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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 28 NOVEMBER 2021

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**The Atonement  
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yjoiner@atonementonline.com  
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Contact us at (210) 695-2240, stop by, or send email to [yjoiner@atonementonline.com](mailto:yjoiner@atonementonline.com).

### Parish Bulletin

***Want something published in the bulletin? Send it via email to [elizama@ourladyoftheatonement.org](mailto:elizama@ourladyoftheatonement.org), no later than the Sunday prior to requested publication date.***

### READINGS & INTENTIONS

**Sun, Nov 28 First Sunday of Advent**  
**Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**  
**DWSM: Propers & Readings: p. 68, Order of the Mass: pp. 663-706**  
5 p.m. Robert Edward Brown, Departed  
7 a.m. Intention for Gloria Arias  
9 a.m. Intention for Mark D. Pecha  
11 a.m. Intention for the People of the Parish  
5 p.m. Francis Crotty, Departed

**Mon, Nov 29 Advent Feria**  
**Isaiah 2:1-5 / Matthew 8:5-11**  
7 a.m. Intention for Ines Montero

**Tue, Nov 30 St. Andrew, Apostle**  
**Romans 10:9-18 / Matthew 4:18-22**  
7 a.m. Intention for Joseph D. Pecha

**Wed, Dec 1 Ember Wednesday in Advent**  
**Isaiah 25:6-10a / Matthew 15:29-37**  
7 a.m. Intention for Maria Garza

**Thu, Dec 2 Advent Feria**  
**Isaiah 26:1-6 / Matthew 7:21, 24-27**  
7 a.m. Sean Markey, Departed

**Fri, Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest**  
**Isaiah 29:17-24 / Matthew 9:27-31**  
7 a.m. Mass for God's Children

**Sat, Dec 4 St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church**  
**Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 / Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8**  
7 a.m. Mark Moore, Departed

**Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Advent**  
5 p.m. Mary Frances Previty, Departed





**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



We continue to be grateful to those of you who have so generously contributed to our Parish. Your sacrifice and support have enabled us to remain financially sound during these difficult & 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](http://ourladyoftheatonement.org). You can continue to support us in the following ways:

**Online Giving**-Go to our 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.

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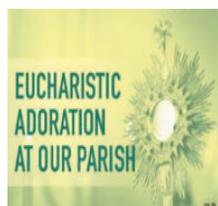
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### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

- > **Peggy Whiteside**
- > **All Souls in Purgatory**
- > **Bishop Lopes**
- > **Our Priests and Deacons**
- > **Pope Francis**
- > **Jonathan Semrad & Children**

*If you would like to add someone to this list, please send an email, with that person’s full name, to [joliveros@atonementonline.com](mailto:joliveros@atonementonline.com).*



### 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.



Do you have your own business? *Become a sponsor and help the parish.* To place an ad in the next parish bulletin, contact Tina Watson at (800) 950-9952, x 5850 or send email to [twatson@4lpi.com](mailto:twatson@4lpi.com)



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

November 28, 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life’s demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary “shot in the arm” to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord’s directive is clear, “Be vigilant at all times.” Even Jesus knew what “the anxieties of daily life” can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much “stuff” to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of “must and have to dos” and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there’ll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an “eternity” of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don’t. We’re on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. “That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap.” If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, “We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.” Getting to this place doesn’t “just happen.” It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don’t miss another opportunity to love. ©LPI



### RECENT PARISH EVENTS



#### Veteran’s Day Celebration

If you attended our Veteran’s Day Celebration and recorded a video or took pictures, please share them with us. We would like to create a photo album and also publish it on our web site. Please contact Phil Tate at (210) 382-7842.

#### Parish Tour

Did you take the Parish Tour on Saturday, November 13, 2021? Please share your observations with us. We want to know how we can make it better. Please send email to [joliveros@atonementonline.com](mailto:joliveros@atonementonline.com).

#### Parish Bazaar and King’s Fair

If you attended our Bazaar and King’s Fair on Saturday, November 13, 2021 and recorded a video or took pictures, please share them with us.

Please send email to Mrs. Erica Lizama at [elizama@ourladyoftheatonement.org](mailto:elizama@ourladyoftheatonement.org).

### HONOR THEIR LIVES OF SERVICE OF THE PRIESTS OF THE ORDINARIATE.



The priests of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter lead through their prayerful example and hard work for our parishes. Today, all Parishes and Parochial Communities of the Ordinariate are hosting a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Priests. You can help our clergy prepare to live their retirement years in dignity, free of anxiety about their means of support. You may find donation cards and pre-addressed envelopes in the pews. Checks should be made payable to “Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter” and sealed in the envelopes provided together with a completed donation card. Gifts will be collected during Mass or you may send your gift directly to the Chancery using the pre-addressed envelope. Be sure to

include a completed donation card in your envelope. You may also give online at [www.ordinariate.net/give-to-rfp](http://www.ordinariate.net/give-to-rfp). While the need is great, no gift is too small. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Guadalupe Radio, Radio for Your Soul**, invites all of the parishioners at Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church to tune in from **Tuesday, November 30 through Friday, December 3 for the 2021 Christmas Share-A-Thon.**



Come join us for our first Ministry Fair on **Saturday, 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 your 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 [music@ourladyoftheatonement.org](mailto: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.



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!



**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 via email to [salejo@ourladyoftheatonement.org](mailto:salejo@ourladyoftheatonement.org)

## Catholic Education



**The Atonement Catholic Academy** has several current and upcoming teaching positions open. Please visit our website at [theatonementacademy.org](http://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 [stevens@atonementonline.com](mailto:stevens@atonementonline.com).



## MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

### Adult Inquiry Class

Alan Becker-Email: alanmbecker@gmail.com, (210) 273-9426

### American Heritage Girls

Veronica Tovar, AHG Coordinator, or  
Catherine Henriquez, AHG Vice Coordinator  
Email: ahgtroop0814@gmail.com, (210) 695-2240 ext. 109

### Atonement Moms Group

https://OurLadyofAtonement.flocknote/AtonementMoms

### Culture of Life Ministry

Phil Sevilla-Email: philsevilla@att.net, (210) 784-0518

### Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Athletics

Send email to cyopresident@atonementonline.com

### Educating on Nature & Dignity of Women (ENDOW)

Glorian Roman-Ashby-Email: EndowatAtonement@gmail.com

### Fr. Paul of Graymoor Knights of Columbus Council #16730

Grand Knight Phil Tait, (210) 382-7842

### Fulton Sheen Catechism

Thomas Dum, (361) 571-5541

### God's Comfort in Loss (after miscarriage)

Marcela Elsner, Renee Keller, & Claire Jenkins  
Send email to Godscomfortinloss@gmail.com

### Nonnatus New Moms Ministry

Rebecca Gisla –Email: nonnatusmeals@gmail.com, (210) 278-4242

### Rosary Guild

Catherine School-Email: schoolcat@att.net, (210) 275-5104  
Grace Howard, (210) 887-8562

### Sacraments for the Homebound

Please call & leave a message, (210) 695-2944 ext. 126

### St. Cuthbert Home Visitation Ministry

Dr. Jesus Garcia Gallegos-Email: 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-Email: jweems@atonementonline.com

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

(210) 695-2944 ext.160

### The Altar Guild

Jessica Coleman, (210) 479-5863

### The Troops of St. George

Robert Wallace-Email: tsgTroop815@gmail.com

### Women of Grace

Diana Marie Salsman, (210) 865-5627

**Volunteers needed. Contact the ministry or organization directly.**



## MEET OUR STAFF

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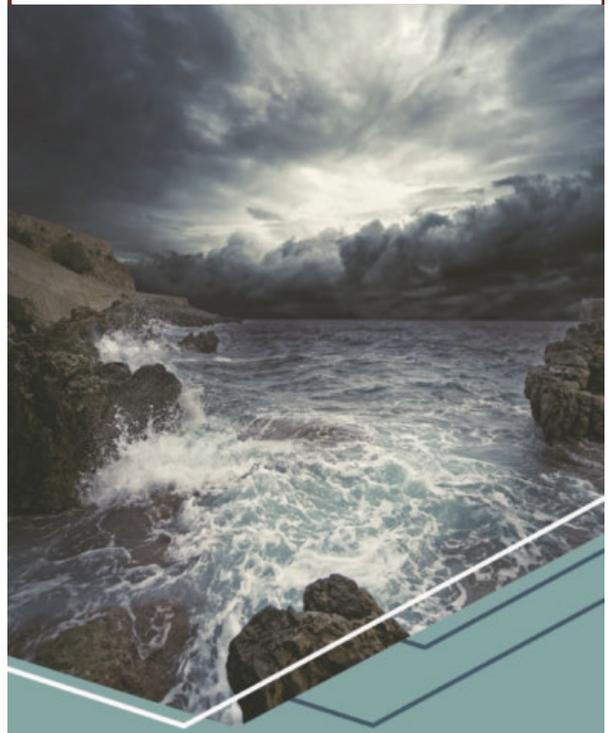
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### Pastoral Council

Terri Garza, Ray Slush, Thomas Dum,  
Joseph McDonough, John Weems,  
Ademola Elliotte, & Clare McDonough  
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## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.  
But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because  
your redemption is at hand."  
- Lk 21:27-28



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