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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 22:34-40

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

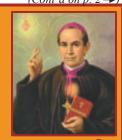
Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and

definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hording, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms, we

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.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37



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

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use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit. ©LPi

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 24 Jesus Gonzales[†] by Gonzales Family 5 P.M. Joseph[†] & Ella Kopech[†]; Joseph L. Stein[†]; Robert[†] & Floranna Stein[†]; Richard Thursday, Oct. 29 Caldwell, Jr.⁺ by Blanchard Family 8 A.M. **Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current** & Future Descendants of Daniel R. † & Sunday, Oct. 25 Manuela M. Gonzales[†] by Y. Gonzales 8 A.M. Lois Mendoza[†] by Mendoza Family Michelle Dumont[†] by David & Peace for Emilio Blanco by Delia Dominguez Jennifer Dumont 10 A.M. Marcelino Armendariz[†] by Teresa Revilla Jim & Jean Foster[†] by Mr. & Mrs. Saathoff Friday, Oct. 30 12 P.M. Jean Macecevic[†] by Bill Macecevic 8 A.M. Healing for Lauren Payne by Grandmother 3 P.M. **Gilbert Preciado**[†] by Family 6 P.M. For the Parish Saturday, Oct. 31 5 P.M. Alicia P. Hinojosa[†] by Adelina H. Fritz Monday, Oct. 26 8 A.M. **Special Intention for William McGrew** Sunday, Nov. 1 by Daughter 8 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Tegan Astorga** 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour by Family 7:30 P.M. For an End to Abortion 10 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Anjelica & Gilbert** Apolinar by Rosemary Galvan **Tuesday, Oct. 27** 12 P.M. Spiritual Healing & Strength for 8 A.M. **Special Intention for Martha McGrew** Humanity; Souls in Purgatory[†] by Daughter by M. Gonzales 3 P.M. Jaime Ramirez[†], Desiderio[†], Mercedes[†], Wednesday, Oct. 28 Alvaro[†], Vincente[†], Andres[†], Emelia[†], & 8 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Peg Helner Peterson** Celia[†] by Velasco Family by Bea Peterson 6 P.M. For the Parish

Oct. 17/18 attendance & collection totals

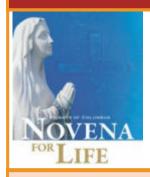
Attendance	1,355	
Regular Collection	\$ 24,476.78	
Debt Reduction	\$ 4,371.00	
World Missions	\$ 1,133.50	
SAMC Pantry	\$ 930.00	
Capital Campaign	\$ 200.00	
Hope for the Future	\$ 105.00	
Gabriel Project	\$ 90.00	
Candles	\$ 53.10	

Jesús le respondió: "Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente. Este es el más grande y el primero de los mandamientos". - Mt 22, 37-38.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPECT 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 min. each day now through Oct. 25. • Attend a Holy Hour and Mass in our church dedicated to the sanctity of life on Monday. Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Intercessions for Life/Palabras de Vida

May God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health. We pray to the Lord.

Para que Dios nos conceda la sabiduría y el valor de proteger amorosamente el don divino de la vida; en cada etapa, en la enfermedad y en la salud. Roguemos al Señor.



ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS Sunday, Oct. 25, 12:30 p.m. **Celebrated by Fr. Larry Christian** St. Ann Catholic Church, 210 Saint Ann

In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's 🌒

Oración Para Vivir el Evangelio de la Vida

Padre y creador de todo, tú adornas toda la creación con esplendor y belleza, y moldeas la vida humana a tu imagen y semejanza. Despierta en cada corazón reverencia por la obra de tus manos, y renueva en tu pueblo el deseo de cuidar y defender el precioso don de la vida. Te lo pedimos por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu 👔 Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, Un sólo Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

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.

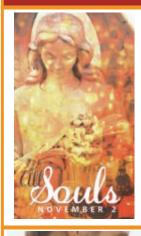
Communion

- 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.



PARISH NEWS



Spend time with our Lord on All Souls Day!

In commemoration of All Souls Day on Monday, Nov. 2 we will host adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that day from 9 a.m.~ 6:30 p.m. To sign up for an hour, call the parish office at 210~688~9033, fax 210~688~3575 or email <u>saclaret@saclaret.com</u>.

Mass for All Souls is at 7 p.m., followed by a procession to the grotto and memorial brick ceremony at 8 p.m.

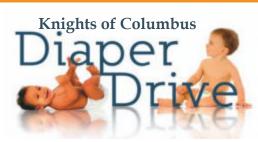




Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes*

Sunday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall Register at <u>www.ccli.org</u>. For information, contact Chris & Nicole Glowe at 210-464-4506.

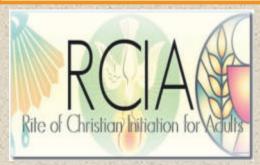
*Required for all couples marrying in our parish.



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.*





Baptism Classes First Tuesday of the month

First Tuesday of the month Next class: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. RE Bldg.



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.

LOVE & MARRIAGE

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

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.



Growth in Virtue

With God's grace, couples are called to grow in holiness. A holy marriage is made up of many virtues. Fundamentally, the couple lives out the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. Love is the heart of the vocation of marriage. It calls spouses to imitate Jesus by their willingness to sacrifice themselves in everyday situations for each other and their children. Couples must also grow in the moral virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. Two virtues that are sometimes overlooked are chastity and gratitude. Marital chastity means that the couple's love is total, faithful, exclusive and open to life. It protects a great good: the communion of persons and the procreative purpose of mar-

riage. Marriage is a school of gratitude, in which husband and wife are thankful for the gift of each other. They express their joyous gratitude in giving themselves completely to each other. Their gratitude leads them to be open to children and to be generous towards others. Growth in virtue is a lifelong journey, in which the spouses become more like Christ so that they can more perfectly love each other as Christ loves his Church.

The Eucharist

In the Eucharist Catholic couples meet Christ, the source of their marriage. This encounter moves them to reach out in love to the broader Church and to the world. The Eucharist nourishes the virtue of marital hospitality and helps the couple to recognize God's image in others. This hospitality builds up the Church and makes it a stronger witness to Christ's love in the world. A marriage that is truly in Christ is a sign of the Kingdom that is coming. At the end of time, at the celebration of the heavenly wedding banquet, the love to which the spouses have been called will find its completion when the entire Church is assumed into the glory of the risen Christ.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

WHY DOES THE CHURCH HAVE DIFFERENT LITURGICAL CYCLES?

While most Catholics know that the Church

Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with

Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures



of the bible are to be

opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI.

To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within

the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-andworship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-ofthe-word/index.cfm

SUNDAY FUNNIES

A football player was late to conditioning practice. His coach yelled, "Why are you late?"

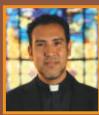
The player replied, "I was shampooing. I always shampoo before conditioning."



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 life. I f it is the way of a priest, sister, brother or deacon, then help me to walk it in joyful service to your people. With you, my God, I know I can find my way. Amen.

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

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- Mail: 6150 Roft Rd., San Antonio, TX 78253
 During Mass or drop off at parish office

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CHOSEN

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?

In life we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Javi Mendez Deborah Cantu Diego Garduno Mary Helen Peterson Michelle Reynolds 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 25: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40 Monday 26: Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17 Tuesday 27: Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21 Wednesday 28: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16 Thursday 29: Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35 Friday 30: Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6 Saturday 31: Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11 Sunday 1: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a



always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally.

When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





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