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October 11, 2020

GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 22:1-14

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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.

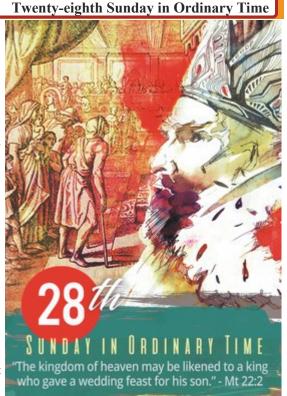
We work to foster the development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a whole.

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing

things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

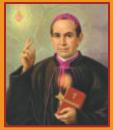
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Celebration of the Mass

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.

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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

Oct. 3/4 attendance & collection totals		
Attendance		1,281
Regular Collection	\$ '	18,910.58
Debt Reduction	\$	4,767.75
Hope for the Future	\$	1,338.00
Peter's Pence	\$	441.93
SAMC Pantry	\$	440.00
Capital Campaign	\$	280.00
Gabriel Project	\$	100.00
Candles	\$	94.34
World Missions	\$	80.00
Church in the Holy Land	\$	70.00



GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come. ©LPi



This Week in Gur Parish

Wedding: Andrew Michael Biller & Jacqueline Avila



WARNING: Some parishioners have received emails requesting help or donations and falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan. DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 10

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

Rudy Faz† by Rick & Sandy Salinas

Sunday, Oct. 11

8 A.M. Juan Hernandez† by Shirley Hernandez

Charles Kozar† by Dcn. Jerry & Pat Kozar

10 A.M. Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert

Suarez† by Alma Ponce

12 P.M. Debra Saenz† & Robert Reynolds†

by Lydia Reynolds & Family

3 P.M. Joebany Robledo† by Arianna Salazar 6 P.M. Ramon Garcia† by Espinoza Family

Monday, Oct. 12

8 A.M. Josephine Elms† by Fritz & Mary Cooper

6:30 P.M. Holy Hour 7:30 P.M. For the Parish

Tuesday, Oct. 13

8 A.M. Philip†, Ignacio M.†, Maria†, Ignacio C.†,

& Ana Reyes† by Jackson Family

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Birthday Blessings for Jackson Alekzander 8 A.M.

Gonzales by Gonzales Family

Thursday, Oct. 15

8 A.M. William Tricksey† by Liz & Ernest Lazard

Friday, Oct. 16

8 A.M. Mary Friedrichs† by Bea Peterson

Aaron Torrez† by Rick & Sandy Salinas

Saturday, Oct. 17

5 P.M. **Athena Skvarenina†** by Timothy

& Carol Skvarenina

Sunday, Oct. 18

Albert E. Kossaeth† by Mary Kossaeth 8 A.M.

Ronald H. Belliveau† by Family

10 A.M. Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,

Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro

12 P.M. All Moravits & Zaiontz Family Members†

by Family

3 P.M. For the Unborn Child of Anthony &

Albresha Dominguez by Delia Dominguez

6 P.M. Lilia Garcia† by Adelina Fritz

RESPECT LIFE

NOVENA FOR LIFE

Novena for Life

Our parish's Knights of Columbus Council 10090 and Respect Life Ministry invite you to participate in a personal novena for life.

- Pray on your own 20 minutes each day Oct. 15 25.
- ♦ Attend a Holy Hour and Mass in our church dedicated to the sanctity of life on Monday. Oct. 26 at 6:30



Intercessions for Life/Palabras de Vida

For women and men suffering after abortion: may the Church's abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing through Christ's endless mercy. We pray to the Lord.

Por las mujeres y los hombres que sufren después de un aborto: que el ministerio eclesial de sanación del aborto, el Proyecto Raquel, los ayude a encontrar paz y sanación por la misericordia infinita de Cristo. Roguemos al Señor



40 Days for Life, a prayer campaign for the end of abortion

Join our parish Saturday, Oct. 17, for one hour between 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Planned Parenthood, 2140 Babcock Rd.

Stand peacefully and pray on the sidewalk. Kids are welcome.

For more info or to sign up, contact parish coordinator Roz Voss at (210) 422-4410 by Oct. 15.

Or, sign up at http://www.40daysforlife.com/sanantonio. (Please notify Roz by text if you sign up online.)

Signs, snacks, waters, etc. available. There will be a blue binder containing important contact info, etc. emergency Check it out! **Bring donations of**

small shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toiletries for the goodie bags given to clients. Place donations in the collection container.





Allied Women's Center Pro-Life Virtual Gala

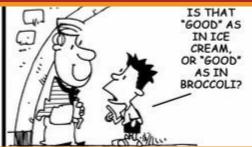
Friday, Oct. 23, 7-8 p.m. Keynote speaker: Dr. Alan Keyes

"Attend" the first Virtual Fundraising Gala hosted by Allied Women's Center, San Antonio's most successful, Catholic-operated Crisis Pregnancy Center saving babies from abortion since 1994.

Register that night to view this exciting free online gala night at www.AWCBaby.com/register. Watch on computer, cell phone or iPad; donate by text! Questions? Email gala@alliedwomenscenter.com.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES







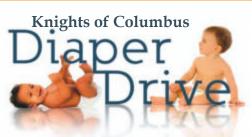
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PARISH NEWS



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.



To aid mothers in need during this pandemic
Donate new diapers now through
December.
Leave donations in the large plastic bin

outside the Gabriel House the

1st Tuesday or 3rd Thursday of each month.

St. Gerard Majella, patron and protector of expectant mothers, pray for us.



Your Generosity is Appreciated!

- Online giving: http://samcsa.com/ For help: 210-688-9033.
- ♦ Mail: 6150 Roft Rd., San Antonio, TX 78253
 - ◆ During Mass or drop off at parish office



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- ◆ Dando en línea: http://samcsa.com/ Para ayuda: 210-688-9033.
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- ♦ Durante misa o dejándolo en la oficina parroquia

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.
- 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.

Marriage Ministry Zoom Meeting: Game Night!

Friday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.
Visit the St. Anthony Mary Claret Marriage Ministry Facebook page
for the Zoom link.

Questions? Contact Roland and Sonia Garcia at (210) 391-1728 or marriageministrysamc@gmail.com.



LOVE & MARRIAGE

U.S. BISHOPS' PASTORAL LETTER ON MARRIAGE: "MARRIAGE: LOVE AND LIFE IN THE DIVINE PLAN" - PART 1

In November 2009 the U.S. Catholic Bishops approved this pastoral letter which presents the essential points of Catholic teaching on marriage as a natural gift, as a sacrament, and as a public commitment between a man and a woman. It also discusses several contemporary challenges to marriage and how the Church addresses those challenges.

What follows is excerpted from the abridged version. This and its unabridged version as well as many other helpful resources on the topic may be found at www.usccb.org/committees/promotion-defense-marriage.

What Is Marriage?

Marriage is a natural institution established by God the Creator. It is a permanent, faithful, fruitful partnership between one man and one woman, established by their free mutual consent. It has two purposes: the good of the spouses, called the unitive purpose, and the procreation and education of children.

Marriage is not merely a private institution. It is the foundation of the family, where children learn values and virtues that make them good Christians as well as good citizens. Marriage is important for the upbringing of the next generation, and therefore it is important for society.

Men and women are equal as persons. As male and female, they are two different ways of being human. These differences relate them to each other in a total and complementary way. They make possible a unique communion of persons in which spouses give themselves and receive each other in love. This communion of persons has the potential to bring forth human life and thus to produce the family. No other relationship symbolizes life and love as marriage does.

The two purposes of marriage are inseparable; they are two aspects of the same self-giving. The unitive purpose of marriage means that husband and wife participate in God's own self-giving love. The two become one flesh, giving mutual help and service to each other through their intimate union.

The procreative purpose recognizes that married love is by its nature life-giving. The children who result from this union are the supreme gift of marriage. Some couples experience the tragedy of infertility and may be tempted to think that their union is not complete; however, it remains a distinctive communion of persons.

Challenges to Marriage

Contemporary society poses fundamental challenges to the meaning and purposes of marriage. Four of these challenges are discussed here.

- (1) Contraception. Each act of intercourse must be open to procreation, because the whole meaning of marriage is expressed in each marital act. Contraception closes off the possibility of procreation and separates the unitive and procreative meanings of marriage. This is objectively wrong and is essentially opposed to God's plan for marriage and proper human development. Deliberately separating these two meanings can damage or destroy the marriage and bring many other negative consequences, both personal and social. Natural family planning (NFP) methods enable a couple to plan their family in accord with God's design.
- (2) Same-sex unions. Male-female complementarity is essential to marriage. It makes possible authentic union and the generation of new life. Attempts to make same-sex unions the equivalent of marriage disregard the nature of marriage. Since marriage and same-sex unions are different realities, it is not unjust discrimination to oppose the legal recognition of same-sex unions. These unions pose a serious threat to the fabric of society that affects all people.
- (3) Divorce. Marriage is meant to be a lifelong covenantal union, which divorce claims to break. Troubled couples as well as divorced persons are encouraged to rely on God's help and to use the resources of the Church for support and healing. An annulment is a possibility for some divorced persons. This is a finding by a church tribunal, or court, that no valid marriage bond was formed because the requirements for valid consent were not met at the time of the wedding.
- (4) Cohabitation. Many couples live together in a sexual relationship without marriage. This is always wrong and objectively sinful because the complete gift of self can only take place within the public, permanent commitment of marriage. Cohabitation can have negative effects on couples themselves, as well as any children who are part of the relationship.

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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.





Paul Melgarejo

Diego Castellanos

Loving God, your Son, Jesus, has shown us that an open heart finds the way. Help me to find my way in this world.

Keep my heart open to following Jesus' way of serving others in love. Give me the courage to accept the guidance you offer me through my family, my friends, and my parish community. Through the Holy Spirit, you call me to a particular way of

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

*Hermanas Josefinas**

Prayer For Law Enforcement Officers Dear Lord, We lift to you all who serve and protect. Please keep our officers safe. Every day these brave men and women put their lives in danger for us. Their families live with the constant fear of their loved ones not returning home. Now they must also worry about all that is happening because of the bad actions of a few. Lord, please pour out your strength and comfort. May your love overcome hate. May good overcome evil. May your peace, wisdom, truth and calm prevail. Help us all to love our neighbors as ourselves and to treat others the way we want to be treated. May people find you and the hope you offer in the midst of these troubling times. Please heal our nation and do what only you can do. In Jesus' name we ask these things. Amen



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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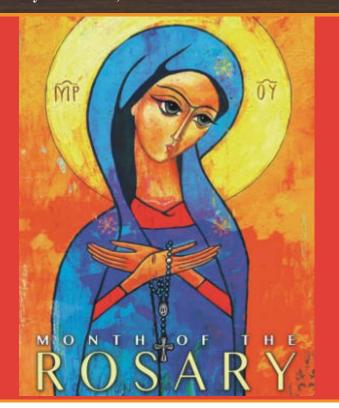
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You may submit up to FOUR names at a time.

Names usually run for four weeks.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 11: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 Monday 12: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32 Tuesday 13: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41 Wednesday 14: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46 Thursday 15: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54 Friday 16: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7 Saturday 17: Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12 Sunday 18: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21





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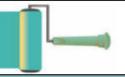
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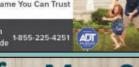
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