

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church

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August 23, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak, Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Tu Nguyen

Deacons:

Jerome (Jerry) Kozar, M.S.

Arnaldo J. Figueroa

Gene Festa

Tom Elms

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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 16:13-20

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax,

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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.

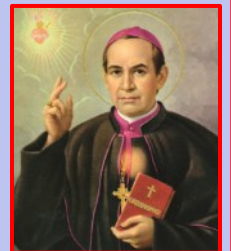
First Monday of the month: 7:30 p.m. Healing Mass and administering of the Sacrament of the Sick

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)



Confession times: Wednesday and Thursday evenings only, 5-7 p.m.

Baptism - Required Classes:

First Tuesday 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.

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

Aug. 15/16 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	918
Regular Collection	\$ 24,409.70
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,928.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 4,044.00
Assumption Seminary	\$ 885.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 340.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 300.00
Candles	\$ 87.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 30.00

Thank you for your generosity. See page 5 for ways to give.

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untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical? ©LPi

This Week in Our Parish

Weddings:
Genaro Daniel Cano & Glenda Linares Rodriguez

WARNING!

SCAM ALERT

Some parishioners have received emails claiming to be from Father Jan requesting help or donations.

DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS TO THESE PERSONS. These are scams.

REINO

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"Yo te daré las llaves del Reino de los cielos; todo lo que ates en la tierra quedará atado en el cielo, y todo lo que desates en la tierra quedará desatado en el cielo".

MATEO 16, 19

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Aug. 22	5 P.M.	Clara Mueller† by Bea Peterson Arthur Engel† by Son & Daughter-in-law Jim & Lucille Engel	7 P.M.	Fr. Paul Newhouse† by Delia Dominguez Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Mass	
Sunday, Aug. 23	8 A.M.	Leonel & Susana Gonzales† by Family	Wednesday, Aug. 26	8 A.M.	Juliana Torralba† by Belisario Family
	10 A.M.	Amparo Espinoza† by Veronica Lozano	Thursday, Aug. 27	8 A.M.	Josephine Elms† by Marianne & Michael Hale
	12 P.M.	Salvador Lopez† by Rachel & Savannah	Friday, Aug. 28	8 A.M.	Ramon Garcia† by Espinoza Family
	3 P.M.	Maria De Jesus Diaz†; Rudy Garcia, Jr.†; Norma Lisa Villanueva† by Mirelia Arguelles	Saturday, Aug. 29	5 P.M.	55 th Anniversary Blessings for Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar by Family
	6 P.M.	For the Parish	Sunday, Aug. 30	8 A.M.	Brimilda Carvalho† by Jeremias & Clarissa Fernandes
Monday, Aug. 24	8 A.M.	Roberto J. Garcia† by Teresa Revilla Healing & Health for Michelle Reynolds by Anne Celeste Merlo		10 A.M.	For the Parish
	6:30 P.M.	Holy Hour		12 P.M.	Maria Contreras† by Family
	7:30 P.M.	In Thanksgiving - Darrelyn Kundinger by Kundinger Family		3 P.M.	Gibert Preciado† by Family
Tuesday, Aug. 25	8 A.M.	Elvira Bendele† by Bea Peterson		6 P.M.	Birthday Blessings for Selena Macias by Mary Macias

PARISH NEWS



“The Bible and the Mass” (ONLINE in English)

Third in this series, this is a seven-week Bible study based on Dr. Scott Hahn’s book, *The Lamb’s Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*. It explores what the Bible teaches about the Mass. Workbooks: \$12. Class begins in late August. Course uses Zoom, multimedia presentations and small group discussion. Outside reading optional. Students responsible

for ordering/paying for their own book(s): Dr. Scott Hahn *The Lamb’s Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth* and Dr. Michael Barber’s *Coming Soon: Unlocking the Book of Revelation*. Open to ages 15 and older. Visit www.stpaulcenter.com to learn more. For info or to register, contact CJ Garcia-Aboytes at (210) 843-1198 or cjaboytes@gmail.com.

Journey Through Scripture Series (ONLINE in Spanish)

For info, contact Felipe Forero at (210) 833-8552.

Ascension Press: Jesus The Way, the Truth and the Life (ONLINE in English)

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? This 10-week video program explores the entirety of Jesus’ life and what he means for Catholics today. Class begins in September. Weekly meetings via

Zoom to view engaging presentations by Marcellino D’Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by discussion and fellowship. For info or to register, contact Marie DeGennaro at mariedeg@hotmail.com.

Knights of Columbus 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 this special Mass Tuesday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.in the church.

Feed The Hungry



HELP THOSE IN NEED!

Join our parish Knights of Columbus Council’s “Feed the Hungry” campaign.

Donate canned foods or non-perishable items through September.

Donations accepted the **first Tuesday or third Thursday of the month. Drop in the large plastic bin outside the Gabriel House building.**

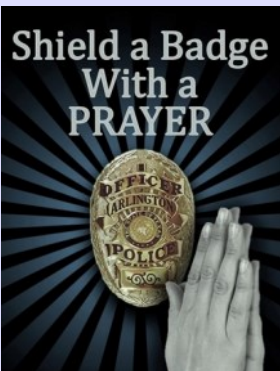
“And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” – COLOSSIANS 3:17



Knights of Columbus “Shield a Badge with Prayer” Program

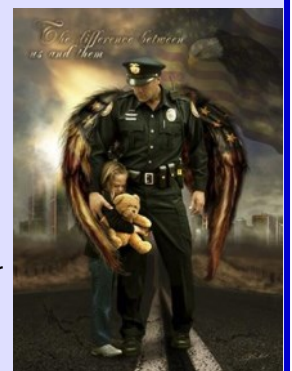


You can show support to local law enforcement officers through prayer. This fraternal year our goal is to have every officer “adopted” by someone who will offer daily prayer for that officer’s safety, good judgment and safe return home. Prayer sponsors will receive a “Shield a Badge with a Prayer” wristband and card with the officer’s name and badge number.*



Sign up in parish office or email council10090@gmail.com.

*There is NO commitment beyond a daily prayer (no contact, phone calls or gifts). Communication with the officer is optional and limited to a card or note several times a year letting them know you are praying for them.



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.



Baptism Classes
Held the first Tuesday of each month
Next class:
Tuesday, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Msgr. Hubertus Hall

SUPER SENIORS
Zoom meetings, 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month
Next Meeting:
Thurs., Aug. 27, 12-1 p.m.
For info or a Zoom invite, call or text Lawrence Lucido at 210-473-4813.

St. Anthony Claret Super Seniors & Texas A&M Agrilife Extension invite you to Walk-N-Talk Fruits & Vegetables!

- Enjoy walking with friends.
- Feel confident adding more fruits & vegetables into your diet.
- Develop healthy habits with ease.
- Have a great time.


Take a walk with us!
During this FREE 8-week series, friends, family and others from the community come together to support one another in a fun, simple way while learning about a new fruit or vegetable each week.

Eight consecutive Thursdays, 12-1 p.m.:
Sept. 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12

To pre-register for this FREE class, contact Mary Masterson, Bexar County Agent, at 210-909-6329 or Mary.masterson@ag.tamu.edu. A Zoom ID will be sent to your email address.



Memorial Bricks
\$60/BRICK

Line 1: Inscription # Cross Emblem (Optional)
(Choose one) Yes, add cross for \$5.00
1. In Memory of  No cross emblem
2. Dedicated to
3. In Loving Memory

Line 2: Name of deceased (16 spaces & characters available)

Line 3: (16 spaces and characters available)

Name: _____

Check # or Cash: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Order deadline is Sept. 15, 2020. Bricks will be installed by Nov. 2.

Send to : St. Anthony Mary Claret Attn: Kelly Comeau 6150 Roft Road San Antonio, TX 78253 p. 210.383.2563 room4more@twc.com	Brick \$60.00
	Cross Emblem (optional: add \$5.00) \$ _____
	Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to SAMC.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & RCIA NEWS

Religious education registration is now open!

Register online at www.samcsa.com. Register in person in Msgr. Hubertus Hall after all weekend Masses throughout August. Returning families may register online. New families register online, then bring in registration form along with payment and required documents needed per online instructions.



Online only parent-taught religious education offered for grades 3-8 for those not needing any sacramental prep.

In-person catechist-taught sacramental prep offered for First Communion and Confirmation prep only. First Communion classes: Sundays only at 8:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.; Sunday classes begin Sept. 13.

Confirmation classes : Wednesdays only at 5:30 p.m. for 1st and 2nd year; 7 p.m. for 2nd and 3rd year. Wednesday classes begin Sept. 16.

Questions or concerns? Contact Jennifer Rupert at 210-688-9033, x204 or reoffice@saclaret.com.



RCIA now offered year-round!

Join anytime!

Meetings on Tuesdays , 7-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall. Should you not feel comfortable meeting in person, join us via zoom. For more info or to register, contact Jennifer Rupert or Peggy Flores at 210-688-9033, x204 or x214.

PARISH NEWS

Mass Attendance Guidelines*

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, attendance & seating

- Masks will be required for all persons over age 10.
- No missalette, song books, or prayer aids will be available.
- There will be no exchange of peace by handshake or hug.
- Attendance will be limited to 50% of our normal capacity.
- Mass will be held in the main sanctuary. 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.

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.

*Subject to change without notice. Visit the parish website at <http://samcsa.com/> for a more detailed list.

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

For assistance with online giving: 210-688-9033.

- ◆ Online giving: go to <http://samcsa.com/>
- ◆ Mail: 6150 Roft Rd., San Antonio, TX 78253
- ◆ In person during Mass or drop off at parish office



Su Generosidad es Apreciada!

Para ayuda con donaciones en línea: 210-688-9033.

- ◆ Dando en línea: ir a <http://samcsa.com/>
- ◆ Correo: 6150 Roft Road San Antonio, TX 78253
- ◆ En persona durante misa o dejándolo en la oficina parroquia

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.



Stephen FitzSimon



Robert Shelton

Lord Jesus, we ask you to send more servants to your people. Choose from our parishes, from our homes, from our schools and colleges, an abundant harvest of apostles for your Kingdom: priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers. We pray that those you call may never lose awareness of the dignity and need of their vocation. O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, teach to all those the Master calls to say a joyful "yes" as you did at the Annunciation. Amen.

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

Maryknoll Sisters

WORDS OF LIFE/PALABRAS DE VIDA

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life." (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

"Está el heroísmo cotidiano, hecho de pequeños o grandes gestos de solidaridad que alimentan una auténtica cultura de la vida. ... A este heroísmo cotidiano pertenece el testimonio silencioso, pero a la vez fecundo y elocuente, de todas las madres valientes, que se dedican sin reservas a su familia, que sufren al dar a luz a sus hijos, y luego están dispuestas a soportar cualquier esfuerzo, a afrontar cualquier sacrificio, para transmitirles lo mejor de sí mismas'. ... Os damos las gracias, madres heroicas, por vuestro amor invencible. Os damos las gracias por la intrépida confianza en Dios y en su amor. Os damos las gracias por el sacrificio de vuestra vida." (*El Evangelio de la Vida* 86).



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Michelle Reynolds
Mark Moczygemba
Judy Lopez
Marion Perch
Karina Hernandez
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
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 23: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday 24: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday 25: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday 26: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday 27: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday 28: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday 29: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mk 6:17-29
Sunday 30: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



In Sympathy... The parish community mourns the loss of parishioner **Thomas Torres, Jr.**

Absolve, we beseech You, O Lord, the soul of Your servant Thomas from every bond of sin, that being raised in the glory of the resurrection, he may be refreshed among the saints and elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

After a very long and boring homily the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the pastor. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the homilies.



"Father, today your homily reminded me of the peace and love of God!"

The pastor was thrilled. "No one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Why did it remind you?"

"Well, it reminded me of the peace of God because it surpassed all understanding, and the love of God because it endured forever!"