# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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#### June 1, 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.

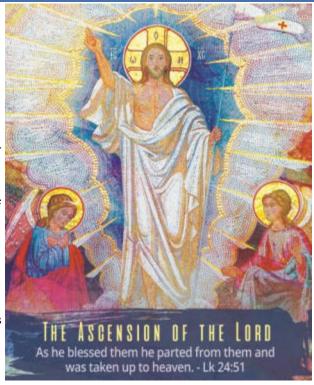
#### GOSPEL MEDITATION: Lk 24:46-53

What is the most common image you've seen of the Ascension? It's typically Jesus hovering above the earth surrounded by brilliant light. The Ascension is a beautiful feast, but it's about more than the distant glory of God. It's about the blessing of God and the transformative power of trust.

"You are witnesses to these things." Before he ascends, Jesus reminds the disciples of the basic message of the Gospel and of the disciples' own important role. They are to proclaim the Gospel message by their personal witness to the saving power of God. "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you... clothed with power from on high." Jesus promises to equip the disciples for this important mission. Not only are they receiving a command, but they're receiving the empowerment they



The Ascension of the Lord



need to move. "He... raised his hands, and blessed them." Even now, though the fulfillment of Pentecost is still to come, Jesus gives them a parting gift before he ascends into heaven. Finally, "They... returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."

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#### 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

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

The disciples faced an unknown future. Their teacher had left them, and the political and religious authorities weren't exactly thrilled about Jesus and his growing movement. But the memory of our Father's redemptive love, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of Christ sustained them. Jesus trusted them to act in his name. They could trust him in return. Do you face uncertainty in your own life? Remember, we are all called to be disciples and witnesses. We have received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at our baptism. We are blessed by Christ beyond imagining in the sacraments. This Ascension feast, we too can trust in God! With this firm trust, we too can return to our daily lives, praising God with great joy!

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Today, we are reminded that it is Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, AND ascension all taken together that make the one event that brings salvation to humanity. Jesus' return to the Father completes the work Jesus came to accomplish and clearly shows us the forgiveness, mercy, and love the Father wishes to bestow upon his children. Faith allows us to savor the mystery of God's design and the hope that awaits us. Today, we are called to look up and see that Jesus ascended to the Father. His mission is completed, and ours is now beginning. Having "looked up," we now have to "look out" into our broken world and deliver the Good News. We now have a new perspective on life and can see things differently: life comes from death, hope from despair, faith from doubt, joy from sadness, and freedom to those who are held bound. It is amazing news indeed! How do we spread the word? -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

| Saturday, June                  |   |                   | by Irene Durand                                 |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| 8 A.M.                          | Susan Retz † by Mike & Roger Spotswool    |                   |   |
| 5 P.M.                          | Birthday Blessings for Madeleine Shearer  | Wednesday, June 5 |   |
|                                 | by Bea Peterson                           | 8 A.M.            | Jesus M. Carazo † by Maria M. Carazo            |
| Sunday, June 2                  |   | Thursday, June 6  |   |
| 8 A.M.                          | Marcelino Armendariz † by Teresa Revilla  | 8 A.M.            | Special Intention for James & Henry             |
|                                 | Special Intention for Sam & Vivian Usle   |                   | Pawelek & Alois & Florence Olenick              |
|                                 | by Family                                 |                   | by Olenick Family                               |
| 10 A.M.                         | Francesco †, Carmela †, Sebastiano †,     |                   |   |
|                                 | Corrado † & Giovanni † by Sal Spataro     | Friday, June 7    |   |
| 12 P.M.                         | Walter Seyle † by Joan Seyle              | 8 A.M.            | <b>Dorothy &amp; Wilbur Kaufman</b> † by Family |
| 3 P.M.                          | In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony Mary       |                   |   |
|                                 | Claret for Health by Yolanda M. Gutierrez | Saturday, June    | e <b>8</b>                                      |
| 6 P.M.                          | Souls in Purgatory, esp. Deceased Members | 5 P.M.            | Adolfo De Luna † by Mr. & Mrs. Pablo Luna       |
|                                 | of Friends of the Suffering Souls †       |                   |   |
|                                 | by Louis S. Gonzales                      | Sunday, June 9    |   |
|                                 |   | 8 A.M.            | Billie Sievers † by Charlie Sievers & Family    |
| Monday, June 3                  |   | 10 A.M.           | Pablo S. Cunanan, Sr. † by Tom, Madonna         |
| 8 A.M.                          | Birthday Blessings for Joe Rodriguez      |                   | & Tammy   |
|                                 | by Rodriguez Family                       | 12 P.M.           | Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity       |
| 6:30 P.M.                       | Holy Hour                                 |                   | by a Mom  |
| 7:30 P.M.                       | For the Sick of the Parish                | 3 P.M.            | Jose Zamarripa † by Priscilla Velasquez         |
|                                 |   | 6 P.M.            | Agnese Manera † & Adelia Pelosin †              |
| Tuesday, June 4 by Mayra Finley |   |                   |   |
| 8 A.M.                          | Birthday Blessings for Yvette Curtis      |                   |   |

May 25/26 Attendance & Collection Totals unavailable at press time.



### **RESPECT LIFE**

# **Another Look at Abortion - Part 1**

#### **Uniquely You**

From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music. If you'd been born just 23 weeks after conception, your chance of survival would be 50-80 percent; by 25 weeks, it's over 90 percent, and that's still *months* before full-term birth.<sup>1</sup>

Now, if someone takes an innocent person's life after he or she is born, it's against the law; just minutes before birth, it's legal in most states and called abortion. The only real difference is a declaration by the United States Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade (1973).

#### **Abortion Is Permitted Up to Full-Term Birth**

Many people don't realize how unrestricted legal abortion is, misled by Roe's claim that states may ban abortions after viability "except when it is necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother." ("Viability" is when the baby has a reasonable chance of survival outside the womb.) But in Roe's companion case, Doe v. Bolton, the Court defined "health" to include "all factors-physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age-relevant to the wellbeing" of the mother. That seems broad enough to permit virtually any abortion post-viability.

The Supreme Court, however, has yet to be confronted with a challenge to a post-viability ban that will test *Doe*'s breadth. Indeed, 20 states currently ban late-term abortions subject to a narrow exception for the mother's life or physical health (not for emotional, psychological, familial, or age-related reasons). Most of these laws have gone unchallenged, but they are hard to enforce even if they are constitutionally permissible.

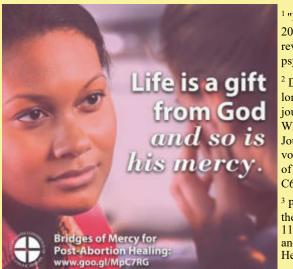
#### **Effects of Abortion**

Abortion results in the death of a child. For many mothers, abortion causes severe and long-lasting emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma. Many women experience overwhelming guilt, shame, and grief. Other effects have also been documented: depression, withdrawal from others, eating disorders, self-punishing behaviors like "cutting," sexual dysfunction and problems with intimacy, alcohol and drug dependency, problems bonding with other or subsequent children, abortion-related nightmares, and other sleep problems.

Family relationships may suffer as the aborted child's father, grandparents, or other family members experience their own guilt, grief, or loss. Even if the mother keeps her abortion secret, family members can be distressed by changes in the mother's behavior and mental or emotional health.<sup>3</sup>

#### ...to be continued...

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<sup>1</sup> "Fetal Development," Perinatology.Com; http://perinatology.com/Reference/Fetal% 20development.htm; J.L. Hopson, "Fetal Psychology," Psychology Today, Sept. 9, 1998 (last reviewed June 9, 2016); https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/articles/199809/fetalpsychology.

<sup>2</sup> D.P. Sullins, "Abortion, substance abuse and mental health in early adulthood: Thirteen-year longitudinal evidence from the United States," SAGE Open Med., Sept. 23, 2016; http:// journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2050312116665997; P.K. Coleman et al., "Women Who Suffered Emotionally from Abortion: A Qualitative Synthesis of Their Experiences" Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons 22:4 (2017) 113-118; http://www.jpands.org/ vol22no4/coleman.pdf; G. Pike, "Abortion and Women's Health," Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, 2017; https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortion/~/media/ C69E4B25A78D433F94780BD29240CA21.ashx.

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### **Intercessions for Life**

from the Father, and gifts for the world. We pray to the Lord.

### **Intercesiones por la Vida**

For all children in the womb: may they be seen as gifts Por todos los niños en el seno materno: para que se los considere dones del Padre, y dones para el mundo. Roguemos al Señor.

# PARISH NEWS

### Ready for some fun with Jesus this summer?

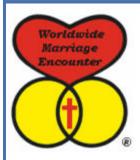


St. Anthony Mary Claret Vacation Bible School (VBS) for kids entering grades K - 5 June 24-28, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., \$25 per Child Learn how to put prayer into practice with the Cat. Chat program! Registration forms for participants and Volunteers are available on the parish website: www.samCsa.Com. Print, Complete, and turn in with your payment to the parish office no later than Friday, June 7.

# **St. Anthony Claret Silver Seniors Social**

Wednesday, June 12 Meet at 12 p.m. for dining out at a nearby restaurant. For location or more info, contact Larry Lucido at (210) 473-4813. New members welcome!





# 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 staying overnight at a retreat.

Apply by contacting Larry & Jane at 210-951-9963, online at <u>mesanantonio.org</u> 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 <u>pnwclosner2@gmail.com</u>. Volunteers needed for 1st Annual Non-Residential Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Weekend June 28-30 at our parish!

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





Join other young women in high school in a day of discernment designed to help youth come to a deeper understanding of God's call for their lives. Open to young women, ages 15-18. Female youth ministers are welcome to attend and bring groups from their parishes. Participants will join religious sisters and consecrated women in prayer, fellowship, activities, and Mass.

**COMMUNITY NEWS** 

Don't spend your life wondering if you are called to the Priesthood or Reliaious Life.



(210) 735-0553 • www.ArchSA.org/vocations

Join other young men in high school in a retreat designed to help youth come to a deeper understanding of God's call for their lives. The retreat is open to young men, ages 15-18.

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH GROUP**

# ATTENTION: FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION FAMILIES First Communion and Confirmation certificates and photos are ready for pick up THIS



IFE TEEN

WEEKEND after all Masses in the foyer of the RE building. Certificates from previous years will also be available then.



### **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

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





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JOIN US!!!

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH **1710 CLOWER STREET** Rosary for Life CRUSADE

What does the Church stand for? What does the Church stand against?

A battle is waging for our families and neutral is not a place on the battlefield. This is a call to wake up our conscience and to fully live our baptism, to overcome divisions, to renounce the culture of death and to fully believe and build up the Culture of Life!



JOIN US AS WE LEARN TOGETHER. HOW CAN WE BRING HEALING TO OUR CULTURE IN DECLINE?

HOW CAN WE EXPOSE THE LIES THAT DESTROY OUR FAMILIES AND HARM OUR YOUTH?

HOW CAN WE BRING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE TO OUR CULTURE?

HOW CAN WE MAKE CHRIST'S TRUTH, FREEDOM, AND HAPPINESS MORE VISIBLE TODAY?

# SATURDAY, JUNE 8 PARISH HALL 8:00AM-4:30PM

The day will include testimonies, teachings, prayers, and panel discussions. In the morning we will look at the world through the lens of Sacred Scripture, Church teachings, and history. In the afternoon we will explore together how we can protect, heal, deliver, and strengthen families.

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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:





Ian Robbins

Bernardo Castañeda

Loving and gracious God, your son Jesus reminded us: "To love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). May we never forget Jesus' words in all that we do. We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit so we can serve you more faithfully in our own vocations of married, single, religious or priestly life. Help us to support one another in our vocations and to work together to build up your kingdom here on earth. 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 Divine Providence



### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - June**

The Mode of Life of Priests: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

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

Paul M. Woodward, Jr., Kathryn Stoltz, Joe Salcedo, Jr., Mary Flores Harold Shields **Dr. George Flores** Anita Flores Nvlvia Flores Baby Caden Flores Johnny Reves John Flores Maria Flores **Robert Garcia** Javier Calderon Ray & Carolyn Cole George Aldaya Dan Calderon 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 Johnny Reves **Richard Keller** Barbara Vanegas Rudy Navarro A.Č. Garza Olga & Rudy Faz Dee Hancock Grace Heinze **Bill Jennings** Robyn Marcum Margie Morones Tracy Oviedo Alyson Victoria Oviedo Jenna & Landon Ondrusek 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 2: Acts 1:1-11/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Monday 3: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday 4: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a Wednesday 5: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 Thursday 6: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 Friday 7: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 Saturday 8: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 Sunday 9: Acts 2:1-11/Rom 8:8-17/Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



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 - Junio

Estilo de vida de los sacerdotes: Por los sacerdotes para que, con la sobriedad y la humildad de sus vidas, se comprometan en una solidaridad activa hacia los más pobres.

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.

## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

A politician woke up after an operation to find the curtains in his room tightly drawn. "Why are the curtains closed?" he asked the nurse. "Is it night time?"

"No" the nurse replied, "But there is a fire across the road and we didn't want you to wake up and think the operation had been unsuccessful."





