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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

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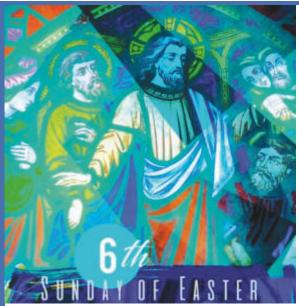
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Parish Mission Statement

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 15:9-17

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of

our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are.

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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.

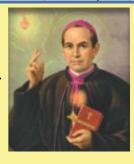
Baptism - Required Class:

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.



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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 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

Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to the world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share. ©LPi

May 1/2 Attendance & Collection Totals **Attendance** 1,762 **Regular Collection** 24,119.48 RE Bldg. Debt Reduction 6,681.00 SAMC Pantry 870.00 Assumption Seminary 693.83 **Home Missions** 127.00 Capital Campaign 100.00 **Rosary Makers** 100.00 Candles 68.11 Catholic Relief Services 15.00



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 8		Thursday, May 13	
5 P.M.	Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†;	8 A.M.	Spiritual Healing & Strength for
	Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard		Humanity; Souls in Purgatory†
	Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family		by M. Gonzales
Sunday, May 9	9		Birthday Blessings for Carley Macias
8 A.M.	Lois Mendoza† by Mendoza Family		by Mary Macias
	Stephen Paul Sanders† by Stacy Cheesne	Friday, May 14	4
10A.M.	Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,	8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Leslie Wessel
	Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro		by Bea Peterson
12 P.M.	For the Parish		Birthday Blessings for Julian Belisario
3 P.M.	Eloisa Vargas† by Vargas Family		by Family
6 P.M.	Juan & Marichuy Munoz† by Family	Saturday, May	15
Monday, May 10		5 P.M.	Birthday Blessings for Jalen Smith
8 A.M.	Estella Astorga† by Family		by Jeanette Erickson
6:30 P.M.	Holy Hour	Sunday, May 16	
7:30 P.M.	Birthday Blessings for Marilu Merlo	8 A.M.	Souls in Purgatory† by Diana Soliz
	by Anne Merlo	10A.M.	Alicia D. Cavazos† by Poissonnier Fami

Tuesday, May 11

8 A.M. Mandy Francisco† by Lagura-Francisco

Family

Wednesday, May 12

Birthday Blessings for Oscar Alvarez 8 A.M.

by Bea Alvarez

oliz er 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

FAMILY ACTIVITY: A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Materials:

- *Flowers, greenery, or some other type of small gift like hearts or flowers cut out of colored construction paper
- Small note cards or slips of paper
- Pens, crayons, or markers
- Small basket or other container to hold the prayer intentions
- Vase of water (if using fresh flowers or greenery)
- **Statue, icon, or image of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Copies of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life (optional, respectlife.org/action-guides)

"This activity can also be completed without flowers or any other type of gift. Simply place your written intentions in a basket before the designated statue or image of Our Lady. Or, you could draw a flower or another image next to your prayer intention on the paper.

**If you don't have any of these in your home, find an image online to display on a computer or other type of screen.



Directions:

- Gather your materials. Look around your own yard for flowers or greenery that might be available, or pick some up at the store.
- Set up a small table for your Marian spiritual bouquet. Place on the table your statue or image of Our Lady with a small basket for prayer intentions and a vase with water or other receptacle for your little gifts. Put writing utensils and something to write on nearby.
- 3. Pre-cut notecards or small slips of paper.
- 4. Invite household family members to participate in the spiritual bouquet. Participants can write down on the notecards or slips of paper what they would like to ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede for. They can then be invited to place their prayer intentions in the basket, as well as to place their flowers or other gifts in the vase or other receptacle in thanks for Our Lady's maternal love and care.
- When all participants have presented their prayer intentions and gifts to Our Lady, offer a closing prayer of your choosing. Some options include A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers or the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life.
- Encourage family members to pray throughout the week for all the intercessions placed under the care of Our Blessed Mother.

The purpose of this activity is to seek the intercession of Our Blessed Mother for all the intentions of our hearts related to the observance of Mother's Day, as well as to thank her for her motherly love for us. Assess what works best for your circumstances and make adaptations or changes as needed!

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"The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body . . . The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to



bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation . . . What on God's good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?"

-Venerable Joszef Cardinal Mindszenty (b. 1892 - d. 1975)



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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.— <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.

Support Our Parish Boy Scouts!

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

Saturday, May 5, 8-10 a.m.

Sundays: May 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.

2021 CAMP CARD PARTNERS

Valid at participating locations until December 31, 2021 unless otherwise stated:







St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: April 2021

Utility assistance: \$2,620.34
Restock food pantry: \$2,430.49
Other client assistance: \$2,807.89
Office expenses: \$180.56
Food bags distributed: 248
People served: 771
of home deliveries 45

Hours: Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.co.



Thank you for your support of our mission.



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

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.

*subject to change without notice

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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.

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:**

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-andpro-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-
- https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccinecandidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/

Our Lady of Fatima

Public Rosary to Honor The Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, May 13th-Rosary begins at noon



3 Locations in San Antonio to cover all abortion facilities

Planned Parenthood at 920 San Pedro Ave.

Contact: Gloria at 210 347-1678; schaefglo07@gmail.com

Alamo Reproductive Services at 7402 John Smith Rd.

Contact: Norma at 210 843-5315; nreyna1257@yahoo.com

Planned Parenthood at 2140 Babcock Rd. Contact: Phil at tricketepe38@yahoo.com

This event is sponsored by America Needs Fatima. Each location will have a rosary leader and banner holders. General questions/concerns: please text 210 347-1678

Don't miss this opportunity to show your love for Jesus and Mary. Learn more about the Fatima Apparition and The Miracle of the Sun! Join Catholics all over the world who are praying the rosary in the public forum to help save babies and end abortion in our beloved city and around the globe



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- Give at Mass, in the parish office or online: http://amcsa.com/ • For help: 210-688-9033.
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THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

10 Things Moms Teach Their Kids

- A JOB WELL DONE: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
- TIME TRAVEL: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
 RELIGION: "You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- 4. LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why."
- 5. MORE LOGIC: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- 6. FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."7. IRONY: "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."
- 8. OSMOSIS: "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
- 9. CONTORTION: "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
- 10. JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids and I hope they turn out just like you."

...to be continued next week...



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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.





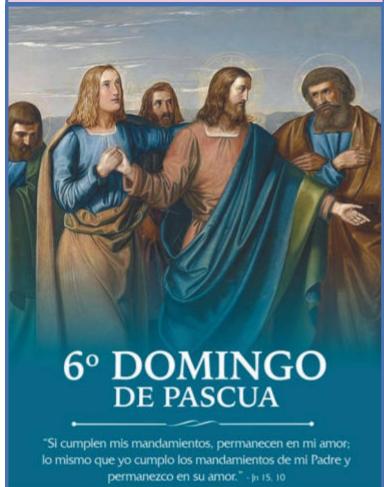
David Chacko

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 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 9: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday 10: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday 11: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday 12: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday 13: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

Friday 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday 15: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday 16: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 4:1-13/Mk 16:15-20

A Mother's Love: A Prayer of Our Lady of Fatima

We praise you, Lord, and bless you, for in a time of horrific war and pandemic plague, You sent us your mother, Our Lady of Fatima. We sing praises to you, for even in times of sorrow and fear the earth is still touched by one such as she. And we are reminded, knowing that whatever war visits itself upon us, whatever deprivations, whatever



want, whatever illness, whatever calamity endured by humankind that may cause us to look to the sky and despair, that your children do not toil in this world apart from your grace, that our prayers are not unheard and we do not go forth without a mother's love. Keep us devoted to you, O Lord, devoted in our prayer, our words and our acts, that all souls in this world may know your compassion, peace and mercy, that all souls who have departed this world may find salvation. Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, pray for us. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. Amen.



Debra Bachleda CPA, PC, Parishioner

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