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September 22, 2019

25th 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 16:1-13

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This par-

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25th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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:

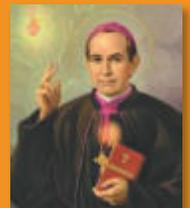
First Tuesday & Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

Visitation of the Sick: Call parish office to schedule visit.

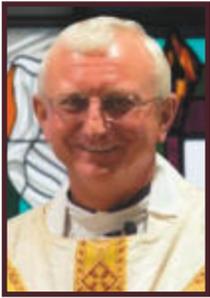
Funerals: Call parish office prior to making arrangements.

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

Sept. 14/15 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	4,175
Regular Collection	\$ 27,461.23
Debt Reduction	\$ 4,736.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 385.00
Candles	\$ 326.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 165.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 44.00

NOTE: Last week's published totals were for the weekend



GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1*

able contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? *"No servant can serve two masters."* This week, take stock of your life. *All* of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"No servant can serve two masters." We struggle with where we put and give our allegiance. Who has the ultimate authority and claim over us? While our minds want to answer "God," our lives often reveal other conflicting allegiances. Because we are made in the image of God, we are not given a ticket of entitlement or privilege. On the contrary, we are given a level playing field where we are one among many and called to live just and trustworthy lives. To serve God is to serve others and to see the primary purpose and focus of our lives as being good stewards. As God lifts up the poor, so too do we. As much as we want the world and God to serve our own self advancement, we have to resist this temptation at all costs. Injustice has no place in the kingdom of God. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p>Saturday, Sept. 21 5 P.M. Catarino Lopez† by Family</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 22 8 A.M. Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family Graciano Ruiz† by Judy Ruiz 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</p> <p>Monday, Sept. 23 8 A.M. Virginia Bailey† by Bill & Jenny Bailey 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour 7:30 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Rachel Nine Olech by Family</p> <p>Tuesday, Sept. 24 8 A.M. For the Parish</p> <p>Wednesday, Sept. 25</p>	<p>8 A.M. Julia & Felipe Coronel† by Diana & Valdo Soliz</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 26 8 A.M. Pedro Gomez† by Charlie Sievers & Family</p> <p>Friday, Sept. 27 8 A.M. Jose Archuleta† by Laura Archuleta</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 28 5 P.M. Bert† & Michael Bednarz† by Martha Bednarz Mary Hodge† by John & Rose Thorsky</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 29 8 A.M. Dwight V. Goldstrom† by Thelma Goldstrom 10 A.M. Luis A. Cruz†, Lupe Rivera†, Ernesto Iturrino†, Emilio Iturrino† by Jannette Hebert 12 P.M. 60th Anniversary Blessings for Eduardo & Sylvia Alcantar by Family 3 P.M. Elvira G. Barrientes† by Daughter Vera 6 P.M. Philip Ancharski† by Jeanette Erickson</p>
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LOVE & MARRIAGE**Catholic Marriage FAQs—Part 1****Why does the church teach that marriage is a sacrament?**

The sacraments make Christ present in our midst. Like the other sacraments, marriage is not just for the good of individuals, or the couple, but for the community as a whole. The Catholic Church teaches that marriage between two baptized persons is a sacrament. The Old Testament prophets saw the marriage of a man and woman as a symbol of the covenant relationship between God and his people. The permanent and exclusive union between husband and wife mirrors the mutual commitment between God and his people. The Letter to the Ephesians says that this union is a symbol of the relationship between Christ and the Church.

Do Catholics ever validly enter into non-sacramental marriages?

Yes. Marriages between Catholics and non-Christians, while they may still be valid in the eyes of the Church, are non-sacramental. With permission, a priest or deacon may witness such marriages.

What is the difference between a valid and an invalid Catholic marriage?

Just as individual states have certain requirements for civil marriage (e.g., a marriage license, blood tests), the Catholic Church also has requirements before Catholics can be considered validly married in the eyes of the Church. A valid Catholic marriage results from four elements: (1) the spouses are free to marry; (2) they freely exchange their consent; (3) in consenting to marry, they have the intention to marry for life, to be faithful to one another and be open to children; and (4) their consent is given in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized Church minister. Exceptions to the last requirement must be approved by church authority.

**If a Catholic wants to marry a non-Catholic, how can they assure that the marriage is recognized by the Church?**

In addition to meeting the criteria for a valid Catholic marriage (see question #3), the Catholic must seek permission from the local bishop to marry a non-Catholic. If the person is a non-Catholic Christian, this permission is called a “permission to enter into a mixed marriage.” If the person is a non-Christian, the permission is called a “dispensation from disparity of cult.” Those helping to prepare the couple for marriage can assist with the permission process.

Why does a Catholic wedding have to take place in a church?

For Catholics, marriage is not just a social or family event, but a church event. For this reason, the Church prefers that marriages between Catholics, or between Catholics and other Christians, be celebrated in the parish church of one of the spouses. Only the local bishop can permit a marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.

If a Catholic wishes to marry in a place outside the Catholic church, how can he or she be sure that the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church as valid?

The local bishop can permit a wedding in another church, or in another suitable place, for a sufficient reason. For example, a Catholic seeks to marry a Baptist whose father is the pastor of the local Baptist church. The father wants to officiate at the wedding. In these circumstances, the bishop could permit the couple to marry in the Baptist church. The permission in these instances is called a “dispensation from canonical form.”

If two Catholics or a Catholic and non-Catholic are married invalidly in the eyes of the church, what should they do about it?

They should approach their pastor to try to resolve the situation.

When a Catholic marries a non-Catholic, must the non-Catholic promise to raise the children in the Catholic faith?

The non-Catholic spouse does not have to promise to have the children raised Catholic. The Catholic spouse must promise to do all that he or she can to have the children baptized and raised in the Catholic faith.

Is it required that a wedding celebration have expensive flowers, clothes and other accompaniments?

The Rite of Marriage makes no reference to any of these cultural elements. The focus of the couple should be on the celebration of the sacrament. Pastors repeatedly point out that a couple does not have to postpone the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage because they cannot afford such things.

How much does it cost to get married in the Catholic Church?

Dioceses often regulate the stipend, or offering to the church, that is customary on the occasion of a wedding. Depending on different areas, this might also include the fee for the organist and vocalist. In a situation of true financial difficulty, couples can come to an agreement with their pastors so that true financial hardship will never prevent a Catholic marriage from taking place. (At St. Anthony Claret, details on cost are provided during the mandatory wedding orientation sessions held in March and Sep-

Intercessions for Life

For all who are forgotten or cast off, especially the unborn, the poor, the sick, and the aged: may they be treated according to the dignity with which God creates them; we pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por los olvidados o abandonados, especialmente las personas por nacer, los pobres, los enfermos y los ancianos: para que se los trate conforme a la dignidad con la que Dios los crea; roguemos al Señor.

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.



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.



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.

This Week in Our Parish

Quinceañeras:
Briana Rodriguez
Angelica Delgado



Weddings:
Lorenzo & Yolanda Davila



St. Anthony Claret Pantry Activity Report August 2019

Utility assistance:	\$ 4,530.25
Restock food pantry:	\$ 3,519.52
Other client assistance:	\$ 693.50
Office expenses:	\$ 367.43
# Food bags distributed:	343
# People served:	1,042

Thank you for helping us help others.

Our hours: Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.co.



Your donations made our school supply a big success! We distributed new book bags and school supplies to 143 children from 60 families. Extra supplies were given to the following: St. Anthony Claret religious education program & youth groups; Fernandez, Knowlton, Burk, Crockett, Elrod, Galm, & Timber Hill Elementary Schools.



The Gabriel Project is a faith-based outreach program that repeats the same message of hope to

pregnant women in need today. We work to end abortion, abandonment, abuse, and neglect due to the inability to provide for the needs of the child.

We want to expand our hours so we may continue to serve our clients and provide for their children's needs. Currently, we are open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., and the fourth Saturday each month. We would like to open one evening each week. If you are interested in becoming a Gabriel project angel, contact Darlene Belanger at (210) 316-1065.

Mother Teresa said, *"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."*

Join us as we work to do small things with great love and together we can do something wonderful for those in need.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / RCIA NEWS/YOUTH GROUP**Religious Education Calendar: September**

Sept. 22/25: Classes in session

Sept. 24: MANDATORY Third-Year Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting, RE Bldg., 7 p.m.

**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 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

EDGE
FOR MIDDLE
SCHOOLERS

Sept 22, 2019

4:00 - 5:45 pm

St. Anthony Claret Youth Group – What You Need to Know

High school (grades 9-12) youth group utilizes the LIFE TEEN program. Life Teen is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church that is leading teenagers into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church through prayer, community and discipleship.

Middle school (grades 6-8) youth group utilizes the EDGE program. Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe, fun place for youth to learn about the richness of the Catholic faith, to answer their questions about it, and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.

It's not too late to sign up for LIFE TEEN or EDGE!
Download registration forms & youth calendar from the parish website:
<http://samcsa.com/ministries/social-ministries/youth-group/>

Upcoming OCT 13 Event:*Take Jesus to the Street Rally for grades 6-12*

Contact youth ministry coordinator Martie Kokotajlo at (210) 688-9033, x209 or youthgroup@saclaret.com for details and to find out how you can earn service hours.

COMMUNITY NEWS*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.

*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 Sept. 27.

For info or to register, go to www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call (210)848-3278.



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*

Kira Lynn Quiroz
Jesusa Marie Ruiz
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Paul M. Woodward
Harold Shields
Javier Calderon
Ray & Carolyn Cole
George Aldaya
Paul Allen
Dave Whitney
Romana Garcia
Sandy Salinas
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Eloise Salazar
Maria Morales
Rosa Huerta



Richard Keller
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Olga & Rudy Faz
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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 22: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13
Monday 23: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday 24: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday 25: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday 26: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday 27: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday 28: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday 29: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



COMMUNITY NEWS

ASSEMBLY 2019

Do you seek to help bring the message of Jesus to others, to renew your faith, your hope and your love for Christ and his Church, and bring God's message to the world?

Join us for **Assembly 2019!** This year, choose the afternoon session you want to experience! With **5 sessions in English and 5 in Spanish**, you will find a topic for you. Join Archbishop Gustavo on Saturday, November 9th, at St. Mary's University for a day of celebration and inspiration.

We have limited seating so register today at **AssemblySA.org** or call **210-734-1911**.



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THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



After dying in a car crash, three friends go to heaven for orientation. They are all asked the same question, "When you're lying in your casket, and friends and family are mourning, what would you like to hear them say about you?"

The first guy immediately responds, "I would like to hear them say that I was one of the great doctors of my time, and a great family man."

The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge

difference in the children of tomorrow."

The last guy thinks for a moment, and then replies, "I guess I'd like to hear them say, 'Look, he's alive!'"



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