



St. Anthony Mary Claret Roman Catholic Church

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October 28, 2018

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: MK 12:28B-34

"You are not far from the kingdom of God." What does it mean to be close to God's kingdom? In today's Gospel, Jesus is in a dialogue with teachers of the law. They know well the Law of Moses, with its complex codes, expectations, and punishments. What will Jesus say?

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus effortlessly distills all the books of law into two commands. The simplicity of the Gospel message doesn't mean it's easy to follow. Far from it! The simplicity of the Gospel indicates its totality. Anything that requires the passions of our heart, the choice of our soul, the reason in our mind, or the strength of our body—all of this ought to be animated by love. As you can imagine, that means pretty much everything! The love of God and love of neighbor is meant to flow into our entire lives.

The Gospel can appear complicated because life is complicated. Not every outcast is easy to love. We lack the knowledge or compassion to heal everyone who suffers. Personal sacrifice is not always noticed or valued. In the face of the unknown, fear can be easier than faith. Life's circumstances can seem like obstacles to God's love, not opportunities. And yet Jesus' command still stands. As you reflect this week, examine those areas where it's easy to love. Thank God for them! But take some time to consider the people and circumstances that challenge you. Ask God to show you what it means to love there. How is He inviting you to enlarge your heart, strengthen your soul, open your mind, and persevere in your strength? How is He inviting you to love?

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately bound together. You cannot have one without the other. Who are my neighbor and how do I love them? It is easy to confess with our lips that we love our neighbor. But how does this get translated into action? Our neighbors are not only those who live around us or are most familiar to us. Everyone is our neighbor: those who are foreign to us, those who have come here illegally, those who have hurt us, those we envy, those we take for granted, and those who are poor. Embracing humanity in all of its forms is not always an easy task, and doing so can quickly take us out of our comfort zones. Working for justice, as God desires, often means adjusting how much I can have and sacrificing our wants and desires. The very image of God is on the faces of our neighbors, and our face can be found there as well. How much do we really love them?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday.....8 am, 7:30 pm
Monday Holy Hour.....6:30 pm
Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.8 am
Saturday.....5 pm
Sunday..... 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 3 pm (Spanish), 6 pm

Holy Days of Obligation.....8 am & 7 pm

Every first Monday of the month we celebrate a Healing Mass and administer the Sacrament of the Sick.

IN OUR PARISH



Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they, too, may share in the everlasting presence of God. Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a whole.

WELCOME!

As pastor of St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church, I want to express welcome from all of us to you for choosing to become a member of our parish family. We hope you will always feel at home here and that our worship and other parochial services will fulfill your spiritual needs.



Please complete an online registration form at samcsa.com or a printed one which you can find near the entrance of our church in the narthex. Return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at your convenience.

I hope you feel welcome here!

Rev. Jim Clark Sincerely in Christ,

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION TOTALS

Oct. 20/21

Attendance	3,395
Regular Collection	\$ 22,281.72
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,613.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 230.00
Candles	\$ 333.96
Gabriel Project	\$ 160.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 140.00
World Missions	\$ 85.00
Amigas Honduras Mission	\$ 10.00

This Week in Our Parish



Elijah Javier Freeman,
child of Michael & Sonia Freeman
Micah Jon Aguon,
child of Carlos & Laura Aguon



Julio Ramirez & Alexandria Velasco

WEDDINGS

SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Reconciliation (Confession)

Weekdays: 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays: 4 p.m.—last in line
Sundays: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (or last in line),
4 p.m. – last in line

Baptism—Required Classes:

First Tues. & Thurs. of the month, 7:30 p.m.
Call parish office to register.

Visitation of the Sick:

Call parish office to schedule visit.

Funeral Arrangements:

Contact parish office prior to making arrangements.

MONDAY EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR & MASS

Holy Hour - 6:30 p.m. Mass - 7:30 p.m.



**DON'T FORGET
TO TURN BACK
THE CLOCKS
THIS weekend!**



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 3
5 P.M.

Anniversary Blessings for Robert & Selia Espinoza by Espinoza Family
Mary A. Kalka † by Husband & Family

Sunday, Nov. 4
8 A.M.

Raymond Bendele † by Bea Peterson
Agnese Manera † & Adelia Pelosin † by Mayra Finley

10 A.M.

Angela Rubio Bermejo † & Juana Bermejo † by Aguilera Family

12 P.M.

Francisco Guerrero † by Family

3 P.M.

Richard & Enedina De La Rosa † by Family

6 P.M.

Joseph Ko † by Family

Monday, Nov. 5

8 A.M.

Raymond & Elvira Bendele † by Bea Peterson
Special Intention for James & Henry Pawelek & Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family

***** No Holy Hour/No evening Mass today *****

Tuesday, Nov. 6

***** No morning Mass today *****

Wednesday, Nov. 7

***** No morning Mass today *****

Thursday, Nov. 8

8 A.M.

Special Intention for Beatriz Blanco, Genaro Dominguez, Jr., Genaro Anthony & Albresha Dominguez by Delia Dominguez

Friday, Nov. 9

8 A.M.

Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary † by St. Anthony Mary Claret Legion of Mary

Saturday, Nov. 10

5 P.M.

Kathy Duran † by Bill & Terri Surratt

Sunday, Nov. 11

8 A.M.

Rodolfo Guhit † by Natalia Guhit
Special Intention for Alan J. Ponce †; Margaret † & Albert Suarez † by Alma Ponce
Debra Saenz † & Robert Reynolds † by Lydia Reynolds & Family

3 P.M.

Carmen Isales Diaz † by Daughters Judy & Yolanda

6 P.M.

Marisa Hernandez † by Darlene Belanger
Lisa Alaniz † by Family

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS



Thank you to all who are helping us to reach our goal. To date we have raised 51.1% of our \$1.7M goal.

If you are ready to make a commitment or need information, visit <https://www.archsa.org/ontheway-andale>.

As Christian stewards we are called to devote a regular portion of our time to God in prayer. Perhaps we find it intimidating to find the right words when approaching our perfect, all-holy God.

Last Sunday's Gospel showed us we don't need to have our "act together" before we can spend time with Him in prayer. In this passage from Mark, we see that Bartimaeus received a powerful answer to prayer at a very low point in his life. There, he sat, begging at the side of the road in a very undignified manner. His posture wasn't exactly reverent, and his prayer wasn't eloquent, just a desperate, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

But it was a sincere cry from his heart. And Jesus, though surrounded by a sizable crowd, heard it, and called for him. Folks from the crowd called to Bartimaeus, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." And right there on the spot, Bartimaeus experienced a profound moment of personal encounter with our Lord and the healing of his vision he desired.

How simple it is to encounter Jesus! All we must do is reach out to Him in prayer and we can be assured that He will hear us and call us to Himself. So let's all take courage this week knowing that Jesus is calling us right now to spend time with Him just as we are, in all our weakness and brokenness. Tell Him, the great High Priest, what your needs are and then, like Bartimaeus, follow Him, and keep on keeping on in this stewardship way of life.

RESPECT LIFE

An Election Prayer

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, not only of individuals, but of nations and governments.

We thank you for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to you. We thank you for your law, which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law.

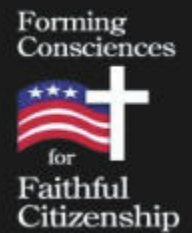
We thank you for the opportunity that this election year puts before us, to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but to influence countless others to vote, and to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to you requires that they be politically active. Awaken your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world but rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to you in prayer are the hands that cast the vote; that the same eyes that read your Word are the eyes that read the names on the ballot, and that they do not cease to be Christians when they enter the voting booth. Awaken your people to a commitment to justice to the sanctity of marriage and the family, to the dignity of each individual human life, and to the truth that human rights begin when human lives begin, and not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your kingdom. May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For resources and information on political responsibility and forming conscience, visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm>



Intercessions for Life

For those nearing the end of life: may they place their faith in Christ and be strengthened in hope for eternal life with Him. We pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por los que se acercan al final de su vida: para que pongan su fe en Cristo y sean fortalecidos en la esperanza de la vida eterna con Él. Roguemos al Señor.

Words of Life / Palabras de Vida

"The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you."

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End," www.usccb.org/endoflifecare

"El proceso de la muerte es un tiempo sagrado, una estación final para buscar el cierre de esta vida y prepararse para la siguiente en la esperanza de participar en la Resurrección de Cristo. Al entrar en este tiempo con su familiar o amigo, pida a Dios que los acompañe a los dos". — Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB "Cuidado de los seres queridos al final de la vida", <http://bit.ly/cuidado-al-final-de-la-vida>



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH GROUP

October/November Religious Education Calendar



- Sun., Nov. 4 & Wed., Nov. 7 **Classes in session**
- Wed., Nov. 7 4th Grade Sanctity of Life Talk— This replaces their regular RE class that day. Topic: Life is Sacred—Anyone in 1st Communion classes should attend their regular class.
- Sun., Nov. 11 & Wed., Nov. 14 **Classes in session** Parent classes—for those whose children are in their final year of sacramental preparation
- Sun., Nov. 18 & Wed., Nov. 21 **No Classes**
- Sun., Nov. 25 & Wed., Nov. 28 **Classes in session**



We need **FOUR MORE** Catechists to teach the Catholic faith to our parish students. Interested? Contact Michelle Reynolds at 210-688-9033 x204 or reoffice@saclaret.com.



Upcoming EDGE meetings (middle school youth): Nov. 11 & 25, 4 - 5:45 p.m. Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Upcoming LIFE TEEN meetings (high school youth): Nov. 11, 7:15 - 9:15: Adoration in church Nov 18, Mass at 6 p.m. & meeting 7:10 - 9:00 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall



LIFE TEEN Leading Teens Closer to Christ

For info contact Youth Director Martie Kokotajlo at (210) 688-9033, x209 or youthgroup@saclaret.com.

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A LIFE TEEN EVENT

Saturday, Nov. 17, Six Flags Fiesta Texas 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

\$55 = ticket & wristband; \$25 = wristband only (for those w/a Fiesta Texas pass) Tickets = admission to Six Flags Fiesta Texas Wristbands = admission to Life Teen Inspiration

All tickets/wristbands are to be purchased from parish youth ministry coordinator Martie Kokotajlo.

Deposit (due upon registration): \$25 - ticket & wristband; \$10 - wristband only Questions? Contact Martie Kokotajlo at (210) 688-9033, x209 or youthgroup@saclaret.com.

PARISH NEWS

ST. ANTHONY CLARET'S PANTRY



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Help those in need to have a great Thanksgiving! We provide gift cards to cover cost of turkeys; you provide fixings.

Bring NON-PERISHABLE donations of the following: green beans, corn, carrots, peas, stuffing, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, dry gravy mixes, cake and icing, pie filling and pie crust.

Drop your donations in the basket in the narthex between now and Nov. 10/11. Distribution of baskets will occur Nov. 15 during regular office hours.



St. Anthony Mary Claret MOMs (Ministry of Motherhood)

a Catholic group helping mothers find encouragement, instruction, prayer time & caring friends Wednesday, Nov 14, 9-11 a.m.

(preceded by 8 a.m. Mass)

Meeting & free childcare location: RE Building Topic: Overcoming Stress and Fatigue with Nutritional Therapy

Speaker: Megan Homan Please bring a breakfast item to share.

For more info, contact Sonia Cantu at 210-204-2319.



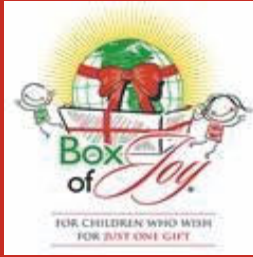
PARISH NEWS



St. Anthony Claret American Heritage (AHG) Girls Troop TX1988 is collecting shoebox gifts for Cross Catholic Outreach's Boxes of Joy Program benefiting Central and South American children.

Pack a Christmas gift box and sponsor its shipping for a child who would otherwise receive nothing.

Kits that include a box, donation envelope (to cover shipping), and rules/suggestions for filling it are available in the narthex and in the RE building.



Drop off packed boxes in the narthex or RE building by Nov. 11.

For more info, visit: <http://www.crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy>.

The troop is also selling sponsorships for \$15 for Wreaths Across America which aims to place Christmas Wreaths on the grave of veterans or spouses in cemeteries across the U.S.

Our parish troop will place wreaths at Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery on Dec. 15.

You also may sponsor in honor of a particular veteran or in memory of one.

A portion of the cost will benefit the troop.

To sponsor a wreath, visit: wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0609P

You can also sponsor in person (cash or check). Contact us at ahgtx1988@gmail.com to obtain a form.



WREATHS across AMERICA

St. Anthony Claret Silver Seniors Social

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 11:30 a.m.
Lunch & tour at Landon Ridge Assisted Living

11349 Alamo Ranch Pkwy

Interested in attending? Contact Larry Lucido at (210) 473-4813. New members welcome! Ages 55+.

Come to our membership drive next weekend, Nov. 3/4. in the narthex after all Masses.



St. Anthony Mary Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090 Tamales Plate Sale

Sunday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Msgr. Hubertus Hall
\$8 for 3 tamales, rice & beans



ST. ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF:

	Actual MTD 08-01-2018 to 08-31-2018	Actual YTD 07-01-18 to 08-31-2018
Cash Available		
Beginning Balance	\$360,448.04	\$368,613.07

Cash In-Flow from:		
Sunday Collection	\$105,322.41	\$231,891.91
Debt Reduction	\$21,838.19	\$47,888.27
Mass Intentions/Stipends	\$573.00	\$1,254.00
Candles	\$1,718.94	\$3,778.82
Interest Income	\$39.62	\$113.37
On the Way-Andale	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance Proceeds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Raising -Festival	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Education	\$28,307.00	\$36,728.00
Music & Liturgy	\$0.00	\$0.00
CYO	\$41,264.58	\$42,461.05
Other Parish Organizations	\$16,637.70	\$27,693.53
Special Programs	\$958.14	\$1,685.59
Draws from Bank	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfers from Assets, Trusts, Savings		\$43,628.57
Total Cash In-Flow	\$216,659.58	\$437,123.11

Cash Out-Flow from:		
Salaries	\$34,226.70	\$59,116.44
Contracted Services	\$6,791.52	\$13,961.23
Insurance	\$6,147.23	\$6,147.23
Employee Benefits	\$9,175.27	\$16,857.70
Supplies	\$5,781.88	\$12,261.90
Postage	\$568.38	\$1,856.42
Repairs & Maintenance	\$9,837.62	\$18,212.38
Utilities	\$8,740.70	\$17,361.39
Vehicle	\$1,202.95	\$2,119.19
Food/Groceries/Hospitality	\$3,321.76	\$4,493.49
Promotion	\$30.74	\$61.48
Donations	\$150.00	\$300.00
Bank Charges Interest	\$749.86	\$25,992.15
Miscellaneous Exp-Capital Campaign	\$0.00	\$0.00
Archdiocesan Service Fund	\$18,366.00	\$36,732.00
Religious Education	\$23,103.99	\$69,077.82
Music & Liturgy	\$4,655.38	\$7,737.26
CYO	\$7,595.67	\$9,147.23
Parish Organizations	\$15,680.07	\$29,198.98
Special Programs	\$3,548.80	\$4,667.18
Bank Note Payments	\$0.00	\$53,001.61
Transfers to Assets, Trust and Savings	\$185,541.19	\$185,541.19
Total Cash Out-Flow	\$345,215.71	\$573,844.27

Cash Available		
Ending Balance	\$231,891.91	\$231,891.91

Savings Accounts		
Beginning Balance	\$1,016,946.51	\$1,036,093.24
Interest	\$39.62	\$113.37
Deposits	\$172,794.11	\$191,830.91
Withdrawals/Progress Payments	\$14,807.34	\$53,064.62
Ending Balance	\$1,174,972.90	\$1,174,972.90

Bank Loans		
Beginning Balance	\$2,182,215.93	\$2,235,217.54
Principal Payments Made on Loan	\$0.00	\$53,001.61
Ending Balance	\$2,182,215.93	\$2,182,215.93

COMMUNITY NEWS

Turkey Bingo

Sunday, Nov. 4, 12-5 p.m.
Las Fuentes Hall
at Cordi-Marian
11624 Culebra Road
\$10 for 15 games
For info/tickets call 210-279-1824.
Proceeds benefit
Cordi-Marian Sisters.



FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Join the St. Anthony Mary Claret Vocations Committee this month as they pray for local seminarians and for an increase in vocations to religious life.

These seminarians will be the recipients of your prayers this month:



Edward Gonzales



Jordan Milligan

The committee also commends to your intercession a group committed to the consecrated life: *Benedictine Sisters of Boerne*

He said to them "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying (John 1:39).

God of all nations, we are most grateful for the first Catholic missionaries and explorers who came to United States.

As strangers in a strange land they brought with them countless skills, talents and traditions, but their greatest treasure was their faith.

May the good News of Jesus Christ, which molded and shaped their lives, continue to mold and shape our lives today.

Bless our diocese with men and women who will follow in their footsteps to serve the Church as religious brothers, sisters, priests, and deacons. Lord Jesus Christ, help them to hear your call to "Come and see."

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- Sunday 4: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday 5: Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday 6: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday 7: Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday 8: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
Friday 9: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Saturday 10: Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15
Sunday 11: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44



THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

A guy took his girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

"Oh, I really liked it" she replied, "especially the cool outfits and all the big muscles, but I just don't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?"

"Well I saw them flip a coin and one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: 'Get the quarter-back! Get the quarterback!' Hel-LLLO! It's only 25 cents!"



National Vocation Awareness Week: Nov. 4-10

For info and resources, visit:

http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please take 90 seconds out to offer one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be for the sick of our parish family.

- Rudy Parrilla
Fernando Mascorro
Ana Galinski
Sophia Hampton S.T.
Eloise Salazar
Maria Morales
Rosa Huerta
Johnny Reyes
Tomas Calderon
Richard Keller
Barbara Vanegas
Jack & Jeanette Donohue
Rudy Navarro
A.C. Garza
Olga & Rudy Faz
Dee Hancock
Grace Heinze
Adrian & Erika Huerter
Bill Jennings
Robyn Marcum
Margie Morones
Tracy Oviedo
Alyson Victoria Oviedo
Linda Santos
Mary Sladden
Nancy Souhrada
Bertha Trevino
Roberto Trevino
Gabby Truly
Bishop Yanta
Anthony Trevino

PARISH NEWS

St. Anthony Mary Claret Marriage Ministry Date Night

an evening of fellowship and enrichment for the married & engaged

Friday, Nov. 16, 7-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Topic: Sexuality and Authentic Love

Does love lead to sex, or does sex lead to love? Are love and intimacy more than simply fulfilling one another on a physical level? What if there is an authentic love that encompasses our physical, emotional, and spiritual life together in marriage?

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Free childcare available,

but you MUST register in advance with Samantha Reyna at samantha.reyna07@yahoo.com

NO LATER THAN Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Questions? Contact Chris and Nicole Glowe at cnglowe@yahoo.com or 210-257-6616.

Learn more about the Beloved Program at

https://www.augustineinstitute.org/formed/beloved/.



Does your family homeschool?

Check out our new homeschool ministry. For info, contact Kelly Comeau at room4more@twc.com.





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