# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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#### October 17, 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 10:35-45

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do,

protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

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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.

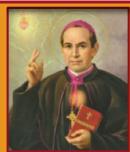
> **Reconciliation (Confession)** Saturdays: 4 p.m., Sundays: 4 p.m.

**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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"For the Son of Man did not come to be served

but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for

many." - Mk 10:45

# 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

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege. ©LPi

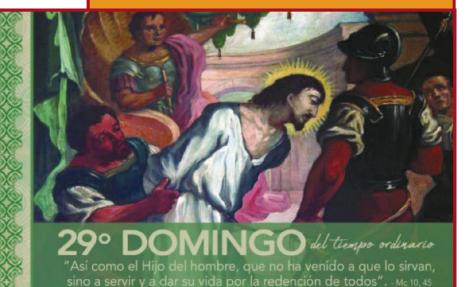
## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

#### Saturday, Oct. 16

| 5 P.M.      | Mary Friedrichs <sup>†</sup> by Bea Peterson<br>Albert Rayle <sup>†</sup> by Olech Family |
|-------------|---|
| Sunday, Oct | . 17  |
| 8 A.M.      | Albert Kossaeth† & Jimmy Moos†  |
|             | by Mary Kossaeth  |
| 10A.M.      | Alan J. Ponce <sup>†</sup> ; Margaret <sup>†</sup> & Albert                               |
|             | Suarez <sup>†</sup> ; Healing for Anthony Ponce   |
|             | by Alma Ponce   |
| 12 P.M.     | Jesus & Olga Nava† by Patricia Nava   |
| 3 P.M.      | Good Health for Felipe Forero by Family   |
| 6 P.M.      | Ed; Mike; Robert; Fr. John; Tom; Paul   |
|             | & Donald Ancharski by Jeanette Erickson   |
| Monday, Oc  | t. 18   |
| 8 A.M.      | <b>Richard Keller</b> <sup>†</sup> by Keller & Rankin Families                            |
| 6:30 P.M.   | Holy Hour   |
| 7:30 P.M.   | Spec. Int. for Esau Coss by Coss Family   |
| Tuesday, Oc | t. 19   |
| 8 A.M.      | Anniversary Blessings for Seth & Peg  |
|             | Peterson by Bea Peterson  |

## **Oct. 9/10 Attendance & Collection Totals**

| Attendance              | 2,336           |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Regular Collection      | \$<br>23,011.03 |
| RE Bldg. Debt Reduction | \$<br>5,869.00  |
| SAMC Pantry             | \$<br>807.00    |
| Hope for the Future     | \$<br>245.00    |
| Candles                 | \$<br>180.75    |
| World Missions          | \$<br>145.00    |
| Rosary Makers           | \$<br>105.00    |
| Gabriel Project         | \$<br>100.00    |
| Capital Campaign        | \$<br>50.00     |



# "Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."

— St. John Paul II, Feast day: October 22

| Wednesday, C<br>8 A.M.   | <b>Dct. 20</b><br><b>BB* for Geovanni Rodriguez</b><br>by Rodriguez Family |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Thursday, Oc<br>8 A.M.   |  |  |
| Friday, Oct. 2<br>8 A.M. | 2<br>Anita Marie Pilkington†<br>by Rick & Sandy Salinas                    |  |
| Saturday, Oct            | 23   |  |
| 5 P.M.                   |  |  |
| Sunday, Oct. 24          |  |  |
| 8 A.M.                   | Maria Lemus† by Mary Macias  |  |
| 10A.M.                   | Jean Macecevic <sup>†</sup> by Bill Macecevic                              |  |
| 12 P.M.                  | For the Parish   |  |
| 3 P.M.                   | Lida Hernandez† by Family  |  |
| 6 P.M.                   | Billie Sievers† by Charlies Sievers & Family                               |  |
|                          | Rita Chaffin† by Mary & Jerry  |  |

\* BB = Birthday Blessings

# **RESPECT LIFE**

PRAY FOR DOBBS

# Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health

Case Name: Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

U.S. Supreme Court Docket Number: 19-1392

U.S. Supreme Court Oral Arguments Date: December 1, 2021

Significance: Whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional.

Hashtag: #PrayforDobbs #EmpowerWomenPromoteLife #LifeIsAHumanRight

Website: www.prayfordobbs.com

### **BACKGROUND:**

Mississippi's Gestational Age Act protects the health and wellbeing of pregnant mothers, the life and dignity of unborn children, and the integrity of the medical profession by limiting abortions after 15 weeks gestational age except in medical emergencies or for severe fetal abnormality. By 15 weeks, a baby has a heartbeat, can move and kick, can sense movement outside the mother's womb, has eyes and eyelids that are beginning to open, can hiccup, and can hear her or his mother's heartbeat. The people of Mississippi understand that life is a human right and every life deserves to be protected. So, they chose to pass a law to protect unborn children and their mothers. Mississippi's law is consistent with what more than 90% of countries worldwide already do. In fact, the United States is an extreme outlier in abortion law and policy, being one of only four countries, including China and North Korea, that allows the abortion of a child any time during a woman's pregnancy.

Shortly after Mississippi's law was enacted in 2018, the only abortion clinic in Mississippi challenged the law. On May 17, 2021, the Supreme Court granted review of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. The specific question the Court will answer is whether a state may enact limits on abortion before viability, i.e., when the baby is capable of living outside her mother's womb. The Supreme Court will consider the correctness of its previous rulings in Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, which severely limit the ability of states to protect their interests in unborn life and maternal health. Notably, the State of Mississippi explains in its brief that neither the right to an abortion nor a viability line have any basis in constitutional text or history, and that the medical research into fetal development over the last half century establishes that states have a compelling interest in protecting unborn life at 15 weeks.

More than 80 friend-of-the-court briefs were filed with the Supreme Court in support of the Mississippi law exceeding the amicus brief filings in an average case multiple times over and resulting in the most amicus briefs ever filed in support of a pro-life law.

## THE BOTTOM LINE:

The U.S. Supreme Court should affirm that life is a human right and uphold Mississippi's law.

## TIMELINE OF MISSISSIPPI'S 15-WEEK LAW PROTECTING LIFE AND WOMEN'S HEALTH

| January-March 2018 | Mississippi legislature introduces, debates, and passes 15-week law (HB 1510)              |
|--------------------|--|
| March 19, 2018     | Mississippi Governor Bryant signs HB 1510; Mississippi's lone abortion clinic              |
|                    | immediately sues to block enforcement  |
| March 20, 2018     | Federal district court in Mississippi temporarily blocks law                               |
| November 20, 2018  | Federal district court rules that Mississippi law is unconstitutional                      |
| March 2019         | Attorneys file amicus brief in Fifth Circuit on behalf of Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant |
|                    | in support of the 15-week law  |
| December 13, 2019  | Fifth Circuit upholds lower court ruling   |
| June 15, 2020      | Mississippi petitions Supreme Court to review case   |
| May 17, 2021       | Supreme Court grants review  |
| December 1, 2021   | Oral arguments to be heard   |
| June 2022          | Opinion expected   |

### Fifteen-week ultrasounds around 1973 when Roe was decided and today:



Source: USCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities. Amici Curiae Brief for the American College of Pediatricians and the Association of American Physicians & Surgeons, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.iStock.com/ Mongkolchon Akesin. Model used for illustrative purposes only.

### October 17, 2021

# **RESPECT LIFE**

September 22 - October 31 4000AYS FORLIFE 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!

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.



# 40daysforlife.com/SanAntonio

# Allied Women's Center 12th Annual Gala

Friday, October 22, 2021 Holy Trinity Banquet Hall 20523 Huebner Road, San Antonio, TX Check-in 6-7 pm Dinner and Program 7-9 pm Attendance and the Delicious Dinner are Free Attire: Business or Business Casual

RSVP: Advance registration is required; Deadline October 15. We anticipate a full house, so RSVP early!

Table sponsorships are available: Platinum, \$5000; Gold, \$2500; Silver, \$1250; Bronze, \$750.

Business and organization sponsors contact Jim Hezel, 210-365-6599 Individual sponsors contact

Tere Haring, 210-334-1229

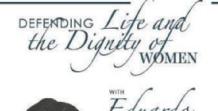
For more information and to reserve your seats or table, go to www.alliedwomenscenter.com If you need help with a reservation, call Laura Haycraft, 210-328-0555

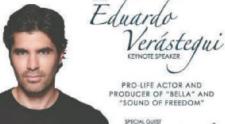


Keynote Speaker Alveda King Pro-life and civil rights activist, author, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leader of Outreach, Civil Rights for the Unborn.



Life Saver Award Dr. Steven Pilkington Pro-life obstetrician-gynecologist, and founder of Dignity Women's Center. Dr. Pilkington has been an active supporter of Allied Women's Center for over 10 years. He is often the "last resort" with our more difficult clients.





Mary Rese Somarriba ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SATURDAY NOV. 6, 6 PM AT EMBASSY SUITE BY HILTON LANDMARK

JAZZ MUSIC - CASH BAR - ART AUCTION GOURMET DINNER - FRIENDS

#### REGISTER NOW! gala.naturalwomanhood.org

Natural Womanhood's BENEFIT Dinner



More info: silvia@naturalwomanhood.org



2600 W. Woodlawn Ave.

## **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

The parish community mourns the loss of parishioner, Alicia Garces, who recently passed away. We offer our deepest condolences to her family.



Incline Your ear, O Lord, unto our prayers. We humbly pray You show Your mercy to the soul of Your servant Alicia, whom You have commanded to pass out of this world, that You would place her in the region of peace and light, and bid her to be a partaker with Your saints. Please grant her loved ones comfort, love and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **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 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.

## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



I was going to tell you a fighting joke, but I forgot the punch line ...

## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Tony Salinas Mary Keeton Suzanne Sandlin Michael Gene Roberson Alejandro De Luna Raquel Dinsay Eva Moon Arnold Arce Henry Costante, Jr. Deacon Jerry Kozar Maximiliano Herrera Maggie Revna 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 **F**az **Bishop Yanta** Nancy Souhrada **Bill Jennings** Dee Hancock Linda Santos Tom Calderon Jr.

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 17: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 Monday 18: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9 Tuesday 19: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38 Wednesday 20: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48 Thursday 21: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53 Friday 22: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59 Saturday 23: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9 Sunday 24: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Prayer for the USA Lord God. king of ages, all powerful and

almighty one,



our country, you who made and transformed everything simply by your will. You are the physician of our souls, the salvation of those who turn to you. We beg

you to make powerless, banish, and drive out every diabolic power, presence, and scheme aimed against the United States. Keep at bay and vanquish every evil influence, action, or power invoked against our citizens. Where there is envy and malice, give us an abundance of goodness, endurance, victory and charity. We beg you to reach out mighty arms and come to the aid of America. Help us who are made in your image. Send the Angel of Peace over our country to protect our bodies and souls so that under the protection of your authority may we sing in gratitude, "The Lord is our salvation; whom should we fear?" We will not fear evil because you are with us,

powerful Lord, Prince of Peace. Amen.



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