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September 19, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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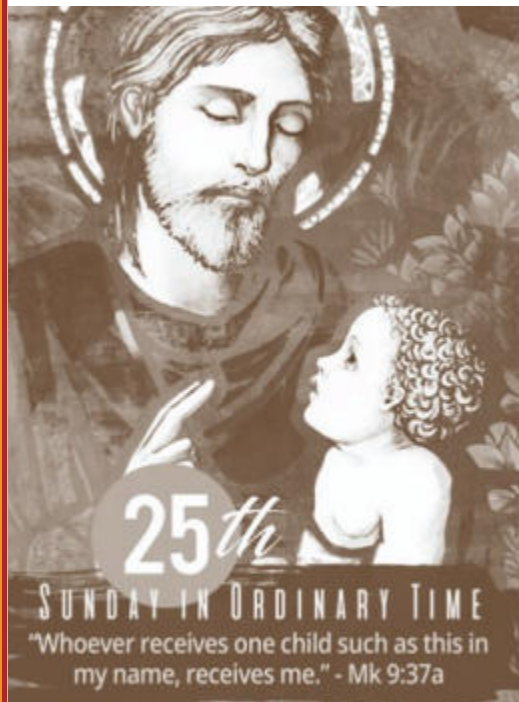
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Parish Mission Statement

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: MK 9:30-37

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

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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.

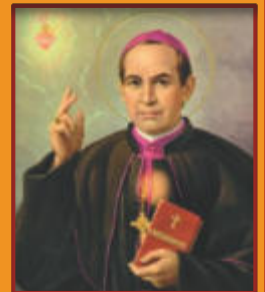
Visitation of the Sick: Call parish office to schedule visit.

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

Sept. 11/12 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	2,520
Regular Collection	\$ 26,538.29
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 7,884.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 295.00
Candles	\$ 125.90
SAMC Pantry	\$ 105.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 50.00

Next weekend's second collection will benefit the victims of Hurricane Ida.

GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1*

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. ©LPi

In Sympathy... Our parish community mourns the loss of former Parish Administrator **Bunny Carpenter** who recently passed away. She faithfully served St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish for many years and will be greatly missed. We offer our deepest condolences to her husband, Gary, her family and all who mourn this tremendous loss.

FUNERAL AT ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET CHURCH ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

ROSARY: 12 P.M.; FUNERAL MASS: 12:30 P.M.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN
MSGR. HUBERTUS HALL 1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you.
Go forth, faithful Christian.

*May you live in peace this day.
May your home be with God in Zion, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints.*
Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Sept. 18
5 P.M. **Bert & Michel Bednarz†** by Martha Bednarz
BB* for Jomer Belisario by Family

Sunday, Sept. 19
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

Monday, Sept. 20
8 A.M. **Kelly Joseph Khattar†** by Rankin Family
6:30 P.M. Holy Hour
7:30 P.M. **Charlie Sievers, Jr.†** by Charlie Sievers & Family
Margaret Rendon† by Alice Russell

Tuesday, Sept. 21
8 A.M. **Vicente Feliciano†** by Nita Feliciano

Wednesday, Sept. 22
8 A.M. **Deceased Members of Chaffin & Rivas Families†** by Mary & Jerry

Thursday, Sept. 23
8 A.M. **Spec. Int. for Eben Martinez** by Coss Family

Friday, Sept. 24
8 A.M. **For the Parish**

Saturday, Sept. 25
5 P.M. **Bill Tricksey†** by Darlene Belanger
Stephen Paul Sanders by Charlene Alvarado

Sunday, Sept. 26
8 A.M. **BB* for Clarissa Carvalho** by Family
10A.M. **BB* for Adrianna Villagomez** by Betsy Dunn
12 P.M. **62nd Anniversary Blessings for Eduardo & Sylvia Alcantar** by Family
3 P.M. **For the Parish**
6 P.M. **Elvira G. Barrientes†** by Daughter Vera

* BB = Birthday Blessings

A CATECHESIS ON THE HUMAN PERSON AND GENDER IDEOLOGY—AN EXCERPT

By Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington

Introduction

In the past decade our culture has seen growing acceptance of transgender ideology—that is, the claim that a person's biological sex and personal identity have no necessary connection and could in fact contradict each other. According to this view, "human identity" is self-defined and "becomes the choice of the individual."¹ Consequently, our culture is experiencing a rapid rise in the number of persons claiming an identity contrary to their biological sex. Attempts to accommodate such claims already have resulted in tremendous upheavals in our social, legal, and medical systems.



This situation presents a serious challenge for all members of the Church because it presents a view of the human person contrary to the truth. It is of particular concern for our young people, as Pope Francis has warned:

Today children-children!-are taught in school that everyone can choose his or her sex. Why are they teaching this? ²

Let us not play with truths. It's true that behind all this we find gender ideology. In books, kids learn that it's possible to change one's sex. Could gender, to be a woman or to be a man, be an option and not a fact of nature? This leads to this error. Let us call things by their names.³

"Gender dysphoria" is a psychological condition in which a biological male or female comes to feel that his or her emotional and/or psychological identity does not match his or her biological sex and "experiences clinically significant distress" as a result.⁴ Situations involving gender dysphoria must always be addressed with pastoral charity and compassion rooted in the truth. Any unjust discrimination or needless insensitivity in addressing such situations must be avoided and/or corrected.

At the same time, in responding to this question justly and charitably, one cannot deny or obscure the truth of our created nature and human sexuality. Indeed, charity always requires the clear presentation of the truth. As Pope Saint Paul VI observed, "[I]t is an outstanding manifestation of charity toward souls to omit nothing from the saving doctrine of Christ."⁵ From medicine, natural law, and divine revelation, we know that each person is created either male or female, from the moment of conception. "It needs to be emphasized," writes Pope Francis, that "biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated ... It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness and the complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality."⁶

This document presents the teaching of the Catholic Church on sexual identity and the transgender issue and offers some pastoral observations. It is not intended to anticipate or address every situation. Rather, it provides the principles of Catholic teaching to encourage the faithful and to guide them in responding to an increasingly difficult cultural situation.

Goodness/Gift of the Human Person and Human Sexuality

The human person, created in the image of God, is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. The biblical account expresses this reality in symbolic language when it affirms that "then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." Man, whole and entire, is therefore willed by God.

The human body shares in the dignity of "the image of God": it is a human body precisely because it is animated by a spiritual soul, and it is the whole human person that is intended to become, in the body of Christ, a temple of the Spirit...

The unity of soul and body is so profound that one has to consider the soul to be the "form" of the body: i.e., it is because of its spiritual soul that the body made of matter becomes a living, human body; spirit and matter, in man, are not two natures united, but rather their union forms a single nature.⁷

As Pope Francis reminds us, "valuing one's own body in its femininity or masculinity is necessary if I am going to be able to recognize myself in an encounter with someone who is different."⁹ Thus, realizing that human persons are part of "human ecology" reminds us that "man too has a nature that he must respect and that he cannot manipulate at will."^{10/11} The human body has intrinsic meaning. Through the body, we encounter not only other human beings but also "the moral law, which is inscribed in our nature."¹²

Sexuality affects all aspects of the human person in the unity of his body and soul. It especially concerns affectivity, the capacity to love and to procreate, and in a more general way the aptitude¹³ for forming bonds of communion with others. Everyone, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity.

It is important to note that there may be a variety of ways in which a person may express his or her sexual identity as male or female, according to the norms and practices of a particular time or culture. Moreover, a person may have atypical interests, but this does not change the person's sexual identity as either male or female.

Third, the differences between man and woman are ordered towards their complementary union in marriage. Indeed, the differences between man and woman, male and female, are unintelligible apart from such a union.

Man and woman were made "for each other" - not that God left them half-made and incomplete: he created them to be a communion of persons, in which each can be "helpmate" to the other, for they are equal as persons ("bone of my bones ...") and complementary as masculine and feminine. In marriage, God unites them in such a way that, by forming "one flesh," they can transmit human life: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." By transmitting human life to their descendants, man and woman as spouses and parents co-operate in a unique way in the Creator's work.¹⁴

Physical, moral, and spiritual difference and complementarity are oriented toward the goods of marriage and the flourishing of family life. The harmony of the couple and of society depends in part on the way in which the complementarity, needs, and mutual support between the sexes are lived out.¹⁵

Sexual difference is at the heart of family life. Children need, and have a right to, a father and a mother.

SEPTEMBER 19: CATECHITCAL SUNDAY

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the theme is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."

Christ Healing the Blind, ca. 1570

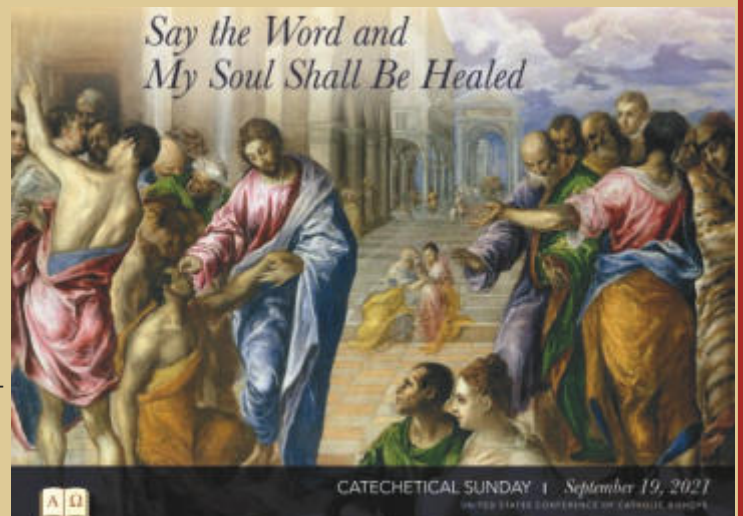
This image by the famed artist, El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos), illustrates the Gospel account of Christ healing a blind man by anointing his eyes.

The past year has highlighted the urgent need for healing—physical, spiritual, emotional—in ourselves and in our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician.

When our souls heal, all heals, despite our suffering.

The words we pray at Mass, "Say the word and my soul shall be healed," have the power to remind us of, to

open our eyes to, the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist which is essential, eternal, and ever open to us. We humbly ask him to say the word, and with that prayer, we have faith that, with the fantastic and improbable prospect of Jesus entering under our roof, our souls shall be healed.



Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word.

Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A CATECHESIS ON THE HUMAN PERSON AND GENDER IDEOLOGY—an excerpt

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To read this document in its entirety, visit:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/public-messages/2021/a-catechesis-on-the-human-person-and-gender-ideology/>

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PARISH NEWS

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



SUNDAY 10 A.M.
MASS CHOIR IS RECRUITING!
ALL VOICE TYPES NEEDED.

Rehearsals Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the church. To register, contact Paul Rauschhuber, music director, at 210-865-4717 or prausvhhuber@yahoo.com.

Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Meeting
 Sun., Sept. 19, 12 p.m.,
 Msgr. Hubertus Hall
 doors open at 11 a.m. to set up
 We'll share what we like to do in our spare time: a hobby, a collection, our family, a craft., etc.
 Come share your story! Ladies 18 years & older are welcome.
 For more info, contact Darrelyn Kundinger at 661-619-5101.



This Week in Our Parish
Weddings:
 Joz Manuel Sandoval & Rebzeca Marie Alvarez
 Steven Joseph Castillo Pina & Laura Regino Garcia



Planning a quinceañera at our parish?
¿Estás planeando una quinceañera en nuestra parroquia?
Quinceañeras:
 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 Mary Claret Super Seniors
 & the Cooperative Extension Program-Bexar County presents an online series
Balanced Living
 Do you feel out of balance, out of control?
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 This series will provide tips and tools to manage the following: time, stress, eating/nutrition, exercise/fitness, sleep/rest and fall prevention.
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THE SUNDAY FUNNIES
A pun, a play on words and a limerick walk into a bar...No joke.



COMMUNITY NEWS

St Peter Upon the Water presents a Women's Silent Retreat
 Saturday, October 23
 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 St Peter Upon the Water, Ingram TX
 Retreat theme: "The Sunammite Woman" (2 Kings 4:8-37)
 Mass and Reconciliation will be celebrated.
 Visit www.stpeteruponthewater.org to sign up.
 Cost: \$75, includes lunch
 Limit: 20 participants. CDC protocols followed.



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:
School Sisters of Notre Dame

COMMUNITY NEWS



Courage, es un grupo de hombres y mujeres que experimentan la atracción por el mismo sexo y están comprometidos a ayudarse mutuamente a vivir vidas castas fortalecidos por la oración, el compañerismo y el apoyo mutuo.

EnCourage es un apostolado católico para padres, amigos y familiares de seres queridos con atracciones hacia personas del mismo sexo. EnCourage ayuda a los miembros a concentrarse en su propio desarrollo espiritual con los objetivos de lograr la paz y la confianza completa en la providencia de Dios y su amor por nosotros y por aquellas personas que amamos.

Para mayor información contactar al Padre Richard Samour (210) 996-1371 o email rmscouragea@gmail.com o visita www.couragesatx.org. Toda comunicación con Courage y EnCourage es estrictamente confidencial.

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters
National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Saturday Sept 25th 2021

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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| Sophie Cepeda | Mary Helen Peterson |
| Maximiliano Herrera | Eloise Salazar |
| Laura York | Maria Morales |
| John York | Rosa Huerta |
| Maria Rodriguez | Barbara Vanegas |
| Sebastian Rodriguez | A.C. Garza |
| Craig Smith | Manuel & Eloise Salazar |
| Maggie Reyna | Javier & Mary Bautista |
| Rocio Gibbs | Olga Faz |
| Fr. Patrick Martin | Bishop Yanta |
| Cheryl Ferrell | Nancy Souhrada |
| Tracey Kollmansberger | Bill Jennings |
| Bridget Dunlap | Dee Hancock |
| Karina Hernandez | Linda Santos |
| Kelton Sweet, Jr. | Tom Calderon Jr. |
| Joanna Sweet | Sandy Salinas |
| Javier Calderon | |

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 19:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday 20: Ezz 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday 22: Ezz 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday 23: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday 24: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday 25: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday 26: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

-Mk 10: 14-15, Lectionary





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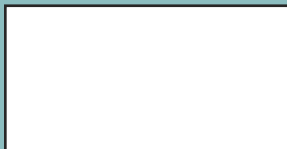
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