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November 13, 2022

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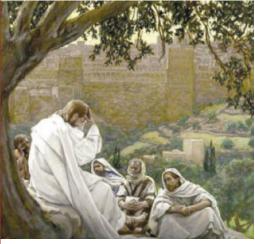
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Parish Mission Statement

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.



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 21:5-19

Many make it their life's ambition to determine precisely when the world will end. By reading the signs of the times, consulting scripture, or looking to prophetic predictions that are sometimes centuries old, they claim a certain credibility in being able to do so. Is all that necessary to know? Even when his disciples pointedly ask him this question, Jesus does not directly answer. While the end will inevitably come, Jesus points out that there is a lot we need to do first: remain faithful, face persecution, endure suffering, face wars and insurrections, and give testimony. Human beings tend to focus their energies on the

wrong kingdom. Consumed with all of the things we have built and seeking to preserve them, we forget that we belong to a different kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

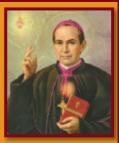
All of the "stuff" we have constructed will be taken away. All that will remain is God's kingdom. Which kingdom do we prefer? We answer that question by honestly looking at where we invest most of our time and energy. What matters to us as we embrace a new moment or day in our lives? If our relationship with God, the strength and integrity of our souls, and the steadfastness of our character are of utmost importance, then it matters little when the physical end will come. We will have what we need to persevere, endure, and confront whatever comes our way. Jesus cautions that we do not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed or overly terrified by the agonies and disappointments of the world. Although we may be apprehensive and uncertain when faced with complex challenges, God is with us. We will receive the inspiration we need to forge ahead.

God is a God of salvation and new beginnings. Whether we consider the daily unfolding of our earthly lives or our eternal ones to come, God never leaves us with dead . (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.

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

ends. There is always hope, and there is always something new to come. As Julian of Norwich reminds us, "God made us, God loves us and God keeps us." This wisdom holds true whether life is stable and profitable or challenging and uncertain. If we remember this simple truth, we will be ready regardless of the day or the hour. ©LPi



Nov. 5/6 attendance & collection totals

Attendance		3,000
Regular Collection	\$	30,863.89
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$	8,055.99
SAMC Pantry	\$	1,678.00
Military Services	\$	661.00
Candles	\$	609.04
Gabriel Project	\$	155.00
Capital Campaign	\$	50.00
World Missions	\$	6.00
Hope for the Future	\$	5.00
Oct. 31/Nov. 1 attendance:		965
Nov. 2 attendance:	381	



"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: The Blessed Sacrament... There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of

all your loves on earth, and more than that: Death. By the divine paradox, that which ends life, and demands the surrender of all, and yet by the taste (or foretaste) of which alone can what you seek in your earthly relationships (love, faithfulness, joy) be maintained, or take on that complexion of reality, of eternal endurance, which every man's heart desires."

-J.R.R. Tolkien

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 12		Wednesday, Nov. 16		
5 PM	Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†;	8 AM Č	Mercy & Healing for Ramon Cruz	
	Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard		by Concha Cruz	
	Caldwell, Jr. [†] by Blanchard Family	Thursday,	Nov 17	
Sunday, Nov. 13		8 AM	BB* for Harold Schnipke & Tito Ramos	
8 AM	Mandy Francisco [†] by Lagura & Francisco	01111	by Olech Family	
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10 AM	Jose Archuleta [†] by Family	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Friday, Nov. 18	
12 PM	45 th Anniversary Blessings for Jim &	8 AM	Carl Langas † by Langas Family	
	Debbie Orband by Christy Orband	Saturday, Nov. 19		
3 PM	For the Parish	5 PM	BB* for Darcy Renfro by Family	
6 PM	Mike Swierc† by Steve & Barbara Braune	Sunday, Nov. 20		
Monday, Nov. 14		8 AM	Louisa Armendariz† by Teresa Revilla	
8 AM	BB* for Vera Harris by Bea Peterson	10 AM	BB* for Elizabeth Gruver	
	Marge Graf ⁺ by Mary Campa		by Ana & Pablo Rodriguez	
	*** NO HOLY HOUR ***	12 PM	Simon M. Salinas† by Salinas Family	
7 PM	MASS/ALAN AMES HEALING SERVICE	3 PM	Margaret Rendon't by Alice Russell	
	Tina Reyes Falcon [†] by Richard Reyes	6 PM	For the Parish	
Tuesday, N	ov 15			
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8 AM Dorothy Mattox[†] by Langas Family

*BB = Birthday Blessings

RESPECT LIFE: PRAYER & ACTION

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

The source of human dignity lies in the reality that God became man to save us and calls us into communion with him. The Good Samaritan, who goes out of his way to aid an injured man,

May we readily provide care and support to the sick and dying that respects their dignity and protects their lives.

shows us what it really means to fulfill the commandment to love our neighbors. Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person.

Death is a decisive moment in our encounter with God the Savior. Helping our neighbor to prepare for this moment is a supreme act of charity, encompassing the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and help them be open to hope. The Church learns from the example of the Good Samaritan how to care for those who are sick or dying, respecting and defending every human life. Each of us is invited to imitate the Samaritan's example, to "*Go and do likewise*" (*Lk* 10:37).

The Good Samaritan shows us that our relationship with our suffering neighbor should embrace the qualities of attention, listening, understanding, compassion, and accompaniment. We need to learn how to look upon our own existence and that of others and to recognize that every human existence is a unique and unrepeatable wonder, one to be received and welcomed as a gift. We are invited to "remain" at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross. Their example provides a way to understand that, even when it seems that there is nothing more to do, there is much to do—because "remaining" by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end.

Reflection adapted from "<u>The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice</u>." Scriptural excerpts from NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

ACT (Choose one.)

- Offer the <u>Prayer of the Elderly</u> written by Pope St. John Paul II. See box. →
- Read the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37). Meditate on how you can help accompany those who are sick or dying.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about hospice and palliative care from a Catholic perspective: <u>bit.ly/witness-good-samaritan</u>.

READ THIS IN SPANISH HERE: https://es.respectlife.org/prayer-guides.



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Pope St. John Paul II's Prayer of the Elderly

Grant, O Lord of life, That we may savor every season of our lives as a gift filled with promise for the future. Grant that we may lovingly accept your will, and place ourselves each day in your merciful hands. And when the moment of our definitive "passage" comes, grant that we may face it with serenity, without regret for what we shall leave behind. For in meeting you, after having sought you for so long, we shall find once more every authentic good which we have known here on earth, in the company of all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and hope. Mary, Mother of pilgrim humanity, pray for us "now and at the hour of our death." Keep us ever close to Jesus, your beloved Son and our brother. the Lord of life and glory. Amen!

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PARISH NEWS



for married & engaged couples

Friday, Nov. 18, 7 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall Bring your favorite food or appetizer to share.

We will read and discuss "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan," a pastoral letter from the USCCB. This month we will focus on *Theme 3: Communion of Love & Life*

To attend, RSVP to Roland & Sonia Garcia at marriageministrysamc@gmail.com no later than Nov. 16.

TAILGATE

ROSARY

KC-10090



For free childcare, RSVP to Rene & Liz Quintanilla at liz.straq@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

Wednesday, Nov. 16 7 PM in the church This training is <u>mandatory</u> for new ministers; optional for current ones.

WILL YOU

BE READY

WHEN JESUS

RETURNS?



St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090



Christmas Toy Drive

For children in need

All toys accepted. Dolls, cars and trucks are especially needed. Toys should be <u>new</u>, <u>packaged</u> and <u>unwrapped</u>.

NO BATTERY OPERATED TOYS PLEASE.

This is the LAST WEEKEND to donate. Drop toys in the bin located in the narthex.









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

DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!

Presented by SAC Knights of Columbus Council 10090

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 PM followed by fellowship hour

Parking lot by the pavilion

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





No temo, confío en ti, Señor.



Coffee available in 12 oz. bags of ground or whole bean, 5 lb. bag of whole bean or box of 10 count single serve pods.



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Pick up your orders at St. Anthony Mary Claret after Masses on Dec. 10/11.

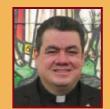
PRAY FOR THE SICK

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:





Dcn. Rafael Lopez-Negroni

O loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless Your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through Your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of Your sons and daughters to listen to Your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern Your invitation to serve You and Your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow Your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to You, "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

- Most Rev. Joseph A. Fiorenza, Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



IEMB in your prayers K. Hernandez **Bill Hicklin** Juan Lozano Minerva Bridges Nellie Coronado Vanessa Mehdi

Stoltz Family Marge Lucido Dennis Bergkamp **Connie Coignet Bill Phinizy Catherine Smith** Rachel Delgado 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 **Rick Salinas** SJS Olga Faz Jim 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 13: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19 Monday 14: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43 Tuesday 15: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10 Wednesday 16: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28 Thursday 17: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44 Friday 18: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48 Saturday 19: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40 Sunday 20: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

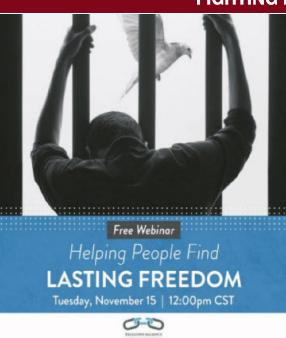
FIGHTING PORNOGRAPHY ADDICTION

"Helping People Find Lasting Freedom From Pornography"

A webinar hosted by the Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP)

Nov. 15, 12 PM Register here: Webinar Registration - Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/ register/8016650656271/ WN ukjLnzl6TFC204r9FjSRbA

For over 30 years, RAAP has brought together religious groups, including Catholic bishops, to educate about the harmful and addictive nature of pornography. show its corrosive effect on public health, and support victims of the pornography industry. From www.marriageuniqueforareason.org, an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops







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