BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 9 JANUARY 2022

OUR CLERGY

MOST REV. STEVEN J. LOPES, Bishop
REV. FATHER MARK W. LEWIS, Pastor
REV. FATHER JON JENKINS, Parochial Vicar
REV. MR. MICHAEL D’AGOSTINO, Deacon
REV. MR. DAVID DELANEY, Deacon
REV. MR. RANDALL KING, Deacon

Sun, Jan 9, Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / Psalms 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30 /
DWSM: Propers & Readings: p. 138, Order of the
Mass: pp. 663-706
5 p.m. Hector Hernandez, Jr., Departed
7 a.m. Frank & Cecile Verkaik, Departed
9 a.m. Intention for Daniel Morris
11 a.m. Intention for the People of the Parish
5 p.m. Intention for Laura Lizcano

Mon, Jan 10, Feria
1 Samuel 1:1-8 / Mark 1:14-20
7 a.m. All Souls In Purgatory

Tue, Jan 11, Feria
1 Samuel 1:9-20 / Mark 1:21b-28
7 a.m. Intention for Catherine School

Wed, Jan 12, St. Benedict Biscop, Abbot
1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mark 1:29-39
7 a.m. Intention for Gabriel Semrad

Thu, Jan 13, St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the
Church
1 Samuel 4:1-11 / Mark 1:40-45
7 a.m. Intention for Joanne Bradshaw

Fri, Jan 14, Feria
1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mark 2:1-12
7 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Sat, Jan 15, BVM: Mass of St. Mary 2
1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a / Mark 2:13-17
7 a.m. Intention for the Unborn

Vigil Mass - Second Sunday after Epiphany (OT 2)
5 p.m. Guy Fountain, Departed

Pray
THE ROSARY
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)

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

REMEmBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

> Bishop Lopes
> The Parish Staff
> The Academy Students
> Our Priests & Deacons
> Unborn Children
> The Atonement Administrative and Teaching Staff

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

PARISH REGISTRATION

Question: Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer: Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

HOLY WATER

Question: What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer: Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God’s grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn, the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us. On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!
“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

Join us on Sunday, January 9th, 2022, 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, February 6th, 2022.

If you would like to join one of our choirs, please send email to the Director of Music at music@ourladyoftheatonement.org.

This Lent, Our Lady of the Atonement, invites all men seeking authentic freedom to join their brothers in Christ for Exodus 90, which will kick off on January 17, 2022. Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual exercise that gives Catholic men a clear path for the journey to freedom through prayer, asceticism, and support. More than 30,000 men around the country have made the Exodus and transformed their lives. Contact Thomas Dum at (361) 571-5541 or thdum54@aol.com, or visit Exodus90.com

Registrations for Baseball, Softball, and Track will open on January 23, 2022, with practices beginning on February 21st and first regular season games starting on March 25th. As always, if you are interested in coaching any of these sports, you must be certified by the Archdiocese of San Antonio AND the Ordinariate. Please visit our parish website for additional information or send email to cyopresident@atonementonline.com or cyoregistrar@atonementonline.com

Catholic Men’s Conference is coming to San Antonio on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at St. Matthew’s Athletic Center, 10703 Wurzback Rd., San Antonio, TX 78230.

Guest speakers will be The Most Reverend Gary Janak, Auxiliary Bishop, San Antonio; John Sablan, Co-founder and President of World Ablaze; and Mark Houck, Founder and President of The King’s Men. You are invited to attend morning Mass at 8:15 a.m. at St. Matthew’s Church before beginning your Catholic Men’s Conference experience. For more information visit pilgrimcenterofhope.org
The Atonement Catholic Academy

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.

The Atonement Catholic Academy is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year!

If you would like to schedule a tour or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Yolanda Joiner, Admissions Director, via email at yjoiner@atonementonline.com.

URGENT NEED FOR WEEKEND ADORATION

Please prayerfully consider committing to a regular weekly hour. Each time slot below is down to only one adorer. We need a minimum of two for each hour. Please send text to (210) 275-5104 or email to schoolcat@att.net.

Friday: 4 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.
Saturday: 9 to 10 a.m., 3 to 4 p.m., 7 to 8 p.m., and 11 p.m. to midnight

Matthew 26: 40-41

“And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping and he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.”
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Catherine School, Email: schoolcat@att.net or call (210) 275-5104

Adult Inquiry Class
Alan Becker-Email: alannbecker@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—tsg815.org

Women of Grace
Diana Marie Salsman, (210) 865-5627

Volunteers needed. Contact the ministry or organization directly.

Parish Office Hours are
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Ademola Elliotte, & Clare McDonough
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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. 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.

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.