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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019

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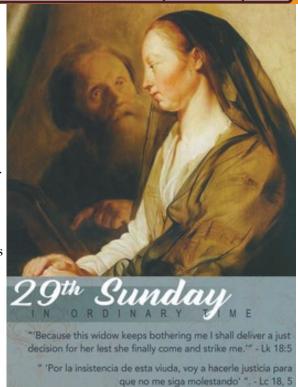
We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God. Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the

development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a whole.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 18:1-8

"Render a just decision for me against my adversary." Today's Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? "Because the widow keeps bothering me." Jesus' recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We've all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something "fair," which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes griev-



ously, and our efforts to remake the world in our image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones." Sometimes, He may well seem "slow to answer them."

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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

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)*

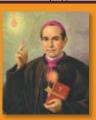
Weekdays: 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays: 4 p.m.- last in line Sundays: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (or last in line), 4 p.m.- last in line. No confessions on holy days of obligation or Fridays of Lent.

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.



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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 samesa.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

Tuesday, Oct. 22

GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

In the face of these very real questions, it's important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God's thoughts "are not [our] thoughts." His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God's better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are an-

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

As we live out our life of faith, it is easy to lose heart and lose confidence in God's power and effective presence. We can fall into apathy. Given the immensity of the concerns that abound, we feel powerless and can become unmotivated to persevere. To combat this weariness, Jesus tells his friends to pray always. Persisting in prayer allows us to find the determination, strength, and conviction to continue on course even when presented with difficulties. If we are determined in our pursuit of God, we will eventually find God breaking through our darkness with the light of His presence, gifting us with contemplative sight so that we can see as He sees and love as He loves. It is only when we take on the person of Christ that we are able, with God's help, to touch the world's pain and loneliness.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 19 5 P.M. **Anniversary Blessings for Seth & Peg** Peterson by Bea Peterson In Thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy by a Parishioner Sunday, Oct. 20 8 A.M. Lois Mendoza† by Mendoza Family In Thanksgiving - Richard Richardson by Diane Richardson 10 A.M. Francis L.† & Lucille R. Fleming† by Terry Saathoff 12 P.M. John Matthews† by Carlos & Kathleen Santana 3 P.M. Special Intention for Samantha & Sarah **Craft** by Delia Dominguez 6 P.M. Olga & Jesus Nava† by Daughter Patricia Nava Monday, Oct. 21 8 A.M. Georgina Cantu† by Grandfather, Leonel Cantu 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour 7:30 P.M. For the Parish

Rosary

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swered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to "faith on earth."

8 A.M. John Matthews† by Dcn Jerry & Pat Kozar

Wednesday, Oct. 23

8 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Maria Lemus**

by Macias Family

Thursday, Oct. 24

8 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Ricardo Jimenez**

by Wife & Family

Friday, Oct. 25

8 A.M. Marcelino Armendariz† by Teresa Revilla

Birthday Blessings for George Renfro

by Renfro Family

Saturday, Oct. 26

5 P.M. **Birthday Blessings for Andrew Olech**

by Mom & Dad

Sunday, Oct. 27

8 A.M. Rita Esquivel† by St. Anthony Claret Legion

of Mary

10 A.M. Jean Macecevic† by Bill Macecevic

12 P.M. Rita Lee & Bill Burke† by Sally Eichenholz 3 P.M. Cristo Forero† & Ms. Aida† by Betty Forero

& Family

Gilbert Preciado† by Family

6 P.M. Virginia Guzman Gaona† by Sister, Marcela

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION

Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often

"Hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm."

Hebrews 6:18-19

seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (*Spe salvi* 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

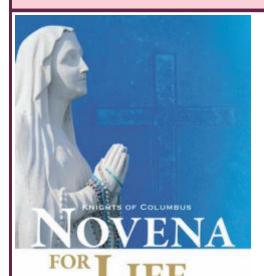
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Intercessions for Life

For those who work to defend human life: may they persevere in their efforts, always seeking the help of the Lord, the giver of life; we pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por quienes trabajan para defender la vida humana: para que perseveren en lo que hacen, siempre buscando la ayuda del Señor, el dador de la vida; roguemos al Señor.



Join our parish's

Knights of Columbus Council 10090

& Respect Life Ministry

to pray a novena for life.



The novena began Sunday, Oct. 13
and ends Monday, Oct. 21.
You can still participate!
Devote just 20 minutes each day for the protection of life from conception to natural death.
Then join us for a Holy Hour on Monday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

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PARISH NEWS



Adult & Family Ministry Meeting

Knights of Columbus Family Prayer Knight Saturday, Oct. 26, 1 - 2 p.m.; Msgr. Hubertus Hall

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.

New members welcome!

Ladies of St. Anthony Claret



Saturday, Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall \$10 tickets cover dinner, desserts, tea, & prizes; Tickets on sale after all Masses Oct. 19/20. NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR. Proceeds benefit parish scholarship program. Open to ages 10 & over. For more info.

call Wanda Mares at 210-355-4123.



Register for St. Anthony Mary Claret CYO Girls & Boys Basketball & Cheer



- ♦ Sunday, Oct. 20 after 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses outside the narthex on the patio
- ♦ Sunday, Oct. 27 after 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses outside the narthex on the patio
 - ♦ Wednesday, Oct. 30. 6-7:30 p.m. outside RE bldg.
- ♦ Sunday, Nov. 3 after 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses in Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Questions? Email saccyoregistrar@yahoo.com or call the CYO Hotline at (210) 236-8652.

This Week in Our Parish

Weddings:

Taylor Burns & Priscilla Cazarin Cesar Valdes & Bianca Farias Heriberto Gomez & Margarita Benavides

> Quinceañeras: Kiara Gomez Mariana Garduno



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Each month the Gabriel
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provide diapers for needy infants.

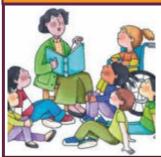
You can help.

Our parish Knights of Columbus Council #10090 is coordinating this effort. Drop diaper donations in sizes 4, 5 \(\phi \) 6 ONLY in the narthex.

For info, contact Matt Muniz at 210-861-4535 or aiax47@satx.rr.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



October Religious Education Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 20 & Wednesday, Oct. 23: Classes in session & parent classes for 2nd year First Communion or 3rd year Confirmation parents in Msgr. Hubertus Hall **Saturday, Oct. 26**: Sunday 2nd year First Communion students-First Confession.

Must be signed in at church by 9 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 27 & Wednesday, Oct. 30: Classes in session

PARISH NEWS

St. Anthony Mary Claret Knights of Columbus support vocations!



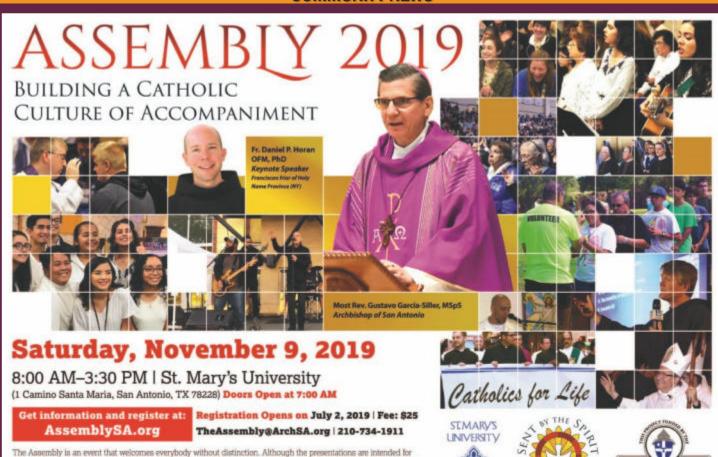
adults, families may attend together. Registration is required for children (17 & under) and for safety reasons, they need

to be accompanied by their parents or guardians at all times while on campus.

Recently the Knights of Columbus
Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan
Chapter expressed it gratitude to
our St. Anthony Mary Claret
Knights of Columbus Council
10090 for its gracious participation in the Clergy and Religious
Appreciation Dinner that celebrated vocations into religious life. The
Church needs vocations so thank
the Knights when you see them!

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

COMMUNITY NEWS

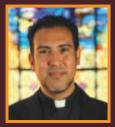


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FAITH & PRAYER

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:





Paul Melgarejo

Jordan Milligan

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands.

So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus.
Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.

With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:

Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY*

Yolanda Torres Harold Shields Javier Calderon Ray & Carolyn Cole George Aldaya Paul Allen Dave Whitney Romana Garcia Sandy Salinas Fernando Mascorro Ana Galinski 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 Robvn 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 20: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday 21: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday 22: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday 23: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday 24: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53 Friday 25: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday 26: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

Sunday 27: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

COMMUNITY NEWS

Come to the Quiet!

Taking the Leap: A Silent Retreat for Women

Presented by St. Peter Upon the Water Oct. 25-27; Sanctus Ranch in Pipe Creek, TX Cost: \$200; scholarships available

For info, contact parishioner Leslie Droege at lesliedroege95@gmail.com

or stpeteruponthewater.org/womens-silent-retreats

Many times, Jesus withdrew from daily life, people and demands of His ministry to be alone with the Father and pray. This guided silent retreat is facilitated by formed spiritual directors, and is wonderful for women who have never attended one before.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

"I'm a Yankees fan," a first-grade teacher tells his class. 'Who likes the Yankees?'

Everyone raises a hand except one girl. "Janie," the teacher asks, surprised. "Why didn't you raise your hand?"

"I'm an Astros fan."

"Why in the world are you an Astros fan?" "Because my mom and dad are."

"You don't have to be just like your parents. What if your mom and dad were wackos? What would you be then?"

"A Yankees fan."



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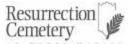
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