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June 6, 2021

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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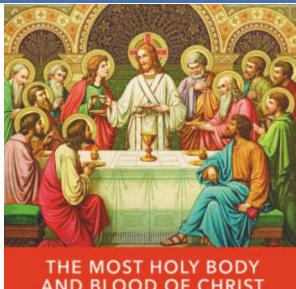
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Parish Mission Statement

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: MK 14:12-16, 22-26

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who



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are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited

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.

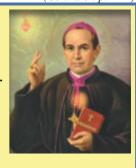
Baptism - Required Class:

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

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with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

May 29/30 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance 2,041 27,218.29 Regular Collection RE Bldg. Debt Reduction 4,019.00 SAMC Pantry 505.00 Capital Campaign 415.00 250.00 Gabriel Project Candles 33.25 **Peter's Pence** 5.00

The second collection this weekend benefits the Priest Pension Plan for the retired diocesan priests. This worthy fund ensures that priests who have so generously dedicated their lives in service of God's people may be able to live in retirement with dignity and care. Please be generous.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, June 5

8 A.M. Blessings for Fr. Tu Nguyen

by Lopez Family

5 P.M. Mary Casanova† by Gloria Casanova

Sunday, June 6

8 A.M. For the Parish

10A.M. Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,

Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro

12 P.M. Spec. Int.: James & Henry Pawelek; Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family

3 P.M. Rosario Huemer† by Family

6 P.M. Eloy Alvarado† by M. Pilapil & Family

Monday, June 7

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Noreen Exum

by Donna Feerst

6:30 P.M. Holy Hour

7:30 P.M. Health for Shawn & Michael Wienaecke

by Jackson Family

Tuesday, June 8

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Jesse Davis Galvan

by Rosemary Galvan

Wednesday, June 9

8 A.M. Pablo S. Cunanan, Sr.† by Cunanan Family

Thursday, June 10

8 A.M. George & Barbra Renfro† by Family

Friday, June 11

8 A.M. Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity;

Souls in Purgatory† by M. Gonzales Stephen Paul Sanders† by Maria Noe

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

STOPPING THE "EQUALITY ACT": KEY POINTS AND STEPS TO TAKE

What is the Equality Act and why should I care? The Equality Act (H.R.5/S. 393) is a bill in Congress that supporters claim is necessary to protect people who self-identify as LGBT from discrimination. All people should be treated with respect, sensitivity, and compassion. In truth, people who identify as LGBT have often suffered unjust discrimination. We Catholics should consider how we can build a more just society for all people. However, the bill would do much more harm than good, to Catholics and non -Catholics alike. Here are some examples, both of direct effects and of other possible consequences that some advocates, courts, and government agencies could create when they interpret and enforce the Act:

- It would likely require taxpayers to fund elective abortions, because of the way it redefines "sex" discrimination.
- It would also likely force doctors and hospitals to **perform abortions** even if it's against their conscience or beliefs.
- It would likely require all employers with more than 14 employees, even religious organizations, to **cover abortions** in their health insurance plans.
- It would restrict people who are struggling with their gender including **children and teens** who are experiencing this at skyrocketing rates with great social pressure from accessing needed help in loving themselves and their bodies; and would instead falsely present life-altering attempts to change sex as their only social and medical option.
- It would mandate that **doctors and counselors** who help everyone in need regardless of their identifying as LGBT or otherwise now perform and promote life-altering gender "transitions," even when they do not think it is in the best interests of their patient.
- It would require even **religious organizations** to cover gender "transition" procedures in their employee health insurance plans, and to retain employees who publicly contradict the organization's core mission and identity as a ministry of faith.
- It would force girls and women to compete against males in **school sports**, which takes away limited positions on women's teams and opportunities for college scholarships.
- It would force girls and women to share **locker rooms**, **gym showers**, **restrooms**, **and dorms** with males who self-identify as girls or women.
- It would force vulnerable, sometimes traumatized, girls and women in **shelters** or social services programs to share sleeping, shower, and other spaces with men (and many religious charities that disagree would be shut down).
- It could force women's **prisons** to be open to men who self-identify as women.
- It would shut down Catholic foster care and adoption agencies, which have helped children in need for over a century without discrimination, just for protecting the children's rights to be in a home with a married mother and father.
- It would mandate that **schools** fully embrace and impose some children's "gender identity" on other children (in conversations, restrooms, etc.), likely punishing children who disagree.
- It could make schools change their curriculum to falsely **teach children** that they can change their sex, and that doing so and that having same-sex sexual relationships are the only way for some of them to be healthy.
- It could close Catholic girls' schools and boys' schools or make them co-ed.
- It could put **parents' custody over their own children** at risk by sending a powerful signal to the state governments that the only kind of people fit to be parents are those who give unquestioning affirmation to even sudden appearances of LGBT self-identification.
- It would force **small businesspeople**, such as wedding or event vendors and custom product makers, to support events that violate their beliefs or be put out of business.
- It could force some **church-owned halls** and properties to host same-sex ceremonies and other events that violate the venues' faith, and require them to open restrooms to the opposite sex.
- It would reinforce already-mounting efforts to strip churches, and religious schools, hospitals, and other charities, of their **federal tax exemptions** on the basis that their beliefs on marriage, sex, and gender are mere bigotry.
- It would prohibit free and truthful speech by requiring everyone to use others' "preferred pronouns" and show other support for gender "transition" in workplaces, schools, and more.
- The Equality Act attacks **religious freedom** by making itself a special exception to the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which has never been done before. It would, in sum, make people reject the truth that human beings are created male and female, with the family formed by a married couple as the first building block of society.

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Learn more about these issues.* For resources on the Equality Act: https://www.usccb.org/equality-act
For medical, theological & parental information on addressing "gender identity": https://personandidentity.com/
For stories and resources on protecting faith-based foster care and adoption: https://keepkidsfirst.com/
For select stories of people hurt by policies similar to the Equality Act:

https://www.adflegal.org/blog/marriage-family https://adflegal.org/selina-soule-track-athlete-story#close



*These websites are for reference only. Not all of the sources cited are materials of USCCB.

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1981

Congratulations to Deacon Gene Festa on the 40th anniversary Of his ordination to the diaconate!

Dear Saint Anthony Mary Claret family,

On May 30, 1981, Bishop John Morkovsky ordained me to be a deacon in Houston, Texas. For 29 years I served there until I moved here to San Antonio to retire from teaching. St. Anthony Mary Claret is only the fourth parish where I have been honored to serve.

These past 40 years of ordained service have been a blessing and joy

for me. You have been a part of it and I want to thank you for that. On this 40th anniversary, I thank God for calling me to serve him in this special way and ask Him to continue to bless me in my ministry.

Please pray for me and all ordained ministers as we continue each day to answer God's call to serve.

GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME! GOD IS GOOD!

Deacon Gene Festa





Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Or, are you 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.

This Week in Our Parish



Wøddings:

Nicholas Werczynski & Frances Ulep

> Adan Gallegos & Adriana Kucia



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THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Top 10 Perks of Being a Senior Citizen

- In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.
- 2. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the National Weather Service.
- 3. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- 4. There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
- 5. You have a party and your neighbors don't even realize it.
- 6. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- 7. No one expects you to run into a burning building
- building.

 8. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- 9. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
- 10. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.



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.

Radio For Your Soul!



Tune in June 8th-11th for our 2021 Summer Share-A-Thon

Would you like to volunteer? Contact: Shaun W.Rice, Assistant GM Cell (210) 885-2509 Email: shaun@GRNonline.com Join our Facebook Group - GRN: South & Central TX



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.

> For more information contact Raymond Baird, RN, at 210-865-5671.

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.

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 - Group rates also available.

For info or to register, visit CWCSanAntonio.com or call Pilgrim Center of Hope at 210-521-3377.



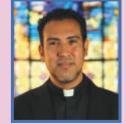
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FAITH & PRAYER

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:

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PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Cleotilde Reynolds **Beverly Hernandez** 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.

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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 6: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday 7: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday 8: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday 9: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 10: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26

Friday 11: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/

Jn 19:31-37

Saturday 12: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Lk 2:41-51

Sunday 13: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - June

The beauty of marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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 del Santo Padre Francisco - Junio

La belleza del matrimonio: Recemos por los jóvenes que se preparan para el matrimonio con el apoyo de una comunidad cristiana: para que crezcan en el amor, con generosidad, fidelidad y paciencia.



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.



Debra Bachleda CPA, PC, Parishioner

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