

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church

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April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday

of Easter

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Read the Gospel: John 15:1-8

Gospel Summary

Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to help his listeners understand the interconnectedness and relationships between God the Father, Jesus, and all followers of Jesus. Jesus is the vine and we, the followers, are the branches that grow from that vine. The way we glorify God is by bearing much fruit and by becoming disciples of Jesus.

Reflection for Parents

Today's Gospel invites you to consider what you are doing in your domestic church, the church of your home, to remain connected to the vine (Jesus) and to the vine grower (God the Father). Have any attitudes, behaviors, choices, or practices crept into family life and weakened or broken your connection to Jesus, the vine? If so, what can you do to re-establish or strengthen the connection?

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Bring your "Reflection for Parents" into a family discussion of what you are doing to remain strong in your connection to the vine (Jesus) and to the vine grower (God the Father). Then talk about things that are happening that could potentially weaken your connection to Jesus, the vine. For example, the Sunday sports schedule is taking precedence over attending Sunday Mass and religious education classes. Or, the busy pace of weeknights has crowded out time for family prayer at the end of the day. Make a plan to re-energize your connection to the vine, and work together to accomplish the plan!

Use today's discussion time to take a walk together. Notice new growth on the trees and bushes and pause in your walk to name ways you are growing in faith and bearing good fruit. Continue walking and point out any dead branches or leaves that have fallen away from the trees. Pause to quietly pray for forgiveness for any ways in which you

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Discussion Starters have turned away from Jesus, the vine.

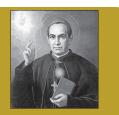
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.....8:00 Saturday......8:00 am, 10:00 am, Noon, 3:00 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

Holy Days of Obligation 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

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

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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 our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a

WELCOME

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

Please complete either an online registration form at saclaret. com or you can find a printed one

near the entrance of our church in the Narthex. You may return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at your convenience.

I hope we are making you feel welcome at St. Anthony Mary Claret!

> Sincerely in Christ, For Jan Lluk Reverend Jan P. Klak







Saturday, May 5 at 5 p.m. Mass for Wednesday students

Sunday, May 6 at 12 p.m. Mass for Sunday students

You are invited to pray for these children:

Dear Jesus,

through bread and wine at the Last Supper, and by your holy word, you gave the Eucharist to your church. You transformed common food and drink into your Body and Blood, and offered us a share in your life in ways we still cannot fully understand. Grant now that these young people will always treasure the gift they have in you. Give them the grace to be faithful to you and to remain in communion with your church. As they receive their First Communion, the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, make them always aware of the hope they have for eternal life in you. Amen.

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Monday Eucharistic Holy Hour & Mass

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

WE JUST WANT TO SAY...

From the Gabriel Project Tournament Committee to St. Anthony Mary Claret Parishioners: Your support and effort made our first-ever Gabriel Project golf tournament a great success! May God bless you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH SPOTLIGHT **Baptisms**

Samantha Rain Esquivel, child of Roberto & Lindsay Esquivel

Mark Raphael Varella, child of David & Nicole Varella

Weddings

Timothy Anderson & Ambar Rios

ON JUNE 16, 2018, BENITO MORALES II, FROM OUR PARISH, WILL BE ORDAINED

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS.



Based on the Code of Canon Law, if anyone is aware of any reason why Benito Morales II should not be ordained, contact the Director of the Diaconate Program at 210-734-1191.

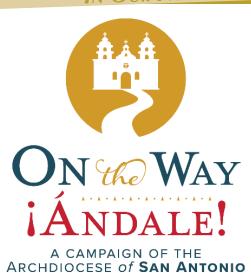
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IN OUR PARISH

Stewardship Message:

Christian Stewardship takes a positive view on money. It sees money not only as a medium of exchange but also as a symbol of the person who has it. The way we acquire it, use it, and share it, we are revealed in those actions.

Continue to say the campaign prayer for St. Anthony Mary Claret's success and for your hard-working campaign volunteers who are giving of their time and hearts. More information is available at www.ontheway-andale.org



Mensaje de corresponsabilidad:

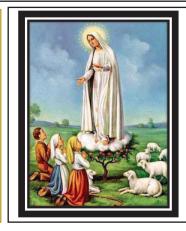
La corresponsabilidad cristiana tiene una visión positiva del dinero; ve el dinero no sólo como un medio de intercambio, sino también como un símbolo de la persona que lo tiene. De acuerdo con la forma en que lo adquirimos, lo usamos y lo compartimos, esas acciones revelan quiénes somos.

Continúen rezando la oración de la campaña por el éxito de St. Anthony Mary Claret's y por nuestros voluntarios de la campaña que están dando su tiempo y corazón. Hay más información disponible en www.ontheway-andale.org

Weekly Attendance and Collection Totals

APRIL 14/15

Attendance	3,615
Regular Collection	\$25,426.24
Debt Reduction	\$4,753.00
Assumption Seminary	\$1,881.79
Capital Campaign	\$592.56
Candles	\$431.00
SAMC Pantry	\$265.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$64.00
Gabriel Project	\$50.00



St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass & Devotions (as requested by Our Lady of Fatima)

Saturday, May 5 Confession: 7:30 a.m.

Mass: 8 a.m.

Followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and consecration prayer

SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Reconciliation (Confession):

Weekdays: 7:30 a.m. Saturdays: 4-6 p.m. or last in line Sundays: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (or last in line), 2-2:50 p.m., 4 p.m.-last in line

Baptism: Required Classes

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

Visitation of the Sick:

Call the parish office to schedule visit. **Funeral Arrangements:**

Contact the office prior to making funeral home arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, APR. 28

5 P.M. Santos Vasquez † by Frank & Cindy Gonzalez SUNDAY, APR. 29

8 A M Albert Kossaeth † by Mary Kossaeth

10 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Joaquin & Emilio Semas

by Mom & Dad

12 P.M. Deceased Members of the Ladies of

St. Anthony Mary Claret by Robbie Alicea

3 P.M. Lucia Lopez De Jimenez † by son Miguel Jimenez

6 P.M. Billie Sievers † by Charlies Sievers

MONDAY, APR. 30

8 A.M. 44th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for

Larry & Marge Lucido by Family

Holy Hour 6:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M. For an End to Abortion

TUESDAY, MAY 1

8 A.M. For the Parish WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Mary Chaffin by Husband, Jerry

THURSDAY, MAY 3

8 A.M. Special Intention for Elvira Gonzales by Louis Gonzales FRIDAY, MAY 4

8 A.M. **Stephen Bautista** † by Salinas Family

SATURDAY, MAY 5

** FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS ** 8 A.M.

Marisa Hernandez by Darlene Belanger

5 P.M. *** FIRST COMMUNION MASS ***

Olivia Rose Godkin † by Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8 A.M. Special Intention for James & Henry Pawelek

& Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family

10 A.M. Angelo Lopez † & Maria Lopez † by Darlene Belanger

12 P.M. *** FIRST COMMUNION MASS ***

Maria Lopez † by Rose Moravits

3 P.M. Natalia Ortiz † by Adriana Cortez

6 P.M. Marisa Hernandez † by Darlene Belanger Page 4 April 29, 2018

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH GROUPS

Religious Education Calendar

Sun., Apr. 29 & Wed., May 2Final class of the year



Calling all Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteers!

Planning meeting for adult & teen (ages 14 & up) volunteers
Thursday, May. 10, 7 p.m., RE building room 1002
We will determine leaders and hand out information packets.

All who plan to volunteer for VBS should attend.

Questions? Contact Michelle Reynolds,
Director of Religious Education at 210-688-9033, x204.

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2018 St Anthony Mary Claret Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Monday-Friday, June 25-29, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Introducing a Children's Retreat Concept: *It's a Mystery: A Secret Garden*

- Children will learn about the importance of Mary
- A prayerful experience intermixed with games & activities



Vacation Bible School (VBS) Registration

Open to children entering grades K - 5 After all Masses Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6, in the narthex - \$25/child

April Youth Group Schedule

EDGE NIGHTS for Middle School Youth: Saturdays, May 12 & 19, 6-8 p.m.

LIFE TEEN NIGHTS for high school youth: Sundays, May 6 & 20, 7-9 p.m.



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Protecting God's Children for Adults

Required class for all adults (18 & up)
who work/volunteer on parish grounds
RE Building Room 2002
Wednesday, June 20, 6-8 p.m.
Training valid for up to three years.
All ministries are welcome to attend for first time class or update previous training.
Register now through June 18 at www.virtusonline.org
(New attendees must create an account on website before registering for the class.)
Questions? Email reoffice@saclaret.com.

2018 Life Teen Steubenville Lone Star Sign up this weekend in the narthex!

June 22-24 in Irving, TX
For high school teens 18 & younger
(incl. incoming freshmen through just graduated seniors)
\$50 reserves your spot; estimated cost \$390
For info or to register, contact Martie Kokotajlo at
youthgroup@saclaret.com or 210-688-9033 ext.209.

RESPECT LIFE

Words of Life

It is ... the vocation to love that makes the human person an authentic image of God: man and woman come to resemble God to the extent that they become loving people.

— Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the
Ecclesial Diocesan Convention
in Rome (June 6, 2005)

Palabras De Vida

La vocación al amor es lo que hace que el hombre sea la auténtica imagen de Dios: es semejante a Dios en la medida en que ama.

— Papa Benedicto XVI, Discurso a la Asamblea Eclesial de la Diócesis de Roma (6 de junio de 2005)

LOVE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY

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MÁS INFORMACIÓN: Yessica Marval | yessica.marval@archsa.org | (210) 734-1653 www.archsa.org/marriage-family/marriage-preparation

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LOVE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Raising Chaste Children in a Pornographic World-Part 1

by Ryan Foley

Note: This article is part of the USCCB "Clean Heart" series and is a companion resource to the USCCB formal statement <u>Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography</u>; a printed pamphlet version of this article and others may be purchased at the USCCB online store.

We live in a sexually broken culture. In modern times, the prevalence of pornography has become a pressing problem for parents. Here are five steps parents can take to raise chaste children in a pornographic world.

1. Parents, teach your children the true meaning of human sexuality and educate them in chastity.

Forming a child in chastity is one of the most important responsibilities mothers and fathers have. Because we live in a highly sexualized culture, children are receiving an education in sexuality all the time. It's imperative that you as parents give them an education and formation in *authentic* love and chastity throughout their childhood.

First and foremost, parents must emphasize the beauty and sacredness of the body and sexuality, and the truth that we are made for lasting love. We are each made in God's image and therefore called to love, for "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). Far from the Church being down on sex, the

To all parents: thank you for your great love and sacrifice! . . . You are the first guardians and teachers of your children and are called to be their models of chaste and fruitful love.

— Create in Me a Clean Heart, p. 23

Church wants to preserve the true meaning of love, including sexuality. Marital intercourse as God designed it serves to promote the *oneness* of husband and wife and the creation of new life (see Gen 1:28; 2:23-24). Parents should take every opportunity to impress on their children the goodness of God's design for marriage and the family.

Parents should also stress for their children the power of sex. One analogy to use is that sexuality is like a fire. A fire in the fireplace is good; its blaze brings warmth, light and cheer to the home. A fire in the middle of the living room floor is bad; without proper boundaries, it can burn the whole house to the ground.

Take heart! Most parents who talk with their children about the truth and meaning of human sexuality and the harms of pornography find that the awkwardness of the conversation is on the side of the parent—not the child. Children are eager for direction and guidance in such an important area of their lives.

2. Be aware of the widespread availability of pornography and the fact that many children are exposed to it at young ages.

The average age of first exposure to pornography is eleven.² Over a quarter of children see pornography before beginning puberty, a percentage that has increased over past generations.³ By the age of eighteen, over 90 percent of boys and 60 percent of girls will have accessed pornography online at least once.⁴ With each new generation now growing up with the Internet, being exposed to pornography is no longer the exception but the norm.

Some children are exposed to pornography inadvertently when online. Others are exposed because of natural curiosities about human sexuality. The younger children are, the more of an effect it can have on their young brains. Study after study shows that young people who seek out and consume online pornography are more likely to have "recreational" attitudes about sex.⁵ Moreover, researchers have also

Children and teens who view pornography in effect receive an education about sexuality from what they are viewing.

— Create in Me a Clean Heart, p. 17

found there is a significant correlation between frequent porn use and feelings of loneliness and major depression.⁶

Often parents fear that teaching their children about sexuality means saying "too much too soon." But given the young ages at which children may first see pornography, unfortunately what happens more often is that parents say "too little, too late." Mothers and fathers must use prudence and prayerfully consider how much information a particular child can handle and understand at a particular age. Good information arms children with the truth, enabling them to spot more easily the lies of our hyper-sexualized culture. Education in chastity can begin at young ages with encouraging modesty, respect for one's body, and self-control. Later instruction, best given by the parent of the same sex as the child, can build on this foundation with delicate and clear guidance on sexual morality.

Notes

- [1] See Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation <u>Amoris Laetitia</u> (2016), nos. 280-286, "The Need for Sex Education."
- [2] See Peter C. Kleponis, *Integrity Restored: Helping Catholic Families Win the Battle Against Pornography* (Steubenville, Ohio: Emmaus Road Publishing, 2014), citing "Pornography Statistics," *Family Safe Media* (2010); see also C. Sabina et al., "The nature and dynamics of Internet pornography exposure for youth," *Cyberpsychology and Behavior* 11 (2008): 691-693.
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- [4] C. Sabina et al., "The nature and dynamics of Internet pornography exposure for youth"; L. M. Jones, K. J. Mitchell, and D. Filkelhor, "Trends in youth internet victimization: Findings from three youth internet safety surveys 2000-2010," *Journal of Adolescent Health* 50 (2012): 179-186.
- [5] M. Flood, "The Harms of Pornography Exposure Among Children and Young People," *Child Abuse Review* 18 (2009): 384-400; J. Brown and K. L'Engle, "X-Rated: Sexual attitudes and behaviors associated with U.S. early adolescents' exposure to sexually explicit media," *Communication Research* 36 (2009): 129-151; and D. Braun-Courville and M. Rojas, "Exposure to sexually explicit web sites and adolescent sexual attitudes and behaviors," *Journal of Adolescent Health* 45 (2009): 156-162.
- [6] M. L. Ybarra and K. J. Mitchell, "Exposure to Internet Pornography among Children and Adolescents: A National Survey," *Cyberpsychology & Behavior* 8 (2005): 473-486.

From www.foryourmarriage.org, an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to communicate the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society.

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PARISH NEWS

ST. ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH	Actual MTD	Actual YTD
CASH FLOW STATEMENT	03-01-2018	07-01-17
FOR THE PERIOD OF:	to	to
Cash Available	03-31-2018	03-31-2018
Beginning Balance	\$380,812.78	\$265,152.63
Cash In-flow from:	ψ300,012.70	Ψ203, 132.03
Sunday Collection	\$119,366.48	\$1,093,756.21
Debt Reduction	\$19,508.26	\$237,970.44
Mass Intentions/Stipends	\$537.00	\$12,056.00
Candles	\$1,682.80	\$16,066.41
Interest Income	\$75.10	\$322.87
Capital Campaign-New Building	\$3,445.56	\$87,929.64
Insurance Proceeds	\$0.00	\$40,200.00
Fund Raising -Festival	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Education	\$3,293.88	\$49,934.76
Music & Liturgy	\$0.00	\$0.00
CYO	\$14,469.00	\$99,568.03
Other Parish Organizations	\$41,378.67	\$218,549.79
Special Programs	\$896.17	\$19,543.72
Draws from Bank	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfers from Assets, Trusts, Savings	\$58,484.38	\$174,215.45
Total Cash In-Flow	\$263,137.30	\$2,050,113.32
Cash Out-flow from:		
Salaries	\$31,950.74	\$232,067.83
Contracted Services	\$9,834.10	\$70,137.45
Insurance	\$3,359.19	\$26,873.37
Employee Benefits	\$8,741.23	\$71,773.41
Supplies	\$4,464.29	\$62,126.99
Postage	\$809.69	\$7,489.53 \$76,757.77
Repairs & Maintenance Utilities	\$6,232.15 \$6,199.45	\$64,019.18
Vehicle	\$1,112.31	\$10,021.45
Food/Groceries/Hospitality	\$1,808.84	\$21,448.00
Promotion	\$1,551.41	\$12,499.27
Donations	\$150.00	\$1,350.00
Bank Charges Interest	\$21,273.30	\$105,590.69
Miscellaneous Exp-Capital Campaign	\$0.00	\$0.00
Archdiocesan Service Fund	\$17,734.00	\$159,606.00
Religious Education	\$11,820.89	\$161,263.37
Music & Liturgy	\$6,566.36	\$29,364.17
CYO	\$12,898.56	\$83,751.63
Parish Organizations	\$38,286.24	\$124,089.68
Special Programs	\$1,802.92	\$20,179.57
Bank Note Payments	\$52,700.96	\$206,038.67
Transfers to Assets, Trust and Savings	\$0.00	\$364,164.47
Total Cash Out-Flow	\$239,296.63	\$1,910,612.50
Cash Available		
Ending Balance	\$404,653.45	\$404,653.45
Savings Accounts		
Beginning Balance	\$919,984.77	\$704,474.07
Interest	\$75.10	\$327.25
Deposits	\$24,802.85	\$331,083.91
Withdrawals/Progress Payments	\$16,267.56	\$107,290.07
Ending Balance	\$928,595.16	\$928,595.16
Bank Loans	ψυ20,000.10	ψ020,000.10
Beginning Balance	\$2,287,918.50	\$2,441,256.21
Principal Payments Made on Loan	\$52,700.96	\$206,038.67
Ending Balance	\$2,235,217.54	\$2,235,217.54

SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Spring Bunco Saturday, May 12, 6:30 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall \$10 tickets cover chicken dinner w/2 sides,

BUNCO

desserts, tea, & door prizes Raffle tickets available.

On sale after all Masses THIS weekend! NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Proceeds benefit parish scholarship program. Open to ages 10 & over.

For more info, call Wanda Mares at 210-355-4123.

What is bunco? It's a simple game involving the throw of three dice. You play with a new partner after each round, so it's a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, renew old friendships and spend a fun evening with your family.

St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage

September 3-12, 2018 Spiritual Director: Father Brian Garcia \$3300 per person Round trip from San Antonio For information, call the parish office: 210-688-9033.

COMMUNITY NEWS

May 11-12, 2018 Ages: 18-40

Every man knows, eventually he has to put his neck on the line...What are you wearing on yours?



MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT • MAY 11-12, 2018

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Religious Life III



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YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND (Room availability is lin Dateline to register Monday, May 7, 2018

Contact us for more information 210.735.0553 or register online at www.archsa.org/vocations **Contact person:**

Fr. Jonathan Felux or Ana Bojorquez vocations@archsa.org

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish Family

Don't have time? What about the time you spend waiting: standing in line at the grocery store, at the lunchtime fast food stop, at the red light. Use this time to pray for someone you know or one you've never met. It takes only 1 1/2 minutes to say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be. Who knows? You might be on the receiving end of those prayers someday. Please pray for the following individuals:

Celia Rodriguez Bea Cantu S.S. Rosa Huerta Dee Hancock **Linda Santos** Dr. George Flores **Bill Tricksey** Leona Field Lillie McWilliams **Grace Heinze** Mary Sledden **Anita Flores** Marlo Flaherty Eloise Salazar Maria Morales Adrian & Erika Huerter Nancy Souhrada Nylvia Flores Cousin Susie Richard Keller **Rudy Navarro Bill Jennings** Bertha Trevino Johnny Flores Barbara Vanegas Jack & Jeanette Johnny Reves Robyn Marcum Roberto Trevino Maria Flores **Edward Majchrowicz** Donohue **Tomas Calderon** Margie Morones **Gabby Truly** Johnny Reves A.C. Garza Tracy Oviedo Bishop Yanta T.C.P. Eloise Salazar Zeah Palma Robert Garcia **Beverly Fetter** Olga & Rudy Faz Alyson Victoria Oviedo **Anthony Trevino**

(Prayer list is reserved for parishioners and their families only. Names will run for 2-3 weeks, space permitting.)



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