

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church

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August 18, 2019

Twentieth 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 12:49-53

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking

about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers"—the Jewish people and Pharisees—against the "sons"—the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others.

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20th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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:

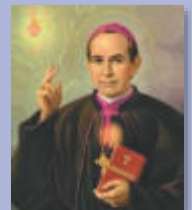
First Tuesday & Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1*

Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our baptismal rite instructs the parents and godparents of the newly baptized children, "May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts." Faith has often been associated with fire. While fire can be useful and welcomed as a source of light and warmth, it can also be devastating and destructive. The Gospel is very much like this. On the one hand, Jesus speaks of healing, liberty, mercy, and forgiveness. On the other, he challenges the secular mindset and ideology, risks opposition, and pushes people out of their comfort zones. We are more attracted to things that make us feel better about ourselves. Equipped with the flame of faith, are we willing to see the bigger picture and risk popularity and self-preservation in favor of the kingdom of God? ©LPi

Aug 10/11 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,622
Regular Collection	\$ 26,393.93
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,012.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 630.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 470.00
Candles	\$ 455.55
Gabriel Project	\$ 100.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00

Prayer for a Child's Success in School

Father of lights and of all true wisdom, I humbly recommend to you my child in the pursuit of learning. Mercifully grant the measure of success that will be good for him/her to achieve. And thus may there be a genuine sense of fulfillment as a result of efforts made. May all knowledge attained be tempered by humility. Grant that my child's endeavors may be guided by a sense of solid values, and help me to instill these values. And so may all his/her striving for knowledge be made, not with the aim of surpassing others or of making vain show of ability, but rather as a worthy return to you of the talents that you have bestowed. And above all else, I ask that every degree of knowledge achieved may bring my child to a greater closeness to you and to a more abundant share of your love. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Aug. 17

5 P.M. Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†; Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family

Sunday, Aug. 18

8 A.M. Porfirio Mendoza Sr. † by Mendoza Family
 10 A.M. Raymond Moravits † by Family
 12 P.M. Debra Saenz † & Robert Reynolds † by Lydia Reynolds
 3 P.M. Francisco Huembes † by Huembes Family
 6 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Rudy Hernandez by Mom

Monday, Aug. 19

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Leo Banda by Family
 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour
 7:30 P.M. Spiritual Healing/Strength for Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales † by Y. Gonzales

Tuesday, Aug. 20

8 A.M. Bernardo Torralba, Sr. † by Family

Wednesday, Aug. 21

8 A.M. Clara Mueller † by Bea Peterson
 Alex Green † by Dickerson Family

Thursday, Aug. 22

8 A.M. Jose S. Rodriguez, Sr.† by Rodriguez Family

Friday, Aug. 23

8 A.M. Danilo Taliman † by Wife & Family

Saturday, Aug. 24

5 P.M. Timothy Such† by William & Terry Such

Sunday, Aug. 25

8 A.M. Marcelo Zapanta † by Agustina Zapanta
 10 A.M. Alan J. Ponce †; Margaret † & Albert Suarez † by Alma Ponce
 12 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Marge & Larry Lucido by Family
 3 P.M. Virginia Avila † by Maria M. Carazo
 6 P.M. Elvira Bendele † by Bea Peterson
 Guadalupe Torres † & Pedro Sendejo † by Torres & Balboa Families

LOVE & MARRIAGE



Marriage FAQs: The Meaning of Marriage & Sexual Difference—Part 2 of 3

3. Why does a person's sex matter for marriage?

One's sex matters for marriage because the body matters for love, and especially, spousal love. A person's body is a necessary part of identity, even though who we are cannot be reduced to "just" our bodies. As St. John Paul II said, the body *reveals* the person. It is a deeply *personal* reality, not just a biological fact (see TOB, 14 Nov, 1979). Loving as a human person means

loving as a man or as a woman. Our bodies direct us *toward* the other sex because we can never *be* the other sex. Only a man and a woman can truly unite and become "one flesh."

To consider the body (and one's sex) as unimportant to marriage means treating the body as inconsequential or, at best, as an object or tool to be used according to one's pleasure or desire. Instead, we know that the body is an essential – and beautiful – aspect of being human and loving as a human person. The spousal love between husband and wife calls for a free, full, faithful, and fruitful gift of self to each other, including the gift of their bodies. Sexual difference is necessary for such a full self-gift.

4. What is complementary?

"Complementarity" refers to the unique – and fruitful – relationship between men and women. To "complement" something is to add to or perfect, like a harmony in a song, or to make complete in a way, like the key ingredients necessary for a dish (or like the tones and rhythm necessary for music). Men and women are "made for each other" and complement each other in many ways. (Check out our podcast episode on this topic:

<https://soundcloud.com/usccbclips/made-for-love-ep-10-man-and-woman-not-two-halves-but-two-wholes?in=usccbclips/sets/made-for-love>)

Both men and women are created in the image of God. We are equally His children in our human dignity and supernatural calling. But equality does not mean "sameness": a man is not a woman, and a woman is not a man. Instead, "male and female are distinct bodily ways of being human, of being open to God and to one another" (USCCB, *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan*, p. 10). Neither are "incomplete" in themselves, they are whole persons – but they complement each other and bring different gifts to a relationship. This can be at a universal level (only a man can be a father) or at a more individual level (a particular woman may be very good at calculus).

In marriage, the complementarity of husband and wife is expressed clearly in the act of conjugal love, having children, and fathering and mothering – actions that call for the collaboration and unique gifts of husband and wife. In fact, both are necessary for marriage; only a man and a woman, through their distinctive otherness that is ordered to each other, can join in a spousal union.

...to be continued...

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 close to death: may they persevere in their final days with their eyes fixed on Jesus in hope of the heavenly joy that awaits them; we pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por quienes están cerca de la muerte: para que perseveren en sus últimos días mirando fijamente a Jesús con la esperanza del gozo celestial que los espera; roguemos al Señor.



PARISH NEWS



Journey Through Scripture Series: "The Bible and Prayer" (English)

This seven-week class is based on the book *Prayer Works!: Getting a Grip on Catholic Spirituality* written by Matthew Leonard. It

explores the human quest for God, unveiling the true nature of prayer: what it is, how it works, and the bountiful blessings available to those who walk the path of intimacy with God. We will place a group book order for Leonard's book. Orders must be paid for at registration.

English evening Class begins Sunday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

English morning Class begins Tuesday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.

Saturday Fast-Track Class begins Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m.

To learn more, visit the St. Paul Center's website at www.SalvationHistory.com. Workbook provided.

Journey Through Scripture Series: "The Bible and the Sacraments" (Spanish)

This is a seven-week Bible study based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book, *Swear to God: The Promise and Power of the Sacraments*. Class begins Sunday, Sept. 15, 1 p.m.

Viaje a través de series de la Escritura: "La Biblia y los Sacramentos" (español)

Este es un estudio de siete semanas Biblia escrita y es basado en el libro del Dr. Hahn, *Juro por Dios: La promesa y el poder de los sacramentos*. Se examinarán los sacramentos para entender de dónde provienen los sacramentos, lo que significan y por qué son tan importantes y fundamentales a nuestra fe. Clase comienza el domingo, 15 de septiembre. Para aprender más, se puede visitar el sitio web del Centro de St. Paul en stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-scripture.

Register after all Masses **THIS WEEKEND, Aug. 17/18** in the narthex. Open to ages 15 and up. Limited seating.

For info on classes in English: CJ Garcia-Aboytes at (210) 843-1198. For info on classes in Spanish: Felipe Forero at (210) 833-8552.



A Year's Worth of Prayer & Inspiration for only \$26!

Magnificat is a monthly liturgical prayer magazine that can be used to follow daily Mass and read at home.

Our parish is placing a group order at a discounted rate:

\$26/yr – English, normal print (regularly \$44.95)

\$26/yr – Spanish, normal print (regularly \$49)

Subscriptions run Nov. 2019 through Oct. 2020.

Parishioner Tracey Kollmansberger will coordinate/distribute.

Order forms available in the narthex & parish office.

Make checks payable to Tracey Kollmansberger.

Payment due by Sunday, Aug. 25. For info, contact Tracey at (210) 273-4818 or TKolls2010@yahoo.com.



St. Anthony Claret Pantry Activity Report July 2019

Utility assistance:	\$ 5,427.64
Restock food pantry:	\$ 3,270.57
Other client assistance:	\$ 1,650.93
Office expenses:	\$ 540.58
# Food bags distributed:	220
# People served:	628

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Our hours: Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.co.

This Week in Our Parish
Quinceañera: *Stephanie Delostrinos*



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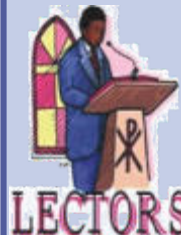


Every month the Gabriel Project spends over \$1000 to provide diapers for needy infants. You can help. Our parish Knights of Columbus Council #10090 is coordinating this effort. Drop diaper donations in sizes 4, 5 & 6 in the narthex. For more info, contact Matt Muniz at 210-861-4535 or ajax47@satx.rr.com.



Training for NEW Lectors

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m. in the church.
For more info, contact Scott Kollmansberger at (210) 273-2297.



Formación para Nuevos Lectores

Miércoles, 28 de agosto, 7 p.m. en la iglesia.
Para más información póngase en contacto con Scott Kollmansberger en (210) 273-2297.



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

THIS Sunday, Aug. 18 after 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses at the church entrance & in RE bldg. Returning players may register online. Check your email for further instructions. Questions? Call CYO hotline at (210) 236-8652 or email saccyoregistrar@yahoo.com.

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THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



Q: What did the teddy bear say when he was offered dessert?
A: "No thanks. I'm stuffed!"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / RCIA 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 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 request to meet with DRE Michelle Reynolds at reoffice@saclaret.com *before attending classes.*



**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 Babysitters 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Taking the Leap: A Silent Retreat for Men

Sept. 20-22 / SANCTUS RANCH - PIPE CREEK

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.



Is your marriage struggling? There is hope. There is help.

Retrouvaille is a highly successful program to help couples heal and renew their marriages. Since 1977, tens of thousands of couples in hopelessly cold, unloving relationships, or on the verge of divorce, have restored their love for one another by attending the program.

Next course begins on Sept. 27. For info or to register, go to www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call (210)848-3278.



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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)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - August

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."



O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.

Intención del Santo Padre Francisco - Agosto

Para que las familias, gracias a una vida de oración y de amor, se vuelvan cada vez más "laboratorios de humanización".

Dios, Padre nuestro, yo te ofrezco toda mi jornada, mis oraciones, pensamientos, afectos y deseos, palabras, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos en unión con el Corazón de tu Hijo Jesucristo que sigue ofreciéndose a Ti en la Eucaristía para la salvación del mundo. Que el Espíritu Santo, que guió a Jesús, sea mi guía y mi fuerza en este día para que pueda ser testigo de tu amor. Con María, la madre del Señor y de la Iglesia, pido especialmente por las intenciones del Papa y de nuestros obispos para este mes. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY*

Ruben Villanueva
 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
 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
 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 18: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
 Monday 19: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday 20: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday 21: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday 22: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
 Friday 23: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday 24: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
 Sunday 25: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



In Sympathy... The parish community extends its condolences to parishioner **Sonia Garcia** whose father, Juan "Johnny" Reyes, recently passed away. *Heavenly Father, welcome Johnny into your presence and grant his loved ones comfort, love and peace. Amen.*



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

Each year the St. Anthony 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.





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