

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak, Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

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Rev. Tu Nguyen

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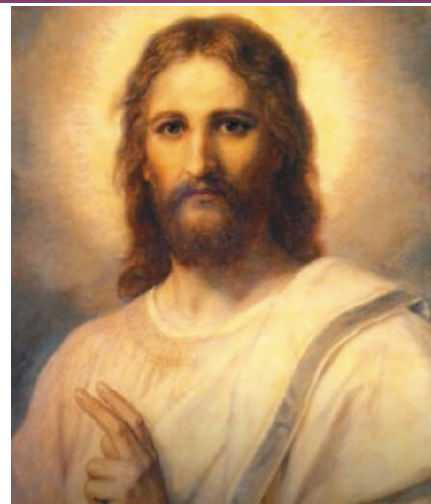
LK 11:1-13

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this

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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:

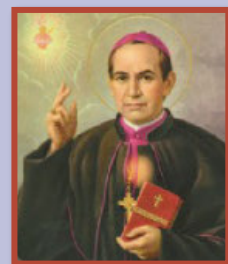
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm. Call parish office to register.

**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.



### 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.

## 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

## July 16/17 attendance &amp; collection totals

Attendance	2,413
Regular Collection	\$ 23,788.00
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 6,023.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 875.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 390.00
Candles	\$ 278.70
Capital Campaign	\$ 200.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 55.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00

GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1*

perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need. ©LPi



*"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament of the Eucharist, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."*  
—St. Teresa of Avila

17º Domingo  
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"Así también les dijo a ustedes: Pidán y se les dará, busquen y encontrarán, toquen y se les abrirá". - Lc 11, 9



**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 23

5 PM **Mary Kay Davidson†** by Lenna Gregorio  
**Mandy Francisco†** by Lagura & Francisco Families

## Sunday, July 24

8 AM **BB\* for Andrea Fernandes** by Family  
10 AM **Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J. Ponce†; Healing for Anthony Ponce** by Alma Ponce  
12 PM **Joe B. Alcantar†** by Family  
3 PM **Rafael Cortez†** by Emma Ortiz  
6 PM **Souls in Purgatory†** by Mary Macias  
**Elvira Gonzales†** by Louis Gonzales

## Monday, July 25

8 AM **Joe Guadalupe Garcia†** by Daughter  
6:30 PM Holy Hour  
7:30 PM **For an End to Abortion**

## Tuesday, July 26

8 AM **Liliana Arellano Martinez†**  
by Angelica Trevino

## Wednesday, July 27

8 AM **Lucy A. Ochuba†** by Family & Children

## Thursday, July 28

8 AM **Leonora Lagura†** by Lagura Family.

## Friday, July 29

8 AM **Pete Hernandez†** by Ashley & Priscilla Hernandez

## Saturday, July 30

5 PM **Joseph Suehr†** by Family  
**Living & Deceased Members of Houston & Karpovage Families** by Houston Family

## Sunday, July 31

8 AM **Sylvia Mendoza†** by Family  
10 AM **Israel Boswell†** by Family  
12 PM **Anniversary Blessings for Christopher & Elizabeth Gruver** by Ana & Pablo Rodriguez  
3 PM **For the Parish**  
6 PM **Antonio Aljibe, Sr†** by Priscilla Velasquez



**NATIONAL NFP AWARENESS WEEK: JULY 24-30****CALLED TO THE JOY OF LOVE****Natural Family Planning (NFP): Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage**

*By Perry J. Cahall, Ph.D. theologian, husband, and father is professor of Historical Theology and Academic Dean of the School of Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum in the Diocese of Columbus*

*The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis has designated that feast as World Grandparents Day, a fitting commemoration during National NFP Awareness Week!*



In today's Gospel, Jesus himself teaches us to pray to God as our Father. Through a parable, Jesus exhorts us to be persistent in prayer, asking for what we need for ourselves and for others. Jesus shows us that to humble ourselves in offering persistent prayer God will give us gifts beyond our wildest dreams, because He gives us His very Spirit! This is a Gift of Joy that is unimaginable! It is a Gift that we could never have earned, but a Gift that is freely given to those who are baptized into the humility of Jesus. Thus, God shows that He is not only just, rendering to us what is due to our actions, but He is infinitely merciful, coming to meet us in our need.

The message of trusting in God's justice and mercy is fitting for this Sunday, which is the beginning of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week—a week during which married couples are encouraged to humbly embrace the truth of God's design for the life-giving love of marriage. This particular week is designated Natural Family Planning Awareness Week because it was 54 years ago on July 25 that Pope Saint Paul VI issued his encyclical Humanae Vitae (On Human Life). In this papal letter, Paul VI provided instruction on the responsible transmission of human life, describing the nature of married love as designed by God and reiterating the Church's un-

changing teaching on the immorality of contraceptive behavior. Many people disagree with this teaching, but this is not surprising in a society that has grown forgetful of or even rejected God's plan for human sexuality and has readily accepted and promoted contraception as a form of liberation. However, in her teachings the Church simply preserves and proclaims God's beautiful design for married love. According to this design, married love involves a total mutual gift of self between a man and a woman, and the totality of this mutual gift means that their love is permanent, faithful, and fruitful. This includes having a disposition of openness to new life and trust in God's providence to support new life. This is a sacred responsibility, since from the beginning the Lord God entrusted husband and wife with the gifts of love and life!

When a husband and wife express their total, self-giving love for each other in the marital act, their bodies speak a "language" of mutual self-donation. Because the marital act is designed to express marital love, a husband and a wife are to give and receive all that they have to offer, including their fertility. Spouses should want to reverence God's design for their love and speak "the language of the body" in truth. This is where natural methods of regulating fertility differ strikingly from contraception. Natural Family Planning, or "NFP," allows a couple to work responsibly with God to either achieve or avoid conception, while reverencing both the dignity of each other and the nature and dignity of the marital act. NFP allows a couple to give all of themselves, including their procreative potential, to each other in every marital act. If there is a reason to avoid a pregnancy, couples practicing modern methods of Natural Family Planning are able to identify when they are fertile and refrain from the marital act during that time. So, whenever a couple practicing NFP engages in the marital act they always speak the "language of the body" in truth.

Humbling themselves to live according to God's truth, a husband and wife have nothing to fear, and can have confidence that whatever effort is required to live according to the truth, God will make it worthwhile. Speaking the "language of the body" in truth will provide husband and wife with a deep sense of peace and joy, knowing that they never lie to each other in the most intimate form of communication possible between two human persons. God calls husband and wife to live in a manner that is worthy of their call as spouses who are married in the Lord, relying on the Holy Spirit to live as children of the Father. And, as they seek to follow the Lord and His plan for their love, Christian spouses can be confident in knowing that the God of justice and mercy will answer when they call upon Him for help. If married couples follow God's plan for their love, they have no reason to doubt that God will reward them with abundant gifts – the greatest of which is the joy that only the Holy Spirit can give!

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NOTE: Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the umbrella title for those methods of family planning that are based in fertility education (sometimes NFP is referred to as "Fertility Awareness Based Methods" or FABMs). NFP methods can be used to either attempt or postpone conception. For avoiding conception, the use of NFP means periodic sexual abstinence. No devices or drugs are used to harm God's design for married love. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/what-natural-family-planning> to learn more.

**For info on classes (offered 4 times a year) in our parish, contact Nicole Glowe at [Nfpglowe@yahoo.com](mailto:Nfpglowe@yahoo.com) or 210-464-4506. Next class begins Oct. 2.**

**You can also learn more about NFP from the Couple to Couple League at <https://ccli.org>.**

## PARISH NEWS

### St. Anthony Claret's Pantry Annual Report

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

(We have noted a drop in donations, probably due to inflation.)

Beginning Balance: \$28,618.09

Total Monthly collection: \$126,644.48

Total amount cash available: \$155,262.57

Total expenses: \$138,461.69

Ending balance: \$16,801.48

Utility assistance: \$57,103.18

Restock food pantry: \$50,995.38

Add'l client assistance (rent, medical, etc.): \$25,638.42

Office administration expenses: \$4,724.71

Total # food bags distributed: 2,866

Total # people served: 9,072

Total # home deliveries: 243

Total # students served - school supply program: 106

Total # families served - Thanksgiving program: 80



Hours: Thursdays, 9 AM–12 PM

Contact us at (210) 474-6888

or [sacpantry@outlook.co](mailto:sacpantry@outlook.co).

Thank you for supporting our mission.

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*



### BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, Aug. 2

7:30 PM

RE Bldg., 1st floor



## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Parenting expert:  
Your children will model the behavior they see.

Parent: Really?  
Because my kids have seen me fold laundry. They don't fold laundry!



### St. Anthony Claret Pantry School Supply Drive

We'll supply new backpacks; you fill them!

Donate pencils, loose leaf ruled paper, folders, spiral notebooks, theme books, pens, pencils, rounded scissors, rulers, erasers, and glue sticks. Drop donations in the baskets in the narthex. Collection runs through July 28.



**WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES.**



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### St. Anthony Mary Claret American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop TX1988 returns this fall!

Meetings begin Aug. 30. AHG exists to build women of integrity through faith, service, and fun. For info or to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/AHGTX1988> or email [AHGTX1988@gmail.com](mailto:AHGTX1988@gmail.com).



## COMMUNITY NEWS

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## “Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning”

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Saturday, July 30, 8:30 AM – 4 PM; Cost: \$40  
St. Peter Upon the Water Spiritual Direction Center, 234 Indian Creek Rd., Ingram, TX  
Intended for those whose loss is new and/or for those not ready for a Beginning Experience Weekend. Focuses on the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories of the deceased spouse or dealing with the former spouse. Participants bring their own lunches; drinks and snacks provided. For info or to register, contact Barbara at (210) 724-9269. If no answer, leave message.



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### Vocation Discernment Retreat

AUGUST 5-7  
Single Men ages 18-33

What: A weekend retreat filled with tools to discern your personal vocation.

#### Register:

By calling (971) 600-8751

Location: St. Vincent De Paul Parish:  
4222 SW Loop 410 San Antonio, TX

Arrival: Friday 6:45 pm

Departing: Sunday 1:30 pm

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Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool co-op, 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. Includes a community atmosphere based on the virtues of the Holy Family, field trips, science experiments, art projects and socializing. Offering special education. For info,

contact Alexandra Kubebatu at 210-996-1437 or [SanAntonioTX@CatholicSchoolhouse.com](mailto:SanAntonioTX@CatholicSchoolhouse.com)

### PARISH NEWS

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!

View the bulletin any time on our website: <http://samcsa.com/>. You can also have it emailed directly to your inbox! Go to [parishesonline.com](http://parishesonline.com), locate our parish with the search tool and click on “subscribe.”





## 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

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Bill Phinizy  
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Fr. Patrick Martin

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Kelton Sweet, Jr.  
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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 24:** Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

**Monday 25:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

**Tuesday 26:** Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

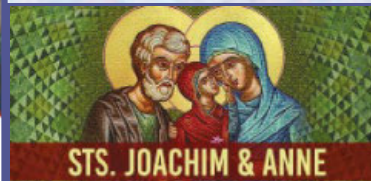
**Wednesday 27:** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday 28:** Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

**Friday 29:** Jer 26:1-9/Jn 11:19-27

**Saturday 30:** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday 31:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/  
Lk 12:13-21

**STS. JOACHIM & ANNE**

**PARENTS OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN  
MARY  
FEAST DAY: JULY 26**

## PARISH NEWS



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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