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April 19, 2020 Divine Mercy Sunday

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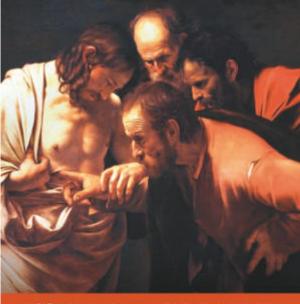
Parish Mission Statement

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: JN 20: 19-31

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons (Cont'd on p. 2)

Celebration of the Mass

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See announcement on page 3 for live streamed.

Mass times. Confession is temporarily suspended.

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.

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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 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

for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there

comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of

April 5 Collection Totals

Regular Collection	\$ 15,451.50
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ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Apr. 18

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

Sunday, Apr. 19 *** DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ***

John F. Matthews† by Dennis & Helen

Orozco Family

Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert

Suarez† by Alma Ponce

Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity

by a Mom

Carlos Andres Tarin† by Adrian E. Brown

Family

Jean Macecevic† by Bill Macecevic

Monday, Apr. 20

Birthday Blessings for Ericka Macias

by Mary Macias

For the Parish

Tuesday, Apr. 21

Birthday Blessings for Veronica Gonzalez

by Family

Wednesday, Apr. 22

Birthday Blessings for Christopher Renfro

by Renfro Family

Thursday, Apr. 23

Crisostomo De Guzman† by Taliman Family

Friday, Apr. 24

Roberto J. Garcia.† by Teresa Revilla

Teresa Ortiz† by Bea Alvarez

Saturday, Apr. 25

Birthday Blessings for Jason Belisario

by Family

Sunday, Apr. 26

Birthday Blessings for Dylan Adderholdt

by Jeanette Erickson

Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro Jacob & Jason Serna† by Mom & Siblings

Birthday Blessings for Manuel Lemus

by Mary Macias

Maria De Jesus Diaz†; Rudy Garcia, Jr.†;

Norma Lisa Villanueva† by Mirelia Arguelles

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PARISH NEWS



STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH! WATCH LIVESTREAMED MASSES FROM HOME:

Livestream the St. Anthony Mary Claret Holy Mass Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. (Spanish) and 6 p.m. by going to the parish website at

www.samcsa.com

then click on this image: LIVE

After original broadcast, these Masses will remain on the parish's Facebook page to watch at any time.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.





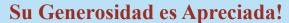
Your Generosity is Appreciated!

Our parish depends on the generous support from parishioners' and visitors' weekend offertory. We also know during this time finances can be tough, especially with the uncertainty of work as well as grocery and household expenses. If you can give, we would greatly appreciate it, but we understand if at this moment you cannot. Taking care of family is very important during this time. We will support you as best we can and continue to stream Masses and keep you informed of what is going on in the life of our parish. May God bless you and your families.

Ways to give:

- Online giving Go to http://samcsa.com/ and click on this image: ----
- By mail 6150 Roft Road San Antonio, Texas 78253
- In person Drop off at the parish office.

If you need any assistance with online giving, please contact the parish office at 210-688-9033.



Nuestra parroquia depende del generoso apoyo de nuestros feligreses y del ofertorio de fin de semana de visitantes. También sabemos que durante este tiempo las finanzas pueden ser difíciles, especialmente con la incertidumbre del trabajo, así como los comestibles para el hogar y demás. Le pedimos que si puede donar, apreciaríamos enormemente sus generosas donaciones, pero entendemos si en este momento no puede hacerlo. Cuidar de la familia es muy importante durante este tiempo. Continuaremos apoyándolo lo mejor que podamos y continuaremos transmitiendo misas y lo mantendremos informado de lo que está sucediendo en la vida de nuestra parroquia. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias.

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- en persona dejándolo en la oficina de la parroquia.

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FAITH IN THE MIDST OF THE CORONA VIRUS



Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy image, the Chaplet, and the Novena

Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

-Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687).

The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.



Free College \$\$\$ for High School Seniors!

Our parish's Knights of Columbus Council #10090, Men's Club and the Ladies of St. Anthony Claret will award a few scholarships to qualified parish high school seniors intent on pursuing higher education. Applications may be downloaded and printed from the parish website: http://samcsa.com/ or picked up in the narthex or parish office. The completed application packet must be MAILED IN to the parish office

and postmarked by Thursday, April 30, 2020.







SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

Public Parish Masses
(livestream only—see p. 3 for times),
Confessions, Holy Hours
RCIA/RCIC classes
Religious education (now online)
Youth group meetings



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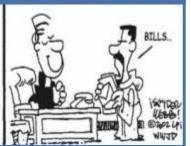
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"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES





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FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR THESE NEW PRIESTS !

Join the St. Anthony Mary Claret Vocations Committee this month as they pray for these men who were ordained last month and for an increase in vocations to religious life.









Fr. Matthew De Leon

Fr. Blayne Rilev

Fr. Ricardo Ramirez

Fr. Ian Robbins

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the Divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to your own heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church, and shining examples of a holy, simple, and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Missionaries of St. Frances de Sales

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(by Pope Benedict XVI)

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 19: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31 Monday 20: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 Tuesday 21: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday 22: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 Thursday 23: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 Friday 24: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 Saturday 25: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20 Sunday 26: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

David Tobias, Jr. Mark Finley Linda Izaguirre Harold Shields Javier Calderon George Aldaya Sandy Salinas Eloise Salazar Maria Morales Jack & Jeanette Donohue Rosa Huerta Richard Keller Ray & Carolyn Cole



Barbara Vanegas A.C. Garza Olga & Rudy Faz Rudy Navarro Bishop Yanta Nancy Souhrada Bill Jennings Dee Hancock Alvson Oviedo Fernando Mascorro Linda Santos Tom Calderon Jr. Tracy Oviedo

IMPORTANT: Due to space limitations, list is reserved for names of parishioners and their immediate family only. You may submit up to FOUR names at a time. Names usually run for four weeks.



Our parish community mourns the loss of longtime

parishioner, **Juanita "Janie" Perez,** who recently passed away. We offer our deepest condolences to her family and in particular to her husband Arturo Perez and children Juan Jose Perez and Angelica Barrera. Janie was a very active and devoted member of our parish who will be greatly missed by all.

Prayer for the Dearly Departed

Immortal God, holy Lord, Father and protector of all you have created, we raise our hearts to you today for those who have passed out of this mortal life. In your loving mercy, Father of all, be pleased to receive them in your heavenly company, and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty. We ask you this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who suffered and died for us that we might live with Him in your sight forever. Amen.



Debra Bachleda CPA, PC, Parishioner

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