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May 23, 2021

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Parish Mission Statement

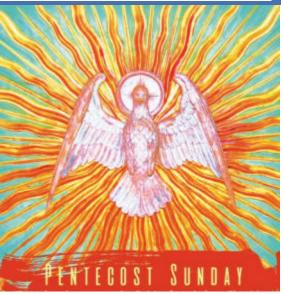
We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God. Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a whole.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: JN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy



Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday



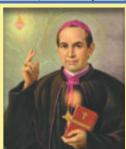
Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run- of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy $(Cont'd \text{ on } p. 2 \rightarrow)$

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 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

GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so. ©LPi

"AS MARINERS ARE GUIDED INTO PORT BY THE SHINING OF A STAR, SO CHRISTIANS ARE GUIDED TO HEAVEN BY MARY."



May 16/17 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.

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



"Cuando venga el Consolador, que yo les enviaré a ustedes de parte del Padre ..., el dará testimonio de mí"... In 15. 20AC

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 22		Wednesday, May 26	
5 P.M.	Birthday Blessings for William Anthony	8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Larry Wolf by Family
	by Family		
Sunday, May 23		Thursday, May 27	
		8 A.M.	Nizza Deguzman†
8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Scott Olech		by Lagura-Francisco Family
10 A M	by Olech Family	Endow Mov	20
10A.M. Alan J. Ponce [†] ; Margaret [†] & Albert		Friday, May 28	
	Suarez [†] ; Healing for Anthony Ponce	8 A.M.	Anniversary Blessings for Richard &
	by Alma Ponce		Maria Poissonnier by Poissonnier Family
12 P.M.	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity	Saturday, Ma	av 29
	by M. Gonzales	5 P.M.	Antonio & Dionisia Garza [†] ; Irene Orozco [†] ;
3 P.M.	For the Parish		Birthday Blessings for Melodye Jensen
6 P.M.	Michael Dumont [†] by David & Jenny Dumont		by Emilio Garza
Monday, May 24		-	
8 A.M. Elizabeth Sierra† & Mary Sierra†		Sunday, May 30	
0 1 1.1 11.	by Dee Hancock	8 A.M.	Lolita Jacobs [†] by Stephen & Helena Thomas
6:30 P.M.	Holy Hour	10A.M.	Louisa Armendariz† by Teresa Revilla
7:30 P.M.			Stephen Paul Sanders† by Eleanor Mitchell
/:30 F.IVI.	Linda Werner† by Robert & Patsy Hodge	12 P.M.	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current
Tuesday, May 25			& Future Priests by a Mom
8 A.M.	Roselia D. Martinez [†] by Poissonnier Family	3 P.M.	For the Parish
		6 P.M.	Elvia G. Covarrubias†
			by Rick & Sandy Salinas

IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING MASK USAGE / SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

May 14, 2021

Dear Brother Priests, Principals and Agency Leaders,

There is much to be joyful about in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. Infection rates, hospitalizations and deaths continue to trend in the positive direction. The number of vaccinated individuals increases daily. Almost 40% of the population of Texas has had at least one dose of a vaccine. In Bexar County, 51.4% of the population has received at least one dose, and many of our rural counties have similar percentages. As a result of these positive trends and because of the new guidance from the CDC, whose advice we have been following up to this point, we feel that it is now sufficiently safe for us to make additional changes to our COVID-19 protocols:

- We will continue to invite people in our parishes, schools and agencies who are <u>not</u> fully vaccinated, to wear masks when they are indoors and around others. Mask usage is no longer required for outdoor activities. Verification of vaccination will not be required; it is our hope that everyone will act honorably in this matter for the sake of the common good.
- We will encourage, but no longer require, social distancing measures. This means that parishes, schools and agencies can resume normal operations.
- We ask that individuals who are feeling ill or are symptomatic to please stay home and not return to work, school or church until they have had resolution of their symptoms for at least 24 hours.
- Parishes, schools and agencies should continue to sanitize their facilities regularly.
- Individuals are encouraged to continue proper hand sanitation.

I know that many will find these changes to be too much, too soon, and also some will suggest that we still ask too much, but if we all use common sense and act responsibly, we can continue to minister and operate as safely as possible. We will continue to monitor the advice of health officials and make changes to our protocols as the progress of the disease unfolds. We must be mindful of those more vulnerable around us, always!

If you haven't received a vaccine, we highly encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Vaccines are the most important tool we have to end this pandemic. Vaccines are now widely available at many pharmacies and medical clinics. In an effort to help individuals get vaccinated, we are partnering with WellMed to provide "pop-up" shot clinics at our parishes and schools in the near future. Of course, please consult your health care professional.

We ask that you continue to pray for an end to the pandemic.

In Jesus,

- Mike Boulitte

The Most Reverend Michael J. Boulette, D. Min., V.G. Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio Moderator of the Curia



IMPORTANT: The obligation to attend Sunday Masses and Holy Days of Obligation is in effect beginning THIS weekend as indicated in the excerpts from Archbishop Gustavo's statement below.

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.

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.

May23, 2021

PARISH NEWS

SUPER SCHOLARS!

Five exceptional parish high school seniors will each receive a \$500 college scholarship for their outstanding academic achievement and exemplary church and community service. The scholarships were generously awarded by these St. Anthony Claret organizations:

Knights of Columbus Council #10090, Men's Club and Ladies of St. Anthony Claret.

The 2021 recipients are Monica Gibbs, Kennedy Alexis Roper, Kolbe Melendez-Smith, Patrick Salinas, and Jennifer Tharp.

As altar servers, the following students have demonstrated faithful commitment to serving our parish community and our Lord and will each receive a \$500 scholarship: Seth Crowley, Monica Gibbs, Christian Glowe, Sofia Hampton, Patrick Salinas, and Usalisa Too-Chiobi.





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



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



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

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 ayuda: 210-688-9033.

+ Correo: 6150 Roft Rd., San Antonio, TX 78253

St. Anthony Mary Claret Super Seniors in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Program-Bexar County

This Week

in Our Parish

Quinceañeras:

Clizabeth De La Rosa

presents this online program:

L.E.A.D.— <u>L</u>ive well, <u>E</u>at well, <u>B</u>e active with <u>D</u>iabetes via Zoom, 12 - 1 p.m. Thursdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8



For info or to register, contact Lawrence Lucido at mlaredo33@aol.com or Grace Guerra-Gonzalez at grguerra@pvamu.edu.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Feast of Corpus Christi Archdiocesan Celebration

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller will lead participants in a beautiful evening of Eucharistic Adoration.



Saturday, June 5 Mass at San Fernando Cathedral: 5 p.m. Eucharistic Procession: 6 p.m. **Candlelight Eucharistic Adoration:** until midnight

As the Body of Christ you are invited to a procession around Main Plaza followed by **Eucharistic Adoration in front of San Fernando** Cathedral. The evening will include public prayer, music, rose petals and candlelight. Give public witness to the entire world of Jesus' Full and Real Presence in The Most Holy Eucharist!



THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Operator: 911. What's your emergency? Man: A guy just got hit by a car. Please send an ambulance!

Operator: Yes sir. What's your location?

Man: I'm on Eucalyptus Street. Operator: Can you spell that for me?

(Long awkward pause...) Operator: Sir? Are you there? Man: I'm going to drag him over to Pine Street and call right back.



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 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.

COVID-19 VACCINES

reflective writings.



DO YOU HAVE **ETHICAL CONCERNS ABOUT THE** VACCINES?

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

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/archbishopnaumann-on-the-ethics-of-covid-19-vaccines
- https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccinecandidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/

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Writer, Artist Carrie is the founder of Healed By Truth, which

Army Wife,

Carrie Bucalo

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

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*



PENTECOST marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Beverly Hernandez Dolores (Dolly) Morales Gerardo Salinas Nellie Coronado Alma Davila **Stolz Family Felipe Forrero** 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 Aldava 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: Acts 2:1-11/Gal 5:16-25/Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 Monday 24: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Jn 19:25-34 Tuesday 25: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31 Wednesday 26: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45 Thursday 27: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52 Friday 28: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26 Saturday 29: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33 Sunday 30: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/ Mt 28:16-20

Pentecost Sequence: Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts of yours, And our inmost being fill! Where you are not, we have naught, Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore And confess you, evermore In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.



