SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (OT 18) – 31 JUL 2022

OUR CLERGY

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READINGS & INTENTIONS

Sun, Jul 31, Seventh Sunday After Trinity (OT 18)
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 / Psalms 90:1, 3-6, 12-14, 17
DWSM: Propers p. 1041 & Readings: p. 977
Order of the Mass: pp. 663-706

5 p.m. Cathleen Ann Mechan, Departed
7 a.m. Intention for Riley Schroeder
9 a.m. Intention for Frank & Cindy Castillo
11 a.m. Intention for People of the Parish
5 p.m. Roxanna Rodriguez, Departed

Mon, Aug 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Jeremiah 28:1-17 / Matthew 14:13-21
7 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Tue, Aug 2, St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
7 a.m. Thomas Culhane, Departed

Wed, Aug 3, Feria
Jeremiah 31:1-7 / Matthew 15:21-28
7 a.m. Mass for God’s Children

Thu, Aug 4, St. John Mary Vianney, Priest
Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Matthew 16:13-23
7 a.m. Intention for Patrick Griffin

Fri, Aug 5, The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Nahum 1:15; 2:2; 3:1-3, 6-7 / Matthew 16:24-28
7 a.m. Intention for Bishop Lopes

Sat, Aug 6, Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 /
7 a.m. Intention for the Markey Family

Vigil Mass - Eighth Sunday After Trinity (OT 19)
5 p.m. Intention for David Lund

WHAT’S NEXT AT THE PARISH

PLEASE GO TO PAGE THREE FOR INFORMATION

PASTORAL EMERGENCY SUPPORT

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.

Sacraments for the Homebound
Please call and leave message at (210) 695-2944.

Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church and The Atonement Catholic Academy want to welcome all teachers and staff members as they start in-service for the new 2022 - 2023 school year.

Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL
July 31, 2022  18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime “in the future” while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don’t work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. “Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom).” We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

Stop & Reflect

Question:  Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn’t this take away from their credibility?

Answer: Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church’s experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What We Store in the Barn

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don’t we? If the details aren’t exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors “with wisdom and knowledge and skill,” in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I’ll let you in on a secret: this isn’t a sad story. I’ve only told you part of it. (CONTINUES ON PAGE 4)
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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** - Registration for 2022-2023 is now open! Please register online through the QR code, and make your checks payable to Our Lady of The Atonement or pay via the online giving link, selecting the “Youth Religious Education” fund. Registration fees are as follow: July-Aug 14th: 1 child $40, 2 children $90, 3+ children $140; Aug 15-31: 1 child $50, 2 children $100, 3+ children $150; Sep or later: 1 child $60, 2 children $110, 3+ children $160. Those who serve as catechists have their registration fees waived. If interested in becoming a catechist, we still have spots that need filling, please contact Fr. Jenkins at Fr.jon.jenkins@ordinariate.net.

**CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION** - Player registration is NOW OPEN FOR ALL FALL CYO SPORTS (soccer, flag football, and girls volleyball), closing on 21 August, 2022, with seasons beginning on 16 September, 2022. Registration and payment is all done online. We had a City Soccer Champion last year. Let’s make a bigger impact this year. To register you can scan the QR code or go directly to our website at ourladyoftheatonement.org, Ministries & Organizations, CYO, and complete the registration via SportsPilot. As always, coaches are needed. Each team must have at least one volunteer coach - ask us how to get involved. Send email to cyopresident@atontementonline.com

**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/yY7tZzm92uszQo6 and fill out the questionnaire.

**THE ALEXANDER HOUSE - BENEFIT DINNER** - Battle Ready For The Family - Eph 6:10-18

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 4th, 2022. Doors open at 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Holy Trinity Banquet Hall, 20523 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78158

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Doug Barry, devoted husband, father of five, and founder of RADIX, a Catholic apostolate that focuses on encouraging and strengthening the soldier of Christ to be aware of, prepare for, and engage in the spiritual fight we are in - body, mind, and soul. Currently he is the host of EWTN’s new TV program BATTLE READY.

**OUR MISSION:** We offer hope and healing to men, women, and families who are facing a crisis in their marriage or relationships. We do this by encouraging alternatives to divorce through education, free and confidential coaching, and spiritual guidance.

**PURPOSE:** This fundraiser will help raise the monies needed to operate and expand our mission and outreach to include the new campus that will help serve more marriages and families in the community.

**GET YOUR FREE TICKETS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR GO TO: TAHABENEFIT2022.EVENTBRITE.COM**

**FIRST SATURDAY PRO-LIFE PRAYER SERVICE** - Called to pray, sacrifice, and witness. We pray for an abortion free America and thanksgiving for Texas leading the nation in defending innocent unborn life from the ravages of abortion.

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug 6, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., after Our Lady of the Atonement Mass & Benediction.

**WHERE:** Planned Parenthood, 2140 Babcock Rd. For more information contact Phil Sevilla at (210) 784-0519.

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

> Regina Szyszkieicz
> Bishop Lopes
> Fr. Mark Lewis
> School staff and teachers preparing for the new school year

To add someone to this list, please send an email to joliveros@ourladyoftheatonement.org.
Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church and The Atonement Catholic Academy have the following job & volunteer opportunities available at this time.

**Admissions Director** (Academy)

**After School Care Coordinator** (Academy);

**Livestream the Mass** (Volunteer.) Help us livestream the 11 a.m. Mass. Email elizama@ourladyoftheatonement.org for information.

For information on these and other positions visit our website at ourladyoftheatonement.org/home/careers.

To apply, please email a cover letter, resume, transcripts, and any additional supporting documentation to Atonement Jobs at jobs@ourladyoftheatonement.org.

*Our Parish Ministries & Organizations are always in need of volunteers. Please consider volunteering, even if it's just an hour a week.*

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**What We Store In The Barn** (continued from page 2)

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ. As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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**Looking for more Catechists!**

As our Religious Education program continues to grow and expand, we are on a hunt for more catechists to join us in the fall. Those who have experience teaching are quite helpful, but others can be trained as well. Curriculum is provided, so you do not have to compose anything. If interested in helping out for this coming school year please contact Fr. Jenkins via email at fr.jon.jenkins@ordinariate.net

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**URGENT NEEDS FOR ADORERS**

*We need TWO adorers for each of the following time periods: Saturday*: 3-4 p.m. and 5-6 p.m.

Please contact Cathy School at (210) 275-5104.

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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

**Healing Mass** - Quarterly
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Catherine School
schoolcat@att.net, (210) 275-5104

Adult Inquiry Class - Alan Becke
inquiry@ourladyoftheatonement.org, (210) 273-9426

American Heritage Girls - Veronica Tovar, AHG Coordinator, or Catherine Henriquez, AHG Vice Coordinator
ahgtroop0814@gmail.com, (210) 695-2944

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

Culture of Life Ministry - Phil Sevilla
philsevilla@att.net, (210) 784-0518

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 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
godscomfortinloss@ourladyoftheatonement.org

Newcomers Ministry - Karen King
newcomers@ourladyoftheatonement.org

Nonnatus Meals for New Mothers - nonnatusmeals@gmail.com

Rosary Guild - Catherine School - schoolcat@att.net
(210) 275-5104, or Grace Howard, (210) 887-8562

Sacraments for the Homebound
Please call & leave a message, (210) 695-2944

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
Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Parish Administrator - Erica Lizama
elizama@ourladyoftheatonement.org
(210) 695-2944

Business Manager - Anastacio Hinojosa
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Director of Religious Education - Rev. Father Jon Jenkins, fr.jon.jenkins@ordinariate.net
(210) 695-2944

Director of Music - Alejandro Oliveros
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Pastoral Council - John Weems
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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 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.

Mail Your Check—Attn: Business Office, Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church, 15415 Red Robin Rd, San Antonio, TX 78255.