NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (OT 20) – 14 AUG 2022

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READINGS & INTENTIONS

Sun, Aug 14, Ninth Sunday After Trinity (OT 20)
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Psalms 40:1-4, 16, 20-21 /
DWSM: Propers p. 1044 & Readings: p. 984
Order of the Mass: pp. 663-706
5 p.m. Intention for Emma Vale
7 a.m. Donna Brandenberger, Departed
9 a.m. Intention for the Delaney Family
11 a.m. Intention for People of the Parish
5 p.m. Intention for Fr. Mark & Vicky Lewis

Mon, Aug 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / Psalms 45:9-11, 15
7 a.m. Marvin Kuntz, Departed
6:30 p.m. Intention for the Lopez Family

Tue, Aug 16, St. Stephen of Hungary
Ezekiel 28:1-10 / Matthew 19:23-30
7 a.m. David Bowren, Departed

Wed, Aug 17, Feria
Ezekiel 34:1-11 / Matthew 20:1-16a
7 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Thu, Aug 18, Feria
Ezekiel 36:23-28 / Matthew 22:1-14
7 a.m. Harold Cromie, Departed

Fri, Aug 19, St. John Eudes, Priest
Ezekiel 37:1-14 / Matthew 22:34-40
7 a.m. Todd Morgan, Departed

Sat, Aug 20, St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
Ezekiel 43:1-7a / Matthew 23:1-12
7 a.m. The Unborn Victims of Abortion

Vigil Mass - Tenth Sunday After Trinity (OT 21)
5 p.m. Intention for John Paul Weber

WHAT’S NEXT AT THE PARISH

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August 14, 2022  20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus’ message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God’s ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they’re sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. “What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine).” Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don’t lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

Catholic Faith

Question: My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

Answer: Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can’t be close to someone we don’t know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don’t know how to answer. If your friend hasn’t yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor’s current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported.

To add someone to this list, please send an email to joliveros@ourladyoftheatonement.org

Pray the Rosary

Brothers & Sisters, we ask that you keep the following members in your prayers.

> The Culhane Family    > Bishop Lopes    > Fr. Mark Lewis    > All the Unborn around the World

> School staff, teachers, and students preparing for the new school year

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The parish office has temporarily been moved over to Saint Anthony Hall. To access it you must park in the teacher's parking lot and come in through the side doors. The front doors to the school are NOT to be used due to construction.

**REligious Education** - Registration for 2022-2023 is now open! Please register online through the QR code, and make your checks payable to Our Lady of The Atonement or pay via the online giving link, selecting the “Youth Religious Education” fund. Registration fees are as follow: July-Aug 14th: 1 child $40, 2 children $90, 3+ children $140; Aug 15-31: 1 child $50, 2 children $100, 3+ children $150; Sep or later: 1 child $60, 2 children $110, 3+ children $160. Those who serve as catechists have their registration fees waived. If interested in becoming a catechist, we still have spots that need filling, please contact Fr. Jenkins at fr.jon.jenkins@ordinariate.net.

**CYO Fall Sports Registration - Last Week to Register** - Player registration is OPEN FOR ALL FALL CYO SPORTS (soccer, flag football, and girls volleyball), closing on **21 August, 2022**, with seasons beginning on 16 September, 2022. Registration and payment is all done online. To register just scan the QR code or go directly to our website at ourladyoftheatonement.org, Ministries & Organizations, CYO, and complete the registration via SportsPilot. As always, coaches are needed. Each team must have at least one volunteer coach - ask us how to get involved. Send email to cyopresident@atomentonline.com

**Attention High School Aged Youth** - Our Parish Youth Group is returning soon. If you are interested, send an email to youthgroup@ourladyoftheatonement.org, scan the QR code, or go directly to our registration page at https://forms.gle/yY7tZzqmr92uszQo6 and fill out the questionnaire.

Please join us on **Sunday, August 14, 2022,** at **6:30 p.m.**, when invited organist and composer Ethan Haman will be offering a recital on our very own Grand Casavant organ in celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ethan is internationally sought-after as a performer and clinician, having just finished a dual masters degree (MMA & MM) in organ performance from Yale University.

**Inquiry Classes to Begin Soon!** - A new series of Inquiry Class sessions will begin on **August 21, 2022**. Classes meet on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the Common Room (#201). If you or someone you know would benefit from these classes, please plan to attend and encourage others to come with you. If you have any questions please contact Alan Becker by email at inquiry@ourladyoftheatonement.org or call/text (210) 273-9426. You may also find out about us by visiting our Inquiry Class page on the parish website at www.ourladyoftheatonement.org/learn/adult-inquiry.

These classes help those considering entering into full communion with the Catholic Church (or returning to it) to understand what the Catholic Church teaches and why. We also invite practicing Catholics already in full communion as a method to brush up on their faith. The goal is to guide each interested person to better understand and embrace the Catholic Way; the Fullness of Truth; and the Sacramental Life of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

**Attention All Parish Ministries & Organizations** - Please join us on **Wednesday, August 24, 2022,** at **6 p.m.,** in the Common Room. In this meeting we will talk about upcoming events within in each group as well as common goals. Invitations have gone out via email. If your Ministry or Organization did not receive an invitation, or for additional information please contact Mrs. Erica Lizama at elizama@ourladyoftheatonement.org. Please RSVP via email.

**Attention All Newcomers to the Parish!** If you joined our parish in the past two years, this is for you. Come join us on **Saturday, August 27, 2022,** at **10 a.m.** in the Common Room #201, in the school (access is through the gym, first door on the left, up the stairs.) We are here to help you learn about the Ordinariate and the different ministries within our parish. We want to help you integrate into the parish community. Light refreshments will be served. You will be able to tour our parish and learn about its history. Please RSVP via email to Newcomers@ourladyoftheatonement.org no later than August 23, 2022.

**Looking for more Catechists!**

As our Religious Education program continues to grow and expand, we are on a hunt for more catechists to join us in the fall. Those who have experience teaching are quite helpful, but others can be trained as well. Curriculum is provided, so you do not have to compose anything. If interested in helping out for this coming school year please contact Fr. Jenkins via email at fr.jon.jenkins@ordinariate.net.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Sacred Heart Chapel - Friday 7:45 a.m. to Sunday 6:15 a.m.
Parish Family Adoration Hour - First Thursday of the month - 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - First Saturday after the 7 a.m. Mass
Morning and Evening Prayer - Mon - Sun, 6:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Parish Rosary - Saturday after the 7 a.m. Mass
Healing Mass - Quarterly

Our Parish Ministries & Organizations are always in need of volunteers. Please consider volunteering.

URGENT NEEDS FOR ADORERS

We need TWO adorers for each of the following time periods: Saturday: 3-4 p.m., and 9-10 p.m.
We need ONE more adorers for: Friday: noon-1 p.m., 2-3 p.m., and 8-9 p.m., and Saturday: 5-6 p.m. Please contact Cathy School at (210) 275-5104.

Question: Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer: While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document Built of Living Stones (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is “integrally connected with the church” which can foster “reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer.” This can be especially important for communities that have continuous Eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the “source and summit” of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Catherine School
schoolcat@att.net, (210) 275-5104

Adult Inquiry Class - Alan Becker
inquiry@ourladyoftheatonement.org, (210) 273-9426

American Heritage Girls - Veronica Tovar, AHG Coordinator, or Catherine Henriquez, AHG Vice Coordinator
ahgtroop0814@gmail.com, (210) 695-2944

Atonement Moms Group
https://OurLadyofAtonement.flocknote/AtonementMoms

Culture of Life Ministry - Phil Sevilla
philsevilla@att.net, (210) 784-0518

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Athletics
cyopresident@atonementonline.com

Educating on Nature & Dignity of Women (ENDOW)
Glorian Roman-Ashby - EndowatAtonement@gmail.com

Fr. Paul of Graymoor Knights of Columbus Council #16730
Grand Knight, Mark Cerda, (210) 692-4245

God’s Comfort in Loss (after miscarriage) - Marcela Elsner, Renee Keller, & Claire Jenkins
godscomfortinloss@ourladyoftheatonement.org

Newcomers Ministry - Karen King
newcomers@ourladyoftheatonement.org

Nonnatus Meals for New Mothers - nonnatusmeals@gmail.com

Rosary Guild - Catherine School - schoolcat@att.net
(210) 275-5104, or Grace Howard, (210) 887-8562

Sacraments for the Homebound
Please call & leave a message, (210) 695-2944

St. Cuthbert Home Visitation Ministry - Dr. Jesus Garcia Gallegos
jgarcia.gallegos@gmail.com - (210) 993-2127

St. Joseph the Worker Prayer Group - Bill Vogt, (913) 961-2981

St. Stephen’s Guild for Altar Servers, Ushers, & Greeters
John Weems - altar_servers@ourladyoftheatonement.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society - (210) 695-2944

The Altar Guild - Jessica Coleman, (210) 479-5863

The Troops of St. George - Robert Wallace - tsg815.org

Women of Grace - Diana Marie Salsman
womenofgrace@ourladyoftheatonement.org

Our parish has over 20 different Ministries & Organizations at your disposal. We are here to help any parishioner. Please reach out to us in your time of need.

On the other hand, if you have time to volunteer, please contact the ministry or organization directly. We can always use your talents.

Parish Office SUMMER Hours are
Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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We continue to be grateful to those of you who contribute so generously to our Parish. But we still need your stewardship. Without your healthy support of the parish, we struggle to fully embrace God’s plan to spread the Gospel during these difficult and uncertain times.

Have you considered simplifying your giving through our online giving portal? You can automatically send your tithe from your checking account or debit/credit card – just as you may do now with your bills. You can enroll by going to the offertory link on our website at ourladyoftheatonement.org. You can continue to support us in the following ways:

**Online Giving** - At website and click on the “Offertory” link, select “Offertory Collections” in the fund box, and then fill in the amount of your tithe. Please consider making your tithe recurring.

**At Mass** - Bring your tithe to Mass

**Mail Your Check** - Attn: Business Office, Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church, 15415 Red Robin Rd, San Antonio, TX 78255.

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