



**ST IGNATIUS**  
**& ST LUKE'S**  
5 July 2020

## OUR LADY OF THE ATONEMENT

*In her wonderful condescension and love the Mother of God has been pleased to reveal herself to the Children of the Atonement under a new name, thus giving remarkable evidence of the honor, love and prayers to her as Our Lady of the Atonement.*

—*Servant of God Father Paul of Graymoor*

On April 10, 1919, Pope Benedict XV gave formal approval for the church's recognition of Mary under the title Our Lady of the Atonement. Servant of God Father Paul of Graymoor, Founder of the Friars of the Atonement, had a long and deep devotion to the Blessed Mother, and he was the first to invoke her by this title:

*This particular name of Our Blessed Mother is very dear to us and we believe it is dear to Our Lady herself. We hold it as among the most treasured and sacred traditions of our Institute that it was the Blessed Virgin who first taught us to call her by that name and there are cogent reasons why she should give this title a favorite place among the many by which she is invoked. First among these reasons must be her own devotion to the mystery of the Atonement, for it was by the death of her son on the Cross, which cost him the last drop of his blood and made her preeminently the mother of sorrows, that the wall of division between God and man was broken down and both were made one (Ephesians 2:14), through Christ's atoning sacrifice. As the Blessed Virgin is inseparably associated with our divine redeemer in the mystery of his incarnation, so is she closely associated with him in the great act of the atonement. Thus, is she always represented in the Gospel and in the liturgy and thought of the Catholic Church as standing by the cross, when Christ was crucified there.*

*There is a second reason, hardly less weighty than the first, why the title, Our Lady of the Atonement, should powerfully appeal to the mother of God. It was through the Incarnation she become the mother of Christ, but through the atonement she became the new Eve and the mother of all the regenerate, who being redeemed by the precious blood are predestined to eternal life as the adopted sons of God and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. The third time Our Lord spoke upon the cross it was to emphasize this phase of the Atonement, when he said to his mother: "Woman, behold your son," and to St. John, "Son, behold your mother." [John 19:26-27] Thus by virtue of the atonement Mary is the mother of all who live through Christ. Can anyone therefore possibly conceive the depth of significance this title "Our Lady of the Atonement" must possess for Our Blessed Mother herself?*

*But someone will ask, if so highly esteemed, why should it be kept hidden for nineteen hundred years, to be made known to the faithful in the twentieth century? Is it not the custom even of earthly mothers to preserve the choicest fruits in the summer time and hide them away under lock and key, to bring them forth to their children's delight in the depth of winter and did not the master of the wedding feast say to the bridegroom at Cana, "Every man at first brings forth good wine and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse. But you have kept the good wine until now." [John 2:10] "My ways are not your ways," [Isaiah 55:8] says the Lord of Hosts.*

*(Father Paul of Graymoor, The Lamp, August 1919)*

In June 1899 Episcopal priest Rev. Lewis T. Wattson professed his vows as a Friar of the Atonement, taking the name Paul James Francis. In 1901, Fr. Paul initiated for his Friars of the Atonement devotion to the Blessed Mother invoked under the title, "Our Lady of the Atonement", adapting prayers to Our Lady of Sorrows. That same year, he and Society of Atonement co-founder, Mother Lurana White, established the Rosary League of Our Lady of the Atonement. In the early 1900s Wattson was a popular preacher in Episcopal churches which brought a greater awareness of the devotion to the Episcopalian community. The title became popular common among Anglicans and Anglo-Catholics who have a similar devotion in their liturgical traditions.

In 1909 the Society of the Atonement entered the Roman Catholic Church, and in 1919, the title was formally approved by Pope Benedict XV. In the September 1932 issue of *The Lamp*, Father Paul wrote, "When we, therefore, give to our Blessed Mother the title of 'Our Lady of the Atonement', we mean 'Our Lady of Unity.'" In a sermon he said, "When, therefore, we address the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of the Atonement, we think of her as the connecting link between ourselves and God...to bring about that blissful state of Unity which will constitute the joy of Heaven."

The feast day of Our Lady of the Atonement, July 9, was approved by the Holy See in 1946.

Our Lady of the Atonement is depicted wearing a golden crown or a crown of 12 stars and a blue tunic. The red mantle signifies the Precious Blood of Jesus. She holds in her arms the Christ Child who holds a cross in his right hand. Frequently, these images also depict angels holding the instruments of Christ's Passion.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Jacqueline Chancio, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Victoria P.; M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

*Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list.*

***Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.***

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CLEARING THE PLAYGROUND**

Fr. Vidal would like some volunteers to clear out and spruce up the playground. We would also love to clear out the small garden that is right next to the playground, in hopes of getting a community garden started. Please email the office if you would like to help with this project. It would be great to have a place for the kids to play during parish events.

### **PEW PROJECT**

We continue to work on stripping the beadboard in the interior of the church, usually one weekday each week. If you are interested in assisting in this work, send an email to the office, and we will let you know when our workdays are scheduled.

### **ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL**

Interested in sending your children to St. Columba School? Enrollment is now open for the 2020-2021 school year, grades PreK - 8. For more information go to [www.stcatholic.org](http://www.stcatholic.org), or call the school at 301-567-6212. To discover what we're all about please contact our enrollment director, Mrs. Lera Rickling, at 301-567-6212, ext.2 or [ricklingl@stcatholic.org](mailto:ricklingl@stcatholic.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, 4 July**

*Anticipated Mass for Sunday*

4:30 pm special intention [S. White]

### **Sunday, 5 July**

*The Fourth Sunday after Trinity*

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Russ and Anne White

11 am Janet Carr + [Rosemary Collier]

### **Monday, 6 July**

*Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

9 am no public mass

### **Tuesday, 7 July**

*Feria*

9 am Edwin Smith + [Edwin Smith]

### **Wednesday, 8 July**

*Feria*

9 am Armondo Elia + [Jane Slattery]

### **Thursday, 9 July**

*Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

*Our Lady of the Atonement*

9 am Lorraine LaValley + [Ladies of Charity]

### **Friday, 10 July**

*Feria*

9 am Msgr. William J. O'Donnell +

### **Saturday, 11 July**

*Anticipated Mass for Sunday*

4:30 pm Lorraine LaValley + [Don and Diana Gritz]

### **Sunday, 12 July**

*The Fifth Sunday after Trinity*

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Lorraine LaValley + [Jane Slattery]

11 am Edward Guinivan and companions

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