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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.

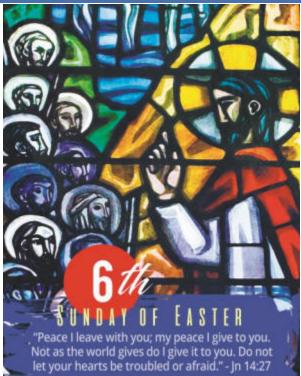
GOSPEL MEDITATION: JN 14:23-29

Theology has two words to describe the space between God and us - transcendent and immanent. When we say God is transcendent, we speak of the One whose ways are not our ways, the placer of stars and maker of mountains. This is God who transcends our understanding, whose being goes beyond what we can know. When we say God is immanent, we mean His nearness to us. This is the way Jesus speaks of himself in today's Gospel. "Whoever loves me keeps my word... and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

The Hebrews saw God as intimately involved with the fate of their people. But for all His care, God was still distant to most. He spoke through prophets and was represented in blazes of fire and pillars of cloud. Priests offered animal sacrifice to atone for the nation's sins. While we still know that



Sixth Sunday of Easter



God is transcendent - any morning's resplendent sunrise confirms this - Jesus introduces us to himself in a new way. Not only does Jesus walk among us, but the Holy Spirit dwells within us. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you everything, and remind you of

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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

all that I told you. Peace I leave with you!"

How do you tend to view God? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God might fill our

May 18/19 Attendance & Collection Totals

| Attendance | | 4,178 |
|--------------------|------|-----------|
| Regular Collection | \$ 2 | 24,589.56 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ | 4,472.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$ | 1,417.00 |
| Candles | \$ | 412.72 |
| SAMC Pantry | \$ | 290.00 |
| Rosary Makers | \$ | 30.00 |
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St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass & Devotions

Saturday, June 1; Confession: 7:30 a.m.; Mass: 8 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayer



perception. Today's Gospel reminds us of something altogether different, something more intimate. Our God remains with us. He overcomes the confusion of the world and speaks peace to our troubled hearts. Our God is not far from us. The more we remain connected to Him and love as He loved, the more we will experience His nearness. We can have confidence in His presence and rest in His encouragement: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

To listen openly and be willing to dialogue are the most effective ways to discern how to solve a problem. We must be open to the Holy Spirit and, under his guidance, allow our opinions to be challenged and changed. Learning to trust the active work of the Holy Spirit in all things releases us from fear and brings us closer to living in the peace Jesus promised. Scripture, Church teaching and practice, the wisdom of others in our community, our relationship with God, and the promptings and stirrings of our hearts all have to be weighed when making important decisions. This is how the Holy Spirit keeps us faithful to Christ and the Gospel and the way the Church brings resolution to questions that inevitably arise.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

| Saturday, May 25 Thursday, May 30 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| 5 P.M. | • | 8 A.M. | Susan Retz † by St. Anthony Claret's Pantry |
| | | Friday, May | 31 |
| Sunday, May 26 | | 8 A.M. | Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales †; |
| 8 A.M. | Medardo Carazo † by Maria M. Carazo | | Tomasa N. Cabezuela † ; Sr. Victoria |
| 10 A.M. | Healing for Demetria Alvarez by Family | | Hernandez †; Souls in Purgatory † |
| 12 P.M. | Amelia Gonzalez † by Joe & Gail Gonzalez & Family | | by F. Gonzales |
| 3 P.M. | Maria Ğuadalupe Corona †; Jose Maria | Saturday, June 1 | |
| | Corona † by Corona Family | 8 A.M. | Susan Retz † by Mike & Roger Spotswool |
| 6 P.M. | Rene Mueller † by Legion of Mary | 5 P.M. | Birthday Blessings for Madeleine Shearer by Bea Peterson |
| Monday, Ma | y 27 ***PARISH OFFICE CLOSED | | |
| 8 A.M. | Demetria Alvarez † by Rose Andan | Sunday, June | e 2 |
| 6:30 P.M. | Holy Hour | 8 A.M. | Marcelino Armendariz † by Teresa Revilla |
| 7:30 P.M. | For an End to Abortion | 10 A.M. | Francesco †, Carmela †, Sebastiano †, Corrado † & Giovanni † by Sal Spataro |
| Tuesday, May 28 | | 12 P.M. | Walter Seyle † by Joan Seyle |
| 8 A.M. | Trinidad S. Carazo † by Maria M. Carazo | 3 P.M. | In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony Mary |
| | | | Claret for Health by Yolanda M. Gutierrez |
| Wednesday, May 29 | | 6 P.M. | Souls in Purgatory, esp. Deceased Members |
| 8 A.M. | Anniversary Blessings for Delia & Andrew | | of Friends of the Suffering Souls † |
| | Carian by Carian Family | | by Louis S. Gonzales |
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LOVE & MARRIAGE

Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility - Conclusion

- 5. **Be Aware of "Treatments" That Destroy Life:** Some procedures are problematic for multiple reasons. For example, beyond its unethical nature (as per the previous section), in vitro fertilization (IVF) often involves the tragic loss of human life. Children in the embryonic stage are frequently discarded—or frozen—without ever being implanted into their mother's womb. And if multiple babies are implanted, doctors may suggest performing a "fetal reduction" by killing one or more to increase the survival chances of the strongest child in utero. While a baby might eventually be born, his or her tiny siblings may be destroyed in the process.⁵
- 6. **Make a Plan:** Do you know there are medical options consistent with Church teaching that have statistically significantly higher rates of achieving pregnancy than IVF?⁶ Learn about these, fertility awareness practices, and other treatments that also respect your marriage and any children who may be conceived. If you have sought to bring a child into your family through ways not in keeping with God's plan for life and married love, have hope. The Lord welcomes us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we can receive the loving mercy and forgiveness we each need. With prayer and an informed conscience, work together as a couple to create a plan that takes into consideration the desire for children along with moral principles, finances, medical realities, and your overall well-being (both individually and as a couple). Locate a trained specialist or doctor who honors your plan and has training in methods of assistance that are in keeping with Church teaching.
- 7. Keep Your Marriage Healthy: Handling the uncertainties of infertility is a challenge for even the strongest marriages. Once engaged in treatment, it can become easy to focus more on the process than on each other. However, communication and mutual decision-making are vital. Staying intimately connected can help make it easier to manage lifestyle changes, reordering of priorities, physical discomfort, career disruption, and difficulties with insensitive people.

Even if we ourselves do not experience difficulty bearing children, we can be channels of God's mercy for those who do.

> Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility: www.goo.gl/qUXiGg

Hold fast to the constant truth of God's love for you. "To couples who cannot have children of their own," St. John Paul II affirmed, "you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others"⁷ and their needs. In times of suffering, Pope Francis notes, "we sense a powerful need for someone to be close and feel compassion for us." You are not alone: "Jesus 'does not abandon those whom he loves."⁸

Even if we ourselves do not experience difficulty bearing children, we can be channels of God's mercy for those who do. Learn how to show compassion sensitively from a short list of suggested dos and don'ts at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

- * Further explanation may be found in these resources:
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology. Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009.
- Natural Family Planning Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
 "Reproductive Technology (Evaluation & Treatment of Infertility): Guidelines for Catholic Couples." Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009.
- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Instruction Donum Vitae (Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1987.
- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Instruction Dignitas Personae (The Dignity of a Person). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2008.
- Articles, documents, statements, and more: www.usccb.org/LifeGivingLove

⁵ John M. Haas, Ph.D., S.T.L., "Begotten Not Made: A Catholic View of Reproductive Technology," (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1998).

⁶ "Infertility," NaProTechnology, accessed May 9, 2016, http://www.naprotechnology.com/infertility.htm, Copyright © Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction.

⁷ Pope John Paul II, Homily at the Mass for the Families on February 13, 1982, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1982).
 ⁸ Pope Francis, Meditation at the Prayer Vigil to "Dry the Tears" on May 5, 2016, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016).

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more info or to read this article in Spanish visit usccb.org.

Intercessions for Life

Intercesiones por la Vida

For all Christians: that we may rejoice in the gift of our earthly life, and in the hope of eternal life with God. We pray to the Lord. Por todos los cristianos: para que nos regocijemos en el don de nuestra vida terrenal, y en la esperanza de la vida eterna con Dios. 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: <u>www.samCsa.Com</u>. Print, Complete, and turn in with your payment to the parish office no later than Friday, June 7.



SUPER SCHOLARS!

Six exceptional parish high school seniors are the recipients of \$500 college scholarships for outstanding academic achievement and exemplary church and community service commitment. These scholarships were funded through the

generosity of the following St. Anthony Claret organizations: the Knights of Columbus Council #10090, the Men's Club, and the Ladies of St. Anthony.

The 2019 recipients are Logan Antonio Defreitas, Viviana Del Toro, Clarissa Patricia Fetter, Maria Elizabeth Gibbs, Carmen Andrea Martinez, and Anna Marie Surovic.

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!



ATTENTION: ALTAR SERVERS

If you have not yet completed the altar server survey in the sacristy, please do so this week.



Also for those who signed up: Altar Server Appreciation Lunch June 1, 10: a.m.—l p.m.



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.



YOUTH GROUP



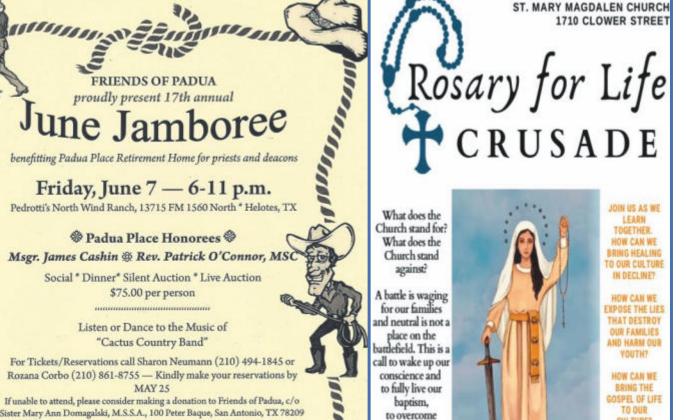
OPENINGS REMAIN FOR THESE LIFE TEEN EVENTS:

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 **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 vouthgroup@saclaret.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS



divisions, to renounce the

culture of death

and to

fully believe and

build up the

Culture of Life!

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

(210) 824-4553



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.

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CULTURE?

HOW CAN WE MAKE CHRIST'S TRUTH REFDOM AND HAPPINESS ORF VISIRIE TODAY?

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

The day will include testimonies, teachings, prayers, and panel dis we will look at the world through the lens of Sacred Scripture, Church teachings

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:





Stephen Santos

David Chacko

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and women. Jesus, we trust in you! 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 the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word

COMMUNITY NEWS

Is your Marriage Struggling?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Has infidelity or addiction made your marriage an emotional wasteland?
- Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting? Or do you simply shut down?
- Have you considered separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

There is hope. There is help...

Retrouvaille ..

A highly successful program to Help Couples Heal and Renew thier Marriages.

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 the program.

The next course in San Antonio begins on May 31, 2019.

For more information, or to register, go to HelpOurMarriage.org or call 210-848-3278

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 26: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29 Monday 27: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a Tuesday 28: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday 29: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Jn 16:12-15 Thursday 30: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20 Friday 31: Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-56 Saturday 1: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 Sunday 2: Acts 1:1-11/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53





Kyle: Did you know baseball is the first sport in the Bible? Steve: No, I didn't. Kyle: It says in Genesis that in the big inning, Eve stole first, Adam stole second, and Cain struck out Abel.



