

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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JN 13:31-33A, 34-35

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere "common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty—especially by our standards—as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

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### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

### 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.

### Celebration of the Mass

Monday 8 a.m., 7:30 p.m. preceded by Holy Hour at 6:30 p.m.  
Every first Monday of the month 7:30 p.m. Healing Mass  
& administering of the Sacrament of the Sick

Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. (Spanish), & 6 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligations: Check inside bulletin for times.

### 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

No confessions on holy days of obligation or Fridays of Lent.

### Baptism - Required Classes:

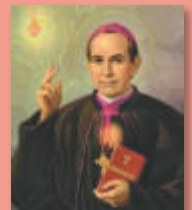
First Tuesday & Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Call parish office to schedule visit.

**Funerals:** Call parish office prior to making arrangements.

**Marriage Prep:** Call parish office at least six months to one year prior to wedding. Must attend mandatory orientation session the third Thursday of March or September at 7 p.m.

**Quinceañera Prep:** Call parish office at least six months to one year prior to date of celebration. Child must be enrolled in religious education for at least one year. Must attend mandatory orientation session the fourth Thursday of March or September at 7 p.m.



**IN OUR PARISH**



**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](http://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!

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak

**May 4/5 Attendance & Collection Totals**

Attendance	4,282
Regular Collection	\$ 25,649.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,053.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 813.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 569.36
Candles	\$ 532.96
SAMC Pantry	\$ 270.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 145.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 110.00
Church in Holy Land	\$ 15.00

**May 11/12 Attendance & Collection Totals**

Attendance	3,714
Regular Collection	\$ 27,076.61
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,813.66
Assumption Seminary	\$ 1,440.58
Candles	\$ 340.92
Capital Campaign	\$ 150.00
Church in Holy Land	\$ 60.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 40.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 30.00
Church-Eastern Europe	\$ 20.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 5.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00

**GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1***

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

How do people know that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ? Some folks prefer to keep their faith a secret and rarely mention their belief in Jesus. Others are more vocal and readily tell people that they are Christian. For Jesus, there is another way to recognize whether one is a disciple. He tells his friends that all will know they are disciples if they have love for one another. The love to which Jesus calls us to is not just an earthly love. It's not just about doing nice things for people or even keeping positive thoughts about others. Jesus' love is divine love. Put simply, Jesus became human so that we can become divine. We are called to look at the world, people, and ourselves as God does. This requires unconditional compassion and a whole lot of mercy and forgiveness. We cannot do this alone. That is why the risen Christ remains with us, especially through the Eucharist, to help us become who he is. If done correctly, there will be no question about who has our allegiance.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, May 18**

5 P.M. **\*\*\* FIRST COMMUNION MASS \*\*\***  
**Birthday Blessings for Joann Villarreal**  
 by Irene Durand

**Sunday, May 19**

8 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Father Jan Klak**  
 by Parish

10 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Alison Bendele**  
 by Bea Peterson

12 P.M. **\*\*\* FIRST COMMUNION MASS \*\*\***  
**Debra Saenz † & Robert Reynolds †**  
 by Lydia Reynolds

3 P.M. **Adolfo De Luna †** by Darlene Belanger

6 P.M. **Patricia Galindo De Sanchez †** by Husband,  
 Daughters, Sons & Granddaughters

**Monday, May 20**

8 A.M. **Special Intention for Son** by Maria M. Carazo

6:30 P.M. Holy Hour

7:30 P.M. **Birthday Blessings for Charlotte Carian**  
 by Carian Family

**Tuesday, May 21**

8 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Andres Rodriguez**  
 by Rodriguez Family

**Wednesday, May 22**

8 A.M. **Blanche Gibbs †** by Family

**Thursday, May 23**

8 A.M. **Special Intention for Surratt Sisters**  
 by Bill & Terri Surratt

**Friday, May 24**

8 A.M. **Adolfo De Luna † ; Birthday Blessings for Jayden Cola** by Mr. & Mrs. Pablo Luna

**Saturday, May 25**

5 P.M. **Edward Benningfield †** by Benningfield Family

**Sunday, May 26**

8 A.M. **Medardo Carazo †** by Maria M. Carazo

10 A.M. **Healing for Demetria Alvarez** by Family

12 P.M. **Amelia Gonzalez †** by Joe & Gail Gonzalez & Family

3 P.M. **Maria Guadalupe Corona † ; Jose Maria Corona †** by Corona Family

6 P.M. **Rene Mueller †** by Legion of Mary

## LOVE & MARRIAGE

### Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility - Part 1

We often assume parenthood happens easily after "I do," but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another.

The pain can become overwhelming. Social media posts of pregnancies, baby announcements, or pictures of newborns may intensify feelings of being alone in the ache for a child. Attending baby showers and being around children or pregnant women can be excruciating.

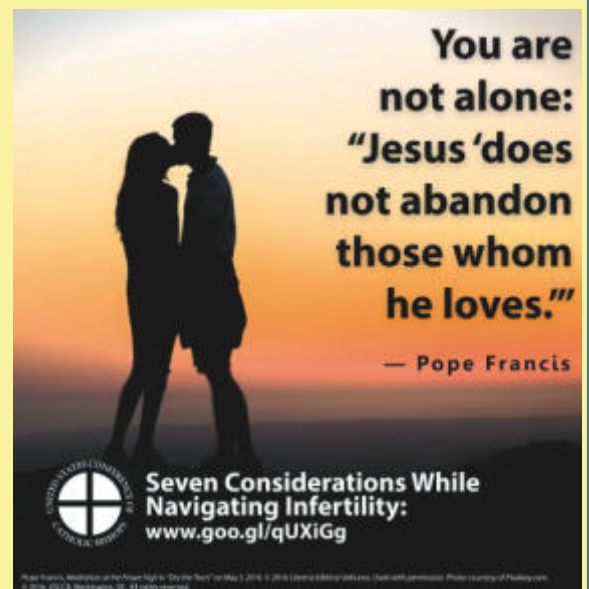
If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you. The following suggestions may be helpful to you on this journey.

- 1. Start with Prayer:** God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple. Seek his guidance, and let the healing power of prayer, a conversation in which "heart speaks unto heart,"<sup>1</sup> strengthen you. Pope Francis encourages us to pray not only with commonly known prayers, "but also to pray in our own words."<sup>2</sup>
- 2. Connect with Others:** A mentorship, a faith-based support group, or spiritual direction can offer comfort and provide new perspectives. Sharing your struggles with family, friends, or a therapist can also help ease the pain. Ask the saints for their intercession, and reflect upon the biblical stories of Sarah and Abraham, Hannah and Elkanah, and Elizabeth and Zechariah.<sup>3</sup>

**3. Seek to Understand the Church's Teaching:\*** The sexual act expresses the marital covenant, repeating over and over again, "I give myself to you entirely, unreservedly, holding nothing back." In this mutual gift of self, so all-encompassing that it includes their potential for procreation, a husband and wife are united as one, giving full expression to their love. These two aspects of sexuality, the unitive and the procreative, are intertwined and are not meant to be separated.

Suppressing the possibility of conception (i.e., contraceptive use) and creating life outside the marital sexual act (i.e., use of some reproductive technologies) both work against God's plan for married love and the gift of life. Pope Francis explains that "a child deserves to be born of that love" expressed between a husband and wife in intercourse, "and not by any other means, for 'he or she is not something owed ... but is a gift.'"<sup>4</sup>

**4. Learn the Difference between Ethical and Unethical Interventions:\*** Applying the Church's teaching means that, in short, procedures that introduce a third party into the process (such as surrogates or sperm/egg donors) are not morally acceptable. Additionally, substituting a laboratory action or anything else for intercourse, such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization (IVF), is also morally unacceptable. However, treatments that help facilitate conception through marital intercourse are morally ethical.



\* Further explanation may be found in these resources:

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology. Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009.
- Natural Family Planning Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Reproductive Technology (Evaluation & Treatment of Infertility): Guidelines for Catholic Couples." Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009.
- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Instruction Donum Vitae (Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1987.
- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Instruction Dignitas Personae (The Dignity of a Person). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2008.
- Articles, documents, statements, and more: [www.usccb.org/LifeGivingLove](http://www.usccb.org/LifeGivingLove)

<sup>1</sup> Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at the Mass with the Beatification of Venerable Cardinal John Henry Newman on September 19, 2010, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2010).

<sup>2</sup> Pope Francis, General Audience, May 7, 2014, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2014).

<sup>3</sup> Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-8; 1 Samuel 1:1 – 2:11, 18-21; Luke 1:5-25

<sup>4</sup> Pope Francis, Amoris laetitia, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016), nos. 80-81.

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more info or to read this article in Spanish visit [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

#### Intercessions for Life

*For those who are dying: that they be treated with respect, care, and Christian love that reflects the gift of their lives. We pray to the Lord.*

#### Intercesiones por la Vida

*Por quienes están por morir: para que se los trate con respeto, cuidado y amor cristiano que refleje el don de su vida. Roguemos al Señor.*

### PARISH NEWS



## 1st Annual Non-Residential Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Weekend

June 28 -30, Friday 7p.m. - Sunday 3:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church

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Apply by contacting Larry & Jane at 210-951-9963, online at [mesanantonio.org](http://mesanantonio.org) or pick up a flier in the narthex or parish office.

Questions? Get in touch with St. Anthony Claret parish contact couple Wally and Pat Closner at 210-887-9140, 210-887-9180 or [pncwclosner2@gmail.com](mailto:pncwclosner2@gmail.com).

**Volunteers needed for 1st Annual Non-Residential Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Weekend June 28-30 to be held at our parish!**

Call Wally at 210-887-9140 or Pat at 210-887-9180 to volunteer your time, talent or treasure.



### This Week's Weddings

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Deepak Bhatia & Carmen Andrea Torres



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



MAY SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Sat., May 18  
Sun., May 19

First Communion-5 p.m. Mass  
First Communion-12 p.m. Mass



YOUTH GROUP



OPENINGS REMAIN FOR THESE LIFE TEEN EVENTS:

**2019 Steubenville Lone Star:** June 21-23, Irving Convention Center, Irving, TX  
\$350 incl. conference, lodging, transportation, & most meals; non-refundable deposit:  
\$100

**Wild Sky 2019:** July 15- 20, Medina, TX; \$655.00; Non-refundable deposit: \$100

**SEVERAL OPENINGS REMAIN!**

*We're seeking a few young adults and those young at heart to help with our youth program next year. Interested? Contact Youth Director Martie Kokotajlo at 210-688-9033, x209 or youthgroup@saclaret.com.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

**FRIENDS OF PADUA**  
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Join other young men in high school in a retreat designed to help youth come to a deeper understanding of God's call for their lives. The retreat is open to young men, ages 15-18.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

A pastor was opening his mail one morning and one envelope had only a single sheet of paper with a single word printed on it: "FOOL!" The following Sunday the priest announced, "I have known many people who have written letters and forgotten to sign their name. But this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name and had forgotten to write a letter."



# 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:



Stephen Santos



David Chacko

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and women. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen.

**Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!**

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:  
**Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Is your Marriage Struggling?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Has infidelity or addiction made your marriage an emotional wasteland?
- Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting? Or do you simply shut down?
- Have you considered separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

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## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY\*

- Harold Shields
- Dr. George Flores
- Anita Flores
- Nylvia Flores
- Baby Caden Flores
- Johnny Reyes
- John Flores
- Maria Flores
- Robert Garcia
- Javier Calderon
- Ray & Carolyn Cole
- George Aldaya
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- Adrian & Erika Huerter
- Jack & Jeanette Donohue
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- Rosa Huerta
- Johnny Reyes
- Richard Keller
- Barbara Vanegas
- Rudy Navarro
- A.C. Garza
- Olga & Rudy Faz
- Dee Hancock
- Grace Heinze
- Bill Jennings
- Robyn Marcum
- Margie Morones
- Tracy Oviedo
- Alyson Victoria Oviedo
- Jenna & Landon Ondrusek
- Linda Santos
- Mary Sledden
- Nancy Souhrada
- Bertha Trevino
- Roberto Trevino
- Gabby Truly
- Bishop Yanta
- Anthony Trevino

\*Due to space limitations, list is reserved for names of parishioners and their immediate family only. Names usually run 3 weeks.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- Sunday 19: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- Monday 20: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday 21: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday 22: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday 23: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday 24: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday 25: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday 26: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



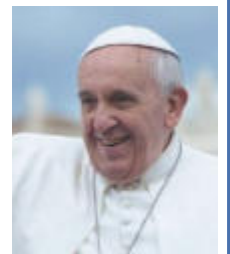
MAY YOU TRUST GOD THAT YOU ARE EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE MEANT TO BE.

— ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX



## Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2019 World Day of Vocations

“The Lord’s call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a ‘cage’ or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch.”





**Debra Bachleda**  
CPA, PC, Parishioner

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