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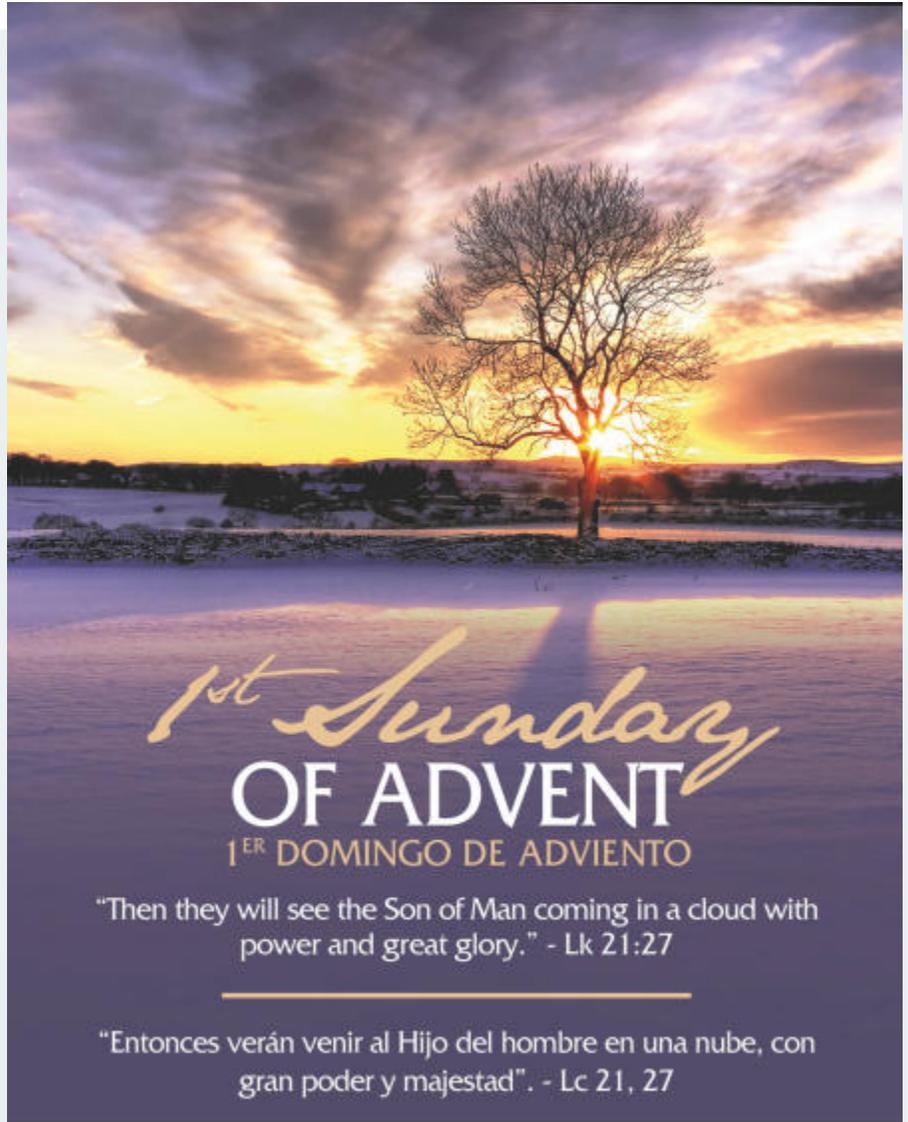
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WELCOME BIENVENIDO

**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 to find out how you can be part of what MQOA is doing to offer welcome and healing to all.



1st Sunday
OF ADVENT

1^{ER} DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." - Lk 21:27

"Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre en una nube, con gran poder y majestad". - Lc 21, 27



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Happy New Year! We get to say that before the rest of the world, because our liturgical year starts anew on the first Sunday of Advent. As we

look back on the year, we can see that many things have changed and that our community continues to grow, through our Alpha and adult learning programs and from our efforts to heal those who are around us. We celebrate our growing Church! As more people return, more are welcomed in faith. Those who have been away for whatever reasons, we are glad they are returning to seek out discipleship in Jesus Christ through the Gospel.

This past liturgical year was cycle B, which meant we had readings from the Gospel of Mark. The exceptions were for the six-week discourse from John's Gospel during the summer weeks. Mark's Gospel was written for a community that was under serious persecution, and that fact resonates in the writing. We remember that one of the most important lines in the Gospel is at the crucifixion when one of the soldiers' comments, "Truly this was the Son of God." (Mk 15:39)

As we move into the Gospel of Luke, we can see another view of Jesus and His teaching. Luke's Gospel was written for a diverse community mainly comprised of

converts to Christianity. It was originally written for a community of travelers around the Mediterranean Sea area. It contains some of our most beloved parables and stories (such as The Prodigal Son, The Road to Emmaus, the story of The Birth of Jesus). It also contains the great canticles of Mary, Zechariah, and Simeon, in the Nativity story. The Gospel of Luke is actually part one of a two-part book. In the Gospel, we hear the author telling the story of Jesus. In part two, the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the Church began to grow in the power of the Holy Spirit, fulfilling the mission of making disciples of all nations. (As an exercise to show the connection, grab your Bible and you can see that the first paragraphs of both books are addressed to one "Theophilus.")

Some of the great themes of the Gospel include caring for the poor, an emphasis on teaching, and the importance of generosity. We will see that generosity is a two-way street; God to us, and us to God. We will also see in Luke that generosity comes in different forms, and that being generous blesses everyone involved, including the person being generous. It is an act of trust in God and, conversely, we learn that God's generosity to us is also an act of trust on His part. I invite you to learn more about these themes at my teaching series on Generosity in the Gospel of Luke, every Sunday at 3:30 PM, in person, at Immaculate Conception.

As Advent begins, we enter the season of expectant waiting with the Psalms and their antiphons that begin with "O." It is a longing sound, and it helps us to enter the prayer of the season. As an act of humility and a tiny penitence, during this season we omit the Gloria until we can sing it anew in the Christmas season. We have much to do before the secular new year, but until then we will begin our liturgical new year with all the best practices that we can. Happy New Liturgical year!

On another happy note, I am pleased to introduce Jennifer Emery as our new music director. Jennifer has a long history of working in parishes and is a talented pianist and vocalist. She will be responsible for the music for the weekend Masses, funerals, and weddings and other opportunities to help our parish offer welcome and healing to everyone. Welcome, Jennifer!

Building news: At this writing, I am pleased to say that the bell is

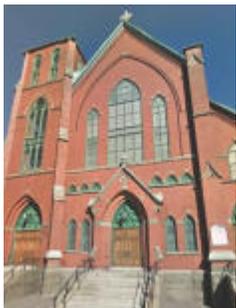
Peace, Father Murray

repaired. We have work to do in the tower on the support beams, and we hope to have that done before it is too cold.

PARISH INFORMATION

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UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MURRAY 03

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Podemos decir esto un poco antes porque nuestro año litúrgico comienza de nuevo el primer domingo de Adviento. Al mirar hacia atrás en el año, podemos ver que muchas cosas han cambiado y que nuestra comunidad continúa creciendo, a través de nuestros programas Alfa y de aprendizaje para adultos y de nuestros esfuerzos por sanar a quienes nos rodean. Podemos celebrar que la iglesia continúa creciendo y, a medida que más personas regresan y más personas son bienvenidas en la fe o que se habían ausentado por otras razones y han vuelto, nos alegra que las personas continúen buscando el discipulado en Jesucristo a través del Evangelio.

El año pasado, el año litúrgico fue del Ciclo B, lo que significa que tuvimos lecturas del Evangelio de Marcos. Las excepciones fueron para el discurso de seis semanas del Evangelio de Juan. (Durante las semanas de verano) El Evangelio de Marcos fue escrito para una comunidad que estaba bajo mucha persecución y se puede ver en la escritura. Recordamos que una de las líneas más importantes del Evangelio es en la crucifixión cuando uno de los soldados comenta: "Verdaderamente éste era el Hijo de Dios." (Mc 15, 39)

Al pasar a Lucas, podemos comenzar a ver otro punto de vista de Jesús y su enseñanza. El Evangelio de Lucas fue escrito para una comunidad que estaba compuesta principalmente por una muy variada agrupación de

conversos. Originalmente fue escrito para una comunidad que tenía muchos viajeros alrededor del área del Mar Mediterráneo. Contiene algunas de las parábolas más queridas (por ejemplo, la de El hijo pródigo, Camino a Emaús). Además de la historia del nacimiento de Jesús. También contiene los grandes cánticos de María, Zacarías y Simeón en el cuento de la Natividad. En el Evangelio de Lucas, escuchamos al apóstol contar la historia de Jesús en la primera mitad de su libro; y luego, en el Libro de los Hechos -la segunda parte del proyecto- vemos cómo la iglesia comenzó a crecer en el poder del Espíritu Santo y a cumplir la misión de hacer discípulos de todas las naciones. (Como ejercicio para mostrar la conexión, tome su Biblia y vea que los primeros párrafos de ambos libros están dirigidos a un Teófilo.) Algunos de los grandes temas del evangelio incluyen una opción por los pobres, un énfasis en la enseñanza y la importancia de generosidad. Veremos que la generosidad es una calle de doble sentido. Dios para nosotros y nosotros para Dios. También veremos que la generosidad se manifiesta de diferentes formas y que siempre es bueno ser generoso. Es un acto de confianza en Dios y, a la inversa, aprendemos que la generosidad de Dios para con nosotros también es un acto de confianza de su parte.

Al comenzar el Adviento, también habremos entrado en el tiempo de espera expectante con los salmos y sus antifonas que comienzan con Oh.

Es un sonido de nostalgia y nos ayuda a entrar en la oración del tiempo. Como acto de humildad y un poco de penitencia, durante este tiempo omitimos el Gloria hasta que podamos cantarlo de nuevo en el tiempo de Navidad. Tenemos mucho que hacer antes de esa fecha, pero hasta entonces comenzaremos nuestro nuevo año litúrgico con todas las mejores prácticas que podamos. ¡Feliz año litúrgico nuevo!

En otra nota feliz, me complace presentar a Jennifer Emory como nuestra nueva directora musical. Jennifer tiene una larga historia de trabajo en parroquias y es una pianista y vocalista capacitada. Ella será responsable de la música para las misas de fin de semana, funerales y bodas y de otras oportunidades para ayudar a hacer crecer nuestro programa de música. Bienvenida Jennifer.

Paz, Padre Murray

Noticias del edificio: Al momento de escribir este artículo, me complace decir que la campana está reparada. Tenemos trabajo que hacer en las vigas de soporte en la torre y esperamos hacerlo antes de que haga demasiado frío.

Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



04 THIS WEEK AT MQOA

MQOA THIS WEEK

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS,
WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Daily Mass at IC chapel
7:30 AM

SUNDAY, NOV 28

MQOA Sunday
10:00 AM at
facebook.com/MQOASalem

Advent Teaching Series
3:30 PM at IC

Rosary and Reflection
5:45 PM at IC Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DEC 1

Alpha Reunion
7:00 PM at SJ Hall

FRIDAY, DEC 3

Mass en español
7:00 PM at IC

SATURDAY, DEC 4

Holy Spirit Retreat Day
10 AM to 4 PM

Confession & Adoration
3:00 PM at IC Chapel

SUNDAY, DEC 5

MQOA Sunday
10:00 AM at
facebook.com/MQOASalem

Advent Teaching Series
3:30 PM at IC

Rosary and Reflection
5:45 PM at IC Chapel



Come Holy Spirit

DECEMBER 4, 2021 AT 10 AM – 4 PM

All Alpha graduates from MQOA and beyond are invited to join us for a Holy Spirit Day on Sunday, December 4, 2021.

We will offer the Alpha Day Away, with the Alpha Holy Spirit videos, small group conversations, live music, amazing food, and deep prayer.

If you need a freshen-up of your Alpha experience, or have only experienced the Day Away online, or have never been able to attend the Alpha Day Away, this is for you.

Register at: <https://fb.me/e/1VHBZpM4g>

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)



Luke's Generosity

**Advent Teaching Series with Father Murray
Begins today!**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

AT 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

As we begin a new liturgical year, our gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. During Advent, join Father Murray as he leads a discussion on Luke and Luke's generosity. The Advent Teaching Series will meet at Immaculate Conception.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Want to keep Christ in Christmas?

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted, care for the ill, love your enemies, and do unto others as you would have done unto you.

- Steve Maraboli

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
158 Federal St.
Salem, MA. 01970

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting for St. Vincent de Paul is December 13 at 6:30 PM in the conference room at St. James.



Changes to receiving Communion at your car

Beginning Nov 28, the first Sunday in Advent, we will no longer be bringing Communion to cars in the parking lot during Mass.

If you have someone in your household who is unable to attend indoor Mass due to health concerns, please reach out to any staff member and we can arrange for you to bring Communion home to your loved ones.



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06 CONNECT AND GROW



★ EXTENDED ANOTHER WEEK—PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY!

★ Your participation will help us plan for our future!

★ 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 10 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:

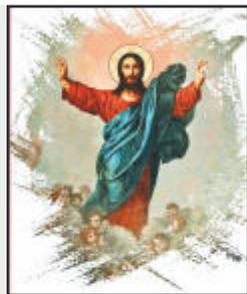
★ Text MQOA to 90888 to start the assessment

★ Type this address in your computer browser: www.tinyurl.com/MQOAGen

★ Or scan the QR code:



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



November 28 ~ First Sunday of Advent

The readings for this first Sunday of Advent stress the importance of having a strong and committed relationship with Jesus Christ. When stress and tensions arise, or you feel weighed down or discouragement sets in, today's readings are good reminders to remain hopeful. They tell us again that we have all we need in Christ Jesus—we need to rely on him and follow him faithfully. Pray for the grace to recognize the little signs of hope that God places before you.

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 at: info@MQOA.org



OH SNOW!

A reminder, when Salem Schools close due to weather, our office is closed and all programs are cancelled. Cancellations will also be posted on our website and on our Facebook page



Sun., November 28

8:30 AM Warren and Mary McCannon
Memorial

Wed., December 1

7:30 AM Anton Nam V. Ngo
Memorial

Sun., December 5

8:30 AM Julietita & Anthony Gioioso
61st Wedding Anniversary
5:00 PM Sally, John, and Helen Zegarowski
Memorial

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention to remember or honor a loved one, call the office at 978-745-9060.

Or email mbarrette@mqa.org.

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Thank you for keeping MQOA in mind!



Project Nazareth: Advent Series

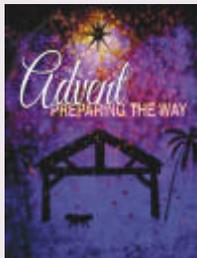
How can we help our families establish Catholic traditions at home? One way is by encouraging our families to live Advent in expectation of the coming of Jesus. Project Nazareth is offering a free 4-week Advent series to help families prepare for Christmas.

It's simple! All parents need to do is sign up and then each week they receive the resources in their inbox (beginning November 21). They also gain access to our Nazareth Nights, a virtual gathering for community among all Project Nazareth users. All you have to do is share the sign-up link (<https://bit.ly/PNAdvent>) with your parents and we do the rest! Let's help Advent begin at home!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Preparing the Manger



Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate—do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season—the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way—that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point—Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves.

And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God—and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season—"advent"—encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget—our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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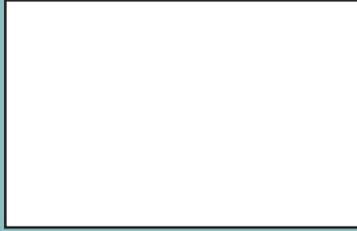

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