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Roman Catholic Church

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August 26, 2018

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION: JOHN 6:60-69

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction.

When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." For them, their doubt proves too much.

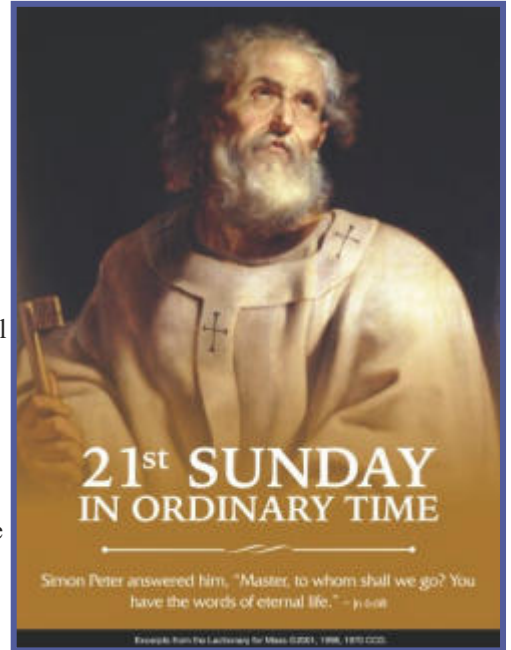
Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them.

In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus' teaching is hard and challenging. In fact, many who originally believed in him left and returned to their former way of life. They were not able to accept what he had to say or to make the changes that are necessary to conform their lives to the Gospel. We often water down our faith and make it more about securing our place in heaven than leading a life in pursuit of the kingdom of God. Following Jesus and living the Gospel require action now. The Gospel demands that we change the way we conduct the business of our lives. Sadly, many are still afraid of taking risks and cannot accept change. Are we really ready to venture forth into the unknown, or would we prefer to simply return to our old ways of doing things?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



MASS SCHEDULE

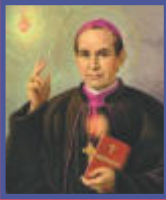
Monday8:00 am, 7:30 pm
Monday (Holy Hour)..... 6:30 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday..... 8:00 am
Saturday..... 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, Noon, 3:00 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

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.

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

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 we are making you feel welcome here!

Sincerely in Christ,

Reverend Jan P. Klak

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION TOTALS

Aug. 14/15—Feast of the Assumption
Attendance 1,162

| Aug. 18/19 | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Attendance | 3,673 |
| Regular Collection | \$ 24,812.21 |
| Religious Education | \$ 4,605.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ 4,528.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 662.00 |
| Candles | \$ 459.37 |
| Rosary Makers | \$ 154.00 |
| SAMC Pantry | \$ 102.00 |
| Gabriel Project | \$ 20.00 |

SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Reconciliation (Confession)
Weekdays: 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays: 4 p.m.
Sunday Confessions will resume in Sept.

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.

**St. Anthony Mary Claret
First Saturday Mass & Devotions**

(as requested by Our Lady of Fatima)

Saturday, Sept. 1

Confession: 7:30 a.m.

Mass: 8 a.m.

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



**MONDAY EUCHARISTIC
HOLY HOUR & MASS**

Holy Hour - 6:30 p.m.

Mass - 7:30 p.m.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Aug. 25

5 P.M. Elvira Bendele † by Bea Peterson
Guadalupe S. Torres † & Pedro Sendejo †
by Torres & Balboa Families

Sunday, Aug. 26

8 A.M. Danilo Taliman † by Wife & Family
10 A.M. Brenda Gonzalez † by Gonzales Family
12 P.M. Ignacio Avina † by Granddaughters
3 P.M. Amparo Espinoza † by Veronica Lozano
6 P.M. Jose Luis Soto † by Anita Gonzalez

Monday, Aug. 27

8 A.M. For the Parish
6:30 P.M. Holy Hour
7:30 P.M. For an End to Abortion

Tuesday, Aug. 28

8 A.M. Special Intention for Faith & John Gouveia
& Family by Sally Anderson
Lisa Alanis † by Family

Wednesday, Aug. 29

8 A.M. Cathy Boyd † by Darlene Belanger
Maria Lopez † by Apolinar Family

Thursday, Aug. 30

8 A.M. Eufemia Garay † by Miguel Garay & Family

Friday, Aug. 31

8 A.M. Birthday Blessing for Esmee Banda by Family

Saturday, Sept. 1

8 A.M. George Kist, Jr. † by Jeff Kist
5 P.M. Spiritual Healing/Spiritual Strength for
Current & Future Descendants of Daniel
R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales † by Y.
Gonzales

Sunday, Sept. 2

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Guillermina Davila by
Family
10 A.M. Armando Fleras † by Prescilla Velasquez
12 P.M. Mary & William Sill † by Cheryl Koerner
Debra Saenz † & Robert Reynolds † by
Lydia Reynolds and Family
3 P.M. For the Parish
6 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Raymond John Peter
son by Bea Peterson
Agnese Manera † & Adelia Pelosin † by
Mayra Finley

RESPECT LIFE

*Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life: Aug. 3— Sept. 28, 2018***Intercessions for Life**

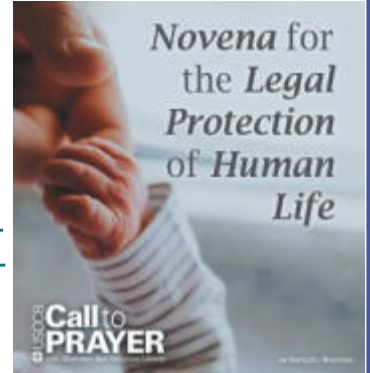
May friends and families of women who are unexpectedly pregnant provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child. We pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Para que los amigos y familiares de las mujeres que quedan embarazadas sin haberlo esperado brinden un apoyo amoroso y que afirme la vida para la madre y el bebé. Roguemos al Señor.

Join Call to Prayer efforts at www.usccb.org/pray.

Additional materials are accessible at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/call-to-prayer/legal-protection-of-human-life.cfm>.



YOUTH GROUP

Middle & High School Youth: We want you!

Don't miss out on fellowship, fun, food and encountering Christ!

Youth Group Registration after all Masses THIS weekend, Aug. 25 & 26.

For more info youthgroup@saclaret.com. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram:

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Can't wait to meet you!

We're looking for a few young adults and adults to help our youth grow in their faith.

Is God calling you to share your gifts and talents? If so, contact Martie Kokotajlo at 210-688-9033, X209.



PARISH NEWS

This Week's Parish Spotlight**BAPTISMS**

Alexander Francisco Garcia,
child of Juan & Johanna Garcia

WEDDINGS

Joel Arroyo & Ashley Fowler

**Traveling Priest Program Update**

St. John Vianney is the patron saint of priests. To assist families in praying for vocations in our parish, a statue of this beloved saint will be available to host in their homes for a one-week period.

Our inaugural program has been a big success and we are currently *halfway* through the list of families who signed up.

For the remainder of this year, the statue will be presented to the families receiving it at the following Mass times:
Sept. & Oct.: 8 a.m. Masses
Nov. & Dec.: 5 p.m. Masses

The next sign-up event will take place the first weekend of Advent: Dec. 1-2.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Recently several parishioners have been the target of emails claiming to be from me or other staff members. Usually the impersonator asks for assistance in purchasing a gift for someone (in most cases, an I-Tunes gift card). **PLEASE DO**

NOT MAKE PURCHASES FOR OR SEND DONATIONS TO THEM. This has also happened at other parishes in our archdiocese. It is a scam which you should report to your email provider.

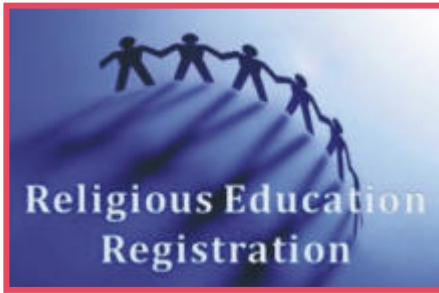
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION ENDS SOON!

Registration for RE classes grades 1-12 & youth sacramental preparation classes: \$35 per child after all weekend Masses or weekdays August 19 - 31, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

All registration will take place in the RE building.

First-time families (specifically sacramental students) **MUST bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.**



Sessions available on a first-come, first-served basis until full:

- Sunday 8:30 — 9:45 a.m. (attending 10 a.m. Mass): grades 1-8 ONLY
- Sunday 10:30 — 11:45 a.m. (attending 12 p.m. Mass): grades 1-8 ONLY
- Sunday 4:30 — 5:45 p.m.: high school Confirmation ONLY
- Wednesday 5:15 — 6:15 p.m.: grades 1-8 only
- Wednesday 6:45 — 7:45 p.m.: grades 1-8 & high school Confirmation classes



PARENTS: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING VERY IMPORTANT SACRAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Confirmation Requirements

Preparation is a three-year process, beginning in 9th grade.

PARENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend Mass **EVERY** Saturday or Sunday and all Holy Days of Obligation.
- Participate in ALL orientations and parent conferences.
- Parents of third-year Confirmation students must attend the Sacramental Parent Class in the second week of each month during the same session that their child attends.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Must attend Mass EVERY Saturday or Sunday and all Holy Days of Obligation. Students will be required to keep a Mass journal **all three years**.
- Must attend religious education class regularly. Only three unexcused absences are allowed. Failure to attend may result in repeat of the grade or delay in receiving the sacrament.
- Must attend **ALL** retreats. Missing these or failing to attend Mass may result in a delay of reception of the sacrament.
- Community service hours are required **all three years**.
- First-year students will be required to obtain a sponsor who is in **good standing with the Church** and **will mentor them through this process**.
- Second-year students will be asked to research saints in order to choose a patron saint for their guidance. They will be required to turn in a report and present it in class.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. or Sundays, 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. followed by 6 p.m. Mass. For more info, contact the RE office at reoffice@saclaret.com.

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Requirements

Preparation for Reconciliation /First Holy Communion is a two-year process. Formal instruction usually begins in 1st grade and concludes in 2nd grade. Both sacraments take place the second year.

PARENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend Mass **EVERY** Saturday or Sunday and all Holy Days of Obligation.
- Encourage an active family prayer life.
- Participate in **ALL** mandatory conferences: two parent conferences the second year.
- Ensure your child is mastering required prayers (outlined by grade online).
- Parents of the second-year students must attend the Sacramental Parent Class in the second week of each month during the same session that their child attends.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Must attend Mass **EVERY** Saturday or Sunday and all Holy Days of Obligation.
- Must attend religious education class regularly. Only three unexcused absences are allowed. Failure to attend may result in repeat of the grade or delay in receiving the Sacraments.
- Must attend ALL three Reconciliation retreats.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays, 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. or 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
Sundays: 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. followed by 10 a.m. Mass or 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. followed by 12 noon Mass.
For more info, contact the RE office at reoffice@saclaret.com.

RCIA/RCIC

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.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



Margie shares some wisdom with Patty: "Instead of 'the John,' I call my toilet 'the Jim.' That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning!"



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 Memorial Garden Bricks now through Sept. 15 for this year's installation. Order form available below, in the parish office or in the narthex. Questions? Contact Kelly Comeau at 210.383.2563 or room4more@twc.com.

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Line 2: Name of deceased *(16 spaces and characters available)*

Line 3: *(16 spaces and characters available)*

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E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Brick order deadline is Sept. 15, 2018, for installation before November 1.

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"The Bible and the Mass" (Spanish)*

Third in this series, this is a seven-week Bible study based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book, *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*. Text must be paid for when order is placed. Class begins Sunday, Sept. 16, 1 p.m.

"The Bible and The Church Fathers" (English)*

Encounter the great teachers of the faith, their writings, their stories (and even their quirks!). Evening class begins Sunday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.; morning class begins Tuesday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.; fast-track class meets Saturdays, Oct. 13 & 27, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. For info, contact CJ Garcia-Aboytes at (210) 843-1198.

"Kingdom of Happiness (English) - not for beginners

This eight-part program teaches how the Beatitudes are much more than nice sayings, they are the path to true happiness charted by Christ himself. Sunday evening classes begins Sept. 9, 7 p.m.; Tuesday morning classes begin Sept. 11, 12 p.m.; Thursday evening classes begin Thursday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. For info, contact Cheryl Koerner (210) 243-4351.

Pivotal Players by Fr. Barron (Spanish) – not for beginners

Bishop Barron's newest journey looks at the Catholic Church's most influential people in a film series. Twelve lessons. Begins Sunday, Sept. 9, 1-2:30 p.m.

"La Biblia y la Misa" (en español)**

El tercero en esta serie, este estudio bíblico de siete semanas, se basa en el libro del Dr. Hahn, *La Cena del Cordero: La Misa como en el Cielo Tierra*. La clase comienza Domingo, 16 de septiembre, 1-2:30 p.m.

Pivotal Playeras por el Padre Barron (en español)

- no para estudiantes principiantes

Ahora el viaje más nuevo del Obispo Barron mira a la gente más influyente de la Iglesia Católica en su nueva serie Pivotal Playeras en DVD. Doce lecciones, La clase comienza el domingo, 9 de septiembre, 1-2:30 p.m.

All classes open to ages 15 & up. Limited seating.

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO REGISTER!

Phone registrations only.

To register for classes in English, see phone numbers listed above. For those in Spanish, contact Felipe Forero at (210) 833-8552. Para las clases en español comuníquese con Felipe Forero al (210) 833-8552.

* Utilizes live and multimedia presentations, small group discussion, and optional outside reading. Workbook provided. Visit stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-scripture to learn more.

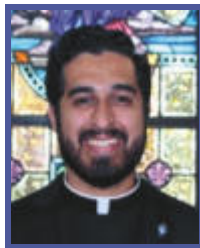
** Utiliza presentaciones en vivo y multimedia, discusiones en grupos pequeños, junto con la opción de lectura exterior. Para aprender más, se puede visitar el sitio web del Centro de St. Paul en stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-scripture. Programa de libro y clase será proporcionado.

FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Join the St. Anthony Mary Claret Vocations Committee this month as they pray for an increase vocations to ordained and consecrated life.

Pray for this community: *Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*
Pray for these seminarians:



Jose Sandoval



Ricardo Ramirez

Oración por Vocaciones

Padre Nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas. Manda tu Santo Espíritu para ayudar a que otros respondan con generosidad y valentía a tu llamado. Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye las vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo quien vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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)

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Subscriptions run Nov. 2018 through Oct. 2019.

Parishioner Tracey Kollmansberger will coordinate/distribute.

Order forms available in the narthex & parish office. Make checks payable to Tracey Kollmansberger. Payment due by THIS Sunday, Aug. 26. Questions? Contact Tracey at (210) 273-4818 or TKolls2010@yahoo.com.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please offer one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be for these individuals.

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| Elvira Sanchez S.T. | Jack & Jeanette Donohue |
| Gloria Bolick, | Rudy Navarro |
| Laura Garcia-Mehdi | A.C. Garza |
| Guadalupe Martinez | Olga & Rudy Faz |
| Vivian & David Stoltz | Dee Hancock |
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| Johnny Reyes | Bertha Trevino |
| Tomas Calderon | Roberto Trevino |
| Richard Keller | Gabby Truly |
| Barbara Vanegas | Bishop Yanta |
| | Anthony Trevino |



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 26: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday 27: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 28: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 29: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mk 6:17-29

Thursday 30: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

Friday 31: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday 1: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday 2: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PARISH NEWS



St. Anthony Mary Claret Family and Adult Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, Aug 29, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall*

**Please note date change.*

Our mission: to provide guidance and direction to families eagerly seeking to serve the Lord by active participation in the Catholic faith and our parish. Guidance is supported by the ministry's core members who are active in these areas and who assist through sharing their experiences in the hope of bringing all families closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Curious? Check us out! New members welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Sept. 7-9, Oblate Retreat Center

For info, contact Larry & Jane Zimmermann
at 210-951-9963 or

laryandjanezimm@gmail.com

or apply online at www.mesanantonio.org.



The Legion of Mary cordially invites all auxiliaries & parishioners to **Mary's Nativity & 97th anniversary of the Legion's founding** Friday, Sept. 7, Mass at 7 p.m. followed by cake & punch





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