

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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August 25, 2019

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Parish Mission Statement

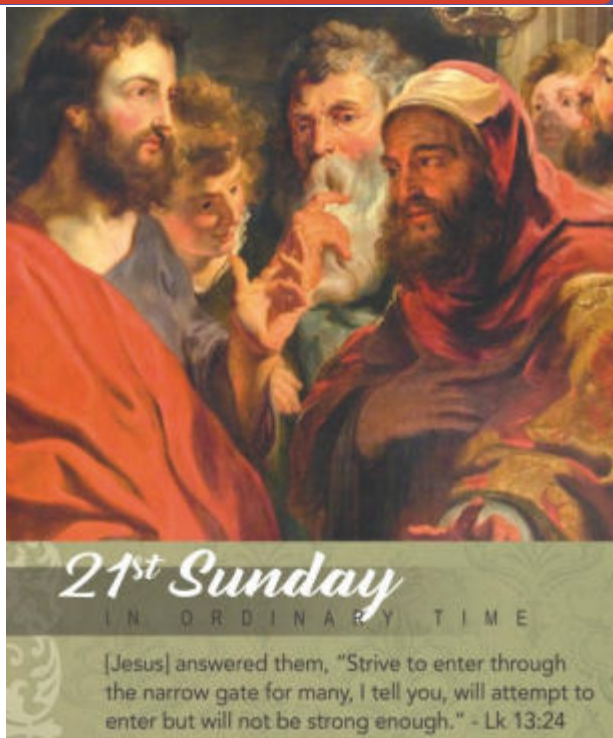
We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God. Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the development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

### GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 13:22-30

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

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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

*\*Sunday confessions will resume in September.*

No confessions on holy days of obligation or Fridays of Lent.

### Baptism - Required Classes:

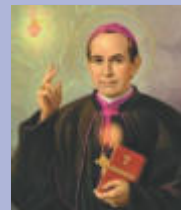
First Tuesday & Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

**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](http://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*

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness?

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

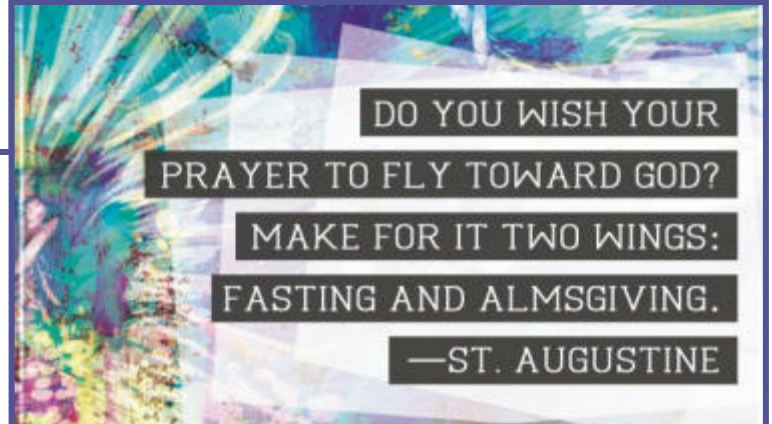
Developing healthy relationships with others requires discipline. This is also true of our relationship with God. As Christians, we are called to be like Christ. This does not just happen randomly or when it is convenient for us. It happens when we spend time with Christ every day and strive to be and think like him. This is no small task. It entails a willingness to see things, people, and God differently. Abandoning our self-focused needs and desires and putting on Christ is a challenging discipline to follow. However, if we choose to enter through the narrow gate of discipleship, we will find peace, live virtuous lives, and understand what it means to be saved. Resting and being cradled in God's lap and enjoying His presence is where we really desire to be, even though we have to give up some things in order to do so.

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Aug 14/15 attendance total: 1,311

### Aug 17/18 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,457
Regular Collection	\$ 22,788.43
Debt Reduction	\$ 4,944.00
Candles	\$ 388.61
Capital Campaign	\$ 210.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 143.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 100.00
Assumption Seminary	\$ 100.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00



## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday, Aug. 24

5 P.M. Timothy Such† by William & Terry Such

### Sunday, Aug. 25

8 A.M. Marcelo Zapanta † by Agustina Zapanta

10 A.M. Alan J. Ponce †; Margaret † & Albert Suarez † by Alma Ponce

12 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Marge & Larry Lucido by Family

3 P.M. Virginia Avila † by Maria M. Carazo

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

### Monday, Aug. 26

8 A.M. Juliana Torralba † by Family

6:30 P.M. Holy Hour

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

### Tuesday, Aug. 27

8 A.M. Maria Rita Esquivel † by Bill & Jenny Bailey

### Wednesday, Aug. 28

8 A.M. Jean Belanger † by Darlene Belanger  
Special Intention for Jeremiah & Lauren

### Dominguez by Delia Dominguez

### Thursday, Aug. 29

8 A.M. For the Parish

### Friday, Aug. 30

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Selene Macias by Gina Macias

### Saturday, Aug. 31

5 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Esmee Banda by Family

### Sunday, Sept. 1

8 A.M. Wayne Johnson † by Richard Retz

10 A.M. Francesco †, Carmela †, Sebastiano †, Corrado † & Giovanni † by Sal Spataro

12 P.M. George & Theresa Smith † by Den. Jerry & Pat Kozar

3 P.M. Jaime Alvarez †; Michael Thyssen †; Klever Cabezas † by friend Jimmy Alvares

6 P.M. Spiritual Healing/Strength for Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales † by Y. Gonzales



## LOVE & MARRIAGE



### Marriage FAQs: The Meaning of Marriage & Sexual Difference—Part 3 of 3

#### 5. Why does the Catholic Church care about civil marriage?

The Catholic Church cares about the truth of marriage, even in civil law, because marriage is a fundamental good that is foundational to society. Following the example of Jesus, the Church cares about the whole person, and about all people. The introduction into civil law of a false understanding of marriage and human sexuality brings about confusion and hurt to real people. Today, people already suffer be-

cause of family breakdown – divorce, growing up without a father, domestic violence, and so on. Marriage has public significance and public consequences because it unites children in the law to their mother and father. The redefinition of marriage to include two men or two women is a redefinition of the human person, disregarding what it means to be a man or a woman. Redefining marriage has led to widespread confusion about the rights of men and women in the public square. This is a basic injustice to men, women, and children. Marriage is truly one of the most important social justice issues of our time.

#### 6. Should a Catholic attend a same-sex “wedding”?

For a Catholic who is invited to a same-sex “wedding,” it is important to consider what marriage is and what his or her attendance at such an event would mean. Since marriage is the union of a husband and a wife – that is, as a man and a woman – attending a same-sex “wedding” may be considered support for something that is incompatible with this truth. Especially when it involves close family or friends, it can be a difficult decision. In such circumstances, it is good to seek the advice of your pastor or spiritual director. It is also good to remember that there are many ways of showing love to a person with same-sex attraction without attending such a ceremony.

*From [www.marriageuniqueforareason.org](http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org), an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that offers resources to assist with the education and catechesis of Catholics on why marriage is unique and why it should be promoted and protected as the union of one man and one woman. Used with permission.*

## WORDS OF LIFE / PALABRAS DE VIDA



“Within the ‘people of life and the people for life’, the family has a decisive responsibility. This responsibility flows from its very nature as a community of life and love, founded upon marriage, and from its mission to ‘guard, reveal and communicate love’ (The Gospel of Life, #92).

— Citing John Paul II, *Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Familiaris Consortio* (22 November 1981), 17: AAS 74 (1982), 100. Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

“Dentro del ‘pueblo de la vida y para la vida’, es decisiva la responsabilidad de la familia: es una responsabilidad que brota de su propia naturaleza —la de ser comunidad de vida y de amor, fundada sobre el matrimonio— y de su misión de ‘custodiar, revelar y comunicar el amor’” (El Evangelio de la vida, 92).

— Cita de Juan Pablo II, *Exhortación apostólica postsinodal Familiaris consortio* (22 de noviembre de 1981), 17: AAS 74 (1982), 100. Fragmento de *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Se utiliza con permiso. Todos los derechos reservados.

### Intercessions for Life

For all fathers: may they be guided by the love of God the Father and teach their children to follow the Lord, who is life; we pray to the Lord.

### Intercesiones por la Vida

Por todos los padres: para que sean guiados por el amor de Dios Padre y enseñen a sus hijos a seguir al Señor, que es vida; roguemos al Señor.

## PARISH NEWS



Visit the **Respect Life Ministry** table in the narthex after Mass on the last weekend of every month for **FREE** items!

For the next nine months, if you sign up for our spiritual adoption at-home prayer campaign, you’ll receive a lifelike 12-week old baby model!



## PARISH NEWS



### Want to grow in faith while serving our parish? Come to the **Adult & Family Ministry Meeting**

Saturday, Aug. 31, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Msgr. Hubertus Hall

#### **New members welcome!**

The mission of the Adult and Family Ministry is to provide guidance and direction to families who are eagerly seeking to serve the Lord by active participation in the Catholic faith and our parish, but do not know where to begin. Guidance is provided by core members of our ministry who are active in the Catholic faith and our parish community. They assist through sharing of their experiences in the hope of bringing all families closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Questions? Contact Joe Gonzalez: 210-896-0152



### **Journey Through Scripture Series: "The Bible and Prayer" (English)**

English evening class begins Sunday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.;

English morning class begins Tuesday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.

Saturday Fast-Track class begins Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m.

To learn more, visit [www.SalvationHistory.com](http://www.SalvationHistory.com). Workbook provided.

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### **Journey Through Scripture Series: "The Bible and the Sacraments" (Spanish) Viaje a través de series de la Escritura: "La Biblia y los Sacramentos" (español)**

Para aprender más, se puede visitar [stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-scripture](http://stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-scripture).

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*Ages 15 and up. Limited seating. Register by phone through Sept. 8. Classes in English: CJ Garcia-Aboytes at (210) 843-1198. Classes in Spanish: Felipe Forero at (210) 833-8552.*



### **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 discount: \$26/yr – English (reg. \$44.95); \$26/yr – Spanish (reg. \$49)

Subscriptions run Nov. 2019 - Oct. 2020.

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. 25. For info, contact Tracey at (210) 273-4818 or [TKolls2010@yahoo.com](mailto:TKolls2010@yahoo.com).



**Training for NEW Lectors**  
Wednesday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m. in the church. For more info, contact Scott Kollmansberger at (210) 273-2297.

### **Formación para NUEVOS Lectores**

Miércoles, 28 de agosto, 7 p.m. en la iglesia. Para más información póngase en contacto con Scott Kollmansberger en (210) 273-2297.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### **Pilgrim Center of Hope Annual Prayer Brunch**

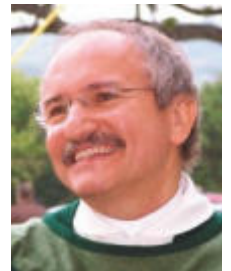
Oct. 12 | 9am-12:30pm | Omni Hotel Colonnade

#### **Keynote Speaker**

Bishop Michael J. Boulette, Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio

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Raffle (1st prize - \$1,000 VISA gift card!)



### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



**Q: What do you call an Amish guy with his hand in a horse's mouth?**

**A: A mechanic.**

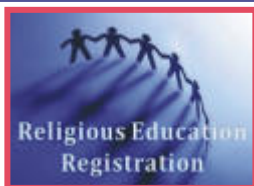
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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / RCIA NEWS



## RE Registration Info &amp; Requirements—READ CAREFULLY!

Aug. 17-23: following weekend Masses & on weekdays, 12-8 p.m., RE Building;  
**open to St. Anthony Mary Claret REGISTERED PARISHIONERS only.**

August 24-29: following weekend Masses & on weekdays, 12-8 p.m., RE Building; **open to everyone.**

**FINAL DAY TO REGISTER:** Aug. 30 – 12-5 p.m., RE Building; registration after Aug. 30 requires special permission from DRE Michelle Reynolds by appointment only. Contact her at [reoffice@saclaret.com](mailto:reoffice@saclaret.com).

- New First Communion students must have baptismal certificate.
- New Confirmation students must have baptismal/First Communion certificate.
- CHILDREN IN CUSTODY SITUATIONS must have custody paperwork at registration.
- CHILDREN REGISTERED BY ANYONE OTHER THAN PARENTS must have letter of permission at registration.
- Cost increase to \$45 per child; \$120 max.
- *New students from other parishes* must have letter from their pastor stating attendance is allowed.

### IMPORTANT INFO FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PARENTS

- *Parents* of First Communion students must attend a mandatory meeting in September to discuss requirements for the year. Anyone not attending must submit request to meet with DRE Michelle Reynolds at [reoffice@saclaret.com](mailto:reoffice@saclaret.com) *before attending classes.*
- *Parents and students* in Confirmation program must attend a mandatory meeting in September to discuss requirements for the year. Anyone not attending must submit request to meet with DRE Michelle Reynolds at [reoffice@saclaret.com](mailto:reoffice@saclaret.com) *before attending classes.*



### 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](mailto:rcia@saclaret.com) or 210-688-9033, x214.**

### RCIA Babysitters needed!

Do you have a love for children, patience, and a desire to help? Volunteer for the RCIA childcare team! We need at least one adult 18 or over. Teens are also welcome and can earn service hours. The commitment is for Tuesday evenings, 7-9 p.m., Sept. through May. Interested? Contact Jennifer Rupert at 210-688-9033, x214.



## PARISH NEWS



*Toda espiritualidad es una manera particular de vivir la vida Cristiana y se distinguen entre sí en cuanto al aspecto específico que siguen de la vida de Jesús.*

### El Apostolado de la Cruz

nos ofrece un camino de vida que nos lleva a una transformación constante como personas y católicos en el mundo de hoy. Vivir en el espíritu de esta obra nos llama a santificar la cruz de cada día y promover el reinado del Espíritu Santo a través del trabajo apostólico para que florezca la santidad y el amor en el mundo.

**Empezamos grupo nuevo el 12 de septiembre. Nos estaremos reuniendo todos los jueves a partir de las 7 p.m. en el edificio de educacion religiosa, #1103.**

**Para conocer esta bella y valiosa espiritualidad de la Cruz Estas cordialmente invitada a una presentación informativa que se llevara a cabo el jueves, 5 de septiembre a las 7 p.m. en el edificio de educacion religiosa, #1103.**

Si te gustaría información adicional acerca de este Ministerio espiritual puedes contactar a Maria Luisa Gonzalez: 830 476-5083 (llamada, whatsapp o texto) o Vanessa Torrent: 817-6375914 (texto).

## 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:



Ricardo Ramirez



Stephen FitzSimon

*O Jesus, eternal High Priest, I pray for all seminarians, Your future priests. Give them humility, meekness, prudence, and a burning zeal for souls. Fill their hearts with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to know and love the Church, that they may always and everywhere speak, act, and think with her. Teach them generosity and detachment from the things of this world. But above all, teach them to know You and love You, the one and only eternal priest. Good Shepherd of souls, hear this, my prayer for saintly priests. 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 St. Brigid (Brigidines)

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

Ruben Villanueva  
Tony Sanchez  
Paul M. Woodward,  
Jr. Harold Shields  
Javier Calderon  
Ray & Carolyn Cole  
George Aldaya  
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  
Richard Keller



Barbara Vanegas  
Rudy Navarro  
A.C. Garza  
Olga & Rudy Faz  
Dee Hancock  
Grace Heinze  
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

**\*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 25: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30  
Monday 26: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday 27: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday 28: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday 29: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mk 6:17-29  
Friday 30: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday 31: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30  
Sunday 1: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



### 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 bricks now

through Sept. 13 for this year's installation. Order forms available in the parish office, in the narthex or right here in the bulletin. →

For info, contact  
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**Brick order deadline is Sept. 13, 2019, for installation before November 1.**

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