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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 5 DECEMBER 2021

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**The Atonement
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Please contact Mrs. Yolanda Joiner
yjoiner@atonementonline.com
to schedule a tour

Reverend Mark W. Lewis, Pastor

Mr. Matthew D. Watson, Head of School

The Atonement Catholic Academy strives for excellence in the physical, the intellectual, and the spiritual virtues through a challenging course of classical and Catholic education. It provides an accredited classical education and unparalleled Catholic culture to boys and girls in an environment that inspires development of both faith and reason.

Contact us at (210) 695-2240, stop by, or send email to yjoiner@atonementonline.com.

Parish Bulletin

Want something published in the bulletin? Send it via email to elizama@ourladyoftheatonement.org, no later than the Sunday prior to requested publication date.

READINGS & INTENTIONS

Sun, Dec 5, Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9 / Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 / Luke 3:1-6
DWSM: Propers & Readings: p. 72, Order of the Mass: pp. 663-706

5 p.m. Mary Frances Previty, Departed
 7 a.m. Jerry Behrens, Departed
 9 a.m. Intention for Dominic Lopez
 11 a.m. Intention for the People of the Parish
 5 p.m. Alfonso Martinez, Departed

Mon, Dec 6, St Nicholas, Bishop

Isaiah 35:1-10 / Luke 5:17-26

7 a.m. Intention for Bishop Lopes

Tue, Dec 7, St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Isaiah 40:1-11 / Matthew 18:12-14

7 a.m. Mark Moore, Departed

Wed, Dec 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*)

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 / Luke 1:26-38

7 a.m. The Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the Society
 7 p.m. Kenneth Lewis, Departed

Thu, Dec 9, St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Isaiah 41:13-20 / Matthew 11:11-15

7 a.m. Mark Moore, Departed

Fri, Dec 10, Our Lady of Loreto

Isaiah 48:17-19 / Matthew 11:16-19

7 a.m. Kenneth Landry, Departed

Sat, Dec 11 St Damasus I, Pope

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11b / Matthew 17:10-13

7 a.m. Mark Moore, Departed

Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Advent

5 p.m. Intention for Lyman & Marion Josephs





Saturday 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (Read Mass)

Sunday 7 a.m. (Read Mass)
 9 a.m. (Solemn Mass)
 11 a.m. (Solemn Mass)
 5 p.m. (Read Mass)

Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. (Read Mass)



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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.



PARISH DEVOTIONS

PLEASE JOIN US!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Sacred Heart Chapel
 Friday 7:45 a.m. to Sunday 6:15 a.m.

Parish Family Adoration Hour
 First Wednesday 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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24th—Christmas Eve

5 p.m.—Christmas Mass
 11 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.—Musical Prelude with Choir
 11:30 p.m.—Midnight Mass

December 31—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 7 p.m.—Said Mass

December 25th—Christmas Day

8 a.m.—Said Mass
 10 a.m.—Sung Mass

January 1st—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 8 a.m.—Said Mass
 10 a.m.—Sung Mass

Nota bene: Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God fall on Saturday this year but remain Holy Days of Obligation. The Masses listed above are the only Masses that satisfy the respective obligation for the holy day. The 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Masses on Christmas Day and New Year's Day do not count for the respective Holy Day of Obligation, but for the Sunday obligation.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

> **Peggy Whiteside** > **Kenneth Lewis** > **Oscar Agueda**
 > **Jonathan Semrad & Children** > **Fr. Mark Lewis & Family** > **All teachers**

If you would like to add someone to this list, please send an email, with that person's full name, to joliveros@atonementonline.com.

**EUCCHARISTIC
 ADORATION
 AT OUR PARISH**

Expanding Eucharistic Adoration to include Thursdays!

Please prayerfully consider committing to an hour (or more) each Thursday. Adoration will begin at 7:45 a.m. and continue through our normal Sunday, 6:15 a.m. ending time. Please contact Bill or Cory Culhane at (210) 529-2588 for more information. We will have a signup table after each Mass on Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5, 2021.

2021

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The end of 2021 is near! If you have not completed your 2021 stewardship pledge and would like to, here are some ways you can make your year-end contribution: **Online** giving, or **mail a check** to Attn: Business Office, Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church, 15415 Red Robin Rd, San Antonio, TX 78255, or **stop by** the parish office for credit card donations. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sandra Alejo at the Parish Business Office or send email to salejo@ourladyoftheatonement.org.

Gospel Meditation

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 5, 2021 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before. ©LPI



Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready. ©LPI



SVDP ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Please help us share Christmas joy with our families in need ...this year again more than ever. (*We are hopeful that next year we will ask you to purchase the gifts. We know how it comes from the heart. However, our usual means of you selecting angels and receiving your gifts will be different as we come out of the effects of this virus on health and commerce.*) We will be collecting only monetary donations from parishioners. SVDP will purchase gift cards for the families. Place your donations in the ANGEL TREE ENVELOPES and deposit them in the SVDP wall box in the narthex or the church offering plate. (*Checks can be made payable to SVDP.*) We will be collecting the ANGEL TREE ENVELOPES **now through December 12th.**

Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Come join us for our first Ministry Fair on **Sunday, December 5, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The fair will offer many opportunities for you to share your many gifts and talents. No amount of time is too small to give! Representatives from each ministry will be available to offer information for you to find where you talents can be used to serve others. Together we are Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church community!



Join us on **Sunday, December 5th, at 4 p.m.** for Solemn Evensong, the sung order of Evening Prayer. All our parish choirs, as well as the Chamber Choir from the Atonement Catholic Academy, will rotate through providing music for Evensong. The choir this day will be the Parish Adult Choir. Our next scheduled Solemn Choral Evensong will be on Sunday, January 9th, 2022. If you would like to join one of our choirs, please send email to the Director of Music at music@ourladyoftheatonement.org.



God's Comfort in Loss Miscarriage Ministry Support Group. We invite mothers and fathers from Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church who have suffered through a miscarriage of their child, to join a support group to be conducted monthly. Our first meeting is on **Sunday, December 5, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** in the Common Room at the Atonement Catholic Academy. The group will be co-facilitated by one of our board members and a Grief and Trauma Counselor. The support group is a safe place for grieving parents to share confidentially, and to receive supportive and comforting care. This is not a therapeutic group; we are here to be with one another during times of grief due to loss of our children.



Join us on **Wednesday, December 8, 2021**, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception for the Fountain of Life dedication ceremony. We will gather at the Fountain of Life monument in the church's piazza commencing right after the Atonement Catholic Academy Mass, which ends at approximately 9:45 a.m. All parishioners and academy parents are invited to join us for this special event. *"To the Mother of God, we entrust to her loving care the cause of life, sacred from every mother's womb to the end of life."* Contact Phil Sevilla, Culture of Life ministry, (210) 784-0518.



Our Christmas Bazaar and First Annual Chili Cook off is scheduled for **Saturday, December 11, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Come join us for a day filled with fun, food, drinks, face painting, & shopping. Get your Christmas Pictures taken and Christmas gifts wrapped!

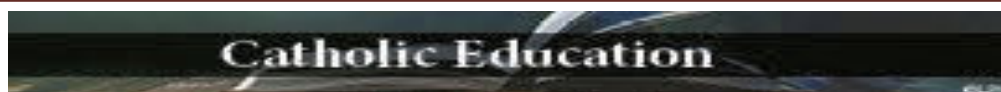


Kindly join us for our 1st Annual Christmas Feast with the Pastor, on **December 18, 2021, at 7 p.m.** in the Atonement Catholic Academy Pope Saint John Paul II Library.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Erica Lizama at (210) 695-2944



Join us on **December 19, 2021, at 7 p.m.** for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with the participation of all of our Parish Choirs. Lessons and Carols is an Advent tradition that prepares us for the coming of Christ through the reading of Scripture and the singing of hymns. You don't want to miss out on this staple of our Anglican patrimony.



The Atonement Catholic Academy has several current and upcoming teaching positions open. Please visit our website at theatonementacademy.org for specific positions and requirements.

To apply for any of these positions, please send your resume, with a cover letter and supporting documentation, as stated in job description to Mrs. Amanda Stevens at astevens@atonementonline.com.



MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Catherine School, Email: schoolcat@att.net or call (210) 275-5104

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Atonement Moms Group

<https://OurLadyofAtonement.flocknote/AtonementMoms>

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Marcela Elsner, Renee Keller, & Claire Jenkins
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John Weems-Email: jweems@atonementonline.com

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(210) 695-2944 ext.160

The Altar Guild

Jessica Coleman, (210) 479-5863

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Diana Marie Salsman, (210) 865-5627

Volunteers needed. Contact the ministry or organization directly.



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

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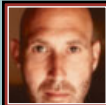
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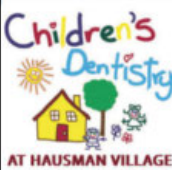
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