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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

#### **September 18, 2022**

#### Pastor:

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

Parochial Vicar Rev. Tu Nguyen

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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 16:1-13

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, Wealth, Riches and Money, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I

ment, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions (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 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

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God" (Martin Luther King, Jr.). This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.



#### Sept. 10/11 attendance & collection totals

Attendance 3,354
Regular Collection \$ 25,364.75
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction \$ 5,621.99
SAMC Pantry \$ 877.00
Candles \$ 599.52
Capital Campaign \$ 50.00



Breakfast

Talk: How to discern in a busy life

Testimonies from seminarians and religious sisters & brothers

Registration required at vocations@archsa.org or 210-735-0553

#### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Sept. 17

5 PM Mary Kay Davidson† by Lenna Gregorio

Sam Houston† by Robert & Daisy Hodge

Sunday, Sept. 18

8 AM \*BB for Jomer Belisario by Family 10 AM Armand & Charlotte Toutaint†

by Harold & Clare Shields

12 PM For the Parish

3 PM Erick†, Catalina†, Alfredo†, Felicitas†,

Pablo†, Esperanza†, Vicente†, Aurea†, Alvaro†, & Librado† by Velasco Family

6 PM Jimmy Bautista†, D.M. Salas†, Jenny

Garza†, & Justin Rebber† by Rick &

Sandy Salinas

Monday, Sept. 19

**8 AM** Perpetuo U. Nafarrete, Jr.† by Cunanan Fam.

6:30 PM Holy Hour

7:30 PM Conversion of Marco Antonio Ortiz

by Emma Ortiz

Hospicio Lagura† by Lagura Family

Tuesday, Sept. 20

8 AM George Vasquez†; Good Health for Rachel

**Delgado** by Rick & Sandy Salinas

Wednesday, Sept. 21

**8 AM** Rosa Fox† by Priscilla Velasquez

Thursday, Sept. 22

**8 AM** Wallace Guidry† by Detra Viator

Friday, Sept. 23

**8 AM** Luz H. Cuellar† by Maria Brown

Saturday, Sept. 24

5 PM Deceased Members of Chaffin & Rivas

Families† by Mary & Jerry

Living & Deceased† Members of Houston & Karpovage Families by Houston Family

Sunday, Sept. 25

**8 AM** \*BB for Clarissa Carvalho by Family

10 AM Michelle Reynolds† & Family

by Connie Jones

12 PM Tina Marie Reyes Falcon†

by William Reyes Family

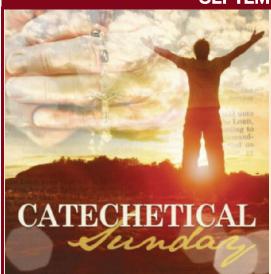
3 PM For the Parish

**6 PM Jeffrey Hockert**† by David & Margaret

Hockert

\*BB = Birthday Blessings

#### **SEPTEMBER 18: CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**



Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

This year's theme is "THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN FOR YOU."

-LUKE 22:19



We are grateful to in our parish community who serve as catechists.

Below are two prayers:

one for our parish community to offer on behalf of catechists; the other for catechists to offer on their own behalf.

## Prayer for Catechists

oving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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#### A Catechist's Prayer

oving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ.

Render my mind and heart so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive.

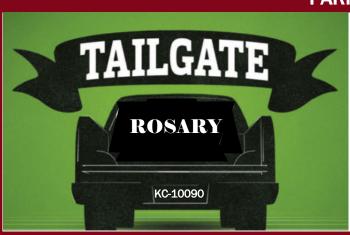
Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Son.

I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### **PARISH NEWS**



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# 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.





# MINSTERS OF HOSPITALITY NEEDED!

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 vLwood64@yahoo.com.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

– Hebrews 13:2

#### **NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!**

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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



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 <a href="https://rcahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/">https://rcahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/</a>.

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.

Raise hope through Catholic evangelization.

### Pilgrim Center of Hope Rejoice in Hope Annual Benefit

Sat. Oct. 1, 10 AM - 12 PM 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.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **NOW HIRING!**

Our parish is seeking a part-time sacristan/liturgical coordinator. Interested? Contact the parish office at 210-688-9033.





### BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7:30 PM RE Bldg., 1st floor



#### **Silver Seniors** Luncheon

Wed., Sept. 21 Doors open at 11:30 AM Msgr. Hubertus Hall For ages 55 & up

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 16 to Maria Richardson at 210-722-4627.



#### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES





#### St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: August 2022

Utility assistance: \$ 1.700.00 Restock food pantry: \$6,214.05 Other client assistance: 101.60 144.45 Office expenses: 125.00 **HEB Gift Cards** # Food bags distributed: 254 # People served: 759 # of home deliveries 37



Hours: Thursdays, 9 AM-12 PM Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.co. Thank you for supporting our mission.



#### WE ARE THE YOUTH! GET INVOLVED, **GET CONNECTED!**

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



Edge (middle school): 4 PM

Life Teen (high school): 7 PM



We need volunteers (18 4 over)! To help, contact Kimberle Keneally at youthgroup@saclaret.com.

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



#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



Divorced, widowed, separated and hurting? Experience Turn the pain of loss into a growth experience.

A Beginning Experience Weekend Retreat will help you deal with the grief process.

Next retreat: Oct. 14-16 For info, visit <a href="http://www.sanantoniobe.org/">http://www.sanantoniobe.org/</a>, call 210-724-9269 or e-mail sanantoniobe@vahoo.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:



**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

# "Stay With Me, Lord" Prayer of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) after Holy Communion

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You. Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often. Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and

without You, I am without fervor. Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness. Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will. Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You. Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company. Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You. Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love. Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approaches. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that. I need You. It is getting late and death approaches, I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile! Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need You. Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart. Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by communion, at least by grace and love. Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your Presence, oh yes, I ask this of You! Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more. With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth

and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. Amen.



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

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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 18: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 Monday 19: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18 Tuesday 20: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21 Wednesday 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 Thursday 22: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9 Friday 23: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22 Saturday 24: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45 Sunday 25: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31





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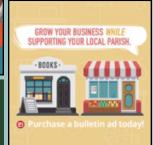


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