

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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July 10, 2022

Fifteenth 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: LK 10:25-37

We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.



"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes" (Fred Rogers). It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister

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## Celebration of the Mass

Monday: 8 am; 7:30 pm; Holy Hour 6:30 pm

Tuesday - Friday: 8 am; Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 pm

Sunday: 8 & 10 am; 12, 3 (Spanish), & 6 pm

Holy Days of Obligation: Check inside bulletin for times.

## Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays: 4 pm; Sundays: 4 pm

## Baptism - Required Class:

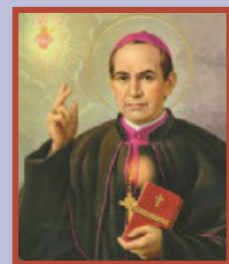
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm. Call parish office to register.

**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 pm.

**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 pm.



## 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](http://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*

Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. ... We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules. ©LPi



## July 2/3 attendance &amp; collection totals

Attendance	2,240
Regular Collection	\$ 27,788.11
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 6,101.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 550.00
Candles	\$ 494.55
Gabriel Project	\$ 350.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 125.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 100.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 25.00

## THE LORD IS NEAR TO THE BROKENHEARTED

PSALM 34:18

United in prayer with the  
community in Highland Park, IL



**WARNING: Some parishioners have received emails requesting help or donations and falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan.**

**DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

## Saturday, July 9

5 PM Virginia Ancharski† by Jeanette Erickson

## Sunday, July 10

8 AM Yolande Brown† by Connie Jones  
Jo Ann Zinsmeyer† by John Debner  
10 AM Jean Macecevic† by Bill Macecevic  
12 PM Alicia Garces† by Family  
3 PM For the Parish  
6 PM Fernando Mascorro†  
by wife - Diana Mascorro

## Monday, July 11

8 AM Daniel Cunningham† by Riley & Ellen  
Robertson & Family  
6:30 PM Holy Hour  
7:30 PM Arturo Gomez† by Espinoza Family

## Tuesday, July 12

8 AM Tomas & Felicidad Calderon†  
by Mendoza Family  
Maria Cortez† by Emma Ortiz

## Wednesday, July 13

8 AM Evelyn & Ted Cerwin† by Anne Marie  
Cerwin

## Thursday, July 14

8 AM Anniversary Blessings for Anna & Tom

Shearer by Bea Peterson

Father Phillip Martin† by Dcn. Jerry &  
Pat Kozar

Jo Ann Zinsmeyer† by John Debner

6:30 PM

7:30 PM

Bilingual Holy Hour

For Religious Vocations

## Friday, July 15

8 AM

Carmen Nava† by Bea Alvarez

Margie Jones† by Family

## Saturday, July 16

5 PM

Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†;  
Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard  
Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family

## Sunday, July 17

8 AM

Spec. Int.: Liliana & Vanessa Valenzuela,  
Adrian Gutierrez & David Cartwright  
by Louis Martinez & Family

10 AM

Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,  
Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro

12 PM

Leonor & Manuel Murillo† by Family

3 PM

Georgina Cantu† by Grandfather

6 PM

Angel Canosa† by St. Anthony Claret  
Legion of Mary & Erlinda Teves

\* BB = Birthday Blessings

## RESPECT LIFE

## AN ADOPTION LOVE STORY

*Ed. Note: Adoption is a wonderful gift. Though sometimes portrayed in negative ways by the media, most experiences of adoption are beautiful love stories—such as the one Jenny\* shares below.*

My husband Bill and I have been married for six years. Having children and raising a family had always been our expectation. By the time we were married, most of our siblings and friends already had children, so of course we were excited and ready to be parents ourselves. We soon learned, however, that having children of our own might not be so easy.

We made a few trips to multiple cities to be treated by wonderful doctors who have helped so many couples conceive, but everything we tried was unsuccessful. We felt so hopeless at times. Words can't even explain this experience of loss.

Fortunately, our marriage only grew stronger, because we were there for each other and continued to rely on God. This didn't always come easily, but it helped that Bill has a great sense of humor, and we were able to laugh at some of the crazy situations and conversations that come with infertility.

Since we knew our chances of becoming pregnant were small, it wasn't very long before we started talking about the possibility of adoption. However, it wasn't an easy decision, and I wondered if my heart was big enough to love an adopted child as I would my biological child. There were also so many other variables to consider, one of which was the expense involved, and we had already spent so much money on infertility treatments. We felt we had no control, but God reminded us again that He is always in control and that we could trust in Him.

So with prayerful discernment, we decided to start the process of adopting a child from Ethiopia. However, after it took nearly a year to get on the waiting list, the adoption program was put on hold for reasons that were unknown to us.

We were so frustrated that we started to feel as though maybe we just weren't called to have children. We then heard from friends who had adopted a newborn baby domestically after only a few short months. With this new encouragement, we switched gears and decided to adopt domestically, picking a nationwide agency rather than a state agency because it is usually faster.

We were so excited but also rather scared. We would be chosen by a birthmother and would be required to send pictures and letters to her frequently. Most likely, we would talk with the birthmother over the phone and meet her at the delivery. And there was always the chance she could change her mind, even days after the birth. I didn't know how I would feel about all this and wondered if we were setting ourselves up for more heartbreak. But all we could do was pray and try to leave it in God's hands.

Four months later, we received a call that a birthmother in Florida had chosen us. She was seven months pregnant with a boy. We couldn't believe it. We were finally going to have a baby. We talked with her a couple of times over the phone, and I never realized until then how lucky I was to marry such a talker, as Bill really helped the conversations flow smoothly.

On the birthmother's due date, we received the call that she was in labor. Bill and I dropped everything and hit the road to Florida to meet our son. Words can't even describe how we felt during that drive. We were so excited at the thought that we could be driving home with our son, yet at the same time we were so scared that we may be driving home alone. I wasn't sure we could handle that disappointment, and I wondered what she would think of us. Would she regret that she chose us? What would I say to the woman who was going to place her child with us? Along with these and all the normal fears of becoming a parent, I was also afraid that I wouldn't bond with our new son or feel that he was ours.

After arriving, we met the birthmother who was still in labor. She was so sweet and personable, and we sat with her to support her as best we could. A few hours later, our son Andrew was born. It was the most surreal experience.

We spent the next day and a half with Andrew and his birthmother in the hospital getting to know each other a bit. It was hard to know what to say to her, knowing she was making the hardest decision of her life, knowing the pain she must be experiencing, and feeling that I was the one causing this pain. It was such an emotional roller coaster to hold and look at this precious baby, wondering if I would really be his mother.

Thankfully, the birthmother decided to maintain her decision to place her child with us. Later that evening, Christmas Eve, Bill and I left the hospital with Andrew. It didn't take long before there was no doubt in our minds that he was our son, the greatest gift from God! He really is our Christmas miracle.

Andrew is two years old now, and it is so clear to Bill and me that God picked him for us. We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well. More and more every day we are so thankful to his birthmother for her selfless decision.

It is so hard to express in words what a unique experience adoption has been for us. It has been quite a journey facing infertility, as well as so many unknowns and acts of kindness and sacrifice—all with so many emotions—which led to the growth of our family. There were times when our faith was shaken and we weren't sure if we could handle our cross. But adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.

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## Intercessions for Life

For families considering adoption: may the Lord guide and bless their journeys and grant them peace along the way. We pray to the Lord.

## Intercesiones por la Vida

Por las familias que consideran adoptar: para que el Señor guíe y bendiga su camino, y les conceda la paz en su caminar. Roguemos al Señor.

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In a world where not many people know Jesus intimately, the revival is meant to show everyone what wonders the True Presence of Jesus can do to heal the soul.

The [National Eucharistic Revival](#), [launched] June 19 on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, has a [mission](#) to “renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist,” as stated on the initiative’s website.

Sponsored by the U.S. bishops, the revival aims to inspire people to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. Here is all you need to know about the National Eucharistic Revival.

### What is the Eucharistic Revival?

The Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative that aims to inspire, educate, and unite. In a world where not many people know Jesus intimately, the revival is meant to show everyone what wonders the True Presence of Jesus can do to heal the soul. Through a carefully planned timeline of events, after three years, the U.S. bishops hope to change the lives of many Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

As the campaign organizers say on the revival’s website, those [who](#) have been “healed, converted, formed, and unified” by the Eucharist have a mission to teach others “for the life of the world.” This is what the National Eucharistic Revival envisions for the future of this movement.

### Why are the U.S. bishops doing this?

Great question. The current world is hurting and straying far from God. According to [Pew Research Center](#), only 31% of Catholics even believe in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is up to that 31% to spread the truth to all. As the revival website says, “We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith — his Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.”

It is a time to confront the hardships that face people in everyday life. The National Eucharistic Revival is a powerful, uplifting way to rise to this challenge.

### What’s planned for the kickoff?

This coming year is the Year of Diocesan Renewal.

From now through June of 2023, each diocese will offer events to promote and inspire understanding of the Eucharist. The training of “eucharistic missionaries” will come through online and in-person resources that teach about Christ and the Real Presence.

Everything will start with widespread eucharistic adoration and procession on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

### What happens next?

Spanning until July 2024 and beyond, the movement will also include a Year of Parish Revival, a National Eucharistic Congress in 2024, and the National Year of Mission. Each year will be dedicated to serving a specific purpose in the National Eucharistic Revival’s mission.

### When is the National Eucharistic Congress ?

This major national event will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, from July 17-21, 2024.

Over 100,000 Catholics are expected to “worship our Risen Lord in his humble disguise” and allow the Holy Spirit to “enkindle a missionary fire in the heart of our nation,” according to the revival website. This “National Pilgrimage” will have both in-person and remote options, so everyone can take part in this solemn celebration.

### How can I get involved?

There are many ways for individuals all over the United States to [get involved](#) in the National Eucharistic Revival. Catholics are given the option to become prayer partners, share testimonies, and call on the Holy Spirit to encourage and strengthen this movement. The revival calls upon “laypeople, families, religious orders, and priests to volunteer their time, talents, and prayers in pursuit of the grassroots renewal our world so desperately needs,” its website says.

Available learning resources include Corpus Christi novenas in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#), a [document](#) prepared by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) about the Eucharist, a [question and answer](#) page about the Eucharist, and a [free course](#) by Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of the Archdiocese of Crookston on learning to embrace the gift of the Eucharist. More resources will become available throughout the movement’s timeline.

### Where can I go for more information?

The best spot for more information is the National Eucharistic Revival [website](#) itself. Not only does it have an abundance of learning resources and prayer assistance, but also a list of answered [frequently asked questions](#). The USCCB [website](#) also has a wealth of resources.



## PARISH NEWS



The St. Anthony Claret Respect Life Ministry thanks you joining them in praying the pro-life rosary intentions. Your prayers played a large role in changing abortion laws.

Men of St. Anthony Claret, you are invited to an encounter with our merciful Lord at the

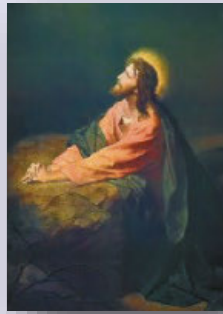
## Men's ACTS Retreat

Aug. 4-7\*; Cordi Marian Retreat Center

For info or to register, contact Brett Godkin at 210-954-2358, Buddy Broerman at 210-325-9167 or Sid Luna at 210-213-0136.

*You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. - Luke 12:40*

\*Please note retreat dates have changed.



## Silver Seniors Luncheon

Wed., July 20  
12:30-3:30 PM  
Msgr. Hubertus Hall  
For ages 55 & up

**RSVP by Friday, July 15.**

**RSVP to Maria Richardson at 210-722-4627.**

**For info, contact Larry Lucido at 210-473-4813.**



## This Week in Our Parish

Weddings  
Jesus Estrada  
& Carmen Salmon



Do you sing or play an instrument?  
Will you share your time and talent?

## Join the Saturday 5 PM Mass choir!

We are looking for prayerful, creative new members with intermediate to advanced choir and/or instrumental skills to help lead our assembly's sung prayer. Commitment includes personal preparation, a weekly group rehearsal, and Saturday Mass attendance. Interested? Contact Mark Kokotajlo at [alamokoko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alamokoko@sbcglobal.net) or see him after 5 PM Mass.



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**Catholic Schoolhouse,**  
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is registering for the  
2022-23 academic year at  
St. Anthony Claret.



The structured program meets weekly for pre-K - 12<sup>th</sup> grades and includes a community atmosphere based on the virtues of the Holy Family, field trips, science experiments, art projects, and opportunities for socializing.

Now offering a special education program for children with special needs, the only one of its kind in metro San Antonio. For info, contact Alexandra Kubebatu at 210-996-1437 or [SanAntonioTX@CatholicSchoolhouse.com](mailto:SanAntonioTX@CatholicSchoolhouse.com).

**Vacation Bible School  
(VBS) scheduled for  
July 18-22 has been  
cancelled.**

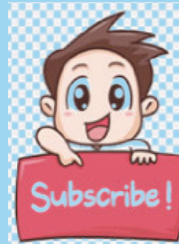


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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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*Be the change you wish to see in the world  
and light up the darkness.*

## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

People  
always ask  
me how  
I sneak  
chocolate  
into movie  
theaters.  
Well, let's  
just say I  
have a  
few Twix up  
my sleeve.



## FAITH &amp; 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:

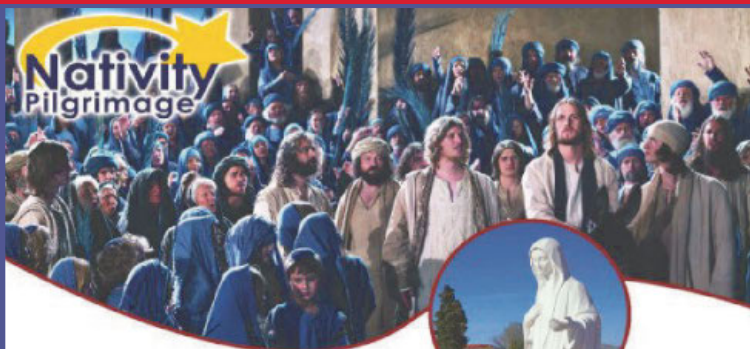
**Edgar Hernandez****Man Nguyen**

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Padre Nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas. Manda tu Santo Espíritu para ayudar a que otros respondan con generosidad y valentía a tu llamado. Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye las vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo quien vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

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

## FATHER TU'S PILGRIMAGE



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## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Bill Phinizy  
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Rachel Delgado  
George Vasquez  
Maurice Flores  
Tracey Kollmansberger  
Yolanda Barron  
Tony Salinas  
Alejandro De Luna  
Deacon Jerry Kozar  
Maggie Reyna  
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 Salazar  
Javier & Mary Bautista  
Olga Faz  
Bishop Yanta  
Jim & 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 11: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday 11: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday 12: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday 13: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday 14: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30

Friday 15: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday 16: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

Sunday 17: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



Celebrate 35 years of ACTS Retreats!

**ACTS Birthday Celebration Fundraiser**

Saturday, July 30; Oblate School of Theology  
Mass: 4:30PM at Immaculate Conception Church on campus; celebrant: Fr. Ron Rolheiser  
Followed by reception at Whitley Theological Center  
Tickets: \$25 incl. all-you-can-eat buffet, beer, wine and dancing. For more info, visit  
[www.actsmissions.org](http://www.actsmissions.org)





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