

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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May 16, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord

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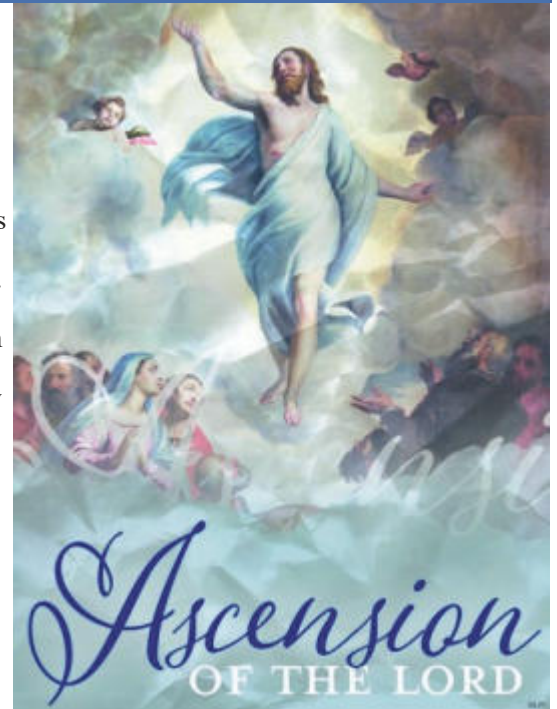
**GOSPEL MEDITATION:**

**MK 16:15-20**

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

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**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.

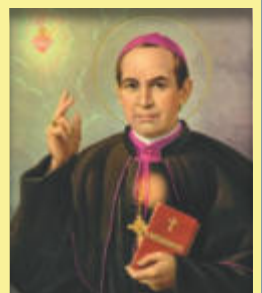
**Visitation of the Sick:** Call parish office to schedule visit.

**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.



**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.

## 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](http://samcsa.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

## May 8/9 Attendance &amp; Collection Totals

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>1,757</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 25,549.36</b>
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 5,768.42</b>
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	<b>\$ 609.00</b>
<b>SAMC Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 595.00</b>
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 109.00</b>
<b>Home Missions</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Church in the Holy Land</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>

*Next weekend's special second collection will benefit the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl Program.*



*Congratulations to the youths who celebrated First Holy Communion this month.*

GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1*

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power! ©LPi

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

## Saturday, May 15

**5 P.M.** **Birthday Blessings for Jalen Smith**  
by Jeanette Erickson

## Sunday, May 16

**8 A.M.** **Souls in Purgatory†** by Diana Soliz  
**10 A.M.** **Alicia D. Cavazos†** by Poissonnier Family  
**12 P.M.** **Birthday Blessings for Fr. Jan Klak**  
by Lopez Family  
**Marcelino Armendariz, Jr.** by Teresa Revilla  
**3 P.M.** **Elvira Gonzales†** by Louis Gonzales  
**6 P.M.** **Birthday Blessings for Jim Bendele**  
by Bea Peterson

## Monday, May 17

**8 A.M.** **Manuel Garcia, Jr.†** by Diana Soliz  
**6:30 P.M.** Holy Hour  
**7:30 P.M.** **Richard Keller†** by Rick & Sandy Salinas

## Tuesday, May 18

**8 A.M.** **Deacon John Schoellman†**  
by Audrey Schoellman

## Wednesday, May 19

**8 A.M.** **Birthday Blessings for Alison Bendele**  
by Bea Peterson

**Manuel & Concepcion Espinoza†; Rudy & Selia Garcia†** by Espinoza Family

## Thursday, May 20

**8 A.M.** **For the Parish**

## Friday, May 21

**8 A.M.** **Hospicio Lagura†** by Lagura-Francisco Family

## Saturday, May 22

**5 P.M.** **Birthday Blessings for William Anthony**  
by Family

## Sunday, May 23

**8 A.M.** **Birthday Blessings for Scott Olech**  
by Olech Family  
**10 A.M.** **Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Healing for Anthony Ponce**  
by Alma Ponce  
**12 P.M.** **Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity**  
by M. Gonzales  
**3 P.M.** **For the Parish**  
**6 P.M.** **Michael Dumont†** by David & Jenny Dumont



# ARCHDIOCESAN DECREE: REINSTATEMENT OF SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

## The Reinstatement of the Sunday Mass Obligation

May 05, 2021

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



It is through the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, that we are sustained with the life-giving nourishment of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Due to the essential spiritual need we have for weekly physical participation in Sunday Mass, the tremendous gift and spiritual nourishment of physically receiving our Lord in Holy Communion is critically important for our spiritual growth and is very much needed right now.

Therefore, in consultation with various officials, and in light of the increasing number of individuals having received the COVID-19 vaccine, I believe now is the appropriate time to remove the dispensation previously granted to Catholics on March 13, 2020, from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. I revoke the dispensation I granted on March 13, 2020. Therefore, effective May 23, 2021, the Solemnity of Pentecost, the obligation for Catholics to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation is reinstated for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

For Catholics who have serious reasons for not physically attending Mass, I encourage you to follow the guidance the Church provides in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (2181): "*The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor.*" Other examples are the elderly and physically disabled persons and those with compromised immune systems who have prayerfully discerned that they should not physically attend.

The protocols issued earlier remain in effect for those attending Mass, namely: wear a face mask before entering the Church and throughout the Mass, use hand sanitizer before receiving Communion, maintain three feet of space between you and others, follow instructions of ushers, as you enter and leave the Church, and receive Holy Communion in the hand and not on the tongue.

As Catholics, we gladly return to the altar of God to receive the Bread of Life from the One who gives healing and joy to our hearts.

Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS  
Archbishop of San Antonio

Por lo tanto, en consulta con varios funcionarios y a la luz del creciente número de personas que han recibido la vacuna contra el COVID-19, creo que ahora es el momento adecuado para eliminar la dispensa, previamente otorgada a los católicos el 13 de marzo de 2020, de la obligación de asistir a misa los domingos y los días santos de precepto. Revoco la dispensa que concedí el 13 de marzo de 2020. Por lo tanto, a partir del 23 de mayo de 2021, Solemnidad de Pentecostés, se restablece para todos los católicos en la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio la obligación de asistir a misa los domingos y los días santos de precepto.

A los católicos que tienen serias razones para no asistir físicamente a misa los animo a seguir la guía que la Iglesia proporciona en el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* (2181): "*La Eucaristía del domingo fundamenta y confirma toda la práctica cristiana. Por eso los fieles están obligados a participar en la Eucaristía los días de precepto, a no ser que estén excusados por una razón seria (por ejemplo, enfermedad, el cuidado de niños pequeños) o dispensados por su pastor propio*". Otros ejemplos son los ancianos y las personas con discapacidades físicas, así como quienes tienen sistemas inmunitarios comprometidos y que han discernido en oración que no deberían asistir físicamente.

Los protocolos emitidos anteriormente siguen vigentes para quienes asisten a misa, a saber: utilizar una mascarilla desde antes de ingresar a la iglesia y durante la misa, usar desinfectante de manos antes de recibir la Comunión, mantener un espacio de tres pies entre uno mismo y los demás, seguir las instrucciones de los ujieres al entrar y salir de la iglesia, y recibir la Sagrada Comunión en la mano y no en la lengua.

## PARISH NEWS

Married & engaged couples: you are invited to attend an  
**IN-PERSON Marriage Ministry Date Night**

**Topic:**

**Habits for a Healthy Marriage**

Friday, May 21, 7 p.m.

Msgr. Hubertus Hall

To attend, RSVP to Roland & Sonia Garcia  
at [marriageministrysamc@gmail.com](mailto:marriageministrysamc@gmail.com)  
no later than May 19.

*Child care will NOT be available.*



**MANDATORY  
Meeting  
for all  
CURRENTLY  
SERVING  
Altar  
Servers**

Saturday, May 29,  
10 a.m.  
in the church

(A meeting for new altar servers will  
be scheduled at a later date.)



**Your generosity is appreciated!  
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- ♦ Give at Mass, in the parish office  
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- ♦ Mail: 6150 Roff Rd., San Antonio, TX 78253
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parishioners have  
received emails  
requesting help or  
donations and falsely  
claiming to be  
from Fr. Jan.  
DO NOT RESPOND  
OR SEND  
DONATIONS!**

## Support Our Parish Boy Scouts!

St. Anthony Mary Claret Boy Scout Troop 1988 will be selling  
Camp Cards at Las Palapas-Alamo Ranch on  
Sunday, May 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](mailto:mw3809@gmail.com).



## 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**  
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## COMMUNITY NEWS



## YOU DESERVE A GREAT MARRIAGE!

Learn to become the best version of yourselves together from the comfort of your own home. The World Wide Marriage Encounter (WWME) experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. Sign up today to attend the May 21-23, WWME Virtual Weekend at [mesanantonio.org/apply](https://mesanantonio.org/apply). For more info, contact Larry & Jane Zimmermann at 210-951-9963. Already encountered? Join the WWME in San Antonio at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/60856887305/> to continue living a lasting, supportive and transformational marriage.

## COVID-19 VACCINES



### ETHICAL CONCERNS?

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

[uscbb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines](https://uscbb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines)  
Also available in Spanish at [uscbb.org](https://uscbb.org).

Regarding Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine: [uscbb.org/news/2021/us-bishop-chairmen-doctrine-and-pro-life-address-use-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine](https://uscbb.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/>

The Pilgrim Center of Hope presents  
**"Come to Me"**  
**Catholic Women's Conference (CWC)**

Friday & Saturday, July 16-17  
St. George Maronite Catholic Church  
6070 Babcock Rd.

- In-person or virtually
- In a group or on your own
- Early bird and mother/daughter discounts available for a limited time.
- Group rates also available.

For info or to register, visit [CWCSanAntonio.com](http://CWCSanAntonio.com) or call Pilgrim Center of Hope at 210-521-3377. **Here's a peek at two of our speakers:**



Genevieve Kineke

*Representative to Vatican Congress*

In 2008, Genevieve addressed the participants of a Vatican congress honoring the 20th anniversary of *Mulieris Dignitatem* (On the Dignity & Vocation of Woman). She is a wife, mother, author, editor & convert to the Catholic faith.



Carrie Bucalo

*Army Wife, Writer, Artist*

Carrie is the founder of Healed By Truth, which promotes faith healing for abuse survivors and their families. Before marriage, Carrie was a cloistered Carmelite nun for three years, which greatly formed her faith and her reflective writings.

## MASS ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES\*

See page 3 for new archdiocesan Sunday Mass obligation decree.

### Mass Participation/Seating

- Masks required for those over age 10.
- All pews are now open. Sit at least 3 ft. from those not in your family.
- Depart immediately after Mass.

### Communion

- The Sacred Body of Christ distributed in the hand only. The Precious Blood of Christ will not be distributed.

\*subject to change without notice

## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

### 10 More Things Moms Teach Their Kids

1. STAMINA: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
2. WEATHER: "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
3. HYPOCRISY: "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
4. THE CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
5. ANTICIPATION and RECEIVING: "You are going to get it when you get home!"
6. MEDICAL SCIENCE: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
7. ESP: "Put your sweater on. Don't you think I know when you are cold?"
8. HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT: "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
9. ANCESTRY: "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
10. WISDOM: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."



## 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***

### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Dolores (Dolly) Morales	Javier Calderon
Gerardo Salinas	George Aldaya
Nellie Coronado	Mary Helen Peterson
Alma Davila	Sandy Salinas
Stolz Family	Eloise Salazar
Felipe Forrero	Maria Morales
Tarah Colleta	Rosa Huerta
Tracey Kollmansberger	Barbara Vanegas
Teresa Santellanes	A.C. Garza
Patricia Gonzales	Olga Faz
Jo Ann Niedenthal	Bishop Yanta
Bridget Dunlap	Nancy Souhrada
Diego Garduno	Bill Jennings
Michelle Reynolds	Dee Hancock
Karina Hernandez	Linda Santos
Kelton Sweet, Jr.	Tom Calderon Jr.
Joanna Sweet	

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 16: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 4:1-13/Mk 16:15-20  
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33  
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19  
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26  
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19  
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25  
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Gal 5:16-25/Jn 15:26-27;



### ASCENSION DEL SEÑOR

— "Vayan por todo el mundo y prediquen el Evangelio a toda creatura. El que crea y se bautice, se salvará". - Mc 16, 15-16A



In Sympathy... Our parish community mourns the loss of former Director of Religious Education Michelle Reynolds who recently passed away following a valiant battle with cancer. We offer our deepest condolences to her husband, Michael, her children and all who mourn this tremendous loss.

*Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you. Go forth, faithful Christian.*

*May you live in peace this day.  
May your home be with God in Zion,  
with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,  
with Joseph, and all the angels and saints. Amen.*





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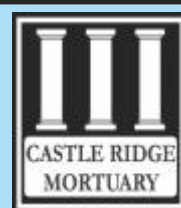
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