

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church

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August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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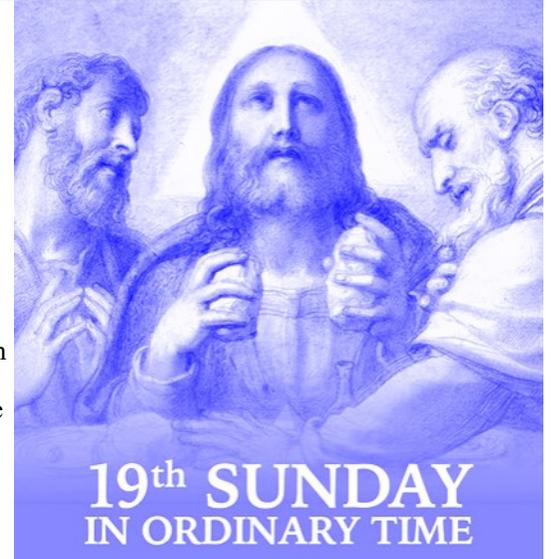
GOSPEL MEDITATION:

JN 6:41-51

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God's generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

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19th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

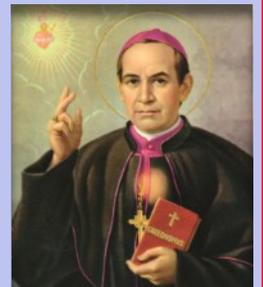
Visitation of the Sick: Call parish office to schedule visit.

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.



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.

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

"Your ordinary contact with God takes place where your fellow men, your yearnings, your work and your affections are. There you have your daily encounter with Christ. It is in the midst of the most material things of the earth that we must sanctify ourselves, serving God and all mankind."

- St. Josemaría Escrivá



July 31/Aug. 1 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	2,127
Regular Collection	\$ 28,243.80
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 6,622.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 850.00
Candles	\$ 182.97
Capital Campaign	\$ 50.00
Priests' Pension	\$ 5.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Update



New day & time added!
Confessions are now offered on
Saturdays and Sundays at 4 p.m.

GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have? ©LPi



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Aug. 9

8 A.M. BB* for Selia Espinoza by Espinoza Family
6:30 P.M. Holy Hour
7:30 P.M. Dan Cerna† by Sharon Baughman

Tuesday, Aug. 10

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

Wednesday, Aug. 11

8 A.M. Bill Tricksey† by Darlene Belanger
Stephen Paul Sanders† by Art & Doris Jackson

Thursday, Aug. 12

8 A.M. Manuel & Concepcion†; Rudy & Selia Garcia† by Espinoza Family

Friday, Aug. 13

8 A.M. Mary Ricketts† by Jacqui Cassle

Saturday, Aug. 14

5 P.M. Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†; Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family

Sunday, Aug. 15

8 A.M. For the Parish
10A.M. Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Healing for Anthony Ponce by Alma Ponce
12 P.M. Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity; Souls in Purgatory† by M. Gonzales
3 P.M. Lucia & Vicente Feliciano† by Nita Feliciano
6 P.M. BB* for Jeanne Schmidt by Family
Juanita Perez† by Family Friend

* BB = Birthday Blessings

BAPTISM AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON



Incorporated into Christ's Body, Sent on Christ's Mission



Part 1

The sacraments celebrated by the Church are signs of grace that make a deeper reality present to us. One reality we encounter through the sacraments is Christ's presence in the Church community, his Body. This recognition of Christ's presence in the community should lead to

a stronger awareness of being sent on mission to engage in love-inspired action in the world. As Pope Benedict XVI notes in *Deus Caritas Est* (God Is Love), the celebration of the sacraments and the ministry of love are "inseparable." Love in action, he says, is "an indispensable expression" of the Church's being (no. 25). This guide focuses on the Sacrament of Baptism, the rite of initiation into the Christian community. As you read, consider the meaning of your own Baptism, your membership in the community, and the mission on which you are sent.

Baptism makes us "members of one another." Since the time of early Christianity, Baptism has been the rite of initiation into the Christian community of the Church. In Baptism, the "one Spirit" makes us members of the Body of Christ and of "one another" (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], no. 1267). Pope John Paul II describes the result of Baptism as a "mystical unity" between Christ and his disciples, and the disciples with one another, like "branches of a single vine." This reflects the mystical communion of the Holy Trinity (Christifideles Laici [The Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World], no. 12).

Baptism reveals the equality and dignity of each member of the community. In the one Body of Christ, all the members share "a common dignity" so that "no inequality arising from race or nationality, social condition or sex" exists, for all are one in Christ (Lumen Gentium [Dogmatic Constitution on the Church], no. 32).

Baptism requires us to reject sin and re-assess our values, decisions, and lifestyles. During the Rite of Baptism, we reject sin, renouncing those beliefs, values, and choices that are opposed to Christ. We also reject sinful attitudes that degrade the dignity of others (e.g., racism, sexism, etc.) and practices that prevent other members of our human family from living in dignity (e.g., abortion, policies that hurt the poor, etc.). Baptism calls us to reject death and embrace life and dignity for all.

In Baptism, we profess our commitment to the Church's beliefs, values, and vision. At Baptism, we embrace a unique vision and set of values: those of the community of the Church, whose values prioritize love for God, self, others, and all of creation. The rest of the community also joins in the profession of faith, illustrating that the community is linked across generations, space, and time.

Baptism invites us to a vocation of holiness and the practice of charity. In Baptism, we receive a "vocation to holiness," which is "intimately connected" to our membership in the "Communion of Saints," which strives to make present the "Kingdom of God in history." Participation in the Communion of Saints requires a commitment to communion with Christ and "a life of charity" in "this world and in the next" (Christifideles Laici, nos. 17, 19).

...to be continued...



IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

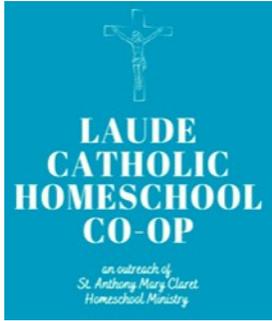
- Online RE registration begins Aug. 1.
- In-person RE registration begins Aug. 15 after all weekend Masses in the RE building.
 - RE classes begin Sept. 12.



PARISH NEWS

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.

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.

Women of our parish, the Ladies of St. Anthony Claret invite you to their monthly meeting: Sunday, Aug. 15, 12 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall



Ladies 18 years or older are welcome to attend. Enjoy and share fellowship, spiritual activities and service to parish and members. Due to temporary restrictions we are unable to provide our wonderful lunches. Bring a sack lunch and beverage. Questions? Contact Darrelyn Kundinger at 661-619-5101 or darrelynkundinger@gmail.com.

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!



Want to advance the Culture of Life in our parish and community? Join the St. Anthony Mary Claret Respect Life Ministry (RLM)!

Virtual Zoom meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 10, 8 p.m.

To register for the meeting or learn more, contact Paul Comeaux at 210-382-7511. If no answer, send a text indicating you want a callback. Current members will be sent the Zoom link.

Membership in other ministries can enhance RLM since the Culture of Life spans many other areas and interests such as religious education, Gabriel Project, Knights of Columbus, etc.

New faces and ideas are welcome as are current and former members. Leadership positions are also open.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



Whoever invented knock-knock jokes should get a no-bell prize!

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.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



“Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible” presented by Jeff Cavins (Ascension Press)

Gives the “big picture” of salvation history by showing how the 14 narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Register at www.ascensionpress.com (choose “for individuals” package). Then contact Charolette Garcia-Aboytes at 210-843-1198 cjaboytes@gmail.com to confirm. Cost: \$24.95 (incl. book & video access) for 8 sessions.

Sundays, 7 p.m., Aug. 15-Dec. 12, meets bi-weekly; Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Aug. 24-Nov. 9, meets weekly

Thursday 7 p.m., Aug. 26-Nov. 4, meets weekly

“The Bible & the Sacraments” (St. Paul Center) PowerPoint presenter Tracey Kollmansberger

Explores the scriptural roots of the sacraments and reveals the sacramental nature of God's saving plan for humanity. To register, contact Charolette Garcia-Aboytes at 210-843-1198 or cjaboytes@gmail.com.

6 sessions — Sundays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 29 & Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. beginning Aug. 31

“Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John” presented by Dr. Edward Sri (Ascension Press)

Jesus wants each of us to be more than just a believer. He wants you to be His disciple and friend. See how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desire of your heart. Register at www.ascensionpress.com (choose the “for individuals” package). Then contact Marie DeGennaro at mariedeg@hotmail.com to confirm. Cost: \$24.95 (incl. book & video access) for 8 Zoom sessions, Sept. 12-Nov. 7

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“A Biblical Walk Through the Mass” presented by Dr. Edward Sri (Ascension Press)

Register at www.ascensionpress.com (choose “for individuals” package). Then contact Charolette Garcia-Aboytes at 210-843-1198 or cjaboytes@gmail.com to confirm.

Cost: \$26.95 (incl. book & video access) for 5 Zoom sessions, Aug. 15-Sept. 19;

Sundays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10 a.m. or Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

Bible Study Reunion: Sunday, Aug. 29, 2-4 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

If you have taken any of our parish Bible study classes, come to our class reunion for fellowship and a guest speaker!



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)

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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| Maggie Reyna | Joanna Sweet |
| Rocio Gibbs | Javier Calderon |
| Gilbert Cortez | George Aldaya |
| Joshua Garcia | Mary Helen Peterson |
| Mary Keeton | Sandy Salinas |
| Beverly Hernandez | Eloise Salazar |
| Fr. Patrick Martin | Maria Morales |
| Pat Kozar | Rosa Huerta |
| Alma Davila | Barbara Vanegas |
| Philomena Ubajaka | A.C. Garza |
| Gloria De Leon | Olga Faz |
| Stoltz Family | Bishop Yanta |
| Cheryl Ferrell | Nancy Souhrada |
| Tracey Kollmansberger | Bill Jennings |
| Bridget Dunlap | Dee Hancock |
| Diego Garduno | Linda Santos |
| Karina Hernandez | Tom Calderon Jr. |
| Kelton Sweet, 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 8: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
 Monday 9: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday 10: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
 Wednesday 11: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday 12: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1
 Friday 13: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday 14: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
 Sunday 15: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/
 Lk 1:39-56

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.