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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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May 17, 2020

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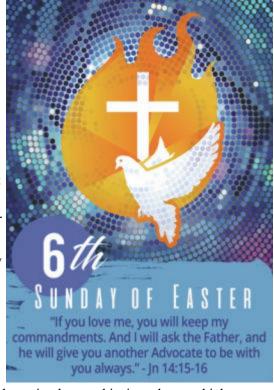
Parish Mission Statement

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 14:15-21

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving



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toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

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Celebration of the Mass

Monday: 8 a.m., 7:30 p.m. preceded by Holy H

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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 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

Weekend Masses resume May 23/24. Details and guidelines for Mass attendance will be included in next weekend's bulletin. We look forward to reuniting with our parishioners!



GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

May 3 Collection Totals

Regular Collection	\$ 24,588.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 4,665.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,285.00
Easter Collection	\$ 1,130.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 250.00
Church in the Holy Land	\$ 210.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 100.00
Home Missions	\$ 90.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 30.00
Catholic Relief Svcs	\$ 5.00

Thank you for your continued generosity during these difficult times. See page 4 for ways to give.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 16

Birthday Blessings for Jim Bendele by Bea Peterson

Sunday, May 17

Elvira Gonzales† by Joann Gonzales Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert

Suarez† by Alma Ponce

All Moravits & Zaiontz Family Members†

by Family

Carlos Angel† by Betty Forero & Family Birthday Blessings for Fr. Jan Klak

by Alice Lopez

Monday, May 18

Jo Ann Villarreal† by Irene Durand Mitzie Howerton† by Cameron Family

Tuesday, May 19

Birthday Blessings for Alison Bendele

by Bea Peterson

Rudy† & Selia Garcia†; Manuel† & Concepcion Espinoza† by Espinoza Family Wednesday, May 20

Mary Jane Dominguez† by Delia Dominguez

Thursday, May 21

Birthday Blessings for Andres Rodriguez

by Family

Friday, May 22

Blanche Gibbs† by Family

Saturday, May 23

Frank & Stella Stegent†; Regina Pawler†

by Blanchard Family

Sunday, May 24

Laura Morones† by Phillips Family

Darrelyn Kundinger: In Thanksgiving

by Kundinger Family

Birthday Blessings for Scott Olech

by Family

Aura De Diaz† by Betty Forero & Family

Jose Donate† by Daughter

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FAITH IN THE MIDST OF THE CORONA VIRUS

10 Pointers for Prayer

The baby's crying, the dog is whining, and you need to leave for work in five minutes. Finding time for prayer can seem impossible. Amid the busyness of family life, how can one respond to God's ongoing invitation to speak with and listen to Him? Here are ten pointers to help you do just that.

1. Pray as you can, not as you can't. God calls most Christians to an active life in the world, with family, work and community responsibilities. Such a call, while holy, does not usually allow for long periods of prayer and reflection. Lay people can become discouraged when they try to pray like a cloistered contemplative. Be realistic about what's possible.



- 2. **Take ten or twenty.** If a half hour for prayer isn't possible, how about ten minutes, or twenty? Choose a good time of day and stick with it. Designate a special site for prayer so that spot become holy. Spouses can help by minding children during respective quiet times.
- 3. **Pray as a family.** Build upon rituals such as grace before meals. In addition to the usual "Bless us, O Lord...," encourage family members to offer thanks for the blessings of the day, as well as prayers for those in need. Couples can deepen their spiritual relationship by taking a few minutes, perhaps before bedtime, to commend to God the joys and sorrows of the day.
- 4. **Decorate your domestic church.** When we enter our parish church, the statues and pictures focus our minds on Jesus, Mary and the saints. We can create an atmosphere for prayer in our home- the domestic church- by displaying a crucifix, icons, the Bible and other holy objects. Take the children to a religious goods store and let them choose a picture or statue for their rooms.
- 5. **Short prayers count, too.** When you're stopped at a long light or put on hold, consider it as God's invitation to turn your heart and mind to him, if only for a few seconds.
- 6. **Find God at work.** Connecting with God in the workplace takes effort. Try to cultivate a few simple habits. For example, offer the day to God as you turn on your computer, or pray for the person you're about to call or wait upon.
- 7. **Jump start your prayer life.** Sooner or later almost everyone experiences dryness in prayer. God seems far away and prayer becomes a burden. Praying with Scripture, perhaps the daily Mass readings (visit usccb.org, click on "Bible," then "Today's Reading"), can help us focus. So, too, can an inspirational book, especially one of the spiritual classics. A good choice is St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life, written specifically for lay people who are striving for holiness.
- 8. **Ask your Mother for help.** The Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, understands our needs and offers profound comfort. One family, gathered around the bedside of their dying husband and father, found peace and healing through the recitation of the rosary. The rosary is ideal for the family since children can be taught the simple prayers at an early age. Check out instructions on how to pray the rosary: go to usccb.org, click on "Prayer and Worship," then "Prayers and Devotions" and then "Rosaries."
- 9. **Read a good story.** Children and adults alike enjoy an inspiring story, and few stories are more compelling than those of the saints. Whether it's the little way of Therese of Lisieux or the heroism of Maximilian Kolbe, their stories offer something for everyone. Consider the particular virtue that a saint demonstrates and pray for help to emulate it. Perhaps it's the humility of St. Francis of Assisi, the patience of St. Monica, or the courageous witness of St. Thomas More.
- 10. Walk with a spiritual friend. Prayer can lead to new thoughts and questions. Who better to share them with than a spiritual friend? A friend can help us to work through the concerns that inevitably arise in prayer. Good friends will hold each other accountable for their prayer life, making sure that prayer has not been neglected in the busyness of life. For married couples a spouse is often this spiritual friend, but God will also put wise and holy people in our path when we need them. They can be the answer to prayer.

This article first appeared on USCCB's For Your Marriage website: www.ForYourMarriage.org.

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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:

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Su Generosidad es Apreciada!

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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St. Anthony Mary Claret Marriage Ministry News

Our May 15 date night has been canceled. Check our Facebook page (SAMC Ministry) for activities.



St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: Apr. 2020

Utility assistance: \$ 1,872.54
Restock food pantry: \$ 1,918.92
Other client assistance: \$ 500.00
Office expenses: \$ 157.38
Food bags distributed: # People served: 554
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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 are newly ordained and for an increase in vocations to religious life.









Fr. Matthew Fr. Blo De Leon Rilo

Fr. Blayne Riley

Fr. Ricardo Ramirez

Fr. lan 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, singleminded 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, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (by Pope Benedict XVI)

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

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PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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Mark Finley
Harold Shields
Javier Calderon
George Aldaya
Sandy Salinas
Eloise Salazar
Maria Morales
Jack & Jeanette Donohue
Rosa Huerta
Richard Keller
Ray & Carolyn Cole

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A.C. Garza
Olga & Rudy Faz
Rudy Navarro
Bishop Yanta
Nancy Souhrada
Bill Jennings
Dee Hancock
Alyson 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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 17: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 Monday 18: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a Tuesday 19: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday 20: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15 Thursday 21: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20 Friday 22: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23 Saturday 23: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 Sunday 24: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

RESPECT LIFE

Intercession

May our Blessed Mother draw women facing unexpected or challenging pregnancies close to her heart.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection

In the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are given the model of motherhood. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary accepted the invitation to be the mother of Jesus, who is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). Her unexpected pregnancy presented many challenges. Yet while the path laid before her was not easy, Mary chose to give of herself in sacrificial love.

Mothers with unexpected or challenging pregnancies can likely relate to the experience of our Blessed Mother, as they, too, often face difficulties in answering God's call to welcome new life. Now, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, even more challenges arise.

Especially during this and all times of difficulty and anxiety, we pray that Our Lady will draw pregnant mothers close to her heart and, through her intercession, bring comfort, encouragement, and joyful hope. In bravely living out their vocation, mothers reflect the sacrificial love of Christ on a daily basis. With the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life as our guide, may we work to support all mothers, especially those who are most in need.

Acts of Reparation (Choose one.)

- Pray the "Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life" (http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/upload/rlp-09-litany-mary-mother-of-life-eng.pdf) for all expectant mothers facing difficulties or challenges.
- Fast from television or social media for the day. Instead, spend time reflecting on how God is asking you to support pregnant women in difficult circumstances.
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

Source: USCCB.org.



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