St. Anthony Mary Claret

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February 20, 2022

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Parish Mission Statement

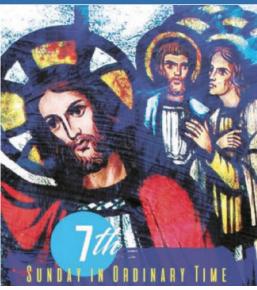
We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God. Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the development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

GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 6:27-38

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

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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 & 10 a.m.; 12, 3 (Spanish), & 6 p.m. Holy Days of Obligation: Check inside bulletin for times.

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

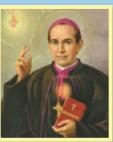
Baptism - Required Class: First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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. Attend mandatory orientation third Thurs. 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. Attend mandatory orientation fourth Thurs. 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.

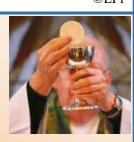
Please complete an online registration form at **samcsa.com** or a printed one which you can find near the church entrance in the narthex.

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

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If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. ©LPi

"Your Lord is seated at the Father's right hand in heaven. How then is the bread His body? And the chalice, or rather its content, how is it His Blood? These elements are called sacraments, because in them one thing is perceived by the sense and another



thing by the mind. What is seen has a bodily appearance; what the mind perceives produces spiritual fruit. You hear the words, 'The Body of Christ,' and you answer 'Amen.''' — St. Augustine Feb. 12/13 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	2,339
Regular Collection	\$ 24,007.65
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 5,109.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 605.00
Candles	\$ 295.53
Capital Campaign	\$ 50.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 25.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 25.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 20.00



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ish website: http://samcsa.com/.

Better yet, have it emailed directly to your inbox! Go to parishesonline.com, locate our parish with the search tool and click on "subscribe."

Saturday, Fe	eb. 19		by Rick & Sandy Salinas	
5 P.M.	BB* for Maria Gibbs by Gibbs Family	Thursday, Feb.	24	
Sunday, Feb.	. 20	8 A.M.	Lucille & Francis Fleming [*]	
BA.M.	For the Parish		by Saathoff Family	
0 A.M.	Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,	Friday, Feb. 25		
	Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro	8 A.M.		
2 P.M.	Josefina Rivera [†] by Rivera Family	0 A.M.	Jose Garcia† by Family	
8 P.M.	Ambaro Espinoza† by Veronica Felix		Andres Khan† by Family	
6 P.M.	Margaret Rendon [†] by Alice Russell	Saturday, Feb. 26		
	BB* for Victoria Theresa Guerrero	5 P.M.	Michelle Reynolds [†] by Rick & Sandy Salinas	
	by Guerrero Family		Living & Deceased Members Houston &	
Jandar Fak	. 01		Karpovage Families	
Monday, Feb		Sunday Eab 20	6	
A.M.	Robert Reynolds [†] by Lydia Reynolds	Sunday, Feb. 20		
5:30 P.M.	Holy Hour	8 A.M.	BB* for Emmett Philip Peterson	
7:30 P.M.	Knofel Mattox [†] by Langas Family		by Bea Peterson	
Fuesday, Fel	h 22	40 4 35	For Conversion of Sinners by Emma Ortiz	
B A.M.	Stephen Paul Sanders†	10 A.M.	Healing for Monica Gomez	
, 1 1 ,1 1 ,1	by Art & Doris Jackson		by Sanders Family	
	by Art & Doris sackson	12 P.M.	BB* for Edward Alcantar by Family	
Wednesday,		3 P.M.	For the Parish	
BA.M.	P. Mendoza, Sr.† by Mendoza Family	6 P.M.	BB* for Jean & Emma Olech	
	Jimmy Bautista†; Ernest† & Josie Salinas†		by Olech Family	
			* BB = Birthday Blessings	

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ST. ANTHONY CLARET LENTEN MISSION

A Lenten Journey in the Gospel of Luke The Church: Praying, Fasting and Giving Alms Presenter: Most Reverend Michael J. Boulette, D.Min.

Monday, March 7, 7 PM - "Lord, teach us to pray..." - Luke 11:1 It is a serious question why the disciples, faithful Jewish folks, needed to be taught to pray at all. Indeed they did, for there is a distinct way of prayer for the Christian disciple. We will first explore material from the Old Testament book of Nehemiah on Old Testament prayer and then move to a discussion of the meaning of the Lord's Prayer.

Tuesday, March 8, 7 PM - "I will break away and return to my father..." — Luke 15:18a This night we will examine in depth the story of the "Prodigal Son" and the nature of true reconciliation. It will reveal to us the desire of our God to forgive us and will enlighten us about just who is the real "prodigal" One. We will explore in detail the path of reconciliation.

Wednesday, March 9, 7 PM - "Do this in remembrance of me." — Luke 22:19b The stories of the origins of the Eucharist are truly important to us. The Eucharist is the place of reconciliation and nourishment for Luke. We will examine various meals at which Jesus ate in order to understand something of the fullness of this great sacrament for the Church.

BRING YOUR BIBLE! All presentations to be held in the church.

Born in Hudson Falls, New York, to French Canadian and Italian parents, Bishop Mike Boulette moved with his family to Fredericksburg, Texas at the age of nine. Called to the priesthood, he took his formation through Roman Catholic seminaries in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. He subsequently completed a Master of Theology degree at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. He also received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Psychology from St. Mary and Trinity Universities in San Antonio, and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Preaching and Worship from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas.

He has served in pastoral ministry since 1976, with nine years as Director of Spiritual Formation at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, and a total of 18 years as Pastor and Administrator at Notre Dame Catholic Church and School in Kerrville.

In 2004, he was commissioned to begin a new ministry for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, which was named St. Peter Upon the Water: A Center for Spiritual Direction and Formation. It is a place where people may find spiritual direction and a formation program for spiritual directors, also providing writings about spiritual issues and speakers for parish retreats and missions. In 2017, he accepted the call to become Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. He presently serves as Vicar General to the Archbishop and Moderator of the Curia to the Archbishop's staff.

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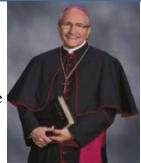
Saturday, March 26, 5:30 - 9 p.m. **Msgr. Hubertus Hall** FREE ADMISSION

Age categories: 0-12; 13-17; & 18+ Contestant registration fee: \$5 **PRIZES:** 1st place - \$100: Runner-up - \$50 To pre-register, email your name, how many in your group, ages, phone number and your act details to council10090@gmail.com.

You will then receive further detailed instructions.



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ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL FOR SHARED MINISTRIES



On behalf of Archbishop Gustavo and Father Jan Klak, we invite you and your family to participate in this year's Archbishop's Appeal for Shared Ministries by offering a sacrificial gift. Our theme for this year's Appeal is **Our Journey Together**.

What is our Archbishop's Appeal for Shared Ministries? It is the transformative love that is so critical to the life of our local

church. It is the ministry shared between St Anthony Mary Claret and the Archdiocese of San Antonio, between Father Jan Klak and Archbishop Gustavo. It is a compassionate love for those most in need.

Let us journey together to financially support the formation of priests and deacons who will serve our parish soon.

Your financial support helps prepare lay leaders to serve as catechists, chaplains, and lectors. It offers a Catholic education to families in need. It broadcasts televised Masses and helps expand our reach through other digital media. Your financial support to this appeal will share Christ's love as it feeds, clothes, shelters, and cares for the most vulnerable. These ministries support our neighbors in need and further the mission of the Catholic Church.

Our parish goal is full participation. To accomplish this, we need your support. Every family should participate by making a gift to this appeal. Any gift, any amount, will make a difference in somebody's life. We invite you to pray and find it in your heart to make a sacrificial gift to this year's appeal. Ways to give:

•Text-to-Give: (210) 750-6712; keyword: APPEAL

- •Online: www.archsa.org/appeal
- •Or if necessary, using the parish Appeal envelope

All these ways of giving are safe and fast. If you need help, let us know. We will be happy to assist you.

May God bless you for your willingness to share your prayers and financial support to this appeal.

En nombre del Arzobispo Gustavo y el Padre Jan Klak, invitamos a usted y a su familia a participar en la Campaña Anual del Arzobispo para los Ministerios Compartidos ofreciendo un donativo como sacrificio de amor según sus circunstancias lo permitan. Su donativo ayudará a cubrir los gastos de la formación de sacerdotes y diáconos que servirán en nuestras parroquias en el futuro celebrando los Sacramentos. Su donación preparará líderes laicos para servir como catequistas, lectores y capellanes. Su donativo ofrecerá educación católica a familias necesitadas. Transmitirá la Misa televisada que tanto ayudo a muchos durante la pandemia del COVID19. Su donativo ayudara a llevar el amor de Cristo al alimentar, al vestir, al dar cobijo y al cuidar a los más vulnerables en los 19 condados que forman nuestra arquidiócesis.

Porque tuve hambre, y me diste de comer; tuve sed, y me diste de beber; fui forastero, y me hospedaste, estuve desnudo, y me cubriste; enfermo, y me visitaste; en la cárcel, y viniste a mí. Estas palabras del Evangelio de Mateo son las obras que su donación ayudara a cubrir. Durante esta pandemia, más que nunca, es necesario que estas obras de caridad continúen, que los que necesiten de estos cuidados encuentren en nuestra comunidad católica la ayuda que necesitan. Solo dando y compartiendo nuestro tesoro, solo así tendremos más. Para hacer un donativo:

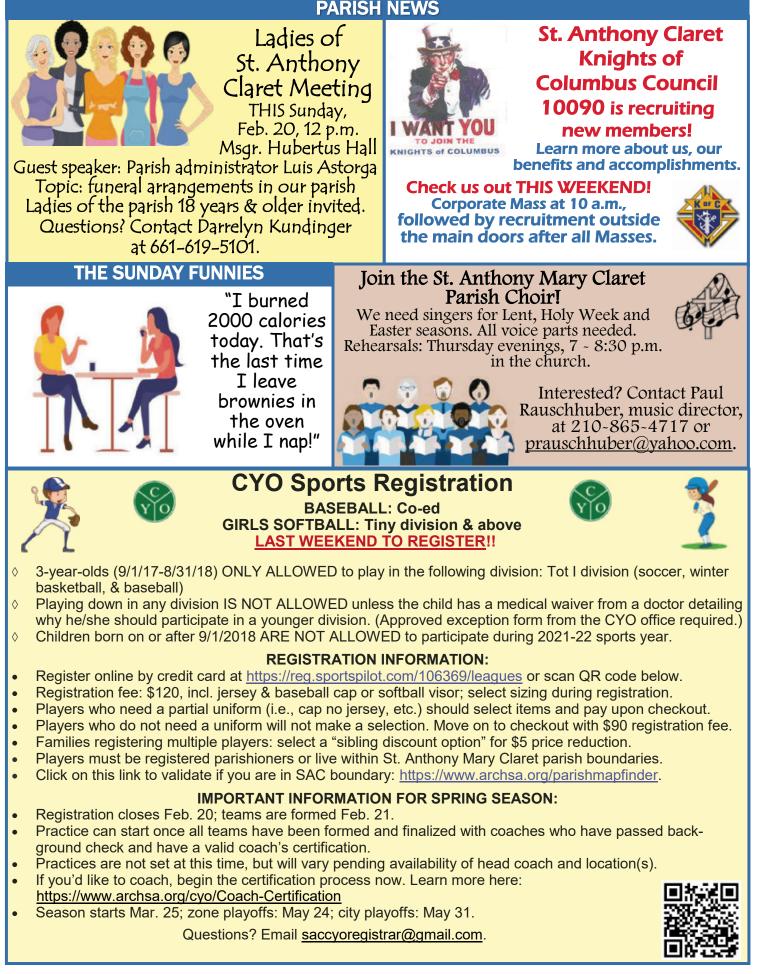
- Envié la palabra APPEAL en un texto al (210) 750-6712; y completé la forma que sigue. Para cambiar el lenguaje de la forma, vaya a la parte superior izquierda de la pantalla.
- ◆Vaya a la página www.archsa.org/appeal
- Utilizando la cámara de celular, por favor escanee el código QR impreso en los sobres de la campaña ubicados en las bancas o la carta de invitación del Arzobispo. Esto lo llevara a un sitio seguro para hacer su donativo.
- Utilice uno de los sobres de esta campaña localizados en las bancas de la parroquia.

Gracias por sus oraciones y donaciones a esta campaña.



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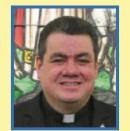


FAITH & PRAYER

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:





Joseph Duque

Rafael Lopez-Negroni

Prayer to Offer Communion for Priests Heavenly Father, for the glory of Your Holy Name, we offer You Jesus, the Incarnate Word, whom we have received in the Sacrament of His love, and in whom You are well pleased. Through Mary Immaculate, we offer ourselves, united with Christ, for the sanctification and increase of Your priests. Pour Your Divine Spirit upon them, grant them a great love for the Cross, and make fruitful their pastoral work. Amen.

- By Blessed Concepcion Cabrera

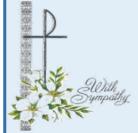
We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Capuchin Franciscans

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Christella James George Vasquez Maurice Flores Tracey Kollmansberger Yolanda Barron Tony Salinas Alejandro De Luna Deacon Jerry Kozar Maggie Reyna Rocio Gibbs Fr. Patrick Martin Karina Hernandez Kelton Sweet, Jr. Joanna Sweet Javier Calderon George Aldaya Mary Helen Peterson 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 20: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38 Monday 21: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday 22: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 Wednesday 23: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40 Thursday 24: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50 Friday 25: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12 Saturday 26: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16 Sunday 27: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



The parish community mourns the loss of parishioner, *Riley Robertson*, who recently passed away. We offer our deepest condolences to his family and in particular to his wife, *Ellen*.

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

St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: January 2022

Utility assistance:	\$ 2	,224.31
Restock food pantry:	\$4	,020.57
Other client assistance:	\$1	,736.66
Office expenses:	\$	450.05
# Food bags distributed	d:	643
<pre># People served:</pre>		209
# of home deliveries		37



Hours: Thursdays, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.co. Thank you for your support of our mission.

COMMUNITY NEWS



For men of all faith journeys Sat., Feb. 26, St. Matthew's Athletic Center Participate in person or online.

Speakers include: Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio Most Rev. Gary Janak, Mark Houck & John Sablan.

Register at **pilgrimcenterofhope.org** or call Pilgrim Center of Hope at 210-521-3377. Scholarships available.



