## St. Anthony Mary Claret

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### October 3, 2021

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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 10:2-16

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, selfemptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's uncon-



27th SUNDAY is ordinary time "From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - MK 10%

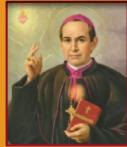
ditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very

#### **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

painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey! ©LPi

#### Sept. 25/26 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	2,647
Regular Collection	\$ 24,643.28
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	\$ 7,221.00
Hurricane Ida Victims	\$ 1,265.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 795.00
Candles	\$ 194.18
Gabriel Project	\$ 150.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 30.00
Hope for the Future	\$ 5.00



This Week in Our Parish Weddings: Daniel Morones & Claudia Martinez



### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 8 A.M. 5 P.M. Sunday, Oct. 3	Angela Gutierrez† & Vicente Feliciano† by Nita Feliciano Arthur W. & Antonia Jackson† by Jackson Family	Thursday, Oct. 8 A.M. 7 P.M.	7 Spiritual Healing/Strength for Humanity; Souls in Purgatory† by M. Gonzales Stephen Paul Sanchez† by Art & Doris Jackson Bilingual Holy Hour
8 A.M. 10A.M.	<b>BB* for Andy McDonnell</b> by Mary Macias <b>For the Parish</b>	Friday, Oct. 8 8 A.M.	Spec. Int. for John Ramos by Coss Family
12 P.M. 3 P.M. 6 P.M.	Justin Acap† by Mother Rosalba Santana† by Family Teresita Henson† by Henson & Villanueva Families	Saturday, Oct. 5 P.M.	9 Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†; Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family
Monday, Oct. 8 A.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	4 BB* for Lorenzo Macias by Mary Macias Holy Hour Rick Solomon <sup>+</sup> by Donna Feerst	Sunday, Oct. 10 8 A.M.	44th Anniversary Blessings for Mario & Alicia Garces by Family
Tuesday, Oct.	5	10A.M. 12 P.M.	Francesco <sup>†</sup> , Maria <sup>†</sup> , Carmela <sup>†</sup> , Corrado <sup>†</sup> , Sebastiano <sup>†</sup> , & Giovanni <sup>†</sup> by Sal Spataro
8 A.M. Wednesday, O 8 A.M.	BB* for Gregory Langas by Langas Family ct. 6 Spec. Int.: James & Henry Pawelek; Alois	12 P.M. 3 P.M. 6 P.M.	Pauline Pina† by Family Natalia Ortiz† by Emma Ortiz Mary Kolar† by Family
	& Florence Olenick by Olenick Family		* BB = Birthday Blessings

### **OCTOBER 3: RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. This is a time we can use to deepen our understanding of why, as Catholics, we "respect life" and what that looks like day-to-day.

- We are also in the midst of celebrating the Year of St. Joseph. So, this year, we are looking to the witness of St. Joseph as a defender of life. He didn't hesitate to follow God's will of faithfully caring for and protecting Jesus and the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph's example reminds us that we are also to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.
- In the Bible, we see that St. Joseph makes sacrifices out of his love for Jesus and Mary. Over and over, he shows himself to be a faithful protector of them both.
- After an angel of God appeared to St. Joseph in a dream, he welcomed Mary into his home, even though her pregnancy was mysterious. On the long road to Bethlehem, Joseph guided and provided for Mary and the unborn Christ Child. He welcomed Jesus as his own son in a humble stable and loved Him with a father's heart. When the infant Jesus' life was threatened by Herod, Joseph left the comfort and familiarity of his homeland and fled to Egypt with Mary and Jesus to protect Him. And as Jesus was growing up, He learned from Joseph to do the will of the Father. In every circumstance, St. Joseph cared for, defended, and protected the gift of life that had been given by God.
- During this Respect Life Month, we can start to become more like St. Joseph by asking ourselves a few questions and reflecting on them: Do we realize how precious every person is? As we go about our day, do we treat people accordingly? How can we help those in our society who are struggling to welcome new life, like moms who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? How can we reach out to those having a hard time seeing the worth of their own lives? How do we reassure those at the end of life who are afraid they are a burden or feel like their lives don't have meaning?
- At times, we may feel like we can't make a difference, or that we're unequipped for what God is asking of us. But St. Joseph "teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses" (*Patris Corde*, 2). When human life is threatened, when our brothers and sisters need support welcoming or embracing life, may we lovingly respond with the faithfulness of Joseph.

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### **OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**



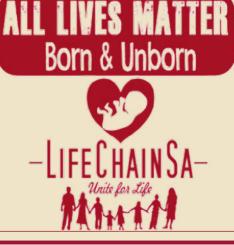
Interested in the Catholic Church's teaching on the sanctity of life from womb to tomb?

Our parish's Respect Life Ministry is looking to grow! Whether you're interested in serving as a member or a leader, come check us out. For more info, contact Kellie at kelliewolfshohl@yahoo.com or call/text 210-264-5473.

## Life Chain SA THIS Sunday, Oct. 3, 12:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Bring the family to this proud, pro-life tradition of gathering as a city to pray along San Pedro for the END of abortion.

Opening ceremonies will feature music and guest speakers. Hundreds of pro-Life San Antonians will then spread out along San Pedro for an hour of peaceful prayer from 2 - 3 PM. Meet with some of our parishioners, on the very visible grassy knoll at 7447 San Pedro Ave, 78216 (inside loop 410 & San Pedro). Parking available in the old Sears lot adjacent to the intersection. If you'd like to hold an inspirational sign, Kellie will have some available and can be found there. You may also call/text her at 210-264-5473. For more info, visit LifeChainSA.com.





40 Days for Life: a peaceful, prayerful campaign to END abortion, held around the world, for a full 40 days! Now - Oct. 31, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Our parish's Respect Life Ministry invites you to our sponsored prayer day on Thursday, Oct. 7. We'll stand peacefully praying 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 2140 Babcock Rd.

Choose one hour in that time frame, sign up (online or with Kellie—see below), come to the location on the Oct. 7, and peacefully pray with other Christians. Kids are welcome.

Bring the family to this powerful witness! Snacks, water, chairs, and signs provided.

Parking available at 7272 Wurzbach #105, 78240, in the Deer Oaks office park; along sidewalk at Dorothy Louise Dr. and Babcock. For more info, especially if you'd like to join us, visit <u>www.40daysforlife.com/sanantonio</u> or contact Kellie at 210-264-5473 or kelliewolfshohl@yahoo.com.

### **HELP SAVE LIVES IN SAN ANTONIO!**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

- 17,226 babies saved from abortion
- 206 abortion workers converted
- 107 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood; 2140 Babcock Rd.; San Antonio, TX 78229
- Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily (no Sun.)
- Local contact: Cathy Nix; 210 668-1993; cathy@sacfl.org
- Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/SanAntonio



# Pray a living rosary with the Legion of Mary in October!

Over one hundred years ago Our Lady of Fatima appeared and asked the children to pray the rosary and spread the devotion. Here's your opportunity to do just that. Join us on the any of these dates:

Sunday, Oct. 3, after 8 a.m. Mass: Joyful Mysteries

Sunday, Oct.10, after 10 a.m. Mass: Luminous Mysteries

Sunday, Oct. 17, after 12 p.m. Mass: Sorrowful Mysteries

Sunday, Oct. 24, after 3 p.m. Mass: Glorious Mysteries

Saturday, Oct. 30, after 5 p.m. Mass: Joyful Mysteries

BAPTISM CLASS Tuesday Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m. RE Bldg., 1st floor



### Marriage Ministry Date Night

for married & engaged couples Friday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Topic: temperance restrains compulsions and infidelity; justice prevents divorce. RSVP to Roland & Sonia Garcia at marriageministrysamc@gmail.com no later than Oct. 13. **NO child care available.** 

## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Q: What's the difference between a cat and a comma?
A: One has claws and the end of its paws, and the other is a pause at the ends of a clause.



### PARISH NEWS

Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones el jueves, 7 de octubre, 7 p.m. Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations Thursday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

#### St. Anthony Mary Claret ACTS Core Day Retreat A Return to Community: Solidarity in Loss and Hope

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope." Jer 29:11

Join us for a half day of prayer, listening, sharing & renewal. Saturday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Beyond impacting our minds, the past year may have impacted our souls in ways we are just beginning to understand. God's children are created in a way to help others find comfort and joy in His love. Healing, caring and renewal of spirit will bring us together again.

> For more info or to register, contact Roland Garcia at roland.j.garcia@gmail.com or Norma Pena at nlpena.85@gmail.com.

Space limited to allow for social distancing. Register no later than Tuesday, Oct. 5. Open to all adults in our parish.



Program created by ACTS Mission. Presented by SAMC ACTS Core.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### prince of peace Catholic Church Kids' Day Out

- For children 18 months to 4 years old
- Activities incl. praise and worship, Bible stories, crafts, etc.
- Tuesdays + Thursdays, 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.;
   Now through May 19, 2022
- Bring a lunch; we provide a snack.
- Registration fee: \$100/child; tuition: \$200/month
- prince of peace Catholic Church, 7893 Grissom Rd,
- Limited spots available!

For more information, contact

Karolyn Mata at (210) 681-5063 ext. 190

or visit <u>KDO@princeofpeacecatholic.org</u>.



### **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:





Jose Edgar Hernandez

Javier Alvarado

God our Father, thank you for calling these men to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to you through daily prayer. Help them form their personalities as credible witnesses to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church and give them generous hearts to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen.

> We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Missionary Society of St. Paul

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-October**

**Missionary disciples:** We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor 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-Octubre

**Discípulos misioneros:** Recemos para que cada bautizado participe en la evangelización y esté disponible para la misión, a través de un testimonio de vida que tenga el sabor 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.

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Raguel Dinsav Éva Moon Arnold Arce Henry Costante, Jr. Deacon Jerry Kozar Sophie Cepeda Maximiliano Herrera **Craig Smith** Maggie Reyna Rocio Gibbs Fr. Patrick Martin **Chervl Ferrell** Tracey Kollmansberger Bridget Dunlap Karina Hernandez Kelton Sweet, Jr. Joanna Sweet Javier Calderon

#### George Aldava Mary Helen Peterson Éloise Salazar Maria Morales Rosa Huerta Barbara Vanegas A.C. Garza Manuel & Eloise Salazar Javier & Mary Bautista Olga Faz **Bishop Yanta** Nancy Souhrada **Bill Jennings** Dee Hancock Linda Santos Tom Calderon Jr. Sandy Salinas

List is reserved for *names of parishioners and immediate family only*. You may submit up to FOUR names at a time. Names usually run for four weeks.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 3: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 Monday 4: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37 Tuesday 5: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42 Wednesday 6: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4 Thursday 7: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13 Friday 8: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26 Saturday 9: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28 Sunday 10: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

### COMMUNITY NEWS



### Andrew Dinner Wednesday, Oct. 20 Assumption Seminary

Join Archbishop Gustavo and Bishop Gary Janak, Vocation Director, for an evening of dinner, fellowship and

for an evening of dinner, fellowship and presentations. This is an opportunity for pastors to invite young men who are **college students** to learn more about the priesthood. Interested in attending? Contact Pastor, Fr. Jan Klak or Parochial Vicar, Fr. Tu Nguyen, at the parish office: 210-688-9033.

#### ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT GROWTH SEMINAR WORKSHOP The Gifts of the Spirit - The Mind of Christ

The Gifts of the Spirit - The Mind of Christ The Word of God The Body of Christ - The Call to Proclaim



Saturday, Oct. 16, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Catholic Center for Charismatic Renewal Upper room; 1707 S. Flores

Bring a sack lunch. Keynote speaker: Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD Special guest speaker: Fr. Enda McKenna Reservation required. Call 210-226-7545 or email dan@danduet.com.



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