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November 24, 2019

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 23:35-43

“The rulers sneered ... the soldiers jeered ... one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus.” Is this the King of the Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to the laity, St. John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in the kingly mission of Christ. First, “they exercise their kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of sin.” In other words, before we give any thought to transforming society, we must first allow God to transform us. Through daily prayer, regular self-examination, and frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more readily and choose love instead!

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity “make[s] a gift of themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.” - Lk 23:35

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.

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:

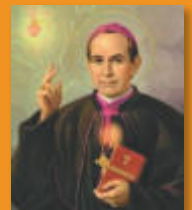
First Tuesday & Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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

Nov. 16/17 attendance and collection totals unavailable at press time.

¡VIVA CRISTO REY!



GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1*

in the very least.” Christ’s kingship, and our own participation in it, requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. “The lay faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ... ordering creation to the authentic well-being of humanity.” Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the world around us. This means holding the world and everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil policies that respect life and paying special care to the vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love so that one day we will together “be with [him] in Paradise!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Are we looking for Christ to be our earthly king or our eternal one? We often go back and forth with God on this question. What we find in the content of our prayer usually reveals the answer. Because life can be difficult, we may desire that God cushion our earthly experience a bit, make it more tolerable, remove the crosses, and do the miraculous. Preserving our earthly lives can take too much precedence and be of too much concern. Christ the eternal king offers a different promise and hope. The eternal king offers us a way through suffering and hardship to the greater glory to be revealed when our journey is completed in heaven. The eternal king is not the king of earthly comfort but the king who advocates for the poor, vulnerable, lost, broken, marginalized, and hurting. We are asked to become like the eternal king, Jesus Christ, both in this life and in the life to come. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 23
5 P.M. **Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†; Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.†** by Blanchard Family

Sunday, Nov. 24
8 A.M. **Tomas Calderon†** by Mendoza Family
Ramon Goitia†; Ramon Luis†; Antonio Ramirez† by Wife, Mother, Daughter
10 A.M. **Alan J. Ponce †; Margaret † & Albert Suarez †** by Alma Ponce
12 P.M. **John Matthews†** by Carlos & Kathleen Santana
3 P.M. **For the Parish**
6 P.M. **Billie Sievers†** by Charlies Sievers & Family
Birthday Blessings for Roland Dominguez by Benita Dominguez

Monday, Nov. 25
8 A.M. **Georgina Cantu†** by Grandfather Leonel Cantu
6:30 P.M. Holy Hour
7:30 P.M. **For an End to Abortion**

Tuesday, Nov. 26
Louisa Armendariz† by Teresa Revilla
Anniversary Blessings for George & Minerva Renfro by Renfro Family

Wednesday, Nov. 27 * PARISH OFFICE CLOSED*****
***** NO MORNING MASS *****

7 P.M. **Spec. Intention for Vanessa Valenzuela** by Bianca Valenzuela
John Matthews† by Rick & Sandy Salinas

Thursday, Nov. 28 * PARISH OFFICE CLOSED*****
9 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Merle Belisario** by Family

Friday, Nov. 29 * PARISH OFFICE CLOSED*****
8 A.M. **Spec. Intention for Father Ibarra** by Delia Dominquez

Saturday, Nov. 30
5 P.M. **Birthday Blessings for Joaquin Rodriguez** by Rodriguez Family

Sunday, Dec. 1
8 A.M. **Good Health for Carlos G. Hinojosa** by Wife Esther
10 A.M. **Francesco†, Carmela†, Sebastiano†, Corrado† & Giovanni†** by Sal Spataro
Jesus Vasquez† by Daughter, Teresa
Teresa Angel† by Betty Forero & Family
12 P.M. **Healing for Jennifer Green** by Family
3 P.M. **Birthday Blessings for Elida L. Gonzales** by Gonzales Family
6 P.M.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

“Just Wait”: A Letter from a Newlywed Couple

by Valerie and Rocco Repetski



Dear The Dating, The Engaged, The Married,

Valerie: “*Just wait*. It’ll get worse when you’re married.” “*Just wait* until you’ve been married for a year...” “*Just wait* until the seven year itch...” “*Just wait* until you’ve been married as long as we have...”

The “*just wait* until...” scale seems to be sliding further and further away no matter how long you’ve been married. My husband, Rocco, and I have been married for a little over a year and a half and are determined to tell anyone who will listen just how amazing marriage is! Marriage is a gift from God!

Rocco: I can’t count how many times I’ve heard “Oh, you’re engaged? Congratulations, but *just wait* for marriage...” or “Oh, you’re newlyweds? Congratulations, but *just wait* until after the ‘honeymoon’ phase...” These are messages delivered with a sense of impending doom. At work or elsewhere, these “*just waits*” are often accompanied by comments about “the old ball and chain,” snide remarks about spouses, and all kinds of dubious marriage advice.

Valerie: I guess we are never *quite* married long enough to be considered to know what married life is like, but we would disagree. At no point do Rocco and I think we know everything about marriage. We are learning more and more about one another and about married life every day. But to those who are engaged, to those who are dating, to those who believe their vocation is to one day get married, to those who have already spoken those vows, take heart: *Marriage is an amazing, life changing, ridiculously fun adventure!*

Rocco: I’m on a mission: God created me to love Val and sacrifice my life for her. He created her to be my perfect match and for those whom God calls to the vocation of marriage, He’s created a perfect match for you as well. Forget anything you’ve heard from people who’ve become disillusioned and instead “*just wait*” for the joy, the excitement, the laughter, and the sheer fun of what’s to come!

Just wait...until you come home and your husband, who has just come home from work, has the fire going in the fireplace, Christmas lights plugged in and hot chocolate set out for you.

Just wait...until you come home to a house full of balloons and a gigantic card on your birthday and you realize how hard your wife worked to see your joy and that she’s been planning this moment for a long time.

Just wait...until the first snow since you’ve been married and your husband goes outside and creates a huge heart in the road to show you from the upstairs window.

Just wait...until she hatches a plan to feed the homeless and you remember how much you love her generosity and compassion.

Just wait...until you find the love note he hid around the house for you to find during the day.

Just wait...until you get to open your lunch bag to read the love note she wrote you that morning.

Just wait...until your husband comes home from work and the first thing he does is run, literally run, to find you, lift you up in an embrace, spin you around, and give you a “hello” kiss.

Just wait...until you see your wife waving from the window as you come home from work, with a huge smile on her face, so happy to see you, and she surprises you with a scrumptious meal, a clean house, and plans for the future: fruit of a grueling day while you were at work, and all out of love.

Just wait...until your husband pulls a dozen beautiful red roses from behind his back, in the middle of the week, for no other reason than he loves you and knows you love surprises.

Just wait...until when you serve food for the two of you and she insists you have the warmer dinner, the choicest portion of meat, and the bigger cookie, just because she loves to see you smile.

Just wait...until he changes his routine and brings his laptop over to work with you on the couch because he knows you enjoy his presence.

Just wait...until you two really realize for the first time that you are not just “her” family, not just “your” family, but your *own* family.

Just wait...until your husband tells you every day that you’re his most beautiful bride and he’s the luckiest guy in the world.

Just wait...until she giggles every time you surprise her with kisses on her cheek.

Just wait...until your husband asks to hold a friend’s baby for the first time, and he instantly melts, and you are reminded for the billionth time how good of a dad he will be one day.

Just wait...until you see your wife cradling a friend’s infant in her arms, and she instantly knows everything to do to calm him, and you are reminded for the billionth time how good of a mom she will be one day.

Just wait...because you have so much joy ahead of you...

From www.foryourmarriage.org, a part of the National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage, an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to communicate the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society.

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(www.youthapostles.org). Valerie and Rocco also do ministry with their Catholic rock band, The Restless (www.therestless.net).

This article originally appeared on <http://valerierepetski.com/blog/> and is used with permission.

PARISH NEWS



Retiro De ACTS en Español para Hombres

Dicembre 5-8
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Aplicaciones disponibles en el narthex. Para más información y registro, contactar Ramiro Rodriguez, director: 210-763-9381.

"Aquí está la esclava del señor hágase en mí tu palabra."
Lucas 1:26 - 38



Silver Rose Mass

Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community

members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You are invited to join us in a Mass celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.



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For more info, contact Rita Salazar at salazarfam5@satx.rr.com.

Training for New Altar Servers
Saturday, Dec. 14
9:30 a.m.
in the church



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 24 & Wednesday, Nov. 27: No classes — Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, Dec. 1 & Wednesday, Dec. 4: Classes in session

Wed., Dec. 4: 5th Grade Sanctity of Life talk for all 5th graders NOT IN FIRST COMMUNION

CLASSES. Topic: *The Miracle of Life*; 6:45-7:45 p.m. in the church. This replaces their regular Dec. 1 or Dec. 4 RE class. Parents encouraged to attend.



YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

EDGE (middle school): Sunday, Nov. 24, 4-5:45 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall
LIFE TEEN (high school): Sunday, Dec.1, 7:10-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall



THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for?
Their age!



PARISH NEWS



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



Celebrate the true meaning
of Christmas through artwork!

- Open to kids ages 5–14.
- Pick up entry form at the parish office. Turn in form with poster to the parish office **no later than Nov. 30.**
- Contestants will compete in their age group:
 - Ages 5-7 (grades K-2)
 - Ages 8-10 (grades 3-5)
 - Ages 11-14 (grades 6-8)
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place certificates will be awarded. Some winners may go on to compete for monetary awards at a regional competition.

Rules:

- Poster must reflect theme of Keep Christ In Christmas.
- Poster must be original work of a single person.
- Poster dimensions should be approximately 11x17 inches.

All entries become property of Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.



Journey Through Scripture Series: “The Bible and the Sacraments (English)*

- Evening classes begin in January on Sundays at 7 p.m.
- Morning classes begin in January on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
- Saturday fast-track classes will be held two Saturdays during the winter quarter.
Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Journey Through Scripture Series: “The Bible and the Mass” (Spanish)

Classes begin in January on Sundays at 1 p.m.

Viaje a través de series de la Escritura: La Biblia y la Misa” (español)**

Clase comienza en enero los domingos a la 1 p.m.

Open to ages 15 and up. Limited seating. Abierto a los 15 años o más. Aforo limitado.

For info on classes in English, contact CJ Garcia-Aboytes at (210) 843-1198.

Para clases en español, llame a Felipe Forero at (210) 833-8552.

* Utilizes live and multimedia presentations, small group discussion, and optional outside reading. Workbook provided.
Visit stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-scripture to learn more.

**Utiliza presentaciones en vivo y multimedia, discusiones en grupos pequeños, junto con la opción de lectura exterior.
Programa de libro y clase será proporcionado. Se puede visitar stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-scripture para aprender más.

A HUGE THANK YOU...



...from The Gabriel Project to all who support and donate items to them. Your generosity enables them to assist many families with small children. Donations are always accepted. Currently the need is great for the following:

- Boys winter clothes sizes 2T to 5T
- Quilts & burp cloths
- Strollers, bouncy chairs & walkers

Leave donations in the playpen in the church narthex or the storage box outside the Gabriel Project building. Operating hours are Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. and the fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



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:



Thomas Lyons



Adrian Salazar

Father: you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests, brothers, deacons, sisters, and lay ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call. 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: Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Mary Lee Sloan
Mary Navarro
Krystle Navarro
Mary Kolar
Alicia Barrera
Daniel Sotello
Linda Izaguirre
Harold Shields
Javier Calderon
Ray & Carolyn Cole
George Aldaya
Sandy Salinas
Ana Galinski
S.T.
Jack & Jeanette Donohue
Eloise Salazar
Maria Morales
Rosa Huerta
Richard Keller
Barbara Vanegas
A.C. Garza



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Nancy Souhrada
Bill Jennings
Dee Hancock
*Grace Heinze**
*Paul Allen**
*Dave Whitney**
*Romana Garcia**
*Fernando Mascorro**
*Adrian & Erika Huerter**
*Robyn Marcum**
*Margie Morones**
*Tracy Oviedo**
*Alyson Victoria Oviedo**
*Linda Santos**
*Mary Stedden**
*Bertha Trevino**
*Roberto Trevino**
*Gabby Truly**
*Anthony Trevino**

Italicized names with an asterisk () on the list above need to be updated. In order for those names to REMAIN on this list, you must contact us or the names will be removed in January! Email the parish office at saclaret@saclaret.com or call 210-688-9033 no later than Monday, Dec. 30. Updated list will begin January 2020.*

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Due to space limitations, list is reserved for names of parishioners and their immediate family only. Names usually run 4 weeks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

Arts and Crafts

Annual Sale!

Saturday, Nov. 30th
4pm to 7pm

Sunday, Dec. 1st
8am to 4pm

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 24: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday 25: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday 26: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday 27: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday 28: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
Friday 29: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday 30: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Sunday 1: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER



Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your abundant gifts to us. As we celebrate this Thanksgiving feast, we ask you to send your Spirit, to open our hearts to you and our neighbor, that we may share the gifts you have given us as your Son Jesus taught us to.

Thank you for the many blessings of our lives: our family and friends, our home and the food we eat, our health and employment.

We ask your blessing on all gathered here today, and all your people throughout the world, through Christ your Son. Amen.



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