FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (OT 24) – 12 SEPTEMBER 2021

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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.

The Atonement Catholic Academy
The Admission Office invites you to come tour our school!  
Please contact Mrs. Yolanda Joiner  
yjoiner@atonementonline.com  
to schedule a tour

Reverend Mark W. Lopez, Pastor  
Mr. Matthew D. Watson, Head of School

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sun, Sep 12 Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity (OT 24)  
Isaiah 50:5-9 a / James 2:14-18 / Mark 8:27-35
5 p.m. Intention for Vincent A. Lazaro  
7 a.m. Intention for Josefin a N. Lazaro  
9 a.m. Brian Michael O’Connell, Departed  
11 a.m. Intention for the People of the Parish  
5 p.m. Intention for Aurelia Lazaro Vasquez

Mon, Sep 13 St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 7:1-10  
7 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Tue, Sep 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
7 a.m. Intention for Gianna Hivnor

Wed, Sep 15 Our Lady of Sorrows  
1 Timothy 3:14-16 / Luke 7:31-35  
7 a.m. Camryn Adams, Departed

Thu, Sep 16 Sts Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
1 Timothy 4:12-16 / Luke 7:36-50  
7 a.m. Nereyda Cardenas, Departed

Fri, Sep 17 St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
1 Timothy 6:2e-12 / Luke 8:1-3  
7 a.m. Intentions for Claire Adian

Sat, Sep 18 Ember Saturday in September  
1 Timothy 6:13-16 / Luke 8:4-15  
7 a.m. Intention for Ines Montero

Vigil Mass Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity (OT 25)  
5 p.m. Intention for David R. Quinby
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 offertry 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 “Offertry” link, select “Offertry 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**—Attn: Business Office, Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church, 15415 Red Robin Rd, San Antonio, TX 78255.

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**Women of Grace Retreat**

Made for Joy: The Call and Gift of the Catholic Woman.

Join us, September 16—18, 2021, here at Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church, for praise and worship music, prayer, adoration, healing service, and dynamic presentations.

Come together again with sisters in Christ, while learning about your true call and gift as a Catholic woman in the world today! We will explore the pathways to joy provided to us by God through the gift of womanhood, prayer, Our Blessed Mother and her spouse, the Holy Spirit, and the examples of great Saints!

Speakers include Johnnette B. Williams, Fr. Matthias of the Immaculate Heart, O.C.D., Melissa Malteski, and more.

The weekend begins with a Benedicta Enrichment Seminar, Thursday and Friday, September 16—17, 2021, followed by the retreat starting Friday afternoon through Saturday, September 18, 2021. Visit www.womenofgrace.com for specific dates and times, and to register.

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**FOR LADIES THAT HAVE MISCARRIED**

**“GOD’S COMFORT IN LOSS”**

with the PATRON SAINT FILOMENA

A group of ladies has put together this ministry to deliver care boxes to moms that have miscarried a baby. If you know of a lady who has miscarried and is in need of a care box, please let us know.

We are also accepting donations for this cause. So far many ladies have donated: Candles, crosses, handmade cookies, earrings, teas, Epsom salts, holy water, diaries, and more.

We are also available to talk to the mom that has lost her baby. Some ladies have volunteered to be available to listen to these wonderful mothers (we are not therapists, we are mothers who have had miscarriages in the past.)

Fr. Lewis was kind enough to approve a monthly mass for the intention of this ministry. The masses will be held every 3rd day of every month starting in November of 2021.

Contact us at Godscomfortinloss@gmail.com or scan this QR bar code. Thank you, Marcela Elsner, Renee Keller, and Claire Jenkins.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Our parish **Adult Choir** is now welcoming any adult who would like to join us and augment the liturgy through music. While there is no audition, prior choral experience and the ability to read music are helpful. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For questions or additional information, please contact the Director of Music, Mr. Alejandro Oliveros, at aoliveros@atonementonline.com

Our Fall Sports Season is starting soon and we are looking for volunteers to help us with concessions, gate, and sports field conduct management on game days. Approximate time is about four hours on game days in our facilities.

This could be your ministry for the parish. Volunteers for concessions and gate must be at least 16 years old. Please help us provide a safe and enjoyable environment for our Atonement children and our guests from other parishes.

Please contact Jose Oliveros via email at joliveros@atonementonline.com

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**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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**New Parish Ministries**

Our Ministries & Organizations are always looking for volunteers. Do you have an hour or two a week that you could dedicate to the parish? Do you have a talent you could share? Contact the parish office or one of the ministries/organizations for more information.
MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Catherine School, Email: schoolcat@att.net or call (210) 275-5104
Sacred Heart Chapel; every Friday at 7:45 a.m. through Sunday at 6:15 a.m.

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: ahg0814@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

CYO:
Jose Oliveros-Email: joliveros@atonementonline.com, (210) 884-2992

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
Meets every Wednesday at 6 a.m.

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

Is your load too heavy?
Are you carrying a heavy cross alone?

Are you in need of help, or do you know of someone who is? Are you pregnant or did you have a miscarriage? Did you lose a loved one? Are you ill and can’t receive the sacraments? We just might have the ministry or organization to help with what is troubling you or your loved one. Please contact us for help. You don’t have to do this alone.

Contact the ministry or organization directly.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ember Days are days set aside for fasting and prayer, namely, the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the week following the First Sunday in Lent; Pentecost; September 14; and the Third Sunday in Advent. Ember Days for this week: Wednesday September 15, Friday September 17 (Obligatory Abstinence), and Saturday September 18.

12 September 2021 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life’s cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus’ famous rebuke of Peter, “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Even he, as one of Jesus’ closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: “We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.” Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life’s picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God’s presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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Radio For Your Soul!
Tune in on Tuesday, September 14th through the 17th for our

2021 Fall Share-A-Thon
We are always looking for volunteers.
If interested, please contact our General Manager, Shaun W. Rice at (210) 885-2509, or via email at shaun@gronline.com.

Join our Facebook group—GRN: South & Central TX

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