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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 12 DECEMBER 2021

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**The Atonement  
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[yjoiner@atonementonline.com](mailto:yjoiner@atonementonline.com)  
to schedule a tour

Reverend Mark W. Lewis, Pastor

Mr. Matthew D. Watson, Head of School

***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.

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### Parish Bulletin

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### READINGS & INTENTIONS

**Sun, Dec 12, Third Sunday of Advent**

**Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Philippians 4:4-7 / Luke 3:10-18**

**DWSM: Propers & Readings: p. 77, Order of the Mass: pp. 663-706**

5 p.m. Intention for Lyman & Marion Josephs

7 a.m. Rooslindiani Djayasukma, Departed

9 a.m. Robert Holden, Departed

11 a.m. Intention for the People of the Parish

5 p.m. Intention for Fr. Daniel Cooper

**Mon, Dec 13, St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

**Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a / Matthew 21:23-27**

7 a.m. Chuck Knapick, Departed

**Tue, Dec 14, St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

**Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 / Matthew 21:28-32**

7 a.m. Intention for Victor Dum

**Wed, Dec 15, Advent FERIA**

**Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 / Luke 7:19-23**

7 a.m. Intention for Luis Fuentes

**Thu, Dec 16, Advent FERIA**

**Isaiah 54:1-10 / Luke 7:24-30**

7 a.m. Sean Markey, Departed

**Fri, Dec 17, O Sapientia**

**Genesis 49:2, 8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17**

7 a.m. Intention for Helen Burshe

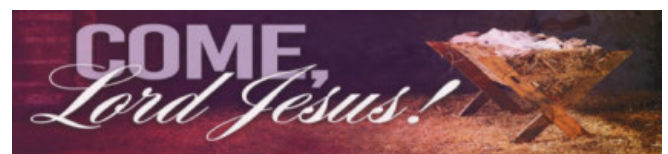
**Sat, Dec 18 O Adonai**

**Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-24**

7 a.m. Sean Markey, Departed

**Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

5 p.m. Intention for Deborah Wendtland





**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

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**December**

**Christmas Eve**

5 p.m.—Christmas Mass  
11 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.—Musical Prelude with Choir  
11:30 p.m.—Midnight Mass

**December 25th—Christmas Day**

8 a.m.—Said Mass  
10 a.m.—Sung Mass

**24th—**

**December 31—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
7 p.m.—Said Mass

**January 1st—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
8 a.m.—Said Mass  
10 a.m.—Sung Mass

**Nota bene: Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God fall on Saturday this year but remain Holy Days of Obligation. The Masses listed above are the only Masses that satisfy the respective obligation for the holy day. The 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Masses on Christmas Day and New Year's Day do not count for the respective**

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

> **Peggy Whiteside** > **Bill Bitner** > **Oscar Agueda**  
> **The Semrad Family** > **Fr. Mark Lewis & Family** > **Christian Michael Calderon-Denzer, Jr.**

*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).*



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**2021**

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

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

## Gospel Meditation

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 12, 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

*"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila*

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina) ©LPi

### *Did you know?*

The Atonement Catholic Academy was named the #1 Catholic High School in the San Antonio area for 2022 according to niche.com, the market leader in connecting colleges and schools with students and families.

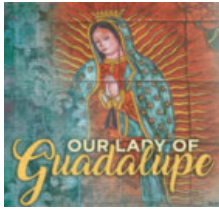


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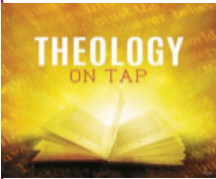
# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Culture of Life Candlelight Rosary Vigil for Life.** Join us at the Fountain of Life to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, on her feast day, **December 12, 2021 at 6 p.m..** We will pray a rosary for life, lead by Dcn. Randy King. Let us remember Our Lady's reassuring message to Juan Diego back in 1531: *"Am I not here, I who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need anything more? Let nothing worry you, disturb you."*



**SVDP ANGEL TREE PROJECT** Please help us share Christmas joy with our families in need ... this year again more than ever. *(We are hopeful that next year we will ask you to purchase the gifts. We know how it comes from the heart.* However, our usual means of you selecting angels and receiving your gifts will be different as we come out of the effects of this virus on health and commerce.) We will be collecting only monetary donations from parishioners. SVDP will purchase gift cards for the families. Place your donations in the ANGEL TREE ENVELOPES and deposit them in the SVDP wall box in the narthex or the church offering plate. *(Checks can be made payable to SVDP.)* We will be collecting the ANGEL TREE ENVELOPES **now through December 12th.** Thank you for your generosity!



Please join us on **Thursday, December 16, 2021** for Theology on Tap at the Blue Star Brewery. All are invited to attend this free event, and we extend a special invitation to the young adults of the parish. Come and share a pint of fine beer with friends while engaging with your parish community. This month's topic is "Marriage and Annulments: Understanding God's Plan for Marriage Through Canon Law." Doors open at 7 p.m. Email [rjmccauley@gmail.com](mailto:rjmccauley@gmail.com) for more information.



Kindly join us for our 1st Annual Christmas Feast with the Pastor, on **December 18, 2021, at 7 p.m.** in the Atonement Catholic Academy Pope Saint John Paul II Library. Please RSVP to Mrs. Erica Lizama at (210) 695-2944



Join us on **December 19, 2021, at 7 p.m.** for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with the participation of all of our Parish Choirs. Lessons and Carols is an Advent tradition that prepares us for the coming of Christ through the reading of Scripture and the singing of hymns. You don't want to miss out on this staple of our Anglican patrimony.

## Christmas Office Hours



**The Parish Office will be closed beginning Monday December 20, 2021 returning to normal business hours on Monday, January 3, 2022.**

**Please plan accordingly.**

## 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 [astevens@atonementonline.com](mailto:astevens@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

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### 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  
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### Sacraments for the Homebound

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### 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—www.tsgTroop815.org

### Women of Grace

Diana Marie Salsman, (210) 865-5627

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



## MEET OUR STAFF

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### Pastoral Council

Terri Garza, Ray Slush, Thomas Dum,  
Joseph McDonough, John Weems,  
Ademola Elliotte, & Clare McDonough  
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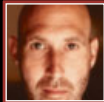
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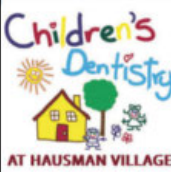
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