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October 24, 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 10:46-52

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not

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always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our lov-(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.

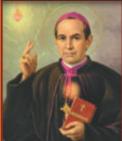
ays: 4 p.m., Sundays: 4 p.m.
Baptism - Required Class:

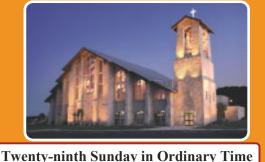
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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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Oct. 16/17 Attendance

& Collection Totals

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

ing Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have straved or how blind we become. God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation. ©LPi

Saturday Oct 23



Thursday Oct 28

Attendance

World Missions

SAMC Pantrv

Candles

Gabriel Project

Capital Campaign

Hope for the Future

Regular Collection

RE Bldg. Debt Reduction \$

5 P.M.	BB* for Shannon Langas by Langas Family	8 A.M.	BB* for Peg Helner Peterson by Bea Petersor
Sunday, Oct. 8 A.M. 10A.M. 12 P.M.	Maria Lemus† by Mary Macias Jean Macecevic† by Bill Macecevic For the Parish	Friday, Oct. 2 8 A.M.	9 Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales† by Y. Gonzales
3 P.M. 6 P.M.	Lida Hernandez † by Family Billie Sievers † by Charlies Sievers & Family Rita Chaffin † by Mary & Jerry	Saturday, Oct 5 P.M.	t. 30 Frank & Stella Stegent; Regina Pawlak by Blanchard Family
Monday, Oct. 8 A.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	. 25 Lois Mendoza† by Mendoza Family Marcelino Armendariz, Sr. † by Teresa Revilla Holy Hour For an End to Abortion	Sunday, Oct. 3 8 A.M. 10A.M. 12 P.M. 3 P.M.	31 BB* for Tegan Astorga by Family For the Parish 42nd Anniversary Blessings for Robert & Selia Espinoza by Espinoza Family Souls in Purgatory† by Mary Macias
Tuesday, Oct 8 A.M.	. 26 BB* for Andrew Olech & Kathy Schnipke by Olech Family	6 P.M.	Hospicio† & Leonora Lagura†; Mandy Francisco†; Nizza DeGuzman†; Zorayda Salli by Lagura-Francisco Family
Wednesday, (8 A.M.	Oct. 27 BB* for Rachel Langas by Langas Family		* BB = Birthday Blessings

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RESPECT LIFE



September 22 - October 31 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

22 de Septiembre - 31 de Octubre ASPORLAVIDA

¡AYUDA A SALVAR VIDAS EN SAN ANTONIO!

Protege a madres y bebes uniéndote a la movilización pro-vida más grande de la historia.

40 Días por la Vida ha logrado tener más de 1,000,000+ voluntarios en 63 países.

Con la ayuda de Dios, aguí están los resultados:

- 18,816 bebés salvados del aborto
- 221 conversiones de trabajadores practicantes de abortos
- 110 centros de abortos cerrados

Contribuye a expandir este impacto y forma parte de la campaña de 40 Días por la Vida:

Ubicación de la vigilia: Planned Parenthood; 2140 Babcock Rd.; SATX 78229

Horas de la vigilia: 7 am - 7 pm a diario (No domingos)

Contacto local: Cathy Nix; 210 668-1993; cathy@sacfl.org

Word of Life

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision.

The wound in your heart may not yet have healed....But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope ... The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

– Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

Palabra De Vida

"Una reflexión especial quisiera tener para vosotras, mujeres que habéis recurrido al aborto. La Iglesia sabe cuántos condicionamientos pueden haber influido en vuestra decisión, y no duda de que en muchos casos se ha tratado de una decisión dolorosa e incluso dramática. Probablemente la herida aún no ha cicatrizado en vuestro interior. ...Sin embargo, no os dejéis vencer por el desánimo y no abandonéis la esperanza.... [E]l Padre de toda misericordia os espera para ofreceros su perdón y su paz en el sacramento de la Reconciliación." – San Juan Pablo II, Evangelium vitae, 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Se utiliza con permiso. Se reservan todos los derechos. 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.



OCTOBER: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

"When I Call for Help" remains the touchstone of the Church's response to domestic violence. In it, the bishops address four audiences: victims of domestic violence (predominately, though not exclusively, women), clergy and Church employees, abusers (predominately, though not exclusively, men), and society at large.

The statement first provides an overview of domestic violence, defining it as "any kind of behavior that a person uses to control an intimate partner through fear and intimidation" (p. 4). Abuse is not just physical (hitting, punching, etc.), but includes sexual, psychological, verbal, and economic abuse. The bishops also identify forced sterilization or abortion as a form of abuse.

The bishops say very clearly that domestic violence can never be justified by Scripture or Church teaching. "A correct reading of Scripture leads people to an understanding of the equal dignity of men and women and to relationships based on mutuality and love" (p. 9). They remind victims of abuse that they are not to blame.

And to victims who are abused by their spouse, the bishops state clearly that "no person is expected to stay in an abusive marriage" (p. 9). In this, they echo the Code of Canon Law, which states, "If either of the spouses causes grave mental or physical danger to the other spouse or to the offspring or otherwise renders common life too difficult, that spouse gives the other a legitimate cause for leaving [i.e. separation]" (canon 1153.1).

In the last section of "When I Call for Help," the bishops provide suggestions for action for abused women, men who abuse, and pastors and pastoral staff, who are often "first responders"

to a situation of abuse. The statement concludes with a prayer drawn from Psalm 55.

USCCB Resources

"When I Call for Help" is available here: https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/when-i-call-help-pastoral-response-domestic-violence.

Life Matters: Domestic Violence, a pamphlet from the USCCB's Pro-Life Secretariat, can be read here: https://www.usccb.org/prolife/life-matters-domestic-violence.

More information can be found on the USCCB's Domestic Violence page here: https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/domestic-violence.



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MEDICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE

ACCOMPANYING PATIENTS THROUGHOUT LIFE

NOV. 13, 8 AM – 7 PM | IN-PERSON AND ONLINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF SAN ANTONIO, 333 N SANTA ROSA ST.

- Vocation of the Health Care Professional Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD
 - Women's Health Marguerite Duane, MD, MHA, FAAFP
 - Hard Cases at the Beginning of Life Christopher Kaczor, PhD
- Sacramental and Spiritual Care for the Dying: Suffering, Compassion, and Hope Natalie Rodden, MD, MA
 - Access to Care for the Poor and Undocumented Claudia R. Sotomayor, MD, DBe
 - Vaccines: Moral Obligations, Prudential Judgements, Personal Responsibility, and the Common Good - Michael J. Deem, PhD
 - In Vitro Fertilization and Woman-Affirming Alternatives Patrick Yeung Jr., MD

Continuing education credits for health care professional will be offered.

For more info or to register, visit **convergingroads.com** or email **michelle@forlifeandfamily.org** or call 832-779-1070.

Converging Roads is an initiative of the St. John Paul II Foundation presented collaboratively with the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System and the Catholic Physicians Guild of San Antonio.



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



"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on: you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised.

But presently he starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of – throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself." – C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Tony Salinas Mary Keeton Suzanne Sandlin Michael Gene Roberson Alejandro De Luna Raquel Dinsay Éva Moon Deacon Jerry Kozar Maximiliano Herrera Maggie Reyna Rocio Gibbs Fr. Patrick Martin **Chervl Ferrell** Tracey Kollmansberger Bridget Dunlap Karina Hernandez Kelton Sweet, Jr. Joanna Sweet

Javier Calderon George Aldaya 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.

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 24: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52 Monday 25: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17 Tuesday 26: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21 Wednesday 27: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30 Thursday 28: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16 Friday 29: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6 Saturday 30: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/ Lk 14:1, 7-11 Sunday 31: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

QUÉ HERMOSOS son los pasos de los que anuncian BUENAS NOTICIAS

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



THE FIRST MARITAL QUARREL

Adam: "Well, at least you can't complain that I never listened to you!"

Eve: "Really? To think— I used to be married to the perfect man!"



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