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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

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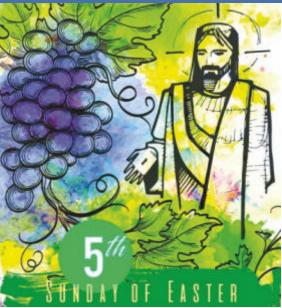
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Parish Mission Statement

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: JN 15:1-8

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news. other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-



checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we *(Cont'd on p. 2*)

Celebration of the Mass

Monday: 8 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.; Holy Hour 6:30 p.m. 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 Class:

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 at least 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 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.

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 church entrance 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

April 24/25 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	1,748
Regular Collection	\$ 19,061.44
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 4,801.00
Home Missions	\$ 2,001.84
SAMC Pantry	\$ 282.50
Gabriel Project	\$ 337.50
Candles	\$ 151.00
Church in the Holy Land	\$ 25.00
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The Code of Canon Law prescribes that public announcement of the intent to promote an individual to Orders may be used as part of the pre-ordination inquiry. This Office has chosen to use publication in the ordinand's parish bulletin for the public announcement. The announcement should be included in your parish bulletin, stating that if anyone is aware of any reason why this individual should not be ordained, to contact the Director, Diaconate Program at 210-734-1678. Accordingly, we are providing the Parish with this public announcement as prescribed by Canon 1051, 2.

You are hereby officially notified that on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 5</u>, <u>2021</u>, <u>Antonio Valdez</u> from your parish should be promoted to the Sacred Order of Deacon. The Diaconate Ordination will be held at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish at 10 a.m. If anyone is aware of any reason why this individual should not be ordained, contact the Director of the Diaconate Program at 210-734-1678.

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are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 1 Wednesday, May 5		lay 5	
8 A.M. 5 P.M.	Healing for Marilu Merlo by Anne Merlo Noreen Canestro† by Anthony & Lisa	8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Tracy Adderholdt by Jeanette Erickson
Sunday, May 2 8 A.M. 10A.M. 12 P.M. 3 P.M. 6 P.M.	Birthday Blessings for Mary Chaffin by Husband-Jerry Eloy Alvarado† by M. Pilapil & Family For the Parish Souls in Purgatory† by Family Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family Good Health for Shawn Wienaecke	Thursday, Ma 8 A.M. 7 P.M. Friday, May 7 8 A.M.	Special Intention: James & Henry Pawelek; Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family Bilingual Holy Hour
Monday, May 8 A.M. 6:30 P.M.	by Cheryl Gothberg 3 Birthday Blessings for David Langas by Langas Family Holy Hour	Saturday, Ma 5 P.M.	y 8 Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†; Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family
7:30 P.M.	Silvestre Cavazos, Sr.† by Poissonnier Family	Sunday, May 2 8 A.M.	9 Lois Mendoza† by Mendoza Family Stephen Paul Sanders† by Stacy Cheesne
Tuesday, May 8 A.M.	4 Birthday Blessings for Jennifer Alvarez by Bea Alvarez	10A.M. 12 P.M. 3 P.M.	Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro For the Parish Eloisa Vargas† by Vargas Family
		6 P.M.	Juan & Marichuy Munoz† by Family

MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY



May is the Month of Mary!

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Foster Care Awareness Month

May is Foster Care Awareness Month! Join us in praying for all foster parents and children.



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Word of Life/Palabra de Vida

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." — from Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting" © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

"Incluso los más débiles y vulnerables, los enfermos, los ancianos, los que están en el vientre y los pobres, son obras maestras de la creación de Dios, hechos a su imagen, destinados a vivir para siempre, y merecedores de la máxima reverencia y respeto."

— "Jornada por la Vida" del Papa Francisco © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Se utiliza con permiso. Se reservan todos los derechos.

Intercessions for Life/Intercesiones por la Vida

For persons with disabilities: may their lives always be recognized as worth protecting and fighting for in all circumstances. We pray to the Lord.

Por todas las personas discapacitadas: que siempre reconozcan que su vida vale la pena proteger y luchar por ella en todas las circunstancias. Roguemos al Señor.

PARISH NEWS

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 5. 7 PM IN THE CHURCH FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SCOTT KOLLMANSBERGER AT (210) 273-2297. MIÉRCOLES. 5 DE MAYO, A LAS 7 PM, EN LA IGLESIA Para mas información, póngase en contacto CON SCOTT KOLLMANSBERGER AL (210) 273-2297.

Support Our Boy Scouts!

St. Anthony Mary Claret Boy Scout Troop 1988 will be selling Camp Cards at Las Palapas-Alamo Ranch on these dates:

> Saturdays, May 8, & 15; 8-10 a.m.

Sundays: May 2, 9, & 16; 8-10 a.m. & 2-6 p.m.

The cards offer discounts at various local businesses. Cost: \$5; \$2.50 is returned to the Scouts. Funds are used to pay for summer camp and other trips.

Questions? Contact Scoutmaster Matthew Wetter at mw3809@gmail.com.

COVID-19 VACCINES



ETHICAL CONCERNS?

Read the full statement from the chairmen of the United States Conference of Catholic **Bishops here:**

usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines Also available in Spanish at usccb.org.

Regarding Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine: usccb.org/news/2021/us-bishop-chairmen-doctrine-and-pro -life-address-use-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine

Additional info may also be found here: https://www.ncregister.com/interview/archbishop-

- naumann-on-the-ethics-of-covid-19-vaccines
- https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-• candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/



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



This Week in Our Parish Weddings: Ryan Lloyd Smith & Guadalupe Martinez

MASS ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES*

Archbishop Gustavo's dispensation of Catholics from the obligation to participate in Sunday/Holy Days of Obligation Masses within the Archdiocese of San Antonio granted on Mar. 13, 2020 is in effect until repealed.

Mass Participation/Seating

- Masks required for all persons over age 10.
- Sit at least 3 ft. from others. All pews are now open.
- Leave immediately after Mass.

Communion

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

*subject to change without notice



San Antonio ZOO





covery Tour & Twisted Trails w presented at ticket booth. (Valid April 1 - December 31)

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Church's Chicken - FREE 2pc. tender &

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PARISH NEWS St. Anthony Mary Claret Super Seniors in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Program-Bexar County presents this online program: L.E.A.D.— Live well, Eat well, Be active with Diabetes via Zoom, 12 - 1 p.m. Thursdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8 PRAIRIE VIEW For info or to register, contact A&M UNIVERSITY Lawerence Lucido at mlaredo33@aol.com or COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE Grace Guerra-Gonzalez at grguerra@pvamu.edu. Cooperative Extension Program Your generosity is appreciated! Su Generosidad es Apreciada! Give at Mass, in the parish office or online: http://amcsa.com/ ♦ For help: 210-688-9033. ♦ Mail: 6150 Roft Rd., San Antonio, TX 78253 Dando durante misa, dejándolo en la oficina parroquia o en línea: http://samcsa.com/ Para avuda: 210-688-9033. ♦ Correo: 6150 Roft Rd., San Antonio, TX 78253 Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones el jueves, 6 de mayo, 7 p.m. **Bilingual Holy Hour** for Vocations Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m. **COMMUNITY NEWS FESTIVAL** St. Michael's Catholic Church THE SUNDAY FUNNIES 309 E. Church St. A Sunday school teacher was telling Cuero, TX her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class. "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded SUNDAY and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence





5° DOMINGO DE PASCUA



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.





David Chacko

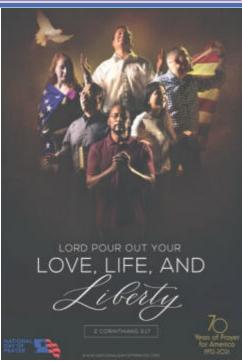
Robert Shelton

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: *Sisters for Christian Community*

May 6, National Day of Prayer

This is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to prav for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Its Task Force is a privately funded organization whose purpose is to encourage participation on the National Day of Prayer. It



exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. The Task Force represents a Judeo-Christian expression of the national observance, based on our understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Gerardo Salinas Nellie Coronado Alma Davila **Stolz Family Felipe Forrero** Irene Lemus Tarah Colleta Tracey Kollmansberger Teresa Santellanes **Patricia Gonzales** Jo Ann Niedenthal Bridget Dunlap Diego Garduno **Michelle Reynolds** Karina Hernandez Kelton Sweet, Jr. Joanna Sweet

Javier Calderon George Aldaya Mary Helen Peterson Sandy Salinas **Eloise Salazar** Maria Morales Rosa Huerta **Barbara Vanegas** A.C. Garza Olga Faz **Bishop Yanta** Nancy Souhrada **Bill Jennings** Dee Hancock Linda Santos Tom Calderon Jr.

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 2: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8 Monday 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14 Tuesday 4: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a Wednesday 5: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 Thursday 6: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 Friday 7: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17 Saturday 8: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 Sunday 9: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - May The world of finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.

Intención de Oración del Santo Padre Francisco - Mayo El mundo de las finanzas: Recemos para que los responsables del mundo financiero colaboren con los gobiernos, a fin de regular el campo de las finanzas para proteger a los ciudadanos de su peligro.

Dios, Padre nuestro, yo te ofrezco toda mi jornada, mis oraciones, pensamientos, afectos y deseos, palabras, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos en unión con el Corazón de tu Hijo Jesucristo que sigue ofreciéndose a Ti en la Eucaristía para la salvación del mundo. Que el Espíritu Santo, que guió a Jesús, sea mi guía y mi fuerza en este día para que pueda ser testigo de tu amor. Con María, la madre del Señor y de la Iglesia, pido especialmente por las intenciones del Papa y de nuestros obispos para este mes. Amen.



