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August 14, 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 12:49-53

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

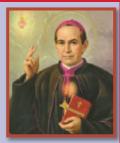
Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. (Cont'd on p. 2)

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 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

This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like" (St. Augustine). Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth. ©LPi



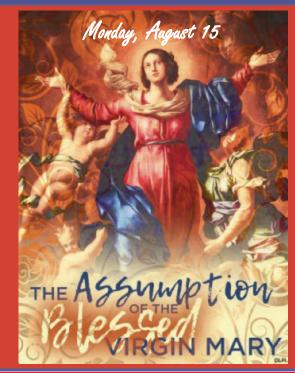
WARNING: Some parishioners have received emails requesting help or donations and falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan. DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!



Heaven is not made for the slothful. — St. Philip Neri

Aug. 6/7 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	2,884	
Regular Collection	\$ 27,371.42	
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 5,923.99	
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,137.00	
Candles	\$ 961.75	
Capital Campaign	\$ 190.00	
Gabriel Project	\$ 20.00	
Pension for Retired Priest	\$ 5.00	



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Au 5 PM	Ig. 13 Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†; Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family
Sunday, Aug. 8 AM 10 AM 12 PM 3 PM 6 PM	. 14 Yolande Brown† by Connie Jones Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro Joe & Guadalupe Gamez† by Family Thomas Torres, Jr.† by Laura Garza For the Parish
Monday, Aug 8 AM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	g. 15 Antonio Lopez† by Lopez Family Holy Hour Mercy & Healing for Ramon Cruz by Concha Cruz
Tuesday, Aug 8 AM	g. 16 P. Mendoza, Sr.† by Mendoza Family Bernie Powell† by Harold & Clare Shields
Wednesday, A 8 AM	Aug. 17 *BB for Beatrice Alvarez by Family

Thursday, Aug. 18 8 AM Co

Conversion of Humberto Ortiz Cortez by Emma Ortiz Anniversary Blessings for Harold & Clare Shields by Family

Friday, Aug	. 19
8 AM	Jimmy Bautista†; D.M. Salas†; Jenny Garza†; Justin Rebber† by Rick & Sandy Salinas
Saturday, A	ug. 20
5 PM	Margaret Rendon [†] by Alice Russell Abel Ramirez [†] by Family
Sunday, Aug	g. 21
8 AM	Danilo Taliman [†] by Wife & Children
10 AM	For the Parish
12 PM	Robert Reynolds & Debra Saenz
	by Lydia Reynolds
3 PM	Alfonso Escarpita† by Escarpita Family
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6 PM Maria Del Refugio[†] by Her Children

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR BLESSED MOTHER AND HER RESPECT FOR LIFE

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Aug. 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).

Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ" (CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose, In Luc., 10, 121: PL 15 1834A.).

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of



unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid.

Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support expectant mothers and parents of young children? Do we prioritize showing our love and care for loved ones who are ill or aging? Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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Intercessions for Life

For those who are gravely ill or dying: May our Blessed Mother ease their pain and fears, and by her glorious Assumption, console them with the hope of eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por quienes están graves o por morir: Que nuestra Santísima Madre alivie su dolor y sus temores, y que por su Asunción gloriosa, los consuele con la esperanza de la vida eterna. Roguemos al Señor.

Make a Spiritual Adoption Pledge? Stop by the Respect Life Ministry table in the narthex to fill out your card and learn more about the beauty of praying for life from conception to birth.

Spiritual Adoption Pledge Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Hove you very

much; I beg you to protect the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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What is spiritual adoption?

Adoption is an act of great love filled with blessings and joy. It is also an act of great sacrifice. Throughout the spiritual adoption you sacrifice time spent in prayer for a child yet to draw its first breath, a mother who has yet to say yes, and a family that has yet to be formed. You are praying for life. During the 40 weeks, updates developmental milestones will be posted in the bulletin and at the respect life ministry table. At the end of this "pregnancy" a baby shower of celebration will be held. All gifts collected will be donated to The Gabriel Project.

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PARISH NEWS



You are invited to the Silver Rose Mass Friday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m. in the church

Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights,

parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Sing or play an instrument? Share your time and talent! Join the Saturday 5 PM Mass choir!

We need 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 rehearsal, and Saturday Mass attendance. Interested? Contact Mark Kokotajlo at alamokoko@sbcglobal.net or see him after 5 PM Mass.



St. Anthony Mary Claret American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop TX1988 meetings begin Aug. 30.

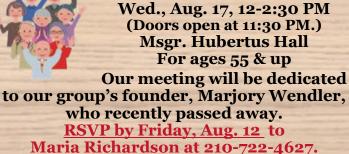
AHG exists to build women of integrity through faith, service, and fun. For info or to register, visit <u>https://tinyurl.com/AHGTX1988</u> or email AHGTX1988@gmail.com.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo?

One is very heavy; the other is a little lighter.





Silver Seniors Luncheon

Youth Group is back with new leader Kimberle Keneally!

We will meet every other Sunday in Msgr. Hubertus Hall for games, fun, prayer and food!

First session: Sunday, Sept. 18

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Edge (middle school): 4 PM

Life Teen (high school): 7 PM



We need volunteers (18 \Rightarrow over)! To help, contact Kimberle Keneally at youthgroup@saclaret.com.

Stay connected. Join us on GroupMe (scan this QR code) and Facebook. Questions? Email youthgroup@saclaret.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION







GUARANTEED

Teach the Catholic faith to parish students for the 2022-23 school year. Contact the religious education office at reoffice@saclaret.com to volunteer.



3-year-olds (9/1/18-8/31/19) ONLY ALLOWED to play in the following divisions: Tot I - soccer, winter basketball, & baseball; Tot II - flag football



Children born on/after 9/1/2019 ARE NOT ALLOWED to participate during 2022-23 sports year.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Register online by credit card at https://reg.sportspilot.com/106369/leagues or scan QR code below.
- Registration fee: \$90 uniform not included and can be purchased during registration.
 - Flag football & soccer uniforms: jersey: \$25, shorts \$10
 - Volleyball uniform: jersey: \$20, shorts \$15
- Players who need a partial uniform (e.g., shorts, no jersey, etc.) should select items and pay at checkout.
- Families registering multiple players: select a "sibling discount option" for \$5 price reduction.
- Players must be registered parishioners or live within St. Anthony Mary Claret parish boundaries.
- Click on this link to validate if you are in SAC boundary: https://www.archsa.org/parishmapfinder.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FALL SEASON:

- Early registration ends Aug. 21; teams are formed Aug. 22.
- If registering after this date your child will be placed on the appropriate team. In the event that a team is not formed, we will reach out to inform you of options and refunds.
- Practice can start once all teams have been formed and finalized with coaches who have passed a background check and have a valid coach's certification.
- Practices are not yet set, but will vary pending availability of head coach and location(s).
 - If you feel called to serve as a coach, team minister or team mom email our registrar (see below). Season begins Sept. 16.



Questions? Contact Christian Nguyen (210) 876-6449 Katrina Gonzalez (210) 749-5889 or email saccyoregistrar@gmail.com.



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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:





Javier Alvarado

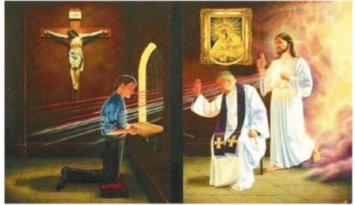
Luis Horacio Gómez

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: Order of Friars Minor Conventual

PARISH NEWS

St. Anthony Mary Claret Retiro de ACIS (Mujeres) Sepl. 08-11, 2022



Dios reconcilió al mundo consigo por medio de Cristo y a nosotros nos confió el mensaje de la reconciliación. 2 Corintios 5:19

Para más información contactar: Maria G. Carrillo (702)378-7832 Sandra Salazar (210) 870-9355 Angelica Treviño (210) 630-7699



Sylvia Brandon **Dolores** Rivera Delma Loria Jo Ann Hajduk Nellie Coronado Jack White Stoltz Family Maria Nieves Garcia **Bill Phinizy Catherine Smith** 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 **F**az Jim & Nancy Souhrada **Bill Jennings** Dee Hancock Linda Santos Tom Calderon Jr.

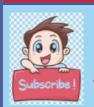
List is reserved for *names of parishioners and immediate family only.* You may submit up to FOUR names at a time. Names usually run for four weeks.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Sunday 14: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53 Monday 15: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 Tuesday 16: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30 Wednesday 17: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16 Thursday 18: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14 Friday 19: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40 Saturday 20: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12 Sunday 21: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

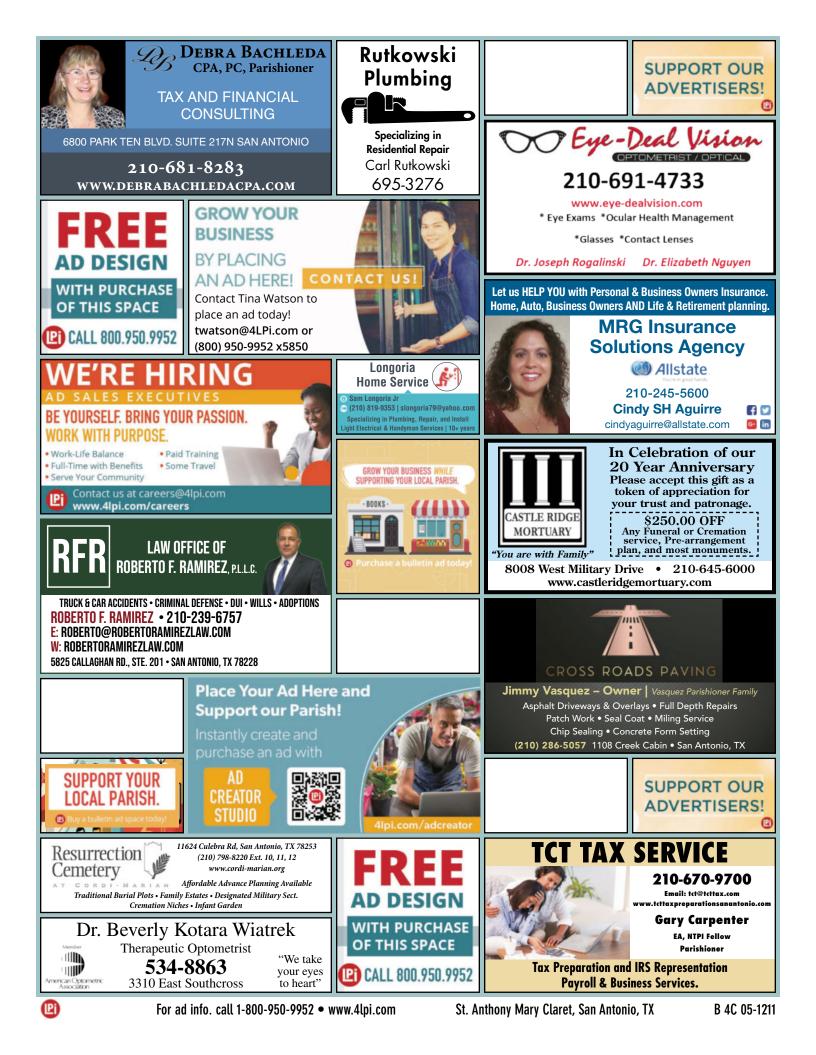


D E L T I E M P O OR D I N A R I O Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "He venido a traer fuego a la tierra jy cuánto desearía que ya estuviera ardiendo"! - Lc 12, 49

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