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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 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 16: 21-27

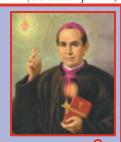
Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit

would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? (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)**



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.

22nd SUNDA IN ORDINARY TIME

Then lesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24-25

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

If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple. ©LPi

Aug. 22/23 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	1.050
Regular Collection	\$ 18,227.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,518.21
SAMC Pantry	\$ 625.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 70.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 42.00
Assumption Seminary	\$ 20.00

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

Some parishioners have WARNING! received emails claiming to be from Father Jan requesting help or donations. **DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!** These are scams.



St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass & Devotions

Saturday, Sept. 5 Mass: 8 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayer

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Aug. 29 by Family 5 P.M. 55th Anniversary Blessings for Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar by Family Sunday, Aug. 30 Brimilda Carvalho[†] by Jeremias & Clarissa 8 A.M. Fernandes 10 A.M. For the Parish 12 P.M. Maria Contreras[†] by Family 3 P.M. **Gibert Preciado**[†] by Family 6 P.M. **Birthday Blessings for Selena Macias** by Mary Macias Monday, Aug. 31 8 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Esmee Banda** by Family **Aufemia Garay**[†] by Family 6:30 P.M. Holv Hour 7:30 P.M. For an End to Abortion Tuesday, Sept. 1 8 A.M. **Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current** & Future Descendants of Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales[†] by Y. Gonzales Michael Lee Rendon by Alice Russell Wednesday, Sept. 2 **Birthday Blessings for Guillermina Davila** 8 A.M.

Barbara Traugott[†] by Rose & John Thorsky

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A.M.	irthday Blessings for Raymond John		
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riday, Sept. 4			
A.M.	Amelia Mendoza† by Trevino Family		
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A.M.	Susan Retz [†] by Richard Retz		
P.M.	Felicidad Mendoza† by Mendoza Family		
	Good Health for Lulu Reynolds		
	by Anne Celeste Merlo		
unday, Sept. 6			
A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Brayan Herrera		
	by Family		
0 A.M.	Leonel Gonzalez† by Family		
2 P.M.	Special Intention for James & Henry		
	Pawelek; Alois & Florence Olenick		
	by Olenick Family		
P.M.	For the Parish		
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	by Bea Peterson		

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PARISH NEWS

Help the People of Beirut!

A message from Bishop Michael J. Boulette. D. Min., V.G., Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio:

The people of Beirut, Lebanon are suffering tremendously from the massive explosion that occurred at the port there. More than 200 people were killed, over 5,000 injured, and 300,000 have been made homeless due to the extensive damage. Widespread hunger is now impacting many Lebanese, as the country's

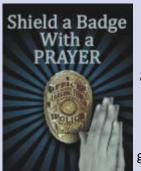
economy was already struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the recent explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, our brothers and sisters in the Catholic Church there are in great need of financial assistance. If you feel so called, please send a donation directly to St. George Maronite Catholic Church where the pastor, Father Charles Khachan, MLML, will ensure that all money goes directly to the eparchs (bishops) of the country to assist their parishioners most in need. Please make checks payable to St. George Maronite Catholic Church, Aid to Lebanon and mail to the parish at 6070 Babcock Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78240.



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.





"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, multi-

media 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.

Hora Santa Bilingüe el jueves, 3 de septiembre, 7 p.m. Bilingual Holy Hour

Thursday,

Sept. 3,

7 p.m.



August 30, 2020

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



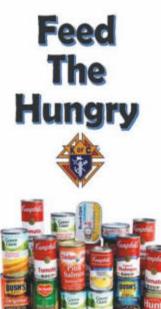
bulletin, church office and on the parish website. For info, contact Kelly Comeau at room4more@twc.com.

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Baptism Classes

First Tuesday of each month Next one: Tuesday, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall



HELP THOSE IN NEED!

Join our parish Knights of Columbus Council's "Feed the Hungry" campaign.

Donate canned foods or nonperishable items through September.

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

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

- Enjoy walking with friends.
- Feel confidant 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.



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 <u>reoffice@saclaret.com</u>.



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 missalettes, 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



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Su Generosidad es Apreciada!

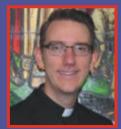
Para ayuda con donaciones en línea: 210-688-9033.

- 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

"Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person ... even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests! They cannot be thrown away!"

> — Pope Francis, Address to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, Sept. 20, 2013

"Cada niño no nacido, pero condenado injustamente a ser abortado, tiene el rostro de Jesucristo, tiene el rostro del Señor, que antes aún de nacer, y después recién nacido, experimentó el rechazo del mundo. [...] Y cada anciano, aunque esté enfermo o al final de sus días, lleva en sí el rostro de Cristo. ¡No se pueden descartar, como nos propone la 'cultura del descarte'! ¡No se pueden descartar!".

— Papa Francisco, Discurso a los participantes en la Conferencia organizada por la Federación Internacion al de las Asociaciones Médicas Católicas, 20 de septiembre de 2013



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Diego Garduno Mary Helen Peterson Michelle Reynolds Mark Moczygemba Judy Lopez Marion Perch Karina Hernandez Kelton Sweet, Jr. Joanna Sweet **Mark Finley** Harold Shields Javier Calderon George Aldava 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 30: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 Monday 31: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30 Tuesday 1: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37 Wednesday 2: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44 Thursday 3: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11 Friday 4: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39 Saturday 5: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5 Sunday 6: Ez 33:7-9//Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



MINDO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Luego Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que tome su cruz y me siga. Pues el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará". - Mt 16, 24-25

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

A man walks into a bookstore. "Where's the self-help section?" he asks the clerk. She shrugs and replies, "If I tell you, won't that defeat the purpose?"







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