St. Anthony Mary Claret

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September 11, 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.





Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 15:1-32

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and else up and realize how lost we are

knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

"Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer" (St. Bonaveture). One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

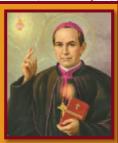
One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the

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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 Thursday 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 Thursday of March or August at 7 pm.

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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

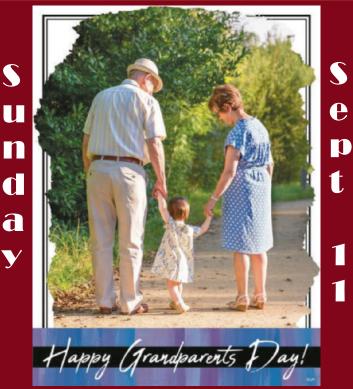
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wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name" (St. Bonaventure). ©LPi



Sept. 3/4 attendance & collection totals Attendance 2.673

2,075
\$ 26,458.24
\$ 9,881.99
\$ 1,000.00
\$ 370.00
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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, S	ept. 10	Wednesday, Se	pt. 14	
5 PM	*BB for Christina Smith & Ryan Adderholdt by Jeanette Erickson	8 AM Thursday, Sep	Arturo Gome	
Sunday, Sep	ot. 11	8 AM	*BB for Jose I	
8 AM	Cristalina Fernandes [†] by Jeremias &	Friday, Sept. 16		
	Clarissa Fernandes	8 AM	Mercy & Heal	
10 AM	Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,		by Concha Cru	
	Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro	Saturday Sant	17	
12 PM	Miguel Dumanhog† & Napoleon Abiog†	Saturday, Sept 5 PM	. 17 Mary Kay Da	
	by Dumanhog Family	3 I WI	• •	
3 PM	Francisco Vasquez Valdez† & Guadalupe		Sam Houston	
	Mendez [†] by Daughter	Sunday, Sept. 18		
6 PM	For the Parish	8 AM	*BB for Jome	
Monday, Sept. 12		10 AM	Armand & Ch	
8 AM			by Harold & C	
o Alvi	Yolande Browne [†] by Connie Jones	12 PM	For the Parish	
6.20 DM	Healing for Carmen Martinez by Daughter	3 PM	Erick [†] , Catali	
6:30 PM	Holy Hour Storbania & Nicola Mantinggi & Flora		Pablo [†] , Esper	
7:30 PM	Stephanie & Nicole Martinez† & Elena		Alvaro†, & Li	
	Saenz† by Elsa Martinez	6 PM	Jimmy Bautis	
Tuesday, Sept. 13			Garza†, & Jus	
8 AM	*BB for Margaret Macias by Mary Macias		Sandy Salinas	
	Eloise [†] , Arthur [†] , Gary [†] & Arlene [†] Salazar			
	by Rick & Sandy Salinas			

 3 AM
 Arturo Gomez† by Espinoza Family

 Thursday, Sept. 15
 *BB for Jose Luis Rodriguez by Gibbs Fam.

 8 AM
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 Friday, Sept. 16
 Mercy & Healing for Ramon Cruz by Concha Cruz

 8 AM
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 Saturday, Sept. 17
 Mary Kay Davidson† by Lenna Gregorio Sam Houston† by Robert & Daisy Hodge

 Sunday, Sept. 18
 *BB for Jomer Belisario by Family

 8 AM
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 10 AM
 Armand & Charlotte Toutaint† by Harold & Clare Shields

 12 PM
 For the Parish

 8 PM
 Erick†, Catalina†, Alfredo†, Felicitas†, Pablo†, Esperanza†, Vicente†, Aurea†, Alvaro†, & Librado† by Velasco Family

 5 PM
 Jimmy Bautista†, D.M. Salas†, Jenny Garza†, & Justin Rebber† by Rick & Sandy Salinas

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RESPECT LIFE

A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS



 0 Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust.
 Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.* Amen.

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Another Look at Abortion

Read the full version at usccb.org/abortion.

If someone takes an innocent person's life after he or she is born, it's against the law; before birth (even minutes before, in most states), it's legal because of the U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973.

Abortion results in the death of a child. For many, abortion causes severe and long-lasting emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma, and other detrimental

Support mothers and their children during <u>and after</u> difficult pregnancies.

effects have also been documented. (For help, visit www. HopeAfterAbortion.org.)

So, what are we to do? The Church does not approach difficult pregnancy decisions with a false "either/or" mentality, pitting mother against child. We love them both! Learn more at www.usccb.org/abortion.

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Intercessions for Life

For solidarity and peace in our global human family: that we may work together to protect the lives of those who are most vulnerable. We pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por solidaridad y paz en nuestra familia humana mundial: para que trabajemos juntos con el fin de proteger la vida de los que son más vulnerables. Roguemos al Señor.





Mourn the more than 64 million babies killed in their mother's womb at the 10th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Saturday, Sept. 10, 11 AM

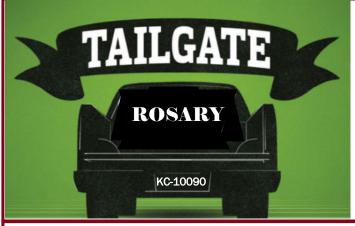
Hope Monument at the Oblate Grotto of the Southwest 5712 Blanco Rd.

Reservations, face masks & social distancing NOT REQUIRED. For info, contact Phil Trickett at 210-485-5125 or trickepe38@yahoo.com.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites and memorial sites around the country where abortion victims have been buried.

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PARISH NEWS



Presented by SAC Knights of Columbus Council 10090

Tuesday Sept. 20, 7 PM followed by fellowship hour

Parking lot by the pavilion

Bring your family, rosaries & lawn chairs. We'll bring the hot dogs!



Altar Server Training

Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 AM in the church

This training is <u>mandatory</u> for NEW altar servers; optional for current ones.

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, locate our parish with the search tool and click on "subscribe."



MINSTERS OF HOSPITALITY NEEDED!

velcome to church

Become the face of the parish as you greet, seat and guide parishioners during Holy Communion. If you're at least 16 years old and want to join this essential ministry, contact Vickie Wood at <u>vLwood64@yahoo.com</u>.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. – Hebrews 13:2





CLASSICAL HYBRID EDUCATION IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

The San Antonio Regina Caeli Academy (RCA), a private, independent, *University-Style Hybrid®* operating in the Catholic tradition, is hiring substitute tutors for the 2022-23 academic year. Formal teaching experience not needed, but a love of the Catholic faith is required! Apply online at <u>https://rcahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/</u>.

At RCA preschool-12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. Learn more at www.rcahybrid.org or contact: ccowley.sat@rcahybrid.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Raise hope through Catholic evangelization.

Pilgrim Center of Hope Rejoice in Hope Annual Benefit

Sat. Oct. 1 Westin San Antonio North Hotel

(formerly the Omni) 9821 Colonnade Blvd Speakers include Bishop Gary Janak & Barrie M. Schwortz (Shroud of Turin Research Project) Brunch, social, silent auction online/in-person



Purchase tickets at PilgrimCenterOf-Hope.org/Rejoice or call 210-521-3377.





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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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:





Guillermo Cruz

Jordan Milligan

O God, our Father, You have called us in Baptism to follow your Son Jesus through lives of loving service to You and to one another. Grant us Your assistance, guided by the Holy Spirit, to live out our vocation in life. We pray especially for those who have answered Your call as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers. Keep them faithful in following Your Son and dedicated in serving their brothers and sisters. Grant that many more men and women will be open to the challenge of dedicating their lives in the ministry of building Your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

SEPTEMBER Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

Marge Lucido Dennis Bergkamp Deodato Ruiz, Jr. Cyrus Wellman Connie Coignet 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 Faz 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: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/ Lk 15:1-32 Monday 12: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday 13: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday 14: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 Thursday 15: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Jn 19:25-27 Friday 16: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3 Saturday 17: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15 Sunday 18: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

Patriot Day: September 11

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHOSE LIVES WERE LOST.

Prayer for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance.

Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77, and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.





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