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Roman Catholic Church

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August 4, 2019

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 12:13-21

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.



18th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME
[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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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

**Sunday confessions will resume in September.*

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

Baptism - Required Classes:

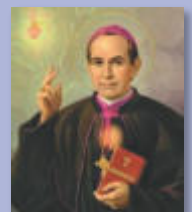
First Tuesday & Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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 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

July 27/28 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,534
Regular Collection	\$ 26,598.53
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,050.33
Candles	\$ 419.75
Gabriel Project	\$ 100.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 30.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 20.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 10.00



GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "stor[ing] up treasure for [our]selves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How preoccupied and anxious are you over preserving and maintaining a particular standard of wealth? It is easy to develop an unhealthy relationship with our possessions and invest ourselves more in their protection and growth than in our relationship with God. Greed can overtake us, often without our immediate notice. Anxiety of heart can find us living more with sorrow and grief than with freedom and joy. We can never allow things to replace God, and we always have to keep our possessions and wealth in proper perspective. Once they begin to control us, we have a problem. Anxiety and worry can become our greatest sins. There is a joyful life to be discovered when we discover true faith!

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Aug. 3

- 8 A.M. Health for A.J. Martinek by Becky Langas
- 5 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Santiago Rodriguez by Rodriguez Family

Sunday, Aug. 4

- 8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Paul Macias by Grandma Macias
- 10 A.M. Raymond Moravits † by Family
- 12 P.M. Rosaura E. Trevino † by Alcantar Family
- 3 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Gia Sanchez by Family
- 6 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Andy Carian by Carian Family

Monday, Aug. 5

- 8 A.M. Special Intention for James & Henry Pawelek & Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family
- 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour
- 7:30 P.M. For the Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, Aug. 6

- 8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Gerald Gonzalez by Irene Durand

Wednesday, Aug. 7

- 8 A.M. William & Mary Sill † by Cheryl Koerner

Birthday Blessings for Selia Espinoza by Espinoza Family

Thursday, Aug. 8

- 8 A.M. Agnese Manera † & Adelia Pelosin † by Mayra Finlay

Friday, Aug. 9

- 8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Rocio Gibbs by Family

Saturday, Aug. 10

- 5 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Alejandra Rodriguez by Rodriguez Family
- Birthday Blessings for Veronica Macias by Macias Family

Sunday, Aug. 11

- 8 A.M. Rudy † & Selia Garcia †; Manuel † & Concepcion Espinoza † by Espinoza Family
- 10 A.M. Francesco †, Carmela †, Sebastiano †, Corrado † & Giovanni † by Sal Spataro
- 12 P.M. Juana Aguilera † by Husband & Daughters
- 3 P.M. Angelia Rubio † by Husband & Daughters
- 3 P.M. Pedro †, Rosin † & Mari † by Maria M. Carazo
- 6 P.M. Edward Sheals † by Alice Lopez

LOVE & MARRIAGE

Marriage FAQs: The Common Good & Human Dignity—Conclusion



6. Isn't marriage just a religious issue that the government should stay out of?

No. The social value of marriage exists regardless of faith or belief. Marriage as a lifelong, faithful, and fruitful union between husband and wife serves the good of all and does not rely on strictly religious premises. The goods and benefits it offers for husbands, wives, children and society are based on the nature of the human person. The government has the responsibility of promoting the common good and the best interests of all people, especially the most vulnerable, and upholding authentic marriage does precisely that.

7. Is marriage a basic right? A human right?

Rightly understood, yes, marriage is a human right. “No human law can abolish the natural and primitive right of marriage, or in any way limit the chief and principal purpose of marriage [which is to] ‘Increase and multiply’” (*Rerum Novarum*, no. 12).

Having the right to marry is just that—the right to enter into a marriage which is a lifelong faithful union of husband and wife. All persons, of full age, have the right to marry but not the right to *redefine* marriage. Relationships between two persons of the same sex cannot be defined as marriage. This is not meant to be cruel or unfair; it is the nature of marriage.

In the same way, the right to marry is a civil right. But the “right to marry” is the right to enter into a faithful union with a person of the opposite sex, *not* the right to force others by law to treat another kind of relationship as if it were a marriage. Advocates for marriage redefinition ignore this key distinction. Far from serving the cause of civil rights, the redefinition of marriage threatens the civil right of religious freedom: it compels everyone—even those opposed in conscience to same-sex sexual conduct—to treat same-sex relationships as if they represented the same moral good as marital relationships.

8. Isn't allowing two men or two women to marry just like interracial marriage?

There is no valid analogy between redefining marriage to include persons of the same sex and interracial couples. A man and a woman can unite in marriage no matter what race they are. Sexual difference is an essential characteristic of marriage; race is not, nor has it ever been. (Historically speaking, laws that banned interracial marriage *acknowledged its possibility* and sought to thwart it; a key factor in such laws was that people were particularly incensed [sinfully so] by the fact that such marriages would produce children. In other words, the lawmakers knew very well that interracial marriages were *the same kind of thing* as any other marriage.) Marriage is rooted in nature: two people of the same sex are no more being denied the “right” to marry than a man is “denied” the “right” to gestate and nurse a child.

9. Since all people deserve equal rights, why doesn't the Church support “sexual orientation” or “gender identity (SOGI) non-discrimination legislation?”

The Church continually supports the dignity and rights of each and every person. The term “sexual orientation,” however, is used in various contexts today with different meanings. For example, sometimes “sexual orientation” is used to describe one’s sexual inclination, tendency or attraction, but many times it is used in a way that includes sexual conduct. It can also be used in ways that give the impression that any sexual inclination is good or neutral and/or does not convey the nuances needed for genuine pastoral care.

Likewise, the term “gender identity” is used to promote the idea that one’s social-psychological identity is fundamentally different from one’s biological sex as male or female. Pope Francis noted: “It needs to be emphasized that ‘biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated’” (*Amoris Laetitia* 56). Ironically, advocates for the “gender identity” label frequently endorse cultural stereotypes of male or female. Sexual difference and sexual identity, however, go deeper than cultural stereotypes. Pastoral care and accompaniment is needed to listen and respond to the real struggles people experience while also helping them accept and mature in their sexual identity as male or female.

From www.marriageuniqueforareason.org, an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that offers resources to assist with the education and catechesis of Catholics on why marriage is unique and why it should be promoted and protected as the union of one man and one woman. Used with permission.

Intercessions for Life

For those who work against God’s gift of human life: may they hear the voice of the Lord in their hearts, turn away from their sin, and work to uphold the dignity of all people; we pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por quienes trabajan contra el don de Dios de la vida humana: para que escuchen en el corazón la voz del Señor, se alejen del pecado, y trabajen para defender la dignidad de todas las personas; roguemos al Señor.

PARISH NEWS

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)



Why join the Catholic Church?

Through RCIA/RCIC interested adults and children come to know the presence of God and learn how a relationship with Him can change their lives. We will study the scriptures, discuss Catholic teaching, and get a true, good and honest idea about what the Catholic Church is really all about. **If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic or were baptized Catholic but have never celebrated Eucharist or Confirmation**, contact Jennifer Rupert at rcia@saclaret.com or 210-688-9033, x214.

RCIA Babysitter needed!

Do you have a love for children, patience, and a desire to help? Volunteer for the RCIA childcare team! We need at least one adult 18 or over. Teens are also welcome and can earn service hours. The commitment is for Tuesday evenings, 7-9 p.m., Sept. through May. Interested? Contact Jennifer Rupert at 210-688-9033, x214.



St. Anthony Claret Silver Seniors Social

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 12-3 p.m.. Msgr. Hubertus Hall

- ◆ Dinner/birthday celebrations

- ◆ Bring canned food donations for St. Anthony Claret's Pantry. Guest speakers:

Ruben Villanueva on Medicare open enrollment
Denny Hamlin on estate & final expenses planning
Martie Kokotajlo on meal planning & exercise
New members welcome!

For info, contact Larry Lucido at (210) 473-4813.



Register for St. Anthony Mary Claret CYO Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Flag Football & Cheer



- ◆ Sunday, Aug. 4 after 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses outside the main church entrance
- ◆ Sunday, Aug. 11 after 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses in Msgr. Hubertus Hall
- ◆ Sunday, Aug. 18 after 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses in Msgr. Hubertus Hall & RE building



Returning players may register online. Check your email for further instructions.



Questions? Email saccyoregistrar@yahoo.com or call CYO Hotline at (210) 236-8652.



School Supply Drive

For K-12 needy students

We'll supply new backpacks; you fill them!

Donate pencils, loose leaf ruled paper, spiral notebooks, theme books, ballpoint pens, rounded scissors, rulers, erasers, glue sticks, and dividers with pockets & brads. Drop donations in the baskets near St. Anthony Mary Claret's statue in the narthex. Collection runs through Aug. 11; distribution is Thurs., Aug. 15.



Training for New Altar Servers Saturday, Aug. 17

9:30 a.m. in the church

We need diapers!

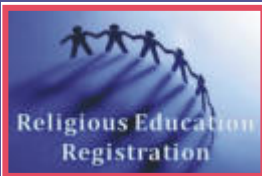
Every month the Gabriel Project spends over \$1000 to provide diapers for needy infants in our area. The demand is ongoing and you can help. Our parish Knights of Columbus Council #10090 is coordinating this effort. Drop donations of diapers in sizes 4, 5 & 6 in the narthex. For more info, contact Matt Muniz at 210-861-4535 or ajax47@satx.rr.com.



12 Day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy

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Father Brian Garcia**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



RE Registration Info & Requirements—READ CAREFULLY!

Aug. 17-23 – following weekend Masses & on weekdays, 12-8 p.m., RE building; **open to St. Anthony Mary Claret REGISTERED PARISHIONERS only.**

August 24-29: – following weekend Masses & on weekdays, 12-8 p.m., RE building; **open to everyone.**

FINAL DAY TO REGISTER: Aug. 30 – 12-5 p.m., RE building; registration after Aug. 30 requires special permission from DRE Michelle Reynolds by appointment only. Contact her at reoffice@saclaret.com.

- New First Communion students must have baptismal certificate.
- New Confirmation students must have baptismal/First Communion certificate.
- CHILDREN IN CUSTODY SITUATIONS must have custody paperwork at registration.
- CHILDREN REGISTERED BY ANYONE OTHER THAN PARENTS must have letter of permission at registration.
- Cost increase to \$45 per child; \$120 max.
- *New students from other parishes* must have letter from their pastor stating attendance is allowed.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PARENTS

- *Parents* of First Communion students **must attend a mandatory meeting in September** to discuss requirements for the year. Anyone not attending must submit a request to meet with DRE Michelle Reynolds at reoffice@saclaret.com *before attending classes.*
- *Parents and students* in Confirmation program **must attend a mandatory meeting in September** to discuss requirements for the year. Anyone not attending must submit a request to meet with DRE Michelle Reynolds at reoffice@saclaret.com *before attending classes.*



COMMUNITY NEWS



Taking the Leap: A Silent Retreat for Men

Sept. 20-22 / SANCTUS RANCH - PIPE CREEK

Come to the quiet.

Leave your worries and busyness behind. Spend quality time with Jesus. Allow him to speak to your heart, refresh your spirit, and give rest to your soul. Register by Sept. 6. For info, contact Anthony Fetter at 210-632-1485 or fetteranthony@gmail.com.

**Young women, wake up!
Jesus is calling you!
Encounter Jesus on
Saturday, Aug. 10,
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**For info, contact
Sr. Alicia Macias, M.C.M.
at 210-835-5003 or**

**Our Lady of Fatima 102nd
Anniversary Eucharistic Celebration**

**August 15, 6 P.M., St. Luke Catholic Church,
Rev. Eric Ritter, 4603 Manitou Rd., (210) 433-2777**

This day marks the fourth of six apparitions in which our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, between May and October of 1917. In her message, she asked them to “come here for six consecutive months, on the 13th day at this same hour in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war through the recitation of the Rosary.” Believing her message is as true today as it was 102 years ago, let’s join in professing our belief in her promise of Fatima!



6 p.m.—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; praise & worship; Rosary procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady around church grounds
7 p.m.—Holy Mass; consecration of the world to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary; fellowship to follow

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We are most grateful to our sponsors. Because of them, our parish bulletin is produced and brought to you weekly. Tina Watson, with LPi, is working with our bulletin sponsors. To become one, contact Tina at 512-431-9413 or twatson@4lpi.com.

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:



Ricardo Ramirez



Stephen FitzSimon

O Jesus, eternal High Priest, I pray for all seminarians, Your future priests. Give them humility, meekness, prudence, and a burning zeal for souls. Fill their hearts with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to know and love the Church, that they may always and everywhere speak, act, and think with her. Teach them generosity and detachment from the things of this world. But above all, teach them to know You and love You, the one and only eternal priest. Good Shepherd of souls, hear this, my prayer for saintly priests. 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 St. Brigid (Brigidines)

Memorial Bricks: A beautiful way to honor your deceased loved ones



Each year the St. Anthony Mary Claret Respect Life Ministry honors the beloved deceased by placing memorial bricks in the Memorial Garden and offering special prayers for them at the All Soul's Day Mass. Order bricks now through Sept. 13 for this year's installation.



Order forms available in the parish office or in the narthex.

For info, contact Kelly Comeau at room4more@twc.com.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY*

Tony Sanchez
Paul M. Woodward, Jr.
Harold Shields
Javier Calderon
Ray & Carolyn Cole
George Aldaya
Paul Allen
Dave Whitney
Romana Garcia
Sandy Salinas
Fernando Mascorro
Ana Galinski
S.T.
Adrian & Erika Huerter
Jack & Jeanette Donohue
Eloise Salazar
Maria Morales
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 4: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday 5: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday 6: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday 7: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday 8: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
Friday 9: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday 10: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Sunday 11: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48

This Week in Our Parish

Weddings:

Robert Lynch & Gloria Kohnen



Quinceañeras:

Mikayla Resendez



COMMUNITY NEWS

2019 Camino De Santiago Pilgrimages

Join Catholics from the diocese to hike the Camino de Santiago along the countryside of Spain. Tour begins in Sarria, the most popular Camino starting point, and covers the last 100km of the Camino Francés to converge on Santiago de Compostela. Includes hotel, airfare, 2 meals/day, luggage shuttled while you hike, hiking guide, and training to get you physically ready. Spots available for the October 2-14. Spots also available for 35-day hike (Sept. 1-Oct. 12) or 11-day hike (Sept. 27-Oct. 12). For more info, contact Jane Lakatos at jhlakatos@gmail.com.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



Two boys were talking about a wedding they'd recently attended. "How many wives can a man have?" asked one. "Sixteen!" His friend answered. "Four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer!"



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