NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (OT 28) – 10 OCTOBER 2021

MOST REV. STEVEN J. LOPES, Bishop
REV. FATHER MARK W. LEWIS, Pastor
REV. FATHER JON JENKINS, Parochial Vicar
REV. MR. MICHAEL D’AGOSTINO, Deacon
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Emergency Pastoral Care Hot Line: Please call (210) 370-7838. Emergency calls only including last rites, anointing, and imminent death. For anything else please call the number below.

Sacraments for the Homebound: Please call and leave message at  
(210) 695-2944 ext. 126.

Saturday 5 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m.
Monday through Saturday 7 a.m.

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.

NO CONFESSIONS ON OCT 13 & 14 DUE TO CLERGY ASSEMBLY

Sun, Oct 10 Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity (OT 28)  
Wisdom 7:7-11 / Hebrews 4:12-13 / Mark 10:17-30
5 p.m. Intention for Thomas & Sheila Dum Family
7 a.m. Intention for Larry Adian
9 a.m. Brian Michael O’Connell, Departed
11 a.m. Intention for the People of the Parish
5 p.m. Intention for Jesse Semrad

Mon, Oct 11 St John XXIII, Pope  
Romans 1:1-7 / Luke 11:29-32
7 a.m. Intention for Bishop Lopes

Tue, Oct 12 St. Wilfrid, Bishop  
Romans 1:16-25 / Luke 11:37-41
7 a.m. Intention for All Souls in Purgatory

Wed, Oct 13 St Edward the Confessor  
7 a.m. Intention for Toni Jabbour

Thu, Oct 14 St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr  
Romans 3:21-30 / Luke 11:47-54
7 a.m. Intention Michael Sheehan, Archbishop Emeritus of Albuquerque

Fri, Oct 15 St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church  
7 a.m. Intention for All Souls in Purgatory

Sat, Oct 16 St Hedwig, Religious  
Romans 4:13, 16-18 / Luke 12:8-12
7 a.m. Jerome Joseph Sheehan, Departed

Vigil Mass Twentieth Sunday After Trinity (OT 29)  
5 p.m. Intention for Frances Sheehan
Brothers & Sisters,

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

- Peggy Whiteside
- Jonathan Semrad and children
- Atonement Families

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

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**PARISH DEVOTIONS**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

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

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Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church parish is gifting every parishioner a free subscription to FORMED.ORG, which gives you access to over 4,000 titles and several hundred hours of authentic Catholic video and audio programming.

To unwrap this gift, you are invited to attend a 30-minute session to learn how FORMED.ORG can lead you, your family, and our parish to a joyful relationship with Jesus.

Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Hall, starting September 19 to October 17, you can receive a FORMED.ORG orientation, and be up and running that very day.

You may also just go to FORMED.ORG to register and sign up.

Contact OLOAEvangelism@gmail.com for more information.

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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 www.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.

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

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**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

October 10, 2021 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

We currently have three part-time janitorial positions available at the school.

The hours are: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

If interested please contact Jimmie Salas via email at maintenance@atonementonline.com

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**Basketball registration is now open,** closing on Oct 31, 2021. **Registration must be done online.** Visit the parish website for a link to Sports Pilot, the official registration site for CYO sports.

Anyone interested in coaching or volunteering please contact us via email at cyoregistrar@atonementonline.com or cyopresident@atonementonline.com

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**Items for publication in the Parish Bulletin must be received no later than the Sunday prior to requested publication date. Send via email to elizama@atonementonline.com**
Pumpkin Patch is back from October 4th through the 31st. Please join us in making this a successful event by coming to the patch, inviting your friends, and volunteering to help. Sponsored by and benefiting the American Heritage Girls and the Crusader Booster Club.

Teaching our Teen Girls About Cycle & Fertility
Join us on Thursday, October 21, 2021, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Academy’s St. Anthony Hall, for a conversation for concerned Catholic moms. We will talk about women’s cycles and holiness, how can girls take charge of their cycle, fertility, and freedom and empowerment. For more information contact Amada Stevens at (201-695-2240.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner
Saturday October 16, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with silent auction ending at 8:45 p.m.
Menu: Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, & bread. Desserts provide by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Water & sodas free; beer & wine TBD. For Tickets send email to Phil Tait at tat450@hotmail.com (checks) or Jason Luze at jasonluze@gmail.com (credit cards)

More to come. Save the date

Fall Bazaar
Join us on November 13th, 2021, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for a day filled with fun, food, drinks, games, & shopping.
If interested in setting up a booth, please email Mrs. Erica Lizama at elzama@atonementonline.com

Do you have the best chili recipe in South Texas? Come show off your cooking talents at our Chili Cook-off during the Christmas Bazaar on December 11, 2021.
If you are interested in entering the cook-off, please send email to Erica Lizama at elzama@atonementonline.com