SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (OT 28) – 9 OCTOBER 2022

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READINGS & INTENTIONS

Sun, Oct 9, Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity (OT 28)
2 Kings 5:14-17 / Psalms 98:1-5 / 2 Timothy 2:8-13 / Luke 17:11-19
Order of the Mass: pp. 663-706

5 p.m. Intention for Faith Maier
7 a.m. Intention for Melissa Vale
9 a.m. Margaret Becker, Departed
11 a.m. Intention for People of the Parish
5 p.m. Intention for Larry Adian

Mon, Oct 10, St. John Henry Newman, Priest
7 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory & Bishop Lopes

Tue, Oct 11, St. John XXIII, Pope
7 a.m. Intention for Jesse Semrad

Wed, Oct 12, St. Wilfrid, Bishop
7 a.m. Donna Brandenberger, Departed

Thu, Oct 13, St. Edward the Confessor
Ephesians 1:1-10 / Luke 11:47-54
7 a.m. David Bowren, Departed

Fri, Oct 14, St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
Ephesians 1:11-14 / Luke 12:1-7
7 a.m. Regina Szyszkiwicz, Departed

Sat, Oct 15, St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Ephesians 1:15-23 / Luke 12:8-12
7 a.m. Roxanna Rodriguez, Departed

Vigil Mass - Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity (OT29)
5 p.m. Intention for the Herschell family

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JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR
October 9, 2022  28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to “the gods” to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is “a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” When our hearts “surge” toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God’s Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God’s graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.

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Stop & Reflect

*Question:* What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus’ life and ministry?

*Answer:* The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David’s lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God’s servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God’s choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God’s servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant’s innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others. Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus’ followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus’ ministry in terms of Isaiah’s suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.

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Brothers & Sisters,

we ask that you keep the following members in your prayers.

> Pope Francis  > Bishop Lopes  > Valentina Vuittonet
> David Bowren  > Marvin Kuntz  > Regina Szyszkievicz  > All Souls in Purgatory
> Donna Brandenberger  >

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

**FATIMA CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION** - Honoring Our Lady of Fatima on **Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 7 p.m.** Please join us for the 3rd annual special celebration of our Blessed Mother’s last apparition in Fatima in October of 1917. We will have Adoration, Benediction, Reflection, a Candlelight Rosary Procession around the parish, and Consecration. Please contact Bill Vogt at (210) 961-2981 for additional information.

**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.” It’s 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.

**ALLIED WOMEN’S CENTER 13TH ANNUAL GALA** - The Allied Women’s Center is exited about its annual Gala to raise money to save endangered babies from abortion. This year, it will be on **Friday, October 21, 2022, at Holy Trinity Banquet Hall, 20523 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX, check-in 6 to 7 p.m., dinner and program 7 to 9 p.m.** Keynote speaker is Claire Culwell, who does not simply know something about the affliction of abortion, she is victim of abortion herself because her mother and grandmother attempted to terminate her life. Claire had a twin sister who died as a result of the work of an abortionist. But through the grace of God, Claire miraculously survived so she could share her story with us. Attendance is business or business casual. Please contact Tere Haring, (210) 224-7077 or go to www.alliedwomenscenter.com.

**NEWCOMERS GATHERING** - Our Parish Newcomers Ministry will be hosting a gathering on **Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Common Room. This will be our final gathering of the year. Come and learn about our parish history, hear from some of our ministries & organizations, and take a guided tour of the parish. Bring the children. Refreshments will be provided.

**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 Faithfull Departed (All-Souls, Nov 2.)

**SAVE THE DATE** - Our parish Fall Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, November 12, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** More information to come. Please stay tuned. If you are interested in setting up a vendor booth, please email elizama@ourladyoftheatonement.org. **Deadline for vendor registration is October 28, 2022**

**SACRED MUSIC EVENT** - Please reserve the date **Sunday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.** Luke Farber, Organ Scholar, will be offering a solo organ recital on the Casavant organ. Luke is a freshman at The Atonement Catholic Academy, member of the parish choirs, and a member of Our Lady’s String Ensemble (a small, student-led orchestra comprised of Academy students.) He has been studying organ for two years, and will be performing works by Bach, Buxtehude, Franck, and others. Please make time to come and support this rising, young talent!

**ADORERS NEEDED**

We need ONE more adorer for following dates & times:

**Friday**
11 a.m.-12 noon, and 7-8 p.m.,

**Saturday**
3-4 a.m., 1-2 a.m., 3-4 p.m., 4-5 p.m., 5-6 p.m., 6-7 p.m., 7-8 p.m., and

**Sunday**
1-2 a.m.

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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**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

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**Volunteer Needed**

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**Saturday** 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (Said Mass)
**Sunday** 7 a.m. (Said Mass)
9 a.m. (Sung Mass)
11 a.m. (Sung Mass)
5 p.m. (Said Mass)
**Monday through Saturday**
7 a.m. (Said Mass)

**Sunday** 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
**Wednesday** 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
**Thursday** 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
**Saturday** 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
We are here to help any parishioner. Please reach out to us in your time of need.
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