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June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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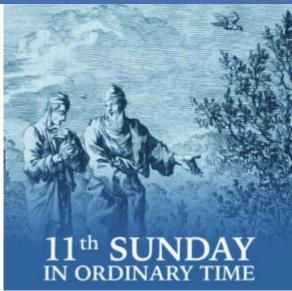
We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God.

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: MK 4:26-34

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us. we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped



by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

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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.

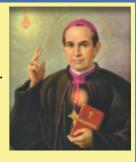
Baptism - Required Class:

First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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

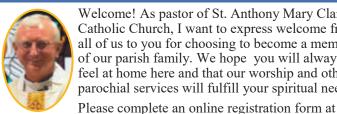
Funerals: Call parish office prior to making arrangements.

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.

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

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

June 5/6 Attendance & Collection Totals

| Attendance | 2,075 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Regular Collection | \$ 24,286.03 |
| RE Bldg. Debt Reduction | \$ 6,672.00 |
| SAMC Pantry | \$ 1,125.00 |
| Priests Pension Plan | \$ 630.30 |
| Gabriel Project | \$ 300.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$ 190.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 100.00 |
| Candles | \$ 52.00 |

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...to Antonio "Tony" Valdez who was recently ordained to the diaconate and has now been assigned to our parish. May God bless Deacon Valdez as he serves the people of God.





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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, June 12

5 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Martie Kokotajlo

by Rosemary Galvan

Sunday, June 13

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Irene Nava

by Bea Alvarez

10A.M. Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert

Suarez†; Healing for Anthony Ponce

by Alma Ponce

12 P.M. Guillermina Davila† by Family

3 P.M. For the Parish

6 P.M. James Fritz† by Gloria Casanova

Monday, June 14

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Lisa Apolinar

by Rosemary Galvan

Holy Hour 6:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M. Bill Tricksey† by Darlene Belanger

Rudy & Selia Garcia†; Manuel &

Concepcion Espinoza† by Espinoza Family

Tuesday, June 15

8 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Jonathan Alvarez**

by Bea Alvarez

Blessings for Fr. Jan Klak by Lopez Family

Wednesday, June 16

Birthday Blessings for Mary Blaney 8 A.M.

by Family

Thursday, June 17

8 A.M. David Lee Cox† by Diana Soliz

Friday, June 18

8 A.M. Estella Zamarripa† by Rick & Sandy Salinas

50th Anniversary Blessings for Conrad &

Thelma Clarin

Saturday, June 19

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

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

Sunday, June 20

8 A.M. Alicia P. Hinojosa† by Adelina Fritz

10A.M. Albert Kossaeth† by Mary Kossaeth

Margaret Rendon† by Alice Russell

Gabriel Fernandes† by Jeremias & Clarissa 12 P.M.

Fernandes

3 P.M. For the Parish

Louis M. Barrientes† by Daughter, Vera 6 P.M.

LOVE & MARRIAGE



Why Marry in the Catholic Church?

If you are beginning to dream about getting married you may also be thinking about where to hold your wedding ceremony. Every couple wants their wedding to be a memorable event and wants the ceremony to have a special meaning. The wedding day is one of the most important days in a couple's life. You probably have friends who have found very creative ways to celebrate this day. Some may have selected natural settings such as beaches or mountains, or intimate settings such a parent's or a friend's home.

If you and/or your fiancé(e) is Catholic, you are expected to marry in a Catholic church unless you have received permission to marry elsewhere. But marrying in a church is much more than an obligation. It's an opportunity to hold a celebration that is joyful and meaningful, one that can have a positive impact on the rest of your married life.

What can be more romantic than the centuries-old tradition of walking down the aisle in a parish church full of family and friends? What is more reassuring for the couple than being surrounded by the people who love them and who will give them ongoing support? What is more meaningful than reciting wedding vows handed down by Christian tradition? What is more awe-inspiring than a rite through which you enter a spiritual reality where God unites you as husband and wife and gives you an important mission?

In the Catholic tradition, husband and wife accept a role in God's plan for humanity. They are to be ambassadors of God's love. Through their love for each other, they show God's deep love for us, and they collaborate with God to keep humanity alive. The Catholic Church considers marriage a sacrament, a vehicle for God's graces to the couple and to the community.

The Promise of Permanence

The focal point of any wedding ceremony is the exchange of consent, often called the wedding vows. The promises are not simply a ritual that defines the relationship of two people in love. They are much more. They are a sacred pact through which the spouses embrace each other and, together, embrace Christ as their partner. The pledge they make is unbreakable because through their union with Christ they participate in the unbreakable pact between God and humanity: the covenant that was sealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A permanent commitment is an inherent attribute of the marital relationship. All couples who marry want their marriage to last a lifetime. Researchers tell us that the presence of an irrevocable commitment contributes to the happiness of the spouses. Linda Waite and Maggie Gallagher, the authors of The Case for Marriage, write: "Having a partner who is committed for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, makes people happier and healthier."

But married life is difficult and today many couples find it hard to keep their promises. Many young people have grown up experiencing the pain of divorce. While wanting to marry, they find it hard to believe that marriages can last a lifetime. They are afraid to commit. One of the benefits of a sacramental marriage in the Catholic Church is the power of God's grace, which helps spouses keep their commitment and find happiness together. Social scientists are finding that couples who recognize God's presence in their relationship are most satisfied in their marriages and are least likely to put their children, families, and friends through the pain of a divorce.

Experiencing God's Grace

Couples of faith are more successful and satisfied in marriage not because they have fewer problems than anyone else. What helps these couples grow and overcome obstacles is the help they find in God's grace. Recently we asked some couples: "How do you experience God's grace in your marriage?"

A wife married 28 years said: "We experience God's grace in our marriage through the seasons of our life. He was present when we were newlyweds, when we had young children, and he is present now that we are empty nesters. He gives us strength in the tough times and celebrates with us the good times."

A husband married 43 years said, "I experience God's grace in the love and support I receive from my wife. Her care and patience are gifts I do not deserve. They are grace."

Another husband married 15 years said, "I feel God's grace when life gets out of control — loss of a job. I know I can turn to God and find the courage I need to carry on."

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IN-PERSON Marriage Ministry Date Night

for married & engaged couples Friday, June 18, 7 p.m. Msgr. Hubertus Hall

To attend, RSVP to Roland & Sonia Garcia at marriageministrysamc@gmail.com no later than June 16. Child care NOT available.

Topic:

"Respect overcomes the urge to control and responsibility closes emotional distance" from Habits for a Healthy Marriage.

Why Marry in the Catholic Church, continued from page 3.

A wife married 20 years said, "There are times when we are having an argument and we go to church still upset with each other. We hear a reading that speaks right to us. We look at each other and smirk because we know that God has touched our stubbornness. This is grace."

God's grace is all around because the spouses do not travel their journey alone. Blessed Pope John Paul II said: "Jesus does not stand by and leave you alone to face the challenge. He is always with you to transform your weakness into strength. Trust him when he says: 'My grace is enough for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' (2 Cor. 12:9)"

Marriage in the Catholic Church is attractive not only because of its meaningful rituals and traditions, but because of its impact on your life and happiness. Couples can fully appreciate its value when they look at married life through the eyes of faith. Then you will see your wedding not as a one-day event but as the door to a great adventure that will last the rest of your life, a journey that involves not just you and your spouse but one that includes God, your children, your community, and all of society. Marriage is not an isolated relationship. The family-based marriage is the fundamental cell of human society. The Catholic Church invites you to give meaning to your life by embracing the vocation of marriage and forming a family that is dedicated to cultivating and sharing God's

When you are ready to make your commitment, speak to your pastor and ask for his guidance on preparing for such a noble vocation.

From www.foryourmarriage.org, a part of the National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage, an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to communicate the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society.





Interested in becoming Catholic? Already Catholic but have yet to receive Eucharist and/or Confirmation?

Join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes! For more info or to register, contact Jennifer Rupert at 210-688-9033, x204.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

A Sunday school teacher asked her students to draw a picture of their favorite Old Testament story. As she moved around the class, she saw there were many wonderful drawings being done. Then she came across the drawing of one little boy. He was busy drawing a man driving an old car. In the backseat were two passengers both scantily dressed.

"It's a lovely picture," prompted the teacher, "but which story

does it tell?"

The little boy seemed surprised at the question.

"Well," he exclaimed. "doesn't it say in the Bible that God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden?"



COMMUNITY NEWS





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To request an application packet please contact the following: Cristyan Carrizales, Asst. Registrar, (210) 341-1366, ext. 240 or ccarrizales@ast.edu or Marty Gomez-Gonzalez, Admin. Assistant, (210) 341-1366, ext. 286 or mgomezgonzalez@ost.edu

> For additional information regarding the program please contact: Ana Frietze, Director, (210) 341-1366, ext. 304 or afrietze@ost.edu

Complete applications for the program must be received by August 2, 2021.



St. Matthew Catholic Church Cancer Support Group

Every 4th Monday of the month, 7 - 8:30 p.m. 10703 Wurzbach Rd., MacDonald Family Center (located behind the church)

For over 40 years, the St. Matthew's Catholic Church cancer support group has offered friendship, information, emotional support and hope to people and their families who are or who have dealt with the staggering diagnosis of cancer. Some meetings include speakers on various topics.

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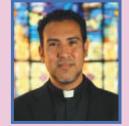
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FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Pray for our local seminarians and for an increase in vocations to religious life. This month we especially pray for these two men who are newly ordained.





Fr. Edward Gonzales

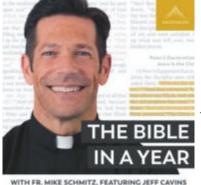
Fr. Paul Melgarejo

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of your priests, Fr. Edward and Fr. Paul. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly lives.

In their loneliness, comfort them; in their sorrows, strengthen them; in their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified. Show them that they are needed by the Church, they are needed by souls, they are needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordinations, and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen.

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Daughters of St. Paul



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There you may play the most recent episode or scroll down for any you might have missed. It can be started at any time and listened to at any pace.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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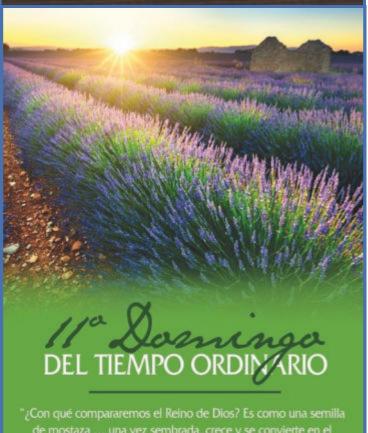
Mary Helen Peterson Sandy Salinas Eloise Salazar Maria Morales Rosa Huerta Barbara Vanegas A.C. Garza Olga Faz Bishop Yanta Nancy Souhrada Bill Jennings Dee Hancock Linda Santos Tom Calderon Jr.

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 13: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34 Monday 14: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42 Tuesday 15: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48 Wednesday 16: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday 17: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15 Friday 18: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23 Saturday 19: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34 Sunday 20: Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



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