# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

#### April 21, 2019

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#### Parish Mission Statement

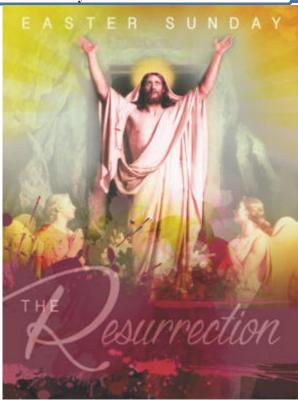
We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they, too, may share in the everlasting presence of God. Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact

the community as a whole.

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION: JN 20:1-9

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing



bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection Cont'd on page 2

#### 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)

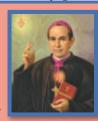
Weekdays: 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays: 4 p.m.- last in line Sundays: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (or last in line), 4 p.m.- last in line No confessions on holy days of obligation or Fridays of Lent.

#### **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**



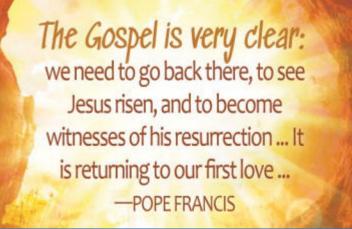
#### WELCOME!

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

April 13/14 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.



#### GOSPEL MEDITATION Cont'd from page 1

of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Alleluia! Christ is risen! We are called, by how we live our lives, to celebrate the risen Christ. How do we do that? Our faith in the resurrection gathers us here today to celebrate this incredible event. The good news is that the doors of eternity are open! We can now understand that the fullness of who we are will be discovered when we one day meet God face-to-face in heaven. Our faith in the truth of who God is and who we are affects how we live our lives and the decisions we make. We are called to love our neighbor...to love those who hurt us...to work on behalf of the poor and the weak...to be people of justice, integrity, and hope... to practice compassion and mercy above anything else. Our lives are meant to be oriented around the axis of the Gospel. Are they?

# MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

| Saturday, April 20 Wednesday, April 24          |   |                    |  |
|---|---|--------------------|--|
| 8:30 P.M.                                       |   | 8 A.M.             | John Aldaya † by Michele & George Aldaya       |
|   |   |                    |  |
| Sunday, April 21 *** EASTER SUNDAY ***          |   | Thursday, April 25 |  |
| 6:30 A.M.                                       | Birthday Blessings for Claire Strapkovic        | 8 A.M.             | Birthday Blessings for Jason Belisario         |
|   | & Mary Allen by Strapkovic Family               |                    | by Family                                      |
| 8 A.M.  | Joseph † & Ella Kopech †; Joseph L.             |                    |  |
|   | Stein †; Robert † & Floranna Stein †;           | Friday, April 26   |  |
|   | Richard Caldwell, Jr. † by Blanchard Family     | 8 A.M.             | <b>Birthday Blessings for Dylan Adderholdt</b> |
| 10 A.M.   | Carlos A. Tarin † by Adrian E. Brown Family     |                    | by Jeanette Erickson                           |
| 12 P.M.   | Spiritual Strength/Spiritual Healing for        |                    | ·  |
|   | Current & Future Priests by a Mom               | Saturday, April 27 |  |
| 3 P.M.  | Leonard Thomas † by Rick & Sandy Salinas        | 5 P.M.             | Jacob & Jason Serna † by Mom & Family          |
| 6 P.M.  | Antonio Rojas † by Jennifer Rojas O'Grady,      |                    | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,          |
|   | daughter  | Sunday, April 28   |  |
|   | Ũ   | 8 A.M.             | Agustina Zapanta: Special Intention of         |
| Monday, April 22 ***PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ***    |   |                    | Thanksgiving to God by Family                  |
| 8 A.M.  | <b>Birthday Blessings for Veronica Gonzalez</b> | 10 A.M.            | Michael Casey † by Casey Family                |
|   | by Family                                       | 12 P.M.            | Spiritual Strength/Spiritual Healing for       |
| 6:30 P.M.                                       | Holy Hour                                       |                    | Humanity by a Mom                              |
| 7:30 P.M.                                       | William Robert Dittemore † by                   | 2 P.M.             | Benediction: Divine Mercy Novena Ends          |
|   | St. Anthony Mary Claret Legion of Mary          | 3 P.M.             | Leonard Thomas † by Rick & Sandy Salinas       |
|   |   | 6 P.M.             | Special Intention for Zelma Garza by           |
| Tuesday, April 23 Louis Gonzales                |   |                    |  |
| 8 A.M. Crisostomo De Guzman † by Taliman Family |   |                    |  |

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### Learning Love: Theology of the Body & the Family—Part 1

#### By Colleen Quigley

Saint John Paul II's catechesis on the human person and love, commonly known as the Theology of the Body, has developed an evergrowing following and continues to captivate the attention of young and old, religious and lay, married and single persons throughout the world. There are many different ways to learn about this teaching: through programs, courses, personal study, and group reflection. However, there is one place that serves as an excellent classroom for the Theology of the Body: the family.

The family is the domestic Church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "The home is the first school of the Christian life where all learn love, repeated forgiveness, and prayerful worship" (no. 1666). It is in the context of our families that we first learn love. One way in which families can accomplish this formation in love is to take steps to live out the Theology of the Body in the home.

This might seem like a daunting task, but teaching your family about the Theology of the Body does not necessarily mean sitting them down and explaining the eschaton (the "end times") or talking about sex, although that is part of it. Teaching your family the Theology of the Body is no more or less than teaching them that they are loved and called to love.

As a fundamental anthropology of the human person, John Paul II's Theology of the Body is not meant only for those who are married but for all members of the human race, no matter their age, relationship status or vocation. Theologically, there are many complex aspects of this teaching, but we do not all have to be theologians or scholars to understand the core principles or to live them out in our homes and our lives. Here are a few examples of how the Theology of the Body can be lived out in the home.

#### The Goodness and Beauty of the Body

"God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him." (Gen 1:27)

Recognizing the goodness and beauty of the body is the first step to living out the Theology of the Body. In the first part of his catechesis on the Theology of the Body, St. John Paul II reflects on the creation accounts found in Genesis, and he reflects on the fact that man was created by God in His image and likeness and was deemed "good" by God (Gen 1:31). As a creation of God, the body is good and should be cared for and respected by ourselves and others.

The Incarnation further dignifies the human body since through His Incarnation, Christ entered the world with a body that is like our own bodies. As the Second Vatican Council said in a section often quoted by John Paul II, "Only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light....Christ, the final Adam...fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear" (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 22).

Affirming the body's beauty and dignity does not necessarily mean telling someone that they look "beautiful" in terms of worldly standards, but rather assuring them that they are beautiful as a unique creation of God. As family members' bodies change over time, it is especially important to emphasize the goodness of the body and the ways in which it reflects Christ in a very real way. This teaches them that as their bodies – and the bodies of others – change for better or for worse, they are not losing any of their worth. Affirming the goodness of the body also means proclaiming the goodness of your *own* body. It is often easier to see the goodness and beauty of others, but when it comes time to recognize it in ourselves, suddenly we are left with nothing good to say. As a good and beautiful creation of God, each one of us is called to accept our bodies, as a man or as a woman, and to care for them.

#### The Language of the Body

"The body is ... the means of the expression of man as an integral whole, of the person, which reveals itself through 'the language of the body." (TOB 123:2)

Very often, we are unconscious of the messages that we are sending with our bodies, yet they are powerful tools of communication. As St. John Paul II said, "Through sexual union the body speaks a 'language'...this language must be spoken in truth" (TOB 106.3). But this language is not solely spoken through the sexual union. Our bodies can communicate how we feel about ourselves, those we are with, the situation we are in, our mood and countless other messages.

We must become conscious of this language and use it in a way that communicates the love of God and recognizes the beauty and dignity of each human person. Try to recognize the messages that your family members are sending to you through their body language, and the messages that you are sending to them. Having a discussion about this can bring your family to an awareness of the language of the body.

Simple things such as looking up from your phone during a conversation, making eye contact, and dressing both modestly and appropriately for the occasion, all communicate that you recognize the dignity of the person(s) before you and recognize that they too are made in the image and likeness of God and are worthy of love and service.

Emily Stimpson's book *These Beautiful Bones: An Everyday Theology of the Body* beautifully elaborates on how manners, dress codes, and body language can be simple ways of living out the Theology of the Body in our everyday lives.

From <u>www.foryourmarriage.org</u>, a part of the National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage, 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.

## **RESPECT LIFE**

#### **Intercessions for Life**

For all who have died, and that their families and loved ones rejoice anew in the hope of the Resurrection and the promise of eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

#### Intercesiones por la Vida

Por todos los que murieron, y para que sus familias y seres queridos se alegren de nuevo con la esperanza de la Resurrección y la promesa de la vida eterna. Roguemos al Señor. "Behold, I make all things new."



2019 Men's **ACTS Retreat** 

May 16~19 Cordi Marian Retreat Center Cost: \$180 Some partial scholarships available. For info/registration, contact Eddie Garcia: 210~865~5370; Roland Garcia: 210-391-1727; Jeremiah Lagos: 210-421-5076.

# **PARISH NEWS**

# NEW LECTOR TRAINING

Wednesday, May 1, 7 p.m. in the church For more information, contact Scott Kollmansberger at (210) 273-2297.



Formación lector Miércoles, 1 de mayo. a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia Para más información, póngase en contacto con Scott Kollmansberger en (210) 273-2297.

## 1st Annual Non-Residential Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Weekend



June 28 - 30, Friday 7p.m. - Sunday 3:30 p.m. St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church Married couples, priests and religious are invited!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is for married couples to restore their communication, renew commitment and rekindle romance. Priests and religious also find new ways to communicate with their flock, renew their commitment and rekindle passion for their vocation.

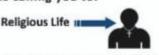
A <u>non-residential</u> (WWME) weekend allow attendees to experience a traditional WWME weekend at their parish while going home in the evening rather than staving overnight at a retreat.

Apply by contacting Larry & Jane at 210-951-9963, online at mesanantonio.org or pick up a flier in the narthex or parish office. Questions? Get in touch with St. Anthony Claret parish contact couple, Wally and Pat Closner at 210-887-9140, 210-887-9180 or pnwclosner2@gmail.com.

# COMMUNITY NEWS Every man knows, eventually he has to put his neck on the May 10-11, 2019 line...What are you wearing on yours? MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT • MAY 10-11, 2019

Come find out if God is calling you to:





Come join us in this opportunity to pray, share and learn more about the priesthood.

Seraphic Sisters' Retreat House **130 Beethoven Street** San Antonio, TX 78210

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND (# Dateline to register Monday, May 6, 2019

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

Volunteers needed for the 1st Annual Non-Residential Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Weekend June 28-30!



Call Wally at 210-887-9140 or Pat at 210-887-9180 to volunteer your time, talent or treasure.



St. Anthony Mary Claret Men's Club thanks you for supporting its Friday fish fries this Lenten season making this year's one of the best! All proceeds support parish ministries.

mark your

...for our brisket plates sales on Aug. 18!



Date

Ages: 18-40

Contact person

Fr. Jonathan Felux

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# APRIL/MAY RE CALENDAR



Sun., Apr. 21/Wed., Apr. 24 NO CLASSES Sat., Apr. 27 All 2nd year F

All 2nd year First Communion students must attend final Confession retreat before First Communion. Contact Director of Religious Education Michelle Reynolds for info.

Sun., Apr. 28/Wed. May 1 FINAL CLASSES

# MAY SACRAMENT SCHEDULE



Sat., May 4 Sun., May 5 Wed., May 8 Sat., May 18 Sun., May 19

First Communion-5 p.m. Mass First Communion-12 p.m. & 3 p.m. Spanish Masses 7 p.m. Confirmation Mass First Communion-5 p.m. Mass First Communion-12 p.m. Mass

# Vacation Bible School (VBS): June 24-28



We're seeking a <u>volunteer program coordinator</u>. There is a VBS program that we will use. Director of Religious Education Michelle Reynolds will assist you in planning. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! To volunteer, contact Michelle at 210-688-9033, 204. Without a volunteer coordinator, we will have to cancel VBS!



# **YOUTH GROUP**

Sun., Apr. 28 EDGE Middle School Youth Meeting: 4-5:45 p.m.





# **OPENINGS REMAIN FOR THESE LIFE TEEN EVENTS:**

2019 Steubenville Lone Star: June 21-23, Irving Convention Center, Irving, TX \$350 incl. conference, lodging, transportation, & most meals; non-refundable deposit: \$100 ONLY TWO SPOTS LEFT!

Wild Sky 2019: July 15- 20, Medina, TX; \$655.00; Non-refundable deposit: \$100 SEVERAL OPENINGS REMAIN!

We're seeking a few young adults and those young at heart to help with our youth program next year. Interested? Contact Youth Director Martie Kokotajlo at 210-688-9033, x209 or youthgroup@saclaret.com.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



He was a little chicken!



Tom: "Would you like something from my Easter basket? Becky: "Sure!" Tom: "Here. Have some plastic grass."



# **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:





Jorge Verduzco

Juan Villanueva

O God. Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness: so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son. Our Lord. Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Adorers of the Blood of Christ

## **PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY\***

Ray & Carolyn Cole **George** Aldaya **Gloria Bolick** Laura Garcia-Mehdi **Guadalupe Martinez** Vivian & David Stoltz Jose Martinez Natalia Guhit Joe & Rita Salcedo Virginia Donnelly Dan Calderon Paul Allen Jenna & Landon Ondrusek **Dave Whitney Romana Garcia** Yareli Mendoza Sandy Salinas Fernando Mascorro Ana Galinski S.T. Adrian & Erika Huerter Jack & Jeanette Donohue Eloise Salazar

Maria Morales Rosa Huerta Johnny Reves Richard Keller **Barbara Vanegas** Rudy Navarro A.C. Garza Olga & Rudy Faz Dee Hancock Grace Heinze **Bill Jennings** Robyn Marcum Margie Morones Tracy Oviedo Alvson 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 21: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9 Monday 22: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15 Tuesday 23: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18 Wednesday 24: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35 Thursday 25: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48 Friday 26: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14 Saturday 27: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15 Sunday 28: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## **Pilgrim Center of Hope Catholic Seniors' Conference**

Saturday, May 4, 8:15 a.m.—1:30 p.m.; Cost: \$25 (incl. lunch) St. George Maronite Catholic Church 6070 Babcock Rd.

Whatever your age or state in life, you are welcome for an all-new, inspiring day of prayer, learning, fellowship, and laughter. Learn about God's calling for us all as we

grow older; discover a message of joy and hope! Speakers include Jeannette Santos, MA, LPC, Fr. Patrick Martin, and Deacon Tom & Mary Jane Fox. Learn more at pilgrimcenterofhope.org, call (210) 521-3377 or email ministry@pilgrimcenterofhope.org.



OIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH FR. LARRY CHRISTIAN, EPISCOPAL VICAR ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO

"Now, and at the Hour of Death..." CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON END OF LIFE ISSUES

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#### TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019 - 6:00-8:00PM

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH 16505 KILOWATT RD. ELMENDORF, TEXAS 78112

PLEASE RSVP TO JENNIFER. RODRIGUEZ@ARCHSA. ORG OR 210-734-1644

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