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September 27, 2020

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 21:28-32

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

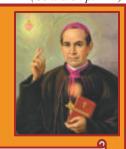
"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes (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.

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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

Sept. 19/20 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	1,274
Regular Collection	\$ 23,992.35
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,742.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 900.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 230.00
Candles	\$ 49.11
Gabriel Project	\$ 40.00
Rosary makers	\$ 30.00

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GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best, is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.



St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass & Devotions

Saturday, Oct. 3
Mass: 8 a.m.
followed by
exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament,
rosary &
consecration prayer



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Sept. 26

5 P.M. Bert† & Michael Bednarz†

by Martha Bednarz

Sunday, Sept. 27

8 A.M. Abuelito Felix Gonzalez† by Family

10 A.M. Special Intention for Maura Pena by Friend

12 P.M. 61st Anniversary Blessings for Eduardo &

Sylvia Alcantar by Family

3 P.M. Graciano Ruiz† by Judy Ruiz

6 P.M. Elvira G. Barrientes† by Daughter: Vera

Monday, Sept. 28

8 A.M. For the Parish 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour

7:30 P.M. For an End to Abortion

Tuesday, Sept. 29

8 A.M. Philip Ancharski† by Jeanette Erickson

Wednesday, Sept. 30

8 A.M. Arthur A.†, Antonio†, Dolores†,

Maria W.,† & Arthur W. Jackson

by Jackson Family

Thursday, Oct. 1

8 A.M. Virginia Nejeres† by Children

Friday, Oct. 2

8 A.M. John F. Matthews† by Dennis, Helen &

Orozco Familly

Saturday, Oct. 3

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Dolores N. Reyes

by Gonzales Family

5 P.M. Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family

Michael Lee Rendon by Alice Russell

Sunday, Oct. 4

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Andy McDonald

by Mary Macias

10 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Lorenzo Macias

by Mary Macias

12 P.M. 43rd Anniversary Blessings for Mario &

Alicia Garces by Family

3 P.M. For the Parish

6 P.M. Justin Acap† by his mother

LOVE & MARRIAGE



When Your Marriage Hits the Boredom Rut by Don Paglia

The Situation

After 16 years of marriage Bill and Betty find themselves in the marital doldrums. Although neither would say it openly, each feels their marriage has become lackluster and is in a rut. "Boring" was how Bill explained it to his closest friend. Although Bill and Betty have two chil-

dren who keep them busy, what has characterized their marriage of late is a lot of routine and predictability. Even Bill's tired joke that Friday night was their night for sex "in order to get it out of the way for the weekend"—a weekend filled with predictability and tedious repetition—was more true than he wanted to admit. It typified the lack of surprise or delight in their relationship.

Boredom started creeping in soon after Bill and Betty began to settle in to married life. Their efforts to provide their family with safety and security had instead created an all-too-patterned life of mostly sheer monotony. They began to treat their marriage as a finished product, rather than as something to cultivate. They then moved to the tasks of buying a house, having children, and advancing their careers, while expecting their marriage to take care of itself.

A Response

Betty and Bill need to recognize that being tiresome or dull is their own doing. Boredom is an emotional state resulting from inactivity or when couples are uninterested in opportunities surrounding them. Bill and Betty dislike uncertainty. Therefore, they work hard to create a life of security for their children and are carefully saving for their future. One might say they are a "risk adverse couple," but to a fault. They attend the same few restaurants and go to the same place for vacation at around the same time of year. They've traded adventure and discovery for safety.

For some couples boredom is accepted as suffering to be endured. Common passive ways to escape boredom are to sleep or daydream. Other couples expend considerable effort and expense to remedy boredom through elaborate entertainment. These are only temporary fixes, however, since boredom is not so much dependent on one's environment as a lack of imagination. You might say it is actually the person him/herself who is dull.

Typical solutions consist of intentional activities, often something new, since familiarity and repetition can contribute to tedium. Couples can learn a new hobby, take dance lessons, join a book club, cultivate a garden, learn another language, take a course, or go back to school. But that is not all they can do.

They can also get a life! For instance, they can help with the inner city poor or tutor children with reading difficulties. In short, they can get involved in something more important than themselves. They can start taking an ailing grandmother to and from her doctor's appointments and see if the boredom doesn't take care of itself. Either way, the solution is to immerse oneself in the world and respond to its many needs.

Early in Betty and Bill's relationship there may have been the excitement of the chase. Once married, however, couples too often forget the importance of continuing to woo one another. They need to keep the love notes and flowers coming. They need to dress up for each other and to set up date nights. Sadly, many couples, when pressed, acknowledge that they never get away without the children.

Marriage can be a spiritual pathway, but it does not become so without intentionality and effort. Religion can be abused if it excuses boredom as something that just has to be tolerated as essential to the human condition. Acceptance of our human condition also means accepting our ability to imagine and explore new life experiences and to ponder what they mean for us spiritually. Probing God's ways in our life can be stimulating and provide answers to life's ultimate questions. God actions throughout history are seldom dull or ordinary. Try reading the Bible for dramatic interventions.

The challenge is not to destroy the relationship over one of the common marriage problems that can so easily be resolved. Even if one has divorced, and a new relationship initially seems exciting, this issue of boredom will eventually creep into any new relationship unless it is addressed. Couples need to re-kindle their love, no matter how buried it may appear. For example, they can switch off the TV and take half an hour to muse over the day together. Send the children to bed or off to grandparents for an overnight and have a candle lit dinner at home. Flood your conversation with things you admire and love about your spouse.

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PARISH NEWS

Baptism Classes

First Tuesday of the month Next class: Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. Msgr. Hubertus Hall





WARNING:

Some parishioners have received emails requesting help or donations and falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan.

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Tuesday or third Thursday of the
month. Drop in the large plastic
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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.
- 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.
- Hospitality ministers will seat you at least 6 feet apart from others. Families may sit together.
- Hospitality ministers will escort you from church immediately after Mass.

Communion

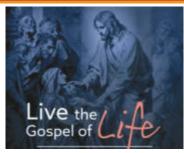
- The Sacred Body of Christ will be distributed in the hand only.
- After the Eucharistic Minister has placed the Sacred Body of Christ in your hand, lower your mask and consume the Body of Christ, re-mask and return to your seat.
- The Precious Blood of Christ will not be distributed.

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

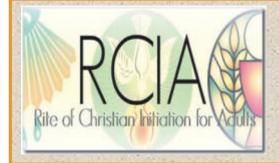
INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE/PALABRAS DE VIDA

For all who are forgotten or cast off, especially the unborn, the poor, the sick, and the aged: may they be treated according to the dignity with which God created them. We pray to the Lord.

Por los olvidados o abandonados, especialmente las personas por nacer, los pobres, los enfermos y los ancianos: para que se los trate conforme a la dignidad con la que Dios los creó. Roguemos al Señor.



PARISH NEWS



RCIA now offered year-round! Join anytime!

In-person meetings on Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall Also available online via Zoom. For info or to register, contact Jennifer Rupert or Peggy Flores at 210-688-9033, x204 or x214.



St. Anthony Mary Claret Magnificat Group Subscription

Magnificat is a monthly liturgical prayer magazine that can be used to follow the daily Mass and also be read at home. In the past, our parish's group order was organized by parishioner Tracey Kollmansberger, but she will be taking a break from doing so this year. Therefore, to subscribe you will need contact Magnificat directly to place your order.

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THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

At a church meeting, a wealthy man rose to tell everyone about his Christian faith. "I'm a millionaire," he said, "due to the blessings of God in my life. I remember a turning point in my faith. I'd just earned my first dollar and went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told us about his work. I only had a dollar and I had to either give it all to God's work or give nothing at all. At that moment, I decided to give my dollar to God. I believe He blessed that decision and that's why I am a rich man today." When he finished there was an awed silence.

As he sat down, a little old lady leaned over and said, "I dare you to do it again."



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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.





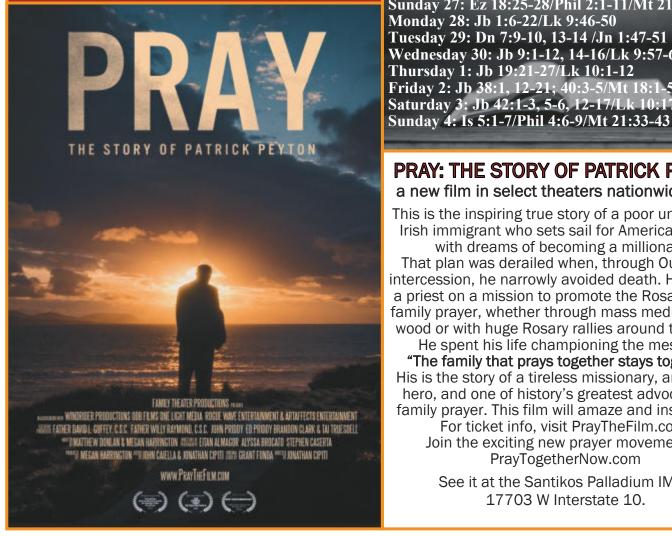
Ottmar Tovar (from our own parish!)

Luis De La Cruz

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and women. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen.

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

CATHOLIC CINEMA



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Jenna Ondrusek Landon Ondrusek Margaret M. Lucido Christian Perez Diego Garduno Mary Helen Peterson Michelle Reynolds 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 Arturo Hernandez-Perez, Jr. 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 27: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32 Monday 28: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50 Tuesday 29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 /Jn 1:47-51 Wednesday 30: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62 Thursday 1: Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12 Friday 2: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Mt 18:1-5, 10 Saturday 3: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON

a new film in select theaters nationwide Oct. 9

This is the inspiring true story of a poor uneducated Irish immigrant who sets sail for America in 1928 with dreams of becoming a millionaire.

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He spent his life championing the message, "The family that prays together stays together." His is the story of a tireless missionary, an unlikely hero, and one of history's greatest advocates for family prayer. This film will amaze and inspire you! For ticket info, visit PrayTheFilm.com.

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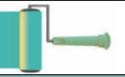
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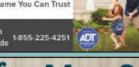
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