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September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy,

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b

gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other as people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is exactly that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and Cont d on p. 2

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.

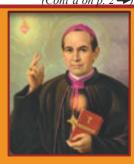
Baptism - Required Class:

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.



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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

injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid. ©LPi

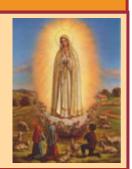


Sept. 18/19 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	2,469
Regular Collection	\$ 25,637.05
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 6,958.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 700.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 340.00
Candles	\$ 294.53
Capital Campaign	\$ 200.00
World Missions	\$ 5.00
Hope for the Future	\$ 5.00

St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass & Devotions

Saturday, Oct. 2, Mass: 8 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayer



This Week in Our Parish

Quincçañgras: Cigara Ngavgs



Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Thank a priest today!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Sept. 27

8 A.M. Anita Marie Pilkington† by Rick & Sandy

Salinas

6:30 P.M. Holy Hour

7:30 P.M. For an End to Abortion

Tuesday, Sept. 28

8 A.M. Natalia Ortiz† by Emma Ortiz

Wednesday, Sept. 29

8 A.M. Philip Ancharski† by Jeanette Erickson

Thursday, Sept. 30

8 A.M. BB* for Christine Hennessey by Family

Friday, Oct. 1

8 A.M. Rudy & Selia Garcia†; Manuel &

Concepcion Espinoza† by Espinoza Family

Saturday, Oct. 2

8 A.M. Angela Gutierrez† & Vicente Feliciano†

by Nita Feliciano

5 P.M. Arthur W. & Antonia Jackson†

by Jackson Family

Sunday, Oct. 3

8 A.M. BB* for Andy McDonnell by Mary Macias

10A.M. For the Parish

12 P.M. Justin Acap† by Mother Rosalba Santana† by Family

6 P.M. Teresita Henson† by Henson & Villanueva

Families

* BB = Birthday Blessings

RESPECT LIFE



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 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.









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!

40 Days for Life: a peaceful, prayerful campaign to END abortion, held around the world, for a full 40 days! Sept. 22 - 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.

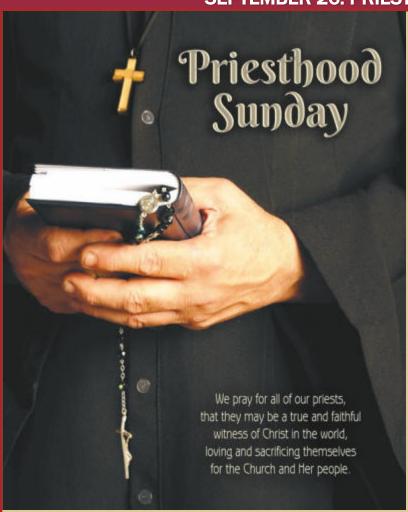
For more info, especially if you'd like to join us, visit

www.40daysforlife.com/sanantonio or contact Kellie at 210-264-5473 or kelliewolfshohl@yahoo.com.

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SEPTEMBER 26: PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



Priesthood Sunday is a special day to honor priesthood in the United States. It seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes. As a faith community, may we show gratitude to the priests here at St. Anthony Mary Claret and pray for them and for priests everywhere that God will grant them perseverance in their calling.

Prayer for Perseverance of Vocations
O God, you have constituted your
only begotten Son supreme and
eternal Priest for the glory of your
majesty and the salvation of
mankind; grant that those whom
He has chosen as ministers and
dispensers of His mysteries may
be found faithful in fulfilling the
ministry they have received. Amen.

Prayer Idea: A Spiritual Bouquet

If you would like to offer a spiritual bouquet for priests, here is an exercise recommended by Fr. Brett Brannen, author of To Save a Thousand Souls:

A Guide for Discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood.

When praying the rosary, offer...

- the first decade for the priest who baptized you;
- the second for the priest who gave you first Communion;
- the third for the bishop who confirmed you;
- the fourth for the priest who witnessed your marriage or the bishop who ordained you (or will do so in the future); and,
- the fifth decade for the priest who will anoint you at your death.



Andrew Dinner

Wednesday, Oct. 20 at Assumption Seminary

Join Archbishop Gustavo and Bishop Gary Janak, Vocation Director, 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

Contact Pastor, Fr. Jan Klak or Parochial Vicar, Fr. Tu Nguyen, at the parish office: 210-688-9033.

PARISH NEWS

October is the



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

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.

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.

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? Is your life running you down and negatively affecting your health?

This series will provide tips and tools to manage the following: time, stress, eating/nutrition, exercise/fitness, sleep/rest and fall prevention.

Thursdays, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Nov. 4; 12-1 p.m. via Zoom

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





THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

How do mathematicians scold their children?

"If I've told you n times, I've told you n+1 times..."



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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:







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:

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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 rmscouragesa@gmail.com o visita www.couragesatx.org. Toda comunicación con Courage y EnCourage es estrictamente confidencial.

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.



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Arnold Arce Henry Costante, Jr. Deacon Jerry Kozar Sophie Cepeda Maximiliano Herrera Laura York John York 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 Eloise 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 26: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 Monday 27: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50 Tuesday 28: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday 29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Jn 1:47-51 Thursday 30: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12 Friday 1: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16 Saturday 2: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Mt 18:1-5, 10 Sunday 3: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

A Prayer for Refugees

God of our wandering ancestors, long have we known that your heart is with the refugee: that you were born into time in a family of refugees fleeing violence in their homeland, who then gathered up their hungry child and fled into alien country.

Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages:
"Will you let me in?" Give us hearts that break open
when our brothers and sisters turn to us with that
same cry. Then surely all these things will follow:
ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices; eyes
will see a moment for grace

instead of a threat; tongues will not be silenced, but will instead advocate and hands will reach out—working for peace in their homeland, working for justice in the lands where they

seek safe haven. Lord, protect all refugees in their travels. May they find a friend in me and so make me worthy of the refuge
I have found in you. Amen.



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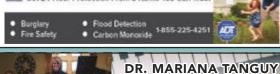


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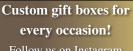
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