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REV. MR. DAVID DELANEY, Deacon
REV. MR. RANDALL KING, Deacon

Sun, Sep 18, Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity (OT 25)
Amos 8:4-7 / Psalms 113:1-2, 4-7 /
DWSM: Propers p. 1051 & Readings: p. 1000
Order of the Mass: pp. 663-706
5 p.m. Intention for Henry Lowe
7 a.m. Intention for Riley Markey
9 a.m. Durocher Family, Departed
11 a.m. Intention for People of the Parish
5 p.m. Julio Cardenas, Departed

Mon, Sep 19, St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
7 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Tue, Sep 20, St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 / Luke 8:19-21
7 a.m. Regina Szyszkiewicz, Departed

Wed, Sep 21, St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 / Matthew 9:9-13
7 a.m. Donna Brandenberger, Departed
6:30 p.m. Intention for Pope Francis

Thu, Sep 22, Feria
7 a.m. Raul Hernandez, Sr., Departed

Fri, Sep 23, Ember Friday in September
7 a.m. Nereyda Cardenas, Departed

Sat, Sep 24, Our Lady of Walsingham
Galatians 4:4-7 / John 19:25b-27
7 a.m. Pauline Gamblin, Departed

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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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September 18, 2022 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real “god” we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, Wealth, Riches and Money, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon’s influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over “never having enough,” an “I can’t afford it” mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world’s problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

“Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God’s will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.).” This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God’s kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God’s kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

Catechetical Sunday

Question: Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer: The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

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

> Pope Francis > Bishop Lopes > Fr. Mark Lewis > Fr. Jon Jenkins
> John Murphy > The unborn children > Altar servers, ushers, and greeters

To add someone to this list, please send an email to joliveros@ourladyoftheatonement.org
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/yT7Zzqm92uszQ06 and fill out the questionnaire.

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS - Join Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) of San Antonio for an evening of networking and learning. Enjoy free drinks and snacks while you meet other young Catholic professionals. Patrick Novecosky is an award-winning author, journalist, and speaker with a passion for the New Evangelization and Pope St. John Paul II, who he met five times. Come on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7 p.m. right here at our parish. All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to attend this free event. Professional attire is encouraged. Visit YCPSanAntonio.org for more information.

THE BIG GIVE - For the last several years, The Atonement Catholic Academy has participated in South Central Texas’ 24-hour online giving campaign called The Big Give. The event is fueled by the collaborative power of generous donors, creative nonprofits, social media support, and YOU. Thanks to generous support last year from parishioners, parents, former Crusader families, alumni relatives, and friends, The Atonement Catholic Academy raised $36,000 that was used to improve our computer and science programs, as well as update our playground. With your support again this year, we plan to utilize the donations to enhance security at our campus. A security team is considering options such as: additional video surveillance, an armed security officer, and much more. Our goal this year is to raise $50,000.

This year’s 24-hour event will begin on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 6 p.m. and will end on Friday, September 23, 2022, at 6 p.m. We look forward to your support and helping us enhance security at our campus. To donate please go to https://www.thebiggivesa.org/organizations/the-atonement-academy or scan the QR code.

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.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS - Our next lunch meeting is on Sunday, September 25, 2022, after the 11 a.m. Mass at Velvet Taco, 5515 N. Loop 1604 W # 105, San Antonio, TX 78232. Please RSVP to Kate Higdon at katehigdontxc@gmail.com. Come join us for relaxing fellowship with other young parishioners.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN - Our parish will be sponsoring a day of prayer and witness on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic located at 2140 Babcock Rd., on Saturday, October 1st, 2022 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please prayfully consider taking one hour to pray and witness for life. The parish has committed to having at least one person there for each hour.

CULTURE OF LIFE CONFERENCE - America After Roe vs. Wade Reversal - Saturday, October 1st, 2022, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2nd Floor in the Common Room. A conference to learn about the new challenges and opportunities in the new post-Roe era. Abortion is now banned in Texas and in a growing number of other states. Learn what we Catholics should know about our call to inform and support women undergoing crisis pregnancies. Speakers include prominent attorney Allan Parker and Fr. Will Combs, Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish. The session will include a roundtable discussion with pro-life ministries. For additional information, please contact Phil Sevilla at (210) 784-0518.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE - America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady’s maternal request to “stop offending God.” Its urgent that we heed Our Lady’s request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God’s blessings and to avert His wrath. That’s why we’re doing the Public Square Rosary Crusade. Join us here at Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church, in the school’s Common Room at noon on Saturday, October 15, 2022, for our Rosary Rally. Please RSVP via email to newcomers@ourladyoftheatonement.org by Thursday, October 13, 2022.

RESERVE THE DATE - Newcomers gathering on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Final gathering of the year. Come and learn about our parish’s history, hear from some of our ministries & organizations, take a tour of the parish. Stay tuned.

SACRED MUSIC EVENT - Join us on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. when The Adult Choir and The Academy Chamber Choir will be performing Maurice Durufle’s Requiem, alongside other anthems in celebration of the Solemnity of All-Saints (Nov 1.) and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All-Souls, Nov 2.)

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.
**Question:** Why are some saints honored as “patron saints”?

**Answer:** Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified.

Because we believe that the saints and blessed are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places.

Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support.

This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need.

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**CRITICAL NEEDS FOR ADORERS**

We need ONE more adorer for:

- **Friday:** 1-2 p.m. and 4-5 p.m., and
- **Saturday:** Midnight to 1 a.m., 3-4 a.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.

“And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and He said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour.” (Matthew 26:40)

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**Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church and The Atonement Catholic Academy** are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time and/or talents, please contact Mr. Anastacio Hinojosa at ahinojosa@atonementonline.com.

Shop online for Atonement merchandise. Order and retrieve at the parish office next business day. We can also arrange to leave in narthex the for pick-up

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**Parish Devotions**

**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
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 -
Catherine Henriquez, AHG Coordinator
Kristine Jeter AHG Vice Coordinator
ahgtroop0814@ourladyoftheatonement.org, (210) 695-2944

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

Culture of Life Ministry - Phil Sevilla (210) 784-0518 or via email
cultureoflife@ourladyoftheatonement.org

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
knightsofcolumbus@ourladyoftheatonement.org

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

Newcomers Ministry - Karen King
newcomers@ourladyoftheatonement.org

Rosary Guild -
Catherine School (210) 275-5104, or Grace Howard, (210) 887-8562 or via email to OLRG@ourladyoftheatonement.org.

Sacraments for the Homebound
sacramentforthehomebound@ourladyoftheatonement.org or call (210) 695-2944 & leave a message.

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
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(210) 695-2944

Director of Music - Alejandro Oliveros
music@ourladyoftheatonement.org
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Pastoral Council - John Weems
parishcouncil@atonementonline.com

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 our web page, click on the “Offertory” link, select “Offertory Collections” in the fund box, and then fill in the amount of your tithe, or simply scan this QR code on your smart device.

At Mass - Bring your tithe to Mass OR
Mail Your Check - Attn: Business Office, Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church, 15415 Red Robin Rd, San Antonio, TX 78255.

Please consider making your tithe recurring.