

St. Anthony Mary Claret Roman Catholic Church

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September 23, 2018



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION: MK 9:30-37

The Oscars. The Super Bowl. TV talent shows. Your son's Little League championship. We live in a culture set on competition. The desire to "be the best" goes beyond hobbies and into politics, the corporate world, and parenting comparisons at the park. This desire is as old as the human race, and it surely arose in Jesus' day. While Biblical society was significantly less open and upwardly mobile than our own, power was attractive. From what we know, many of Jesus' disciples had come from lowly backgrounds. Now they followed an increasingly popular rabbi who seemed primed to do something big.

Jesus does his best to dissuade their high hopes by prophesying his own defeat. "The Son of Man is to be handed over and they

will kill him." Internalizing the message proves challenging for the disciples, and their attention remains fixed on earthly glory. "They [discuss] among themselves on the way who was the greatest." True to style, Jesus flips their pretensions on their heads. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

We have heard these Biblical principles before. Do we believe them? In our professional lives, do we do whatever we can to get ahead, or are we concerned with the entire team succeeding? In the lives of our children, are we more concerned with victory or with building character? Jesus doesn't condemn success, but he reframes it. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Today's Gospel is a reality check. In God's eyes, our success will not be measured by worldly output alone but by how much love and service we offer to others in the process.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Humility is really a virtue that allows us to keep our relationships in proper order: God first, others second, and myself third. However, we all wrestle with our incompleteness, weakness, and imperfections. Passions and impulses from within can color how we view our lives and distort them. Who among us does not struggle with jealousy, envy, pride, and lust? Then, when we can't have what we desire, we find ourselves angry, greedy, and taking more than we deserve. The downward spiral continues. Even Jesus' disciples, who knew him better than most, argued about who was the greatest. Humbly seeking the wisdom that comes from God and His righteousness is the corrective we need in order to keep ourselves in check.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak, Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

Parochial Vicars: Rev. James Seiwert Rev. Brian Garcia

Deacons: Jerome (Jerry) Kozar, M.S. Jerry Campa, ChFC®, CRPC® Angel Rondon Benito Morales

Parish Administrator: Luis E. Astorga, MBA

Bookkeeper: Juan Estrada, BBA

Secretary: Elaine Wolf-Gentry, BS

Director of Religious Education: Michelle Reynolds, MTS

Coordinator of Religious Education: Odilia Piña

RCIA Director: Jennifer Rupert, C.Th.

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Martie Kokotajlo

Music Director: Paul Rauschhuber, BM, ME, MME

Bulletin Editor: Sandy Salinas, BA

Sacristans: Teresa Revilla, Rita Valdez

Grounds and Maintenance: Ruben Villanueva, Charlie Sievers

MASS SCHEDULE

IN OUR PARISH

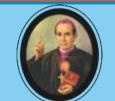
MONDAY

EUCHARISTIC

HOLY HOUR & MASS

Holy Hour - 6:30 p.m.

Mass - 7:30 p.m.



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.

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 samesa.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,

Dr. Jan Llak

Reverend Jan P. Klak

SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

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

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.

Saturday, Sept. 22

5 P.M.		Poor Souls in Purgatory † by Mary Macias
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Sunday, Sept. 23

8 A.M.	Michael Zotter † by Christine & Charles
	Kasischke
10 A.M.	Michelle Louise Arcilla † by Linny
	Carandang
12 P.M.	Brian Tate † by Danielle Schelb
3 P.M.	Emma Viera † by Neida Estringel
6 P.M.	Special Intention for Strength of
	Families by a Mom
Monday, Sept	. 24
8 A.M.	Special Intention for Ana Maria Blanco
	Solis, Anita Bernal Blanco, Monica
	Flores, & Stan by Delia Dominguez
6.30 P M	Holy Hour

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

Tuesday, Sept. 25

8 A.M. Marisa Hernandez † by Darlene Belanger Angelo Lopez † by Apolinar Family

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION TOTALS

Sept.	15/16	
Attendance		4,085
Regular Collection	\$	30,826.99
Debt Reduction	\$	3,826.00
Religious Education	\$	970.00
Gabriel Project	\$	
Candles	\$	470.75
Capital Campaign	\$	250.00
SAMC Pantry	\$	235.00
Rosary Makers	\$	30.00

This Week's Parish Spotlight



BAPTISMS

Emma Mavis & Charlie Rose Recoder-Alba, children of Jesse Garcia & Mercedes Recoder

Benjamin Michael Bourgeois, child of Paul & Bernice Bourgeois

Estevan Joel & Santino Antonio Mackey, children of Tyrone Mackey & Roxanna Graham

WEDDINGS

Michael Donas & Sonya Garcia



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Sept. 26 8 A.M. For the Parish

Thursday, Sept. 278 A.M.Edward Benningfield † by Charlie Sievers

Friday, Sept. 288 A.M.Cathy Boyd † by Darlene Belanger
Patricia Mills † by Ed Mills Family

Saturday, Sept. 29

5 P.M. Bert † & Michael Bednarz † by Martha Bednarz

Sunday, Sept. 30

8 A.M.	Dwight Goldstrom † by Thelma
	Goldstrom
10 A.M.	Serge Belanger † by Darlene Belanger
	Esther Poblano † by Maria Herrera
12 P.M.	Special Intention for Lucido Family by
	Family
	Anniversary Blessings for Edward &
	Sylvia Alcantar by Family
3 P.M.	For the Parish
6 P.M.	Mary Joyce † by Cynthia & Tom Joyce
	Family



RESPECT LIFE

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

Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life

Join Call to Prayer efforts at www.usccb.org/pray. For additional materials: http://www.usccb.org/ issues-and-action/takeaction-now/call-toprayer/legal-protectionof-human-life.cfm.

Intercessions for Life For all who welcome children in the face of hardship: may they find strength and renewal in Christ. We pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por todos los que acogen a los niños frente a las adversidades: para que encuentren fortaleza y renovación en Cristo. Roguemos al Señor. Las leyes antiabortistas pueden reducir y, de hecho, reducen la tasa de abortos.

#KnowRoe

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PARISH NEWS

Are you planning a quinceañera at St. Anthony Claret?

- Contact the parish at least one year prior to the celebration.
- Child MUST be enrolled in religious education classes for at least <u>one year</u> prior to quinceañera.

Parents and child must attend the MANDATORY quinceañera orientation session Thursday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall.

- Comunicarse a la Iglesia por lo menos un año antes de la celebración.
- La niña deberá estar inscrita en clases de educación religiosa por lo menos <u>un año</u> antes de la quinceañera.

Padres y niñas deben asistir a una orientación de quinceañera OBLIGATORIA el jueves, 27 de septiembre a las 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall.

Reservations now being accepted. Call the parish office to register. Reservaciones ya están siendo aceptadas. Hablar a la oficina de la iglesia para reservar su lugar.





Our parish is seeking to fill a part-time maintenance and grounds keeping position.



Interested parties should submit their information to the parish office at saclaret@saclaret.com.



Young gentlemen and ladies have you thought about becoming an altar server at the Lord's Table? New Altar Server Training Session Saturday, Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m in the church To be eligible to serve you must have received your First Communion, have a deep love and reverence for God and a willingness to serve the Lord. For info, contact Deacon Jerry Kozar at 210-679-8434.

YOUTH GROUP

REGISTER NOW! Don't miss the opportunity to encounter Christ!



TAKE NOTE OF THESE NEW MEETING DETAILS: EDGE — Middle school youth group will meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays, 4-6 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

LIFE TEEN — High school youth group will meet each month on the 1st & 3rd Sundays, with 6 p.m. Mass followed by 7–9 p.m. in Msgr. Hubertus Hall.

For info contact Youth Director Martie Kokotajlo at (210) 688-9033, X209 or youthgroup@saClaret.com. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram: facebook.com/youthsamc & Instagram.com/youthsamc



Life has its ups & downs and so do roller coasters!



Saturday, Nov. 17 at Six Flags Fiesta Texas \$55 = ticket & wristband; \$25 = wristband only (for those w/a Fiesta Texas pass)

Tickets = admission to Six Flags Fiesta Texas Wristbands = admission to Life Teen Inspiration (Event venue is inside Fiesta Texas, so participants must have a ticket into the park.)

Deposit (due upon registration): \$25 - ticket & wristband; \$10 - wristband only To register, contact Martie Kokotajlo at (210) 688-9033, x209 or youthgroup@saclaret.com.

In addition to the thrill of the rides, teens will experience the thrill of life in Christ through Mass, adoration, worship, and community.



Are you growing in your relationship with Christ?

Join us for Mass, food & fellowship THIS Sunday, Sept. 23, 12 p.m. Mass followed by lunch in Msgr. Hubertus Hall. Wear your Teen ACTS shirt. Questions? Contact Martie Kokotajlo at (210) 688-9033, x209 or youthgroup@saclaret.com.

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Children's Choir Rehearsals Every Thursday in the Church Ages 5-8, 5:15 -5:45 p.m.; Ages 9-12: 6-6:45 p.m.



To register contact Children's Choir Director Paul Rauschhuber at 210-688-9033, X207 or sacredmusic@saclaret.com.

Calling all quilters! The Gabriel Project needs baby guilts & fleece blankets.

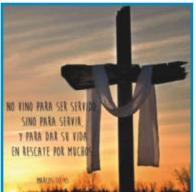


Drop off donations in any of these locations:

- pack & plays in the narthex or religious ed. bldg.
- church office during business hours
- donation bin outside of the Gabriel Project bldg.
- Gabriel Project bldg. Thursdays 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support.

Retiro De ACTS Para Mujeres en español



Octubre 18-21. Centro de Retiros Cordi Marian, \$175 Para más información y registro, contactar Sandra Perry, Directora, (210) 213-2837.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Two football players were taking an important final exam. If they failed, they would be on academic probation and not allowed to play in the big game the following week. The exam was fill-in-the-blank. The last question read, "Old MacDonald had a

Bubba was stumped. He had no idea of the answer. He knew he needed to get this one right to be sure he passed. Making sure the professor wasn't watching, he tapped Tiny on the shoulder.

"Pssst. Tiny. What's the answer to the last question?"

COMMUNITY NEWS

Is your marriage struggling? There is HOPE. There is HELP.



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 this program. Next San Antonio course begins Oct. 19. For more info or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 210-848-3278.



Divorced, widowed, or separated and hurting?

Beginning Experience Weekend Retreat

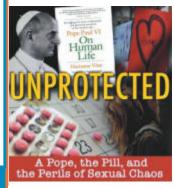
EXPERIENCE[®]

will help you deal with the grief process. Friday evening — Sunday afternoon Oct. 12-14

Turn the pain of loss into a growth experience. People in any stage of life, male or female, who have experienced such a loss can benefit from the retreat. For info, visit http://www.sanantoniobe.org/, call 210-478-0690 or email sanantoniobe@yahoo.com.

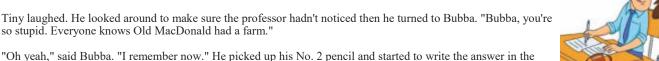
> FREE Movie Screening! Unprotected: A Pope, the Pill and the Perils of Sexual Chaos Thursday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. Regal Cinema Northwoods 14

#Metoo — sexting — hooking up — teen depression



How did the culture become so toxic for women? How did one man foresee this so clearly 50 years ago? How do we find our way out? Learn surprising answers and inspiring solutions in this powerful new film featuring stories and commentary by Christopher West, Jennifer Fulwiler, Janet Smith, Damon Owens, Jason and Crystalina Evert, Sue Ellen Browder, Patrick Coffin, Jennifer Roback Morse, and others.

Reserve your FREE ticket at www.tugg.com/events/unprotected -s3h1. Limited seating. Reserve only if you are committed to attend. Watch the trailer at unprotected movie.com. Brought to you by NaturalWomanhood.org. For more information contact silvia@naturalwomanhood.org or (210) 427-2260.



"Oh yeah," said Bubba. "I remember now." He picked up his No. 2 pencil and started to write the answer in the blank. He stopped. Reaching to tap Tiny's shoulder again, he whispered, "Tiny, how do you spell farm?" "You are really dumb, Bubba. That's so easy. Farm is spelled - E-I-E-I-O."

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:





Ian Robbins

Bernardo Castañeda

The committee also commends to your intercession a group committed to the consecrated life: *Brothers of the Beloved Disciple.*

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Learn more about your Catholic faith: Check out the Lighthouse Media stand in the narthex!

Lighthouse Media CDs and booklets successfully evangelize and teach the Catholic faith. We request a small donation (amount varies by item) in order to cover the cost. Checks can be made payable to the parish. Thank you for supporting this ministry. Here are some of our featured titles:





THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 23: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37 Monday 24: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18 Tuesday 25: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21 Wednesday 26: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday 27: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9



Angels

Friday 28: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22 Saturday 29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51 Sunday 30: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Lord Jesus, lover of the sick, be with your people in their sickness. Help them to accept this illness as sharers in your cross, and bring them back to full health. Lord Jesus, we praise You, for You are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Elizabeth Duncan Father Stuart Julen Bea Alvarez Marge Lucido Birdie Matthews John Matthews Tina McCurdy Sourav Mukergee Susan Munoz Pat Peterson Helen Pickard Vivian Stoltz Sophia Hampton Krystal Navarro **Rick Salinas** S.T. Judy Cooper Mary John Phinizy Eloise Salazar Maria Morales Rosa Huerta Johnny Reves **Tomas** Calderon

Richard Keller Barbara Vanegas Jack & Jeanette Donohue Rudy Navarro A.C. Garza Olga & Rudy Faz Dee Hancock Grace Heinze Adrian & Erika Huerter **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

COMMUNITY NEWS

ASSEMBLY 2018

Do you seek to help bring the message of Jesus to others, to renew your faith, your hope and your love for Christ and his Church, and bring God's message to the world?

Then **Assembly 2018** is where you need to be! Join Archbishop Gustavo on Saturday, November 3rd, at St. Mary's University, for a day of celebration and inspiration. Seating is limited, so register today at www.AssemblySA.org or call **210-734-1911**.



In Concert: "Hallelujah Priest" Fr. Ray Kelly

Saturday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower 1715 N Zarzamora

Concert to benefit the Basilica Restoration Project. Reserved & VIP tickets include premium seating &

admission to a post-concert wine-and-cheese reception with Fr. Ray, who will sign CDs. Tickets available on Eventbrite, at the parish office at 824 Kentucky Ave., or by calling (210) 735-9126.

Fr. Ray is a 64-year-old parish priest at St. Brigid's Church in Oldcastle, Ireland, who loves to sing. Known as "The Hallelujah Priest," he became an internet sensation in 2014 when an amateur video surfaced of him singing a personalized version of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" to a young couple while he presided at their wedding. Posted on Youtube, it has reached over 63 million views. This spring he appeared on "Britain's Got Talent" and wowed Simon Cowell, who declared Fr. Ray's audition to be one of his "favorite ever."



