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November 22, 2020

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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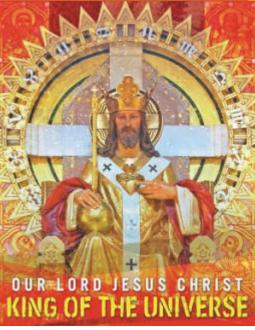
We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God.

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 25:31-46

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day-to-day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this storybook understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost

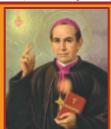


Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives (Cont'd on p. $2 \rightarrow$)

Celebration of the Mass

Monday: 8 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.; Holy Hour 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)

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 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 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 samesa.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

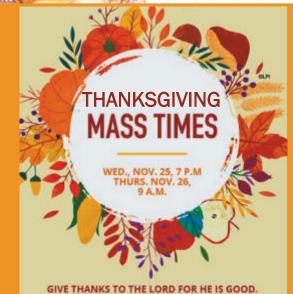
GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point face discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom? ©LPi

Nov. 15/16 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.





MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 21

5 P.M. Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†;

Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family

Sunday, Nov. 22

8 A.M. Tom Calderon, Sr.† by Mendoza Family

Liz Fisher† by John Fisher

Robert & Amelia Kohnen† by Family

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

Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro

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

by Lydia Reynolds & Family

3 P.M. Carmen Isales Diaz† by Judy Ruiz

6 P.M. Georgina Cantu†

by Grandfather, Leonel Cantu

Monday, Nov. 23

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Carmen Nava

by Bea Alvarez

Birthday Blessings for Harold Schnipke &

Tito Ramos by Olech Family

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

Tuesday, Nov. 24

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Arthur A.

Jackson, Sr. by Jackson Family

Wednesday, Nov. 25 *** NO MORNING MASS ***

7 P.M. Louisa Armendariz† & Javier Mendez†

by Teresa Revilla

Antonio & Lupe Magana† by Family

Thursday, Nov. 26

9 A.M. Rudy† & Selia Garcia†; Manuel† &

Concepcion Espinoza† by Espinoza Family

Friday, Nov. 27

8 A.M. Antonio & Lupe Magana† by Family

Saturday, Nov. 28

5 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Merle Belisario

by Family

Sunday, Nov. 29

8 A.M. Good Health for Alberto Blanco

by Delia Dominguez

10 A.M. Henry Radecki† by Ranalli Family
12 P.M. Souls in Purgatory† by Mary Macias

3 P.M. Irene Rodriguez† & Manuel De La Cruz†

by Family

6 P.M. Corando Hinojosa† by Adelina H. Fritz

Pete Hernandez† by Priscilla Hernandez

RESPECT LIFE

Live the Gospel of Life

Respect Life Reflection

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium Vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of *every* human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a *single and indivisible* Gospel" (EV 2, emphasis added).

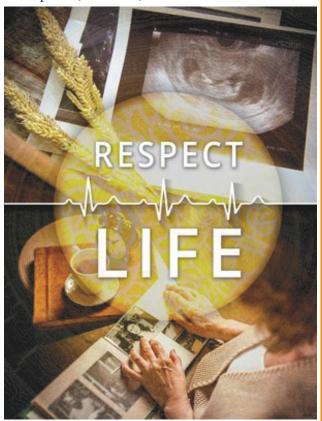
In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its

beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?*

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

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Intercessions for Life/Palabras de Vida

On this feast of Christ the King and always: may all recognize God as the author of life and give thanks for His precious gift. We pray to the Lord.

En esta fiesta de Cristo Rey y siempre, que todos reconozcamos a Dios como el autor de la vida y le demos gracias por Su invaluable don. Roguemos al Señor.

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PARISH NEWS



KNIGHTS Tamale Plate Drive-Thru Fundraiser Sunday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cost: \$9; pay by cash, check or credit card

Join us for three delicious tamales, rice, beans and fellowship. The drive-thru service in the St. Anthony Mary Claret parking lot will include a pay station and pickup station. For your safety, please remain in your vehicle at all times. Proceeds benefit Knights' charitable missions for this fraternal year.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through artwork!



- Pick up entry form at the parish office. Turn in form with poster to the parish office no later than Nov. 30.
- Contestants will compete in their age group:
 - Ages 5-7 (grades K-2)
 - Ages 8-10 grades 3-5)
 - Ages 11-14 (grades 6-8)
- > 1st, 2nd & 3rd place certificates will be awarded. Some winners may go on to compete for monetary awards at a regional competition.

Rules:

- Poster must reflect theme of Keep Christ in Christmas.
- > Poster must be original work of a single person.
- Poster dimensions should be approximately 11x17 inches.

All entries become property of Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.



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

1st Tuesday or 3rd Thursday of the month.

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



St. Anthony Mary Claret CYO Winter **Basketball Registration**

Sunday, Dec. 6 after 8 & 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses

Sunday, Dec. 13 after 8 & 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses







This Week in Our Parish Wedding: Fernando Gonzalez III Jenna Christine Ware

Baptism Classes

First Tuesday of the month Next class: Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. RE Bldg., 1st floor



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The St. Anthony Mary Claret middle and high school youth groups are meeting on Zoom!

LIFE TEEN

High Schoolers (grades 9-12) meet via ZOOM the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.

Next meetings: Dec. 6 4 20

To get connected and stay informed go to the links listed below.

High Schoolers remind201: remind.com/join/8fb2b

High School parents remind101: remind.com/join/6akb4e





EDGE

Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8) meet via ZOOM the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Next Meetings: Dec. 6 4 20

To get connected and stay informed go to the link listed below.

Middle school parents and youth remind101: remind.com/join/783gfek

Stay connected: like our SAMC Youth Ministry Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/SAMCyouth/ Questions/concerns? Contact Martie Kokotajlo, Youth Ministry Coordinator: youthgroup@saclaret.com.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Is God calling **YOU** to be a sponsor?

Our parish RCIA program needs sponsors for those going through the RCIA process.

A sponsor shares the beauty of their faith by giving encouragement, guidance, and prayer to those preparing to enter the Catholic faith. They will need to be able to participate at the Rites leading up to and including the Easter Vigil. If this is something you feel called to do, contact Jennifer Rupert at 210-688-9033, x204 or reoffice@saclaret.com.



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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.





Jordan Milligan

Michael Coronado

Padre Nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas.Manda tu Santo Espíritu para ayudar a que otros respondan con generosidad y valentía a tu llamado. Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye las vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo quien vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Society of St. Teresa of Jesus (Teresians)

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

Su Generosidad es Apreciada!

- ♦ Dando en línea: http://samcsa.com/
- Para ayuda: 210-688-9033.
- ♦ Correo: 6150 Roft Road San Antonio, TX 78253
- Durante misa o dejándolo en la oficina parroquia

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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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 22: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/ Mt 25:31-46

Monday 23: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday 24: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday 25: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 26: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28

Friday 27: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33

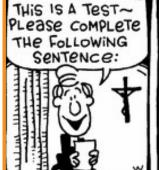
Saturday 28: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday 29: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/

Mk 13:33-37

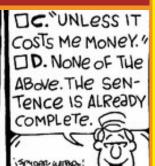


SUNDAY FUNNIES











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