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July 26, 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: MT 13:44-52

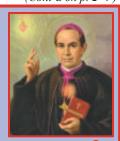
A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the

pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when *(Cont'd on p. 2)*

Celebration of the Mass

Monday: 8 a.m., 7:30 p.m. preceded by Holy Hour at 6:30 p.m.
First Monday of the month: 7:30 p.m. Healing Mass and administering of the Sacrament of the Sick
Tuesday - Friday: 8 a.m.; Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. (Spanish), & 6 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: Check inside bulletin for times.
Reconciliation (Confession)



See p. 5 for Mass attendance and Communion reception guidelines and current Confession times. Mass capacity now 50%.

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 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.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a

field, which a person finds and hides again, and out

of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that

field." - Mt 13:44

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





through Aug. 13.

July 18/19 attendance and collection totals

Attendance	764
Regular Collection	\$ 18,040.99
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,735.21
SAMC Pantry	\$ 920.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 290.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 230.00
Candles	\$ 31.10
Rosary Makers	\$ 30.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 25.00

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

St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass & Devotions

Saturday, Aug. 1 Mass: 8 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayer



GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, July	25		Nazario Alvarez† by Wife & Children
5 P.M. Sunday, July 2	Billie Sievers [†] by Charlie Sievers & Family Josephine Blaschke [†] by Suzy Blaschke 6	Thursday, July 8 A.M.	30 John F. Matthew † by Dennis, Helen & Orozco Family
8 A.M. 10 A.M.	Suzanne Stewart† by Helen Canale Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,	Friday, July 31	, in the second s
12 P.M.	Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro Joe B. Alcantar† by Family	8 A.M.	In Thanksgiving - Darrelyn Kundinger by Kudinger Family
3 P.M.	For the Parish	Saturday, Aug.	1
6 P.M.	Mandy Francisco† by Lagura & Francisco Families	8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Arthur Surovic by Laura Surovic
Monday, July 27		5 P.M.	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity; Souls in Purgatory† by M. Gonzales
8 A.M.	Edelmira Santellanes† by her son & Teresa		Sours in Turgatory by W. Conzaies
6:30 P.M.	Holy Hour	Sunday, Aug. 2	
7:30 P.M.	For an End to Abortion	8 A.M.	Stephen Nava† by Bea Alvarez
Tuesday, July 28		10 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Monica Grzeczkowski by Felix Family
8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Gregory Surovic	12 P.M.	Rosaura E. Trevino [†] by Family
	by Laura Surovic	3 P.M.	For the Parish
Wednesday, July 29		6 P.M.	Billie Sievers [†] by Charlie Sievers & Family
8 A.M.	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales† by Y. Gonzales		George Anthony Merlo [†] by Anne Celeste Merlo

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THE ENDURING CALL TO LOVE

Married Saints: St. Joachim & St. Anne

July 26 is the feast day of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the married couple traditionally honored as the parents of Mary, which makes them the grandparents of Jesus.

Grandparents and the Incarnation

How wonderful that Jesus has grandparents! St. Joachim and St. Anne remind us of the mystery of the Incarnation: God truly became man and entered into a human family that included not only his mother Mary and father Joseph but their parents, and their parents, and their parents, all the way back to Adam (and Eve) at the dawn of creation, according to St. Luke's chronology (Luke 3:23-38). Like all of us, Jesus was born into a web of relationships, the "cradle of life and love" that is the family (John Paul II, Christifideles Laici, no. 40).

The burden of infertility

However, becoming grandparents - or even parents - must have seemed like a far-off dream for much of Joachim and Anne's married life. Tradition holds that these saints struggled with infertility and were childless for decades. Like other barren couples in Scripture (eg. Abraham and Sarah, Elkanah and Hannah), sterility was a great burden to Joachim and Anne and even a hindrance to their participation in community life. A story told of St. Joachim relates that he wanted to offer sacrifice in the temple but was turned away because of his childlessness. He

retreated into the mountains to air his grievance with God, and during this time both he and his wife received an angelic prophecy of Anne's pregnancy. We can picture her thanking God in the same words used by Hannah when she became a mother:

"My heart exults in the Lord, my horn is exalted in my God. I have swallowed up my enemies;

I rejoice in my victory. . . The barren wife bears seven sons, while the mother of many languishes." - 1 Samuel 2: 1, 5 Their steadfast faith during the trial of infertility explains why they are often invoked by married couples struggling to conceive a child.

A model for parents

Tradition depicts St. Joachim and St. Anne as loving and dedicated parents to their daughter, Mary. Artwork often shows Mary on her mother's lap, learning how to read. It is no stretch to imagine that St. Joachim and St. Anne laid the groundwork for Mary's faith, preparing her to answer one day to the angel Gabriel "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to thy word."

A model for marriage

Finally, St. Joachim and St. Anne are a particularly special married couple for the Marriage: Unique for a Reason project, seeing how they are the couple featured in the Marriage: Unique for a Reason logo and artwork. As the website says: Saints Joachim and Anne are the father and mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is the fruit of their marriage. By a singular grace of God in view of the merits of Jesus, she was preserved from all stain of Original Sin from the moment of her conception. Thus it is in the context of married life and conjugal love that Mary is prepared to receive the Divine Logos, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus is the Logos, the "Reason" at the heart of all reason and truth, including the truth of marriage. The marriage between Joachim and Anne is a significant witness to why marriage is "unique for a reason." St. Joachim and St. Anne are the patron saints of grandparents and infertile couples.

St. Joachim and St. Anne, pray for us!

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As happened a couple of years ago, some parishioners have reported receiving emails claiming to be from Father Jan with the impersonator asking for assistance or a donation. Please DO NOT **RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS TO THESE PERSONS.** These are scams. Disregard or delete these messages. You may also wish to block them so as not to receive any further correspondence from them.

Silver Seniors are now called... **SUPER SENIORS!** Zoom meetings, 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month Next meeting: Thurs., July 30, 12-1 p.m. For info or a Zoom invite, call or text Lawrence Lucido at 210-473-4813.

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PARISH NEWS

Memorial Bricks: a beautiful way to honor your deceased loved ones

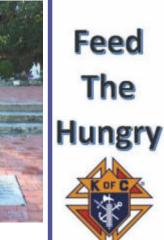
Each year the St. Anthony Claret Respect Life Ministry honors the deceased of our parish by placing memorial bricks in the Marian Grotto Garden. This year's deadline is fast approaching. Memorial

Garden Bricks may be purchased through Sept. 15. The bricks will be placed in the Memorial Garden before All Souls Day on Nov. 2. Order forms are available in the



bulletin, church office and on the parish website. For info, contact Kelly Comeau at room4more@twc.com.

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HELP THOSE IN NEED DURING THIS PANDEMIC!

Our parish Knights of Columbus Council #10090 invites you to join their "Feed the Hungry" campaign.

Donate one can of food or a non-perishable item now through September.

Bring your donations the first Tuesday or third Thursday of each month and drop in the large plastic bin outside the Gabriel House building.

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

-COLOSSIANS 3:17



St Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church St Anthony Claret's Pantry Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Report



Checking Account	Actual year to date 07/01/19-06/30/20
Cash available	
Beginning balance	\$ 22,841.33
Monthly collection	\$106,979.60
Totals	\$129,820.93
Expenses:	
Utility Assistance	\$ 41,891.45
Restock Food Pantry	\$ 37,222.66
Other Client Assistance	\$ 20,734.02
Office Administration Expenses	\$ 3,279.90
Total Expenses	\$103,128.03
Ending balance	\$ 26,692.90

Total food bags	2,920
Total people served	8,258
Home deliveries	331
Hygiene/cleaning product packages distributed	110
Gift cards distributed	74
Thanksgiving gift cards distributed	78
School supply program participants	143
Fans distributed	30

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CURRENT MASS ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES & OTHER IMPORTANT INFO*

Archbishop Gustavo's dispensation of Catholics from the obligation to participate in Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses within the Archdiocese of San Antonio granted on March 13, 2020 is in effect until repealed. At-risk people or those with symptoms of the common cold, flu or Covid-19 should stay home.

Mass Participation

- Masks will be required for all persons over age 10. •
- No missalettes, song books, or prayer aids will be available.
- There will be no exchange of peace by handshake or hug.

Mass Attendance and Seating (These guidelines apply to weekend and daily Masses.)

- Attendance will be limited to 50% of our normal capacity.
- Weekend Masses: Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 8 & 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. (Spanish) & 6 p.m.
- Mass will be held in the main sanctuary with overflow livestreamed in Msgr. Hubertus Hall. Sacramental Communion offered in both locations.
- Hospitality team members will seat you at least six feet apart from others. Family members may sit together without separation.
- Hospitality team members will escort you from church immediately after Mass to allow time to sanitize prior to the next Mass.
- Follow the directions of our hospitality team members.

Communion

- The Sacred Body of Christ will be distributed in the hand only, not on the tongue.
- After the Eucharistic Minister has placed the Sacred Body of Christ in your hand, lower your mask and consume the Body of Christ, re-mask and return to your seat.
- The Precious Blood of Christ will not be distributed.

Other Information and Guidelines

- Parishioners may not enter the church more than 20 minutes before Mass. Only the Mass coordinator, hospitality members, lectors, and choir members may enter early to prepare for Mass.
- Mass is live streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel. Visit www.samcsa.com for links. The Act of Spiritual Communion prayer is on page 6 of this bulletin.
- During offertory, a hospitality team member will bring the basket to you. Drop your donation in.
- Only the main doors of the church will be open.
- Bulletins are available at the exit table.

Sacraments & Special Liturgies

- Baptisms, weddings, quinceañeras, and funerals may be scheduled. Visit www.samcsa.com or call 210-688-9033.
- Confession is offered Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7 p.m.

Misc.

- The parish office, Saint Anthony Claret Pantry & Gabriel Project are open.
- Pastoral counseling is available.
- No parish organizations are meeting on-site at this time.

Subject to change without notice.

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TODAY

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

For assistance with online giving, call 210-688-9033. N CAN MAG

- Online giving: go to http://samcsa.com/
- By mail: 6150 Roft Road San Antonio, Texas 78253
- In person: during Mass or drop off at the parish office

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Bilingual Holy Hour Thursday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m.

FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

We invite you and your family to pray for local seminarians and for an increase in vocations to religious life. These seminarians will be the recipients of your prayers this month.





David Chacko

Bernardo Castañeda

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans)

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.

Acto de Comunión Espiritual

Mi amado Jesús, creo que Tú estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo sobre todas las cosas, y deseo recibirte en mi alma. Ya que no puedo, en este momento, recibirte sacramentalmente, ven, al menos, espiritualmente a mi corazón. Te abrazo como si Tú estuvieras ya ahí y me uno a mi mismo completamente a Ti. Nunca me permitas estar separado de Ti. Amén.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



What do cats call mice on skateboards? Meals on wheels!

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Mary Helen Peterson Anna Lopez Joe Perez **Marion Perch** Philomena Ubajaka Natalia Guhit **Mary Flora** Gloria De Leon **Dick Pearce** Karina Hernandez Ashley Siebold **Margaret Sanders** Lee Sanders **Bobby Garza** Kelton Sweet, Jr. Joanna Sweet Mark Finley Harold Shields Javier Calderon George Aldaya

Sandy Salinas Eloise Salazar Maria Morales **Richard Keller** Rosa Huerta Barbara Vanegas Jack & Jeanette Donohue Ray & Carolyn Cole A.C. Garza Olga 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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Sunday 26: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 Monday 27: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35 Tuesday 28: Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43 Wednesday 29: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Jn 11:19-27 Thursday 30: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53 Friday 31: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58 Saturday 1: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12 Sunday 2: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Puzzle

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Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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