

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church

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August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

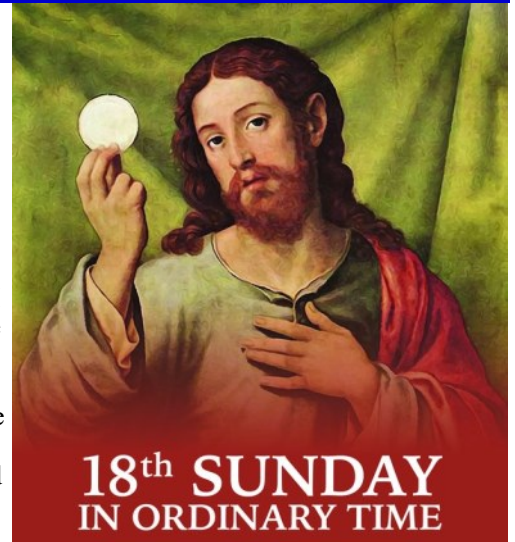
GOSPEL MEDITATION:

JN 6:24-35

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disoriented, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We

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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)

Saturdays - 4 p.m. , Sundays - 4 p.m.

Baptism - Required Class:

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

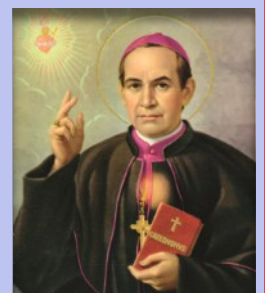
Visitation of the Sick: Call parish office to schedule visit.

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*

have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty. ©LPi

July 24/25 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	2,056
Regular Collection	\$ 20,000.95
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 3,988.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 375.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 200.00
Candles	\$ 153.21
Priests' Pension	\$ 25.00



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Update

New day & time added!

Effective Aug. 8, Confessions will be offered on Saturdays and Sundays at 4 p.m.



"PORQUE EL PAN DE DIOS ES AQUEL QUE BAJA DEL CIELO Y DA LA VIDA AL MUNDO".
- JN 6, 33

18º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass & Devotions

Saturday, Aug. 7, Mass: 8 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayer



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, July 31

5 P.M. For the Parish

Sunday, Aug. 1

8 A.M. Souls in Purgatory† by Mary Macias
 Stephen Paul Sanders† by Maria Noe
 10A.M. Gilbert Najera† by Wife & Family
 12 P.M. Rosaura E. Trevino† by Family
 3 P.M. Rosario Huemer† by Family
 6 P.M. BB* for Thomas Jackson Shearer by Bea Peterson

Monday, Aug. 2

8 A.M. For the Parish
 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour
 7:30 P.M. Keith Bolton† by Jacqui Cassle

Tuesday, Aug. 3

8 A.M. Stephen Nava† by Bea Alvarez

Wednesday, Aug. 4

8 A.M. BB* for Paul Macias by Mary Macias

Thursday, Aug. 5

8 A.M. BB* for Gia Sanchez by Family
 7 P.M. Bilingual Holy Hour

Friday, Aug. 6

8 A.M. Spec. Int.: James & Henry Pawelek; Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family

Saturday, Aug. 7

5 P.M. Daniel R.† & Manuela M. Gonzales†; Tomasa N. Cabezuela†; Sr. Victoria Hernandez†; Souls in Purgatory† by F. Gonzales
 Stephen Paul Sanders† by Charlene Alvarado

Sunday, Aug. 8

8 A.M. Alicia P. Hinojosa† by Adelina Fritz
 10A.M. Juana Aguilera† by Martin Aguilera
 12 P.M. Eloy Alvarado† by M. Pilapi & Family
 3 P.M. For the Parish
 6 P.M. George & Barbra Renfro† by Family

* BB = Birthday Blessings

LOVE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY

SEVEN CONSIDERATIONS WHILE NAVIGATING INFERTILITY - Conclusion

6. **Make a Plan:** Do you know there are medical options consistent with Church teaching that have statistically significantly higher rates of achieving pregnancy than IVF?[6] Learn about these, fertility awareness practices, and other treatments that also respect your marriage and any children who may be conceived. If you have sought to bring a child into your family through ways not in keeping with God's plan for life and married love, have hope. The Lord welcomes us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we can receive the loving mercy and forgiveness we each need. With prayer and an informed conscience, work together as a couple to create a plan that takes into consideration the desire for children along with moral principles, finances, medical realities, and your overall well-being (both individually and as a couple). Locate a trained specialist or doctor who honors your plan and has training in methods of assistance that are in keeping with Church teaching.
7. **Keep Your Marriage Healthy:** Handling the uncertainties of infertility is a challenge for even the strongest marriages. Once engaged in treatment, it can become easy to focus more on the process than on each other. However, communication and mutual decision-making are vital. Staying intimately connected can help make it easier to manage lifestyle changes, reordering of priorities, physical discomfort, career disruption, and difficulties with insensitive people.

Hold fast to the constant truth of God's love for you. "To couples who cannot have children of their own," St. John Paul II affirmed, "you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others"[7] and their needs. In times of suffering, Pope Francis notes, "we sense a powerful need for someone to be close and feel compassion for us." You are not alone: "Jesus 'does not abandon those whom he loves.'"[8]

Even if we ourselves do not experience difficulty bearing children, we can be channels of God's mercy for those who do. Learn how to show compassion sensitively from a short list of suggested dos and don'ts at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

RESOURCES:

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology. Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009.
- Natural Family Planning Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Reproductive Technology (Evaluation & Treatment of Infertility): Guidelines for Catholic Couples." Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009.
- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Instruction Donum Vitae (Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1987.
- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Instruction Dignitas Personae (The Dignity of a Person). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2008.
- Articles, documents, statements, and more: www.usccb.org/LifeGivingLove



[6] "Infertility," NaProTechnology, accessed May 9, 2016, <http://www.naprotechnology.com/infertility.htm>, Copyright © Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction.

[7] Pope John Paul II, Homily at the Mass for the Families on February 13, 1982, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1982).

[8] Pope Francis, Meditation at the Prayer Vigil to "Dry the Tears" on May 5, 2016, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016).

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IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Want to enroll your kids in parish religious education classes this fall? PREPARE NOW!

ParishSOFT is a new RE registration program we will use this year. Create your "My Own Church Account" now. This is required in order to register your child(ren) online for this year's in-person RE classes.

With My Own Church, you will be able to...

- register online to enroll family members in an open faith formation class, i.e., RE/RCIC/RCIA classes.
- view envelope and online giving history; update family and member information, add photos, and set privacy preferences; access electronic giving statements anytime.

Sign up for a new My Own Church account at <https://support.parishsoft.com/hc/en-us/articles/115003566092-PSFS-MOC-Members-How-to-sign-up-for-a-new-My-Own-Church-account>.

Log in to My Own Church at <https://support.parishsoft.com/hc/en-us/articles/115003552471-PSFS-MOC-Members-How-to-log-in-to-My-Own-Church>.

Get started at <https://support.parishsoft.com/hc/en-us/articles/360002560032>.

IMPORTANT DATES - Mark your calendars!

- Online RE registration begins Aug. 1.
- In-person RE registration begins Aug. 15 after all weekend Masses in the RE building.
 - RE classes begin Sept. 12.



PARISH NEWS

St. Anthony Claret Youth Ministry Registration

Following all Masses THIS WEEKEND For info, contact Martie Kokotajlo at youthgroup@saclaret.com or 210-688-9033, x209.

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8) Meet 1st & 3rd Sundays 4-5:45 p.m. Msgr. Hubertus Hall



High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12) Meet 1st & 3rd Sundays 7-8:30 p.m. Msgr. Hubertus Hall

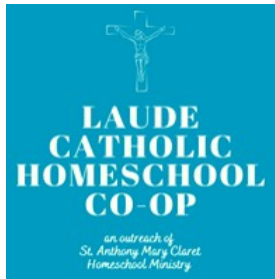


Our mission:

- To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. To foster the total personal & spiritual growth of each young person. To draw our young people to responsible participation in the life, mission & work of the Catholic faith community.

Do you homeschool?

Laude Catholic Homeschool Co-op will soon enroll for the fall. Parents teach and volunteer to provide core and extra-curricular classes for K-12 in a group environment. We meet Fridays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. after 8 a.m. Mass. Classes begin Aug. 27.



Courses include history, geography, religion, science labs, math, English, religion, foreign language, art, music, theater, PE, Tae Kwon Do, and more.

To learn more, contact Lillian Melendez-Smith at isansoko@yahoo.com.

St. Anthony Mary Claret Super Seniors & the Cooperative Extension Program-Bexar County presents



Money Matters- AN ONLINE SERIES

Thursdays, 12-1 p.m. via Zoom Aug. 5: Money Matters

Aug. 12: Keep It Safe-ID Theft Protection Aug. 19: Borrowing Basics; Aug. 26: Loan to Own Sept. 2: Pay Yourself First; Sept. 9: To Your Credit

For info or to register: Lawrence Lucido at mrlaredo33@aol.com or Grace Guerra-Gonzalez at rguerra@pvamu.edu.



Altar Server Training

Saturday, Aug. 14 10 a.m. in the church



for NEW altar servers and CURRENT altar servers who were unable to attend the refresher training in May.



Returning this fall! St. Anthony Mary Claret American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop TX1988

We will meet every other Tuesday beginning Aug. 31. AHG exists to build women of integrity through faith, service and fun. For more info or to register, contact Kristin Pickett at AHGTX1988@gmail.com or go to https://tinyurl.com/AHGTX1988.

Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m. in the church



BAPTISM CLASSES

AUGUST: No classes this month. SEPTEMBER: Tuesday & Thursday, Sept. 7 & 9, 7:30 p.m., RE Bldg., 1st floor



Thank you for your patience as we clean and organize donations received this past year. We will begin accepting donations again in SEPTEMBER to support children of our community. Please wait until then to donate.

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

- diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6), baby wipes, blankets, formula, bottles, cribs, diaper bags, children's clothing (newborn to size 6), maternity clothing, pack-n-plays, strollers, high chairs, potty chairs, infant swings, infant car seats



We DO NOT accept these items: adult clothing, kitchen wares & furniture.

Questions? Call Alice Lopez at 210-251-3432 or Gina Abramson at 210-771-3198. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

What do you call a chicken looking at a bunch of lettuce? Chicken sees-a-salad!



This Week in Our Parish

Weddings: Eduardo Rene Zuniga & Graciela Vara



PARISH NEWS

Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) as taught by The Couple to Couple League.*

NFP is not the old Calendar Rhythm method!
 Learn about the beauty of fertility through the eyes of JPPII's Theology of the Body. Couples will learn to track their natural cycle without harmful artificial hormones. 99% effective!



New class series begins Sunday, Aug. 15.

You must register prior to the first class at ccli.org. For more info, email Chris or Nicole Glowe at nfpglowe@yahoo.com.

* Required course for all couples marrying in our parish.

St. Anthony Claret Super Seniors

...would like to resume monthly luncheons every 3rd Wednesday of the month. If you can help organize these events, contact Larry Lucido at 210-473-4813.



St. Anthony Claret CYO registration for flag football, soccer & volleyball is open!

Register online by credit card at <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106369/leagues>.

Flag football & soccer: co-ed, ages 4-14; Volleyball: girls, ages 6-14
 \$120 registration fee, uniform included. Select sizing during registration.

Players must be registered parishioners or live within St. Anthony Mary Claret parish boundaries.

Important information:

- ◆ Practices may start Aug. 16 or later once all teams have been formed and finalized.
- ◆ Practice times will vary pending head coach's availability. Location(s) & practice times to be determined.
- ◆ Regular season: 9/10 – 10/31; Zone playoffs: 11/2 – 11/7; City playoffs: 11/9 – 11/14



For registration questions or if you're interested in coaching, contact Katrina Gonzalez at 210-749-5889 or 210-876-6449 or saccyoregistrar@gmail.com.



Memorial Bricks: a beautiful way to honor your deceased loved ones

Each year the St. Anthony Claret Respect Life Ministry honors the deceased of our parish by placing memorial bricks in the Marian Grotto Garden. This year's deadline is approaching. Memorial



Garden Bricks may be purchased through Sept. 15. The bricks will be placed in the Memorial Garden before All Souls Day on Nov. 2. Order forms are available in the bulletin, church office and on

the parish website. For info, contact Kelly Comeau at room4more@twc.com.

Memorial Bricks \$65/BRICK

Line 1: Inscription: # **Cross Emblem (Optional)**
(Choose one)
 1. In Memory of **Yes, add cross for \$5**
 2. Dedicated to **No cross emblem**
 3. In Loving Memory

Line 2: Name of deceased (16 spaces and characters available)

Line 3: (16 spaces and characters available)

Name: _____

Check # or Cash: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Brick order deadline is Sept. 15. Bricks will be installed by Nov. 2.

Send to :
 St. Anthony Mary Claret
 6150 Roft Road
 San Antonio, Texas 78253
 Attn: Kelly Comeau
 room4more@twc.com

Brick **\$65.00**
 Cross Emblem (optional: add \$5.00) \$ _____
 Total: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to SAMC.

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 seminarians:



Michael Coronado



Diego Castellanos

Padre Nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas. Manda tu Santo Espíritu para ayudar a que otros respondan con generosidad y valentía a tu llamado. Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye las vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo quien vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:
Order of St. Augustine (Augustinians)

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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| Gilbert Cortez | Karina Hernandez |
| Joshua Garcia | Kelton Sweet, Jr. |
| Valdo Solliz | Joanna Sweet |
| Josiah | Javier Calderon |
| Roger & Denita Garcia | George Aldaya |
| Pete & Delma Coronel | Mary Helen Peterson |
| Jessica Rivera | Sandy Salinas |
| Mary Keeton | Eloise Salazar |
| Beverly Hernandez | Maria Morales |
| Fr. Patrick Martin | Rosa Huerta |
| Pat Kozar | Barbara Vanegas |
| Alma Davila | A.C. Garza |
| Philomena Ubajaka | Olga Faz |
| Gloria De Leon | Bishop Yanta |
| Stoltz Family | Nancy Souhrada |
| Sean Perch | Bill Jennings |
| Cheryl Ferrell | Dee Hancock |
| Tracey Kollmansberger | Linda Santos |
| Bridget Dunlap | Tom Calderon Jr. |
| Diego Garduno | |

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 1: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
- Monday 2: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday 3: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36
- Wednesday 4: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday 5: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday 6: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday 7: Dn 6:4-13/Mk 17:14-20
- Sunday 8: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - August

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



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 - Agosto

La Iglesia: Recemos por la Iglesia, para que reciba del Espíritu Santo la gracia y la fuerza para reformarse a la luz del Evangelio. *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.*

Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones
el jueves, 5 de agosto,
7 p.m.

Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations
Thursday,
Aug. 5, 7 p.m.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Alexander House Marriage Ministry Benefit Dinner
Wed., Aug. 4, 6-8:15 p.m.
Pedrotti's Ranch
13715 FM Rd. 1560
Helotes, TX 78023

Keynote speaker: FATHER JOHN RICCARDO
This is a FREE event. For info or to register, visit www.TheAlexanderHouse2021.eventbrite.com.



Now hiring entry-level staff & nurses. Interested?

Contact Susan Perez at susan.perez@awomanshaven.org.