THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (OT 24) – 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

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READINGS & INTENTIONS

Sun, Sep 11, Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity (OT 24)
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 / Psalms 51:1-2, 10-11, 15, 17 /
1 Timothy 1:12-17 / Luke 15:1-32
DWSM: Propers p. 1050 & Readings: p. 995
Order of the Mass: pp. 663-706
5 p.m. Intention for Sebastiao de Carmo Bohrer
7 a.m. Frank & Cecile Verkaik, Departed
9 a.m. Intention for Crystal Moore
11 a.m. Intention for People of the Parish
5 p.m. Sharon Stellrecht, Repose of the Soul

Mon, Sep 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary
1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33 / Luke 7:1-10
7 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Tue, Sep 13, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a / Luke 7:11-17
7 a.m. Bill Morgan, Departed

Wed, Sep 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Numbers 21:4b-9 / Psalms 78:1-3, 8, 34-39 /
Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17
7 a.m. James Orr, Departed
6:30 p.m. Intention for Pope Francis

Thu, Sep 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Luke 7:36-50
7 a.m. Jane Diaz, Departed

Fri, Sep 16, Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Corinthians 15:12-20 / Luke 8:1-3
7 a.m. Evelyn Clay, Departed

Sat, Sep 17, St. Hildergard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 / Luke 8:4-15
7 a.m. Intention for Claire Adian

Vigil Mass - Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity (OT 25)
5 p.m. Intention for Henry Lowe

PASTORAL EMERGENCY SUPPORT

Emergency Pastoral Care Hot Line
Please call (210) 370-7838 - Emergency calls only including last rites, anointing, and imminent death. For anything else please contact the parish office at (210) 695-2944.

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PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY
Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up … Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).”

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Rise, and Go to Your Father

“If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you're sure not picking anything up.”

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron’s “8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter,” (that’s Rule No. 5, by the way).

There’s a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it’s not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. I haven’t been given half of that, he thinks, and I’ve worked so hard. But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father’s indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Brothers & Sisters, we ask that you keep the following members in your prayers.
> Pope Francis
> Bishop Lopes
> Fr. Mark Lewis
> Fr. Jon Jenkins
> The Sackett family
> The Victims of 9/11, their families and friends

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

**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/yY7tZzqm92uszQo6 and fill out the questionnaire.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Join us on **September 11, 2022**, for a Parish Ministry Fair. Come and meet all our different Ministries and Support Organizations after the 7, 9, and 11 a.m. Masses, in the Piazza. You can learn more about their ministry, their mission, and sign up to join as a volunteer or participant. Also, join us for a guided tour of the parish, at 1 p.m., covering its history and highlighting some of its beautiful artwork and architectural design. Join us to learn more about Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church.

**SACRED MUSIC EVENT** - On **Sunday, September 25, 2022**, at **6:30 p.m.**, Dr. Andrew Lloyd, Professor of Organ Studies at UTSA will be offering a recital here on our Casavant organ. Dr. Lloyd is an active recitalist and composer, whose works have been preformed locally by the San Antonio Chamber Choir and the choirs of UTSA. He currently serves as the organist at University United Methodist Church here in San Antonio, and is professor to our very own Kieley Morales.

The CYO is looking for a few more players to join our soccer teams, especially the 3/4, 6, and the 10 year old teams.

If you are interested in registering, please send email to cyoregistrar@atonementonline.com.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Please join us after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on **Sunday, September 11, 2022**, in the Courtyard, to wish all Atonement clergy a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**CRITICAL NEEDS FOR ADORERS**

**We need TWO adorers for each of the following time periods:**

**Saturday:** 9-10 p.m. *No one is covering this hour*

**We need ONE more adorer for:**

**Friday:** 1-2 p.m. and 4-5 p.m., and

**Saturday:** 3-4 p.m., noon-1 p.m., 1-2 p.m., 3-4 p.m., 4-5 p.m., 5-6 p.m., 6-7 p.m., 7-8 p.m., and 11-Midnight.

Please send text Cathy School at (210) 275-5104 to commit to one of these hours.

We rely on our COMMITTED WEEKLY ADORERS to keep Adoration going in our parish.
Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77, and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Catherine School
schoolcat@att.net, (210) 275-5104

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

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

Newcomers Ministry - Karen King
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St. Cuthbert Home Visitation Ministry - Dr. Jesus Garcia Gallegos
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St. Joseph the Worker Prayer Group - Bill Vogt, (913) 961-2981

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John Weems - altar_servers@ourladyoftheatonement.org

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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
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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:

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