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so Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus

answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

#### November 21, 2021

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** 

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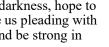
We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God. Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a whole.

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION:** JN 18:33b-37

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to

despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in



#### 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.

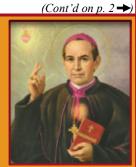
### Baptism - Required Class:

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 **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!

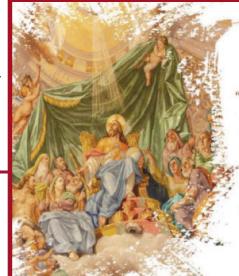
Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

Nov. 13/14 attendance and collection totals unavailable at press time.



TODO EL QUE ES DE LA VERDAD, ESCUCHA MI VOZ". - JN 18, 37

NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO. REY DEL UNIVERSO



Thanksgiving Masses: Wednesday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, 9 a.m.

#### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 20

5 P.M. Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†;

> Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family

Sunday, Nov. 21

8 A.M. BB\* for Raymond A. Bendele, Jr.

by Bea Peterson

10A.M. Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,

Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro

12 P.M. Disciples of Jesus & Mary & their Families

by Alicia & Mauro Longoria

3 P.M. For the Parish

6 P.M. Spec. Int. for Cordova Family

by Coss Family

Monday, Nov. 22

8 A.M. Tomas Calderon, Sr.† by Mendoza Family

6:30 P.M.

7 P.M. Margaret Mary Kozar† by Deacon Jerry &

Pat Kozar

Tuesday, Nov. 23

8 A.M. BB\* for Carmen Nava by Bea Alvarez Wednesday, Nov. 24 \*\*\*NO MORNING MASS \*\*\* PARISH OFFICE CLOSES AT 12 P.M. \*\*\*

7 P.M. Louisa Armendariz† by Teresa Revilla

Thursday, Nov. 25 \*\*\* PARISH OFFICE CLOSED \*\*\* 9 A.M.

Manuel & Concepcion Espinoza†; Rudy &

Selia Garcia† by Espinoza Family

Friday, Nov. 26 \*\*\* PARISH OFFICE CLOSED \*\*\*

8 A.M. BB\* for Arthur A. Jackson

by Jackson Family

Saturday, Nov. 27

**Deceased Members of Chaffin & Rivas** 5 P.M.

Families by Mary & Jerry

Sunday, Nov. 28

8 A.M. **BB\* for Merle Belisario** by Family

10A.M. Healing for David Dydasco, Tommy Reyes,

**Margaret Gogue & Lee Sanders** 

by Jackson Family

12 P.M. Spec. Int. for Monica Thompson &

John Gonzales by Family

3 P.M. For the Parish

6 P.M. Good Health for Emilio Pina by Family

\* BB = Birthday Blessings

### **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM & THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

#### Word of Life

The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person. ...It is in accordance with their dignity as persons—that is, beings endowed with reason and free will and therefore privileged to bear personal responsibility—that all men should be at once impelled by nature and also



bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth. They are also bound to adhere to the truth, once it is known, and to order their whole lives in accord with the demands of truth. However, men cannot discharge these obligations in a manner in keeping with their own nature unless they enjoy immunity from external coercion as well as psychological freedom. Therefore the right to religious freedom has its foundation not in the subjective disposition of the person, but in his very nature. In consequence, the right to this immunity continues to exist even in those who do not live up to their obligation of seeking the truth and adhering to it and the exercise of this right is not to be impeded, provided that just public order be observed.

- Pope Paul VI, Dignitatis humanae (Declaration on Religious Freedom), 2.
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#### Palabra De Vida

"El derecho a la libertad religiosa está realmente fundado en la dignidad misma de la persona humana". ...Todos los hombres, conforme a su dignidad, por ser personas, es decir, dotados de razón y de voluntad libre, y enriquecidos por tanto con una responsabilidad personal, están impulsados por su misma naturaleza y están obligados además moralmente a buscar la verdad, sobre todo la que se refiere a la religión. Están obligados, asimismo, a aceptar la verdad conocida y a disponer toda su vida según sus exigencias. Pero los hombres no pueden satisfacer esta obligación de forma adecuada a su propia naturaleza, si no gozan de libertad psicológica al mismo tiempo que de inmunidad de coacción externa. Por consiguiente, el derecho a la libertad religiosa no se funda en la disposición subjetiva de la persona, sino en su misma naturaleza. Por lo cual, el derecho a esta inmunidad permanece también en aquellos que no cumplen la obligación de buscar la verdad y de adherirse a ella, y su ejercicio, con tal de que se guarde el justo orden público, no puede ser impedido.

– Papa Pablo VI, Dignitatis humanae (Declaración sobre la libertad religiosa), 2.
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#### **Intercessions for Life**

On this feast of Christ the King and always: may all recognize God as the author of life and give thanks for His precious gift. Let us pray to the Lord.

# Intercesiones por la Vida

En esta fiesta de Cristo Rey y siempre, que todos reconozcamos a Dios como el autor de la vida y le demos gracias por Su invaluable don. Roguemos al Señor.



<u>Intention</u>: May our ability to care for others not be diminished by threats to religious freedom.

Prayers: 1 Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, 1 Glory Be

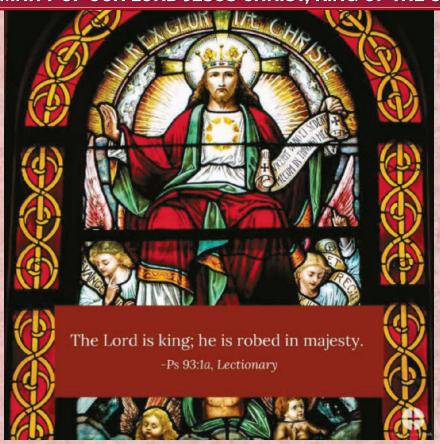
Reflection: Jesus's heart moved him to heal the sick, comfort the grieving, and raise the dead. Love moved him to work wonders. This same love also moves us to care for those in need, but in recent years, the Church and her members have faced increasing obstacles to doing so.

Many, such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, have had their right to religious freedom suppressed.

As Catholics, we must stand up for religious freedom in our own country and around the world, drawing strength and resilience from the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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## THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (Quas primas, 7).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

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#### **PARISH NEWS**

Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Meeting Sun., Nov. 21, 12 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall Ladies of the parish 18 years & older: join us for fellowship and spiritual activities! Questions? Contact Olga Honermann at 210-326-6334.





### **SINGERS NEEDED!**

Our parish choir is recruiting singers for Advent and Christmas seasons. All voice parts needed. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. in the

sanctuary. To sign up, contact music director Paul Rauschhuber at 210-865-4717 or <u>prauschhuber@yahoo.com</u>.



#### BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. RE Bldg., 1st floor





# \_\_\_Gobble \_\_\_ 'til You Wobble

### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Why didn't the taxidermy turkey want seconds?

He was already stuffed.

How do you make a turkey float? You need two scoops of ice cream, some root beer and a turkey.

What do you call a gobbler who thinks he knows everything?

A smirky turkey.





# Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through artwork!

- Open to kids ages 5–14.
- Pick up entry form at the parish office. Turn in form with poster to the parish office no later than Dec. 4.
- Contestants will compete in their age group:
  - \* Ages 5-7 (grades K-2)
  - Ages 8-10 (grades 3-5)
  - \* Ages 11-14 (grades 6-8)
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place certificates will be awarded.
- Winner to be announced at this year's Breakfast with Santa.

#### **Rules:**

- Poster must reflect theme of Keep Christ in Christmas.
- Poster must be original work of a single person.
- Poster dimensions should be approximately 11x17 inches.

All entries become property of Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.



# Weddings This Week in Our Parish



Luke Lane & Megan Madalinski



Crik Venegas & Kimberly Salazar

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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:







Luis Horacio Gómez

St. John Vianney's Prayer for Priests
God, please give to your Church today
many more priests after your own heart.
May they be worthy representatives of Christ the
Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote
themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of
humility and poverty; shining models of holiness;
tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God;
zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments.
May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the
Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin
fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:

Heralds of the Good News

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Carolyn Cole Eugene Lovato Merida Garcia Eva Cruz & Husband Margaret Mary Lucido Tony Salinas Alejandro De Luna Deacon Jerry Kozar Maggie Reyna Rocio Gibbs Fr. Patrick Martin Chervl Ferrell Tracev 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. Sandy Salinas

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 21: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37 Monday 22: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday 23: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday 24: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 25: 1 Kgs 8:55-61/1 Cor 1:3-9/Lk 1:39-55 Friday 26: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33 Saturday 27: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36 Sunday 28: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

# A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day

Most Merciful Lord, gathering for this meal of thanksgiving we offer You, as our Creator, our thanks and praise You who teach us to love without limit You who teach us to forgive without counting the cost You who teach us to give without seeking return

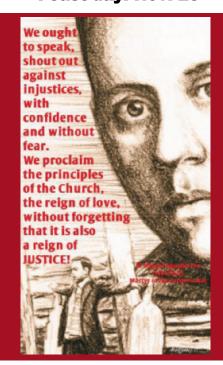
May we honor You through our words and actions every day, every moment.

May we worship You through our lives with others, lived in kindness and tender care.

May we fully realize what St. Faustina came to know: that in our thankfulness, true earthly joy resides that in Your love for us we find the heavenly harvest that strengthens our souls, until we reside in You forever.

Praise and glory to You, Merciful Lord, now and forever, Amen.

Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, priest and martyr, pray for us! Feast day: Nov. 23





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