

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church

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July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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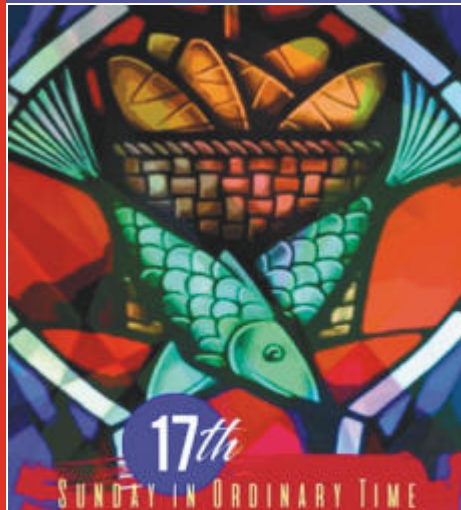
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Parish Mission Statement

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 6:1-15

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and

their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many

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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.

Baptism - Required Class:

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

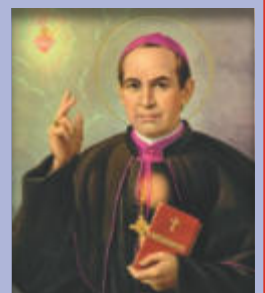
Visitation of the Sick: Call parish office to schedule visit.

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.

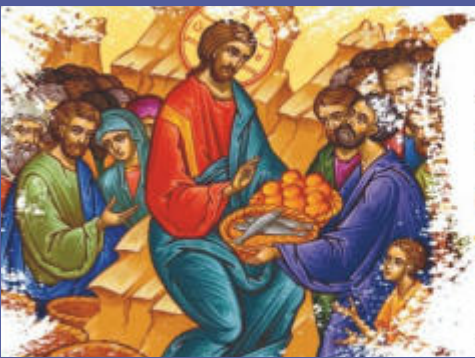
Please complete an online registration form at samcsa.com or a printed one which you can find near the church entrance in the narthex. Return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at your convenience. I hope you feel welcome here!

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak

GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1*

will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that. ©LPi



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- JN 6, 11

17º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

July 17/18 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	2,253
Regular Collection	\$ 24,417.88
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 7,307.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 866.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 390.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 340.00
Candles	\$ 397.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 50.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00

NOTE: Totals in last weekend's bulletin were for July 10/11 and not July 3/4 as indicated.



STS. JOACHIM & ANNE
PARENTS OF MARY - JULY 26



This Week in Our Parish

Quinceañeras:
Victoria Johnson

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, July 24
5 P.M. Charlie Sievers, Jr.† by Rose Moravits

Sunday, July 25
8 A.M. Alicia P. Hinojosa† by Adelina Fritz
10A.M. Mandy Francisco†
by Lagura-Francisco Family
12 P.M. Joe B. Alcantar† by Family
3 P.M. Pedro Mejia†, Carmen Zamora†
& Ernesto Canas† by Mejia Family
6 P.M. BB* for Andrea Fernandes by Family

Monday, July 26
8 A.M. Clergy, Staff & Ministry Volunteers of Our Parish by St. Anthony Claret Legion of Mary
6:30 P.M. Holy Hour
7:30 P.M. For an End to Abortion

Tuesday, July 27
8 A.M. Juan & Marichuy Munoz† by Family

Wednesday, July 28
8 A.M. Healing for Elizabeth Sibole
by Daughters Andrea & Desiree

Thursday, July 29
8 A.M. Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales† by Y. Gonzales
Charlie Sievers, Jr.† by Charlies Sievers & Family

Friday, July 30
8 A.M. Elvira Gonzales† by Louis Gonzales

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
Gilbert Najera† by Wife & Family
10A.M. Rosaura E. Trevino† by Family
12 P.M. Rosario Huemer† by Family
3 P.M. BB* for Thomas Jackson Shearer
6 P.M. by Bea Peterson

* BB = Birthday Blessings

LOVE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY

SEVEN CONSIDERATIONS WHILE NAVIGATING INFERTILITY -Part 2

4. **Learn the Difference between Ethical and Unethical Interventions.**
 *Applying the Church's teaching means that, in short, procedures that introduce a third party into the process (such as surrogates or sperm/egg donors) are not morally acceptable. Additionally, substituting a laboratory action or anything else for intercourse, such as artificial insemination or *in vitro* fertilization (IVF), is also morally unacceptable. However, treatments that help facilitate conception through marital intercourse are morally ethical.* (Further information in listed resources.)
5. **Be Aware of "Treatments" That Destroy Life.** Some procedures are problematic for multiple reasons. For example, beyond its unethical nature (as per the previous section), *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) often involves the tragic loss of human life. Children in the embryonic stage are frequently discarded—or frozen—without ever being implanted into their mother's womb. And if multiple babies are implanted, doctors may suggest performing a "fetal reduction" by killing one or more to increase the survival chances of the strongest child in utero. While a baby might eventually be born, his or her tiny siblings may be destroyed in the process. [5]



...to be continued...

*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



[5] John M. Haas, Ph.D., S.T.L., "Begotten Not Made: A Catholic View of Reproductive Technology," (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1998).

PRAYING FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY INFERTILITY

Intercede: May the Lord comfort and guide married couples who long to welcome a child.

Pray: *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

Reflect: The feast of Saints Anne and Joachim is celebrated on July 26. As the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, they were also the grandparents of Jesus. Although there isn't much historically verifiable information about their story, what we gain from custom and tradition can provide inspiration. Tradition holds that Anne and Joachim struggled with infertility for much of their marriage and were barren for many years. It is thought by some that they were treated poorly by their neighbors and that their childlessness prevented them from fully participating in the life of the community. As the story goes, despite long years of grief, Anne and Joachim continued to place their trust in God. In depths of such sorrow, Joachim went into the wilderness to fast and pray for a child. During this time an angel appeared to both he and Anne, promising that they would give birth to a child, despite their old age, who would be known throughout the world.

Today, many married couples also bear the cross of infertility. They often feel deep grief at their inability to welcome a child into their family. Yet each couple is called, like Anne and Joachim, to continue to place their trust in God and His plan for their family. We pray for all married couples who so deeply long to welcome a child into their home. May God hear their prayers, console their hearts, and guide them on the path of peace.

Act (choose one)

Offer a **Novena of Faith and Perseverance** to Saints Anne and Joachim for this month's intention. (It can be found here: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/upload/nfp-sts-anne-joachim-novena.pdf)

- ♥ Fast from television, social media, music, or electronics altogether for one day. Ask the Lord to use the quiet and stillness to bring you closer to Him.
- ♥ Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

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July 25-31: National NFP Awareness Week

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis has designated that feast as World Grandparents Day, a fitting commemoration during National NFP Awareness Week. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week or contact nfp@usccb.org.

PARISH NEWS

St. Anthony Claret Youth Ministry Registration

Following all Masses July 24/25 & July 31/Aug. 1
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 and spiritual growth of each young person.
To draw our young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.

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.

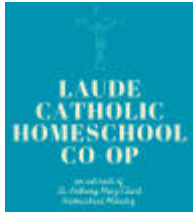
Returning this fall! St. Anthony Mary Claret American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop TX1988

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.



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, theatre, PE, Tae Kwon Do, and more. To learn more, contact Lillian Melendez-Smith at isansoko@yahoo.com.



Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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



St. Anthony Claret's Pantry Annual Report July 2020 - June 2021



Beginning Balance: \$26,692.90
Total Monthly collection: \$123,941.58
Gabriel Project reimbursements for phone/internet: \$663.81
Bank Debit: \$137.00
Total amount available: \$151,161.29
Utility assistance (CPS Energy, SAWS, etc.): \$43,374.59
Restock food pantry (HEB 37): \$41,676.61
Additional client assistance (rent, gift cards, medical expenses, hygiene products, Thanksgiving, school supplies, etc.): \$34,107.38
Office administration expenses: \$3,473.77
Total expenses: \$122,543.20
Ending balance: \$28,618.09
Total # food bags distributed: 2,833
Total # people served: 6,733
Total # home deliveries: 473



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

Money Matters

- 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, contact Lawrence Lucido at mrlaredo33@aol.com or Grace Guerra-Gonzalez at gguerra@pvamu.edu.



THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



BAPTISM CLASSES

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



Rest in peace,
boiled water.
You will be mist.

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.

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.

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Our parish community extends its condolences to parishioner **Ellen Robertson** whose sister, Janice Moore, recently passed away. *Heavenly Father, welcome Janice into your presence and grant her loved ones comfort, love and peace.*

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Now hiring entry-level staff and nurses.

Interested?

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



Alexander House Marriage Ministry Benefit Dinner
Wed., Aug. 4, 6-8:15 p.m.
Pedrotti's Ranch
13715 FM Rd. 1560
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Keynote speaker:
FATHER JOHN RICCARDO
This is a FREE event. For info or to register, visit www.TheAlexanderHouse2021.eventbrite.com.



Catholic Schoolhouse, a local home-school program, is registering for the 2021-22 academic year at St. Anthony Mary Claret.

More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, science experiments, art projects, and socializing.

For info, contact Alexandra Kubebatu at 210-996-1437 or SanAntonioTX@CatholicSchoolhouse.com.

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:



Luis De La Cruz



Ottmar Tovar

Loving and gracious God, your son Jesus reminded us: "To love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). May we never forget Jesus' words in all that we do. We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit so we can serve you more faithfully in our own vocations of married, single, religious or priestly life. Help us to support one another in our vocations and to work together to build up your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: **Pax Christi Institute**

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Joshua Garcia | Diego Garduno |
| Valdo Solliz | Karina Hernandez |
| Josiah | Kelton Sweet, Jr. |
| Roger & Denita Garcia | Joanna Sweet |
| Pete & Delma Coronel | Javier Calderon |
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| Pat Kozar | Maria Morales |
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| Philomena Ubajaka | Barbara Vanegas |
| Gloria De Leon | A.C. Garza |
| Stoltz Family | Olga Faz |
| Sean Perch | Bishop Yanta |
| Chad Fite | Nancy Souhrada |
| Anita Naguid | Bill Jennings |
| Sandy Bretzke | Dee Hancock |
| Cheryl Ferrell | Linda Santos |
| Tracey Kollmansberger | Tom Calderon Jr. |
| Bridget Dunlap | |

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 25: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
- Monday 26: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday 27: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday 28: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday 29: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Jn 11:19-27
- Friday 30: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday 31: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday 1: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

PARISH NEWS

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: \$ _____

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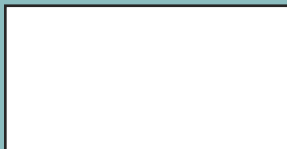
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