to our other speakers and ponder what practical actions you can take to build a better future.

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Austen Ivereigh

DR. AUSTEN IVEREIGH is author of two biographies of Pope Francis: *The Great Reformer, Francis and the making of a radical pope* (2014) and *Wounded Shepherd. Pope Francis and his struggle to convert the Catholic Church* (2019). During the coronavirus lockdown in 2020 he collaborated with Pope Francis on his vision for a post-Covid world: *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*.

- **Mass** celebrated by Cardinal Seán O'Malley (Homilist) with Rev. Phong Q. Pham, Pastor of Blessed Andrew Phú Yên, as concelebrant
- **Commentary** by Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, Secretary of Health and Social Services, Archdiocese of Boston, following Keynote Speech
- **Reflection:** "Lessons from a Pandemic: what and how we can do better as a community of faith" by MC Sullivan, RN MTS JD, Chief Healthcare Ethicist, Archdiocese of Boston
- **Archdiocesan Social Justice Ministry Update** by Patricia Dinneen, Chair
- **Actions:** examples from Parishes and Social Justice Organizations about practical actions you can take for building a better future.

To Register [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information about the Convocation and the Archdiocesan Social Justice Ministry, go to www.bostoncatholic.org/socialjusticeministry or write to socialjustice@rcab.org:

Make your New Year's Eve special by having your Marriage Blessed in the presence of God

If you are married, but not in the Catholic Church, you are invited to a

Marriage Validation Ceremony

Officiated by Bishop Mark O'Connell

Friday, December 31 at 6:00 PM

Saint Theresa Church, 63 Winter St., North Reading

Celebrate the sanctity of marriage by ending 2021 in this wonderful way, and together look forward to the blessings of 2022.

During the wedding ceremony, each couple will say their vows separately before Bishop O'Connell and their two witnesses.

To get more information about how to register, please contact the Regional Bishop's Office at 978-531-1013 or northregion@rcab.org. There is no cost to the couple.

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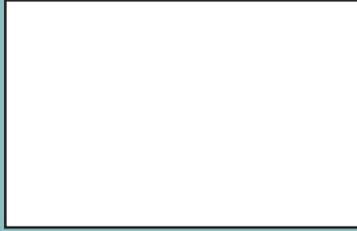

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