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September 12, 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 8:27-35

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to

this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

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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.

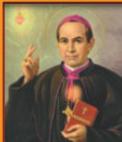
> **Reconciliation (Confession)** Saturdays: 4 p.m., Sundays: 4 p.m.

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.





Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary

"Whoever wishes to come after me must

deny himself, take up his cross, and

follow me." - Mk 8:34b



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!

Saturday, Sept. 11

Sunday, Sept. 12

Monday, Sept. 13

Tuesday, Sept. 14

5 P.M.

8 A.M.

10A.M.

12 P.M.

3 P.M.

6 P.M.

8 A.M.

8 A.M.

6:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak

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So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives



BB* for Margaret Macias by Mary Macias

Aug. 28/29 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	2,210
Regular Collection	\$ 20,807.40
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 13,836.00
Disaster Relief for Haiti	\$ 1,041.79
SAMC Pantry	\$ 485.00
Candles	\$ 186.05
Gabriel Project	\$ 100.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 50.00

Sept. 4/5 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	2,039
Regular Collection	\$ 24,228.97
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 6,350.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 796.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 350.00
Disaster Relief for Haiti	\$ 205.00
Candles	\$ 190.52
Capital Campaign	\$ 175.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 2.00



TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a si mismo, que cargue con su cruz y que me siga". - Mc 8, 34

Wednesday, Sept. 15 Raul G. Hernandez[†] by Sandra Hernandez 8 A.M. Cristalina Fernandes[†] by Jeremias & 1 0 4 10 Clarissa Fernandes Alan J. Ponce[†]; Margaret[†] & Albert Suarez[†]; Healing for Anthony Ponce by Alma Ponce Rudy & Selia Garcia[†]; Manuel & **Concepcion Espinoza**[†] by Espinoza Family For the Parish Spec. Int. for Josiah & Jonathon Linos by Coss Family Juan & Marichuy Munoz[†] by Family Holy Hour Richard Keller[†] by Gail Whelpley

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity; Souls in Purgatory[†] by M. Gonzales

I nursday, Sept	
8 A.M.	Nereyda E. Cardenas† by Sandra Hernandez
Friday, Sept. 1'	7
8 A.M.	Richard Keller [†] by Keller/Rankin Families
Saturday, Sept.	. 18
5 P.M.	Bert & Michel Bednarz† by Martha Bednarz
	BB* for Jomer Belisario by Family
Sunday, Sept. 1	9
8 A.M.	Alicia P. Hinojosa [†] by Adelina Fritz
10A.M.	Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,
	Sebastiano [†] , & Giovanni [†] by Sal Spataro
12 P.M.	Perpetuo U. Nafarrete, Jr. [†]
	by Cunanan Family
3 P.M.	Rafael Cortez† by Emma Ortiz
6 P.M.	BB* for Margaret Sanders by Jackson Family
	* BB = Birthday Blessings

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RESPECT LIFE: SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

REFLECT

Our faith teaches us that each moment of our lives is a gift from God. Even in the face of suffering or limited ability, life is always meaningful. Our human dignity and value *never diminish. The practice of assisted suicide tragical-ly rejects the truth that every life is worth living.*

Asking to die is a cry for help. People considering suicide want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, inaccurately believing that death is their only way out. A person requesting assisted suicide is often asking, "Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this and support me through this difficult time?"

While the practice of assisted suicide is often the result of misguided mercy, laws permitting assisted suicide erroneously communicate the idea that, under difficult circumstances, some lives are not worth living. Sadly, this tragically false message will be heard not only by those with a terminal illness, but by any person struggling with the temptation to end his or her life.

The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection. We are called to accompany those entering this season of life, surrounding them with life-affirming love, support, and compassion.

May our socie

uphold the tru

PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

ACT (Choose one.)

- Offer the prayer "Every Life is Worth Living" for this month's intention: *usccb.org/every-life-worth-living*
- Learn about the concrete ways you can help accompany a loved one who is nearing the end of life: usccb.org/end-of-life-care.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about the negative impacts of assisted suicide on society in "Every suicide is tragic." Find it here: *usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic*



Intercessions for Life

For solidarity and peace in our global human family: that we may work together to protect the lives of those who are most vulnerable. We pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

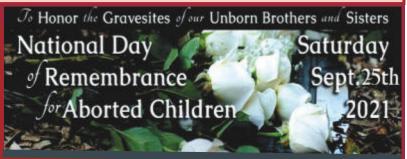
Por solidaridad y paz en nuestra familia humana del mundo entero: para que trabajemos juntos con el fin de proteger la vida de los que son más vulnerables. Roguemos al Señor.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Courage is a group of men and women who experience same-sex attraction and who are committed to helping one another to live chaste lives

marked by prayer, fellowship and mutual support. EnCourage is a Roman Catholic apostolate for parents, friends and family members of loved ones with same-sex attractions. EnCourage helps members to focus on their own spiritual development with the goals of achieving peace and complete trust in God's Providence and His love for us and for the ones we love. For more info on these groups, contact Fr. Richard Samour at 210-996-1371 or <u>rmscouragesa@gmail.com</u> or visit <u>www.couragesatx.org</u>. All communication with Courage and EnCourage is strictly confidential.



Mourn the over 62 million babies killed in their mother's womb. Saturday, Sept. 18, 11 a.m. Hope monument in the Oblate Grotto of the Southwest,5712 Blanco Rd. (On-site parking available.) Bring a lawn chair & water if you wish. For more info, contact Phil Trickett at 210-485-5125 or trickepe38@yahoo.com.



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



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PARISH NEWS

Planning a wedding or quinceañera at our parish? ¿Estás planeando una boda o quinceañera en nuestra parroquia? Weddings/Bodas: MANDATORY Marriage Orientation



MANDATORY Marriage Orientation Thursday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall. Orientación Matrimonial OBLIGATORIA

El jueves 16 de septiembre, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall. Quinceañgras:

MANDATORY Quinceañera Orientation for Parents & Daughters

Thursday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall Orientación de quinceañera OBLIGATORIA para padres y niñas

El jueves 23 de septiembre, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall.

Call the parish office to register/Llamar a la oficina parroquial para registrarse: 210-688-9033.

St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: August 2021

Utility assistance:\$3,329.70Restock food pantry;\$3,840.73Other client assistance:\$1,186.83Office expenses:\$243.60# Food bags distributed:208# People served:619# of home deliveries23



St. Anthony Claret Pantry School Supply Program 2021-22

We distributed new backpacks, \$10 HEB gift cards and a limited amount of basic supplies to 58families, serving a total of 103 students.

Hours: Thursdays, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m. Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.co. Thank you for your support of our mission.

IN NETWOOD OF

Memorial Bricks: honor your deceased loved ones

Each year the St. Anthony Claret Respect Life Ministry honors the deceased of our parish by placing in the Marian Grotto Garden. This year's deadline is Sept. 15. The bricks will be placed in the Memorial Garden before All Souls Day on Nov. 2. Order forms available in the bulletin, church office and on the parish website. For info, contact Kelly Comeau at room4more@twc.com.

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



THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Hours after the end of the world, a border dispute emerged between heaven and hell. God invited the devil for conversations to find a way to resolve this dispute quickly. The devil proposed a football game between heaven and hell.

God, always fair, told the devil, "The heat must be affecting your brain. The game would be so one sided!

Don't you know all the "good" players go to heaven?" Smiling, the devil responded "Yeah, but we've got

all the refs!"



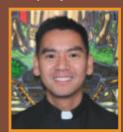
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Please make checks payable to SAMC.

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:





Man Nguyen

Nicolas Benitez

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the

Christ, we may announce glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

> We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: \$chool \$isters of Notre Dame

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Deacon Jerry Kozar Sophie Cepeda Maximiliano Herrera Laura York John York Maria Rodriguez Sebastian Rodriguez Craig Smith Christian York **Beverly Hernandez** 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 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 12: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35 Monday 13: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday 14: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 Wednesday 15: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Jn 19:25-27 Thursday 16: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50 Friday 17: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3 Saturday 18: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15 Sunday 19: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

A PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE / UNA ORACIÓN POR EL MATRIMONIO

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love, and the font of the family.

The love of husband and wife enriches your Church with children, fills the world with a multitude of spiritual fruitfulness and service, and is the sign of the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, for his Church.

The grace of Jesus flowed forth at Cana at the request of the Blessed Mother. May your Son, through the intercession of Mary, pour out upon us a new measure of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we join with all people of good will to promote and protect the unique beauty of marriage.

May your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife, and guide our leaders to sustain and protect the singular place of mothers and fathers in the lives of their children.

Father, we ask that our prayers be joined to those of the Virgin Mary, that your Word may transform our service so as to safeguard the incomparable splendor of marriage. We ask all these things through Christ our Lord. Amen. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Dios Padre nuestro, te damos gracias por el don del matrimonio: vínculo de vida y amor, y fuente de la familia.

El amor de marido y mujer enriquece a tu Iglesia con hijos, llena el mundo con una abundancia de fecundidad espiritual y servicio,y es signo del amor de tu Hijo,Jesucristo, por su Iglesia.

La gracia de Jesús brotó en Caná a petición de su Santa Madre. Concédenos que tu Hijo, por la intercesión de la Virgen María, derrame sobre nosotros una nueva medida de los Dones del Espíritu Santo al unirnos

con toda persona de buena voluntad para promover y proteger la belleza única del matrimonio.

Concede que tu Santo Espíritu ilumine a nuestra sociedad para que atesore el amor heroico de marido y mujer,y guíe a nuestros líderes para que sostengan y protejan el puesto singular de padres y madresen la vida de sus niños.

Padre, te pedimos que nuestras oraciones se unan con las de la Santísima Virgen María para que tu Verbo Divino transforme nuestro esfuerzo por salvaguardar el incomparable esplendor del matrimonio. Te pedimos todas estas cosas por Cristo nuestro Señor, Amén. San Joaquín y Santa Ana, rueguen por nosotros.



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