

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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September 15, 2019

24<sup>th</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 15:1-32

"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain..." In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the context for the forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlifes. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep ... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost ... let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine ... was lost, and has been found!"

Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in



24<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." - Lk 15:7b

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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:

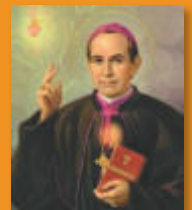
First Tuesday & Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

**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](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

### Aug 31/Sept. 1 Attendance & Collection Totals

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>4,064</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 29,309.22</b>
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 7,018.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 1,345.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 395.46</b>
<b>SAMC Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>



**INVITE A FRIEND  
TO MASS NEXT WEEK!**

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

our power to eke out that possibility for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?

Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who “has no need of repentance.” The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn’t go after, no one he does not catch sight of “while ... still a long way off,” no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We all struggle with worshipping things that are not God. These are things that we place in our lives and reverence more than God himself. Things such as our self-image, power, status, possessions, securities, and even ideologies can be allowed to make great claims on us. Sometimes, who “god” is for us is what we make this “god” out to be. Our self-constructed gods serve little purpose, other than placating us and making us feel better about ourselves and our world. This is not the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, nor the God whom Jesus called Father. The true God challenges us out of our comfort zones and pushes us to discover our potential. But, He does so patiently and with great love. He knows how fickle we can be and is always eager to welcome us home.

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## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday, Sept. 14

**5 P.M.** Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†; Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family

### Sunday, Sept. 15

**8 A.M.** Ginger Safar† by Husband John  
**10 A.M.** Izora Mayfield† by Priscilla Velasco  
**12 P.M.** All Moravits & Zaionitz Family Members by Family  
**3 P.M.** Carmen Isales Diaz† by Daughters Judy & Yolanda  
**6 P.M.** Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity; Souls in Purgatory† by M. Gonzales

### Monday, Sept. 16

**8 A.M.** David Plank† by Bill & Jenny Bailey  
**6:30 P.M.** Holy Hour  
**7:30 P.M.** Mildred Wheatley† by Bill & Jenny Bailey

### Tuesday, Sept. 17

**8 A.M.** Leticia Domingo† by Lorelei Jackson

### Wednesday, Sept. 18

**8 A.M.** Birthday Blessings for Jomer Belisario by Family

### Thursday, Sept. 19

**8 A.M.** Special Intention for Elizabeth B. Castillo & Children by Delia Dominguez

### Friday, Sept. 20

**8 A.M.** For the Parish

### Saturday, Sept. 21

**5 P.M.** Catarino Lopez† by Family

### Sunday, Sept. 22

**8 A.M.** Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family  
**10 A.M.** Loreto Tamondong, Sr.† by Gina Mrozinski  
**12 P.M.** Maria De Jesus Diaz† ; Rudy Garcia, Jr.† ; Norma Lisa Villanueva† by Mirelia Arguelles  
**3 P.M.** Special Intention for Genaro Anthony & Abresha Dominguez by Delia Dominguez  
**6 P.M.** Luz H. Cuellar† by Adrian Brown Family

## FAMILY LIFE

### How To Take Young Children to Mass

by Josh and Stacey Noem

Sometimes at the end of Mass a parishioner comes up to us and says “Your three children are SO well behaved!” Our standard response is either, “Thank you. We work at it” or “Thank you, some days are better than others.” The “better” days are the product of years of articles and brochures we read on taking children to Mass. Here is the distilled wisdom we rely upon.

#### Before Church

- Make sure children are well-fed right before Mass. They do not need to fast, nor will fasting help them to be on their best behavior during Mass. We personally do not think it is appropriate to take snacks into the pew. Our exception to this is a non-spill drink cup that bought us enough time to hear the homily once in a while.
- Beginning even with the smallest infants, dress them in some special clothing that they wear only for church or other special events. This does not have to be expensive and can be as simple as a nice pair of shoes. It helps them to identify what we do at Mass as different from everyday activity.
- Check your diaper bag to make sure it is stocked for any possible needs. Consider including a small toy or book that your child sees only on Sunday at Mass. These should be quiet and made of soft material so that they do not distract those around you from their prayer while they are being played with or in case they are dropped.
- Put on a fresh diaper or visit the bathroom right before walking out the door of your home or into the church.

#### For Toddlers or Older Children

- You might read the readings in the car on the way to church. This could even be the job of an older child. Then everyone hears them at least once in case someone has to step out during a portion of the Mass.
- Before going into the church take a moment to remind children what you are about to do. Make sure they know what their job is at Mass. For us, we say that their job is to be quiet/still, to participate by sharing their voices and to pray. Their job is also not to distract those around them from praying.

#### At Church

- Sit up front. Yes, sit even in the first pew if it is appropriate at your parish. It can feel scary and even a little out of control the first few times, but it makes a world of difference for little ones to be able to see the action. Over time it also helps them to understand what is most essential about Mass without the distraction of rows and rows of backsides between them and the altar.
- We physically hold our children in our arms during Mass. In fact, we adopted the position that our children’s feet do not touch the ground during Mass until they are three years old. This helps in many ways. The children get a better view; as they grow and mature we can talk them through the stories and the actions; and we have a bit more control over their behavior. If an infant or toddler gets squirmy, often switching who is holding them is enough to calm them down. Otherwise we might play a quiet game of “point to the... candles, priest, altar, cross, etc.”
- During their two-year-old year, we begin to let our children stand for a portion of Mass or try sitting next to us quietly, instead of on our laps. Then when they turn three it is a special milestone to be big enough to stand, sit and kneel all on their own (although if they can’t see over the pew we have them stand during the kneeling portions of the Eucharistic Prayer).
- If an infant or toddler makes a little noise during Mass and settles down right away, try not to feel self-conscious. Most folks except for those closest to you do not even notice. And even if they do notice, give your fellow parishioners credit for being adults who can focus through a small distraction.
- If a child cries or makes continual noise, it is best to calmly step out of the pew and take the child out of the main assembly until they have calmed down or are quiet. However, it is important to return to the worship space as soon as they are quiet, so that children do not begin to associate poor or disruptive behavior with a pass to get out of Mass. Just stand against the wall until it is appropriate to return to the pew. Our experience is that stepping out and returning even a few times is not nearly as disruptive as a crying baby and parishioners appreciate your consideration of their attempt to pray. Those that are parents understand completely.

#### After Mass

- Praise your children abundantly for their good behavior.
- If they need some improvement, mention briefly how they might do better next week and explain why. Let them know that you will help them by trying to remind them before the next Mass.
- Answer questions children have about Mass and encourage them to understand the liturgy and its place in our lives.
- For older children consider taking time to discuss the readings and the homily.

In taking our children to Mass we operate on the principle that we need to teach our children how to be in church as long as it does not distract others around us from their prayer. Some days are better than others, but the gift of passing on how we pray as Catholics is worth all of the challenges.

As parents, and leaders of our domestic church, we are responsible for forming our children in our Catholic faith. There is no more important experience to Catholics than the Mass, so it is crucial to help children understand and participate in liturgy as much as they are able. At times, it has seemed as though the only thing we accomplished at Mass was the exercise of standing and walking with a grumpy baby. But we also know that children do not remain little for long and they rise to our expectations. We will have plenty of opportunities to experience transcendent prayer at Mass when our children are teenagers or out of the house. For now, though, our primary job is to make sure they “get” what happens at Mass. We find that God has found ways to feed us, even on the most difficult of days with a teething toddler.

*From [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org), an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Used with permission.*



### PARISH NEWS

#### Support the St. Anthony Claret Boy Scout Troop 1988 Trail's End popcorn fundraiser!



Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 21/22, 11 a.m.-7p.m., Walmart Neighborhood Store 9526 West Military Drive (near Warren High School)

Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bass Pro Shops at The Rim (IH-10 area outside 1604)



This fundraiser helps pay for summer camp & other Scout fees throughout the year.

#### This Week in Our Parish

Quinezañzras:  
Alexa Trevino  
Dezting Flores



#### We need diapers!



Every month the Gabriel Project spends over \$1000 to provide diapers for needy infants. You can help. Our parish Knights of Columbus Council #10090 is coordinating this effort. Drop diaper donations in **sizes 4, 5 & 6 ONLY** in the narthex. For info, contact Matt Muniz at 210-861-4535 or [ajax47@satx.rr.com](mailto:ajax47@satx.rr.com).



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

Saturday, Sept. 28, 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

#### St. Anthony Mary Claret Marriage Ministry Date Night

*an evening of fellowship & enrichment for married & engaged couples*  
Friday, Sept. 20, 7-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall



Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. For free childcare register **in advance** with Rene and Liz Quintanilla at [liz.straq@yahoo.com](mailto:liz.straq@yahoo.com) **NO LATER THAN Wed., Sept. 18.** Questions? Contact Chris and Nicole Glowe at [englowe@yahoo.com](mailto:englowe@yahoo.com) or 210-257-6616.

Join us for a discussion & activities that will help you understand your spouses creativity and individuality. We aren't and shouldn't be the same. In a successful marriage, couples need to find a way to mesh individual work habits, styles, preferences, and creativity to build a life together.

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." — 1Peter 4:10-11*

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Pilgrimage to London & Germany, incl. the Oberammergau Passion Play

June 16 - 25, 2020

Travel with Fr. Steven Gamez, St. Rose of Lima Church pastor, as your spiritual director. Cost: \$3,949.99/person incl. round-trip airfare, hotels, daily breakfast & dinner. For info, contact Sue Zapata at 210-675-1920 & a pamphlet can be mailed to you or you may pick one up from the St. Rose of Lima Parish office.

### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

FATHER, MY SON IS HANGING OUT WITH DRUNKS, PARTY ANIMALS AND GENERALLY DISREPUTABLE PEOPLE.



YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND LIKE THE BLESSED MOTHER...



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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / RCIA NEWS/YOUTH GROUP**

**Religious Education Calendar: September**

- Sept. 10: MANDATORY First-Year First Communion Parent Meeting, RE Bldg., 7 p.m.
- Sept. 11: First day of Wednesday classes
- Sept. 12: MANDATORY First-Year Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting, RE Bldg., 7 p.m.
- Sept. 15/18: Classes in session
- Sept. 17: MANDATORY Second-Year Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting, RE Bldg., 7 p.m.
- Sept. 22/25: Classes in session
- Sept. 24: MANDATORY Third-Year Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting, RE Bldg., 7 p.m.

**For late registrations, email Michelle Reynolds, Director of Religious Education, at [reoffice@saclaret.com](mailto:reoffice@saclaret.com) to schedule an appointment.**

**EDGE Youth Group Kick-Off** FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Sept 22, 2019  
4:00 - 5:45 pm

**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 scripture, 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.

Sept 15, 2019 7 to 9 pm

**Fall KickOff**

FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

**SAMC Life Teen**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Is your marriage struggling? There is hope. There is help.**

Retrouvaille is a highly successful program to help couples heal and renew their 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. Next course begins on Sept. 27. For info or to register, go to [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call (210)848-3278.



*Divorced, widowed, or separated and hurting?*

Beginning Experience Weekend Retreat will help you deal with the grief process. It offers an opportunity for turning 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 this retreat.



Next retreat dates:  
Friday evening-Sunday afternoon, Oct. 11-13

For more info, visit <http://www.sanantoniobe.org/>, call Barbara at 210-256-2859 or email [sanantoniobe@yahoo.com](mailto:sanantoniobe@yahoo.com).

**PARISH NEWS**

*Every 40 seconds someone in the U.S. is having a stroke.*

Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm or internal cancers?



**STROKE SCAN PLUS**

will offer a

**St. Anthony Mary Claret Ultrasound Health Screening Event**

Thursday & Friday, Sept. 19/20 & Monday, Sept. 23  
Msgr. Hubertus Hall

\$149 for all 7 combined ultrasound screenings (stroke, AAA, AFIB & organs)

Register Sept. 14/15 at the church or call 832-437-7355 or toll-free 866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment.

These screenings are typically NOT performed at your annual check-up. Insurance companies may not pay for them unless you are symptomatic.

Appointments limited. Insurance NOT necessary. Visit [www.strokescan.com](http://www.strokescan.com) for more info.

**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:



Diego Castellanos



Luis De La Cruz

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.

**Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!**

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:  
*Congregation of Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice (Felicians).*

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

- Jesusa Marie Ruiz
- Danny Lowe
- Paul M. Woodward
- 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 Sladden
- 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 15: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32
- Monday 16: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday 17: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday 18: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday 19: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday 20: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
- Sunday 22: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - September  
The Protection of the Oceans**

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

*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 - Septiembre  
La protección de los océanos**

Para que los políticos, los científicos y los economistas trabajen juntos por la protección de los mares y los océanos.

*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.*





**DEBRA BACHLEDA**  
CPA, PC, Parishioner

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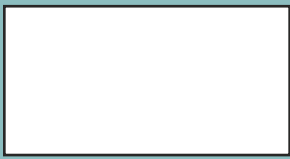
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