



The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

“That we all may be one.” – John 17:21

May 16, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you may be aware, the Holy Father directed me to appoint a new Pastor for Our Lady of the Atonement in San Antonio, Texas, as part of the Parish’s transition into the Ordinariate. Your Pastor, the Rev. Mark Lewis, has accepted this new appointment, which is effective July 1.

We appreciate how much you have cherished the leadership of Father Lewis, who is known throughout the Ordinariate for his pastoral wisdom, spirit of hospitality, and keen administrative gifts. Please know that the appointment of Father Lewis to Our Lady of the Atonement is meant not only as a recognition of his tremendous gifts, but also of your Parish’s extraordinary stability and your proven capacity to bring others into the Church and form them in faith.

As Father Lewis has announced to you, your new Pastor will be the Rev. John Vidal, who will begin his ministry at St. Luke’s in October. Until Father Vidal’s arrival this fall, the Rev. Rick Kramer will celebrate Masses for your Parish.

Please join me in pledging prayers for Father Lewis in his new responsibilities, and for his smooth transition from St. Luke’s, which he and Vickey have called “home” since 2006. Rest assured of my prayers for your Parish, as you continue to give witness to the Eucharistic communion of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop Steven J. Lopes

Most Rev. Steven J. Lopes
Bishop of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter