

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

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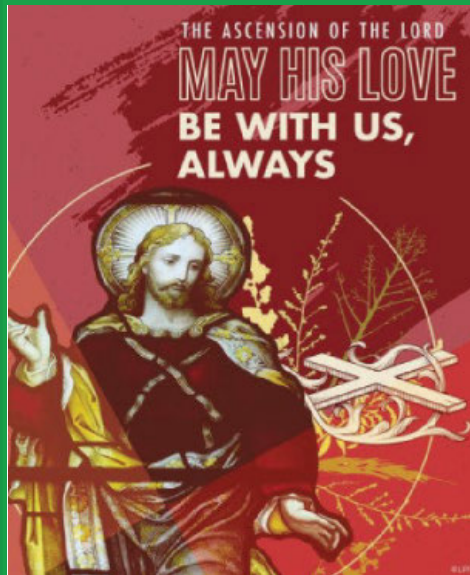
Have you ever noticed how often we use “up” and “down” to judge things? Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony is “high” art, while professional wrestling is “low.” If I’m having a good day, I’m on “cloud nine.” A bad day means I am “down in the dumps.” A successful career is “moving up the ladder.” Failure in work or personal life can be “falling from the heights.” Life is filled with “ups and downs” — no one has the slightest problem understanding that means life has both “good and bad.”

Now consider Jesus’ ascension. He ascends not just to some level slightly higher of goodness, but “above all the heavens,” to use the words of Saint Paul (Eph.4:10).

That expression means to the source of all goodness. He has gone all the way down — to the farthest depths of human suffering, and death. And now he has taken our humanity all the way up into God. In doing so he has demonstrated what he says in the Gospel of John to the Father: “Everything of yours is mine.” He now reigns over every possible aspect of creation in and through his human nature. That’s what the ascension is all about.

So what? No matter what the lows and highs, ups and down we face this week, we are totally encompassed by the one who descended and ascended. So, we should happily and confidently entrust ourselves to him. He has shown us not only his power, but especially his love, in filling all our ups and down with his presence.

— Father John Muir ©LPI



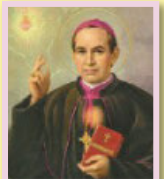
### Celebration of the Mass

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)

Weekdays: 7:30 AM; 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.

### 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

**May 13/14**

**attendance & collection totals**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>3,983</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 27,018.14</b>
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 5,091.99</b>
<b>SAMC Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 815.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 484.91</b>
<b>Rosary makers</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Catholic Home Missions</b>	<b>\$ 55.00</b>
<b>Rice Bowl</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Church in the Holy Land</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**Sunday 21:** Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
**Monday 22:** Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday 23:** Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wednesday 24:** Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thursday 25:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday 26:** Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday 27:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25  
**Sunday 28:** Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
 Jn 20:19-23



**"Christ's works testified to what He was, our works will testify as to what we are."**

- Servant of God & Korean War Hero  
 Fr. Emil Kapaun (1916-1951)



Celebrating Mass on the frontlines.



Go to page 6 of this bulletin to read about the amazing life and sacrifice of Father Kapaun. Learn more at [www.FatherKapaun.org](http://www.FatherKapaun.org).

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, May 20**

**5 PM** Dcn. John Schoellman† by Family

**Sunday, May 21**

**8 AM** Hospicio Lagura† by Lagura Family

**10 AM** Living & Deceased Members of Ladies of St. Anthony Mary Claret

by Ladies of St. Anthony Mary Claret

**12 PM** BB\* for Scott Olech by Olech Family

**3 PM** Yudith Otamendi† by Family

**6 PM** For the Parish

**Monday, May 22**

**8 AM** BB\* for William Anthony by Family

**6:30 PM** Holy Hour

**7:30 PM** Hospicio Lagura† by Lagura Family

**Tuesday, May 23**

**8 AM** Constanza Hernandez† by son Guadalupe Ortega

**Wednesday, May 24**

**8 AM** Blessings for Fr. Christopher by Alicia Lopez

**Thursday, May 25**

**8 AM** BB\* for Celia Ramon by Luna Family

**Friday, May 26**

**8 AM** Miguel Hernandez† by Shatie Hernandez

**Saturday, May 27**

**5 PM** Nizza Deguzman† by Lagura Family

**Sunday, May 28**

**8 AM** Marcelino Armendariz† by Teresa Revilla

**10 AM** Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro

**12 PM** Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity by a Mom

**3 PM** Alfonso Escarpita-Corral† by Escarpita Family

**6 PM** For the Parish

\*BB = Birthday Blessings



## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

### Dating and Engaged: Faith and Spirituality

When couples are on the verge of a major life transition such as marriage, they begin to think about life, love, values...and the future. To a great extent this is what spirituality is about – our human search for happiness and the meaning of life. Is life just about the here and now? Do morals make any difference? Is death really the end? Is there a reason to live beyond my own comfort? Is that all there is?

Perhaps you're putting off some of these heavy questions for a rainy day when your job is more settled, or wedding pressures subside... or you reach retirement. Whether you address them or not, however, the big life issues will not disappear. They may go underground until a crisis appears – an accident, a child with a serious illness, or a looming divorce. All of a sudden, you start wondering what is the rock on which you ground your life? That's the way some people discover their spiritual sides, but you don't have to wait for a crisis. It's so much easier to let faith keep your relationship strong, rather than rescue you in an emergency.

What difference does faith make to a marriage? This time before marriage is an opportunity to take stock of your basic beliefs. Share them with your beloved and chart how you will live out your beliefs and values together.

Does this mean you have to share the same faith? That's nice, but it's more important to talk about what God means to you, what spiritual practices you find meaningful, and how you can support each other once you are married. If only one spouse believes that faith is important, how does he or she stay motivated to attend services if the other is sleeping or recreating? It's not impossible, but it's more supportive to go to services together.

[Pew Research from 2015](#) found that 39% of Americans have a spouse who is of a different faith. Research conducted by the Center for Marriage and Family at Creighton University (1999) showed a higher incidence of divorce among inter-church couples (20.3%) than among same-church couples (14.1%). (Interchurch couples are Christians of different denominations, e.g., a Baptist and a Catholic or a Methodist and a Presbyterian). Religion can bring spouses together or push them apart. Couples may be of different religions, but that in itself does not predict marital instability. What's important is whether couples engage in joint religious activities. For example, do they pray together or read the Bible together?

Although research finds that greater religious practice is related to lower rates of divorce there is not necessarily a causal relationship. It may be that people who are more actively religious are more likely to oppose divorce, or maybe they work harder at their marital relationship.

Let's say you are both religious, but from different religions. Perhaps you share spirituality but not a church home. Certainly some spouses, strongly committed to their faith, will continue to worship regularly and be active church members, but it's harder to go alone, split financial support, and devote time to two separate congregations.

The solutions to these dilemmas are as unique as the couples who marry. Here are some steps that any couple can take, regardless of faith affiliation.

#### **Talk with each other about important stuff.**

Start with the basics:

- Who is God for you?
- What code of ethics guides your life?
- Do you value weekly worship?
- What kind of prayer is comfortable and satisfying to you?
- How important is it that your spouse shares your religious beliefs?
- Are you lukewarm in your religious commitment and likely to fade away if you have to do it alone?



#### **If you've never practiced a religion, consider giving it a try.**

Although becoming more spiritual is a value for anyone, styles of worship vary as much as the unique people who are seeking the meaning of life. Try out more than one place of worship. If the first one doesn't fit you, try again. It's worth the effort.

#### **Visit each other's church/synagogue/mosque.**

If each of you belongs to a different faith tradition, learn more about the beliefs of that religion. You're not trying to convert the other but to understand what shapes your partner's values.

#### **If you are getting married in a religious ceremony, use this opportunity.**

If you are getting married in a religious setting it means that faith is important to at least one of you. Use this opportunity to discuss questions of faith with your spiritual leader. These are the kind of conversations that you may have intended to explore some day, but you've put it off. Now your life is about to change. Use your contact with the priest, minister, rabbi, or imam to go deeper.

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## PARISH NEWS



**Register after all Masses  
THIS WEEKEND May 20/21!**

Children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade are eligible to attend.

Students who have completed 6th - high school may participate as volunteers.

**NEW THIS YEAR:**  
Preschool Class for 4 & 5 year-olds.  
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## **Dating and Engaged: Faith and Spirituality** (Continued from page 3)

### **Become a grown-up person of faith.**

Often people are raised in a religious home. They attend religious education classes, and maybe even Catholic or other religious schools for 8, 12, or 16 years. But their faith formation got stuck in childhood. If you have grown distant from the faith of your childhood, check it out again on an adult level. If you were a lawyer or doctor you wouldn't think of practicing your profession based on high school information. Update your knowledge of your faith. You don't have to have a degree in theology but you should not rely on childhood explanations in an adult world.

### **Make your home a place of unity.**

Even if the two of you come from different faith traditions and are committed to continuing them, make your home a place where you merge prayer, rituals, and religious traditions. Since prayer at home is less formal, you can develop creative, inclusive times of prayer and faith devotions together. Experiment with the rituals of each other's faith and blend them to fit your family. The point is not whose church you go to, but rather that you bring it all home.

### **Don't wait until you have a child.**

It's tempting to put off decisions about how you will share your faith (or ignore it) until you have your first child. Don't! A child is too important to become a battleground. If faith is important to you, discuss how each of you wants to share your faith with any children you may have before you are married. If you are Catholic, this question will be part of your marriage preparation. Discussing how you will raise your children can clarify how committed each of you is to your faith and beliefs.

From [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org), a part of the National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage, an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to communicate the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society.



## PARISH NEWS

## Men's Club Taco Sale

THIS Sunday, May 21, after 8 & 10 AM  
& 12 PM Masses or until sold out

Benefitting our  
parish's youth ministry  
summer trip

Bean & cheese: \$1.50  
Potato & egg: \$2  
Bacon & egg \$2  
Sausage wrap: \$3

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### St. Anthony Mary Claret Line Dancers

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 AM (with 2 breaks)

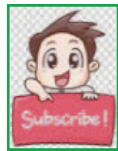
Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Beginners welcome.

For info, contact Helen Coignet  
at 210-865-1214.

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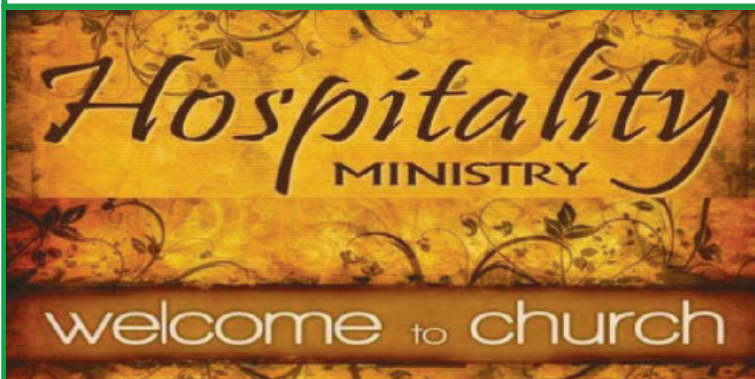
**AGAIN!**

Our parish is seeking a  
**part-time youth  
ministry coordinator.**

View the job description at the  
parish website:

<https://samcsa.com>.

Apply at <https://archsa.org/employment>.



**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY TRAINING**  
Thursday, May 25, 7 PM in the 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 [vLwood64@yahoo.com](mailto:vLwood64@yahoo.com).

All current ministers also encouraged to attend.

*"Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,*



### 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!**



### BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, June 6  
7:30 PM, RE Bldg. 1st floor



### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

What if soy milk  
is just  
regular milk  
introducing  
itself  
in Spanish?



## 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:

**Luis Horacio Gómez****Javier Alvarado**

*Lord, we thank you for giving us the gift of the priesthood, a "gift and mystery," a call to follow and imitate Christ, your Son. We pray, Lord, as you continue to place the call to serve our people as priests in the hearts of many, that they will hear your voice and respond with joy and generosity to your great grace of love. We pray that through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, you grant us many more vocations to the priesthood and that each family and parish be a place where we can all nurture and encourage the young men of today to hear and follow your call. Amen.*

— Prayer by Archbishop José Gómez, Archbishop of Los Angeles

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: *Pax Christi Institute*

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Diana Giguilo	Deacon Jerry Kozar
Hurtado Ramirez	Maggie Reyna
Patrick James Berhurdado, Jr.	Fr. Patrick Martin
Aliria Ramirez	Karina Hernandez
Diana Martinez	Kelton Sweet, Jr.
Gilbert Niedenthal	Joanna Sweet
Krystle Navarro	Javier Calderon
Rodolfo Salinas	George Aldaya
Carl Buck	Mary Helen Peterson
San Juana de Lerma	Maria Morales
Annette D. Navarro	Rosa Huerta
CJ Aboytes	Barbara Vanegas
CS	A.C. Garza
Roz Voss	Manuel Salazar
Josephine Thornton	Javier & Mary Bautista
Marge Lucido	SJS
Bill Phinizy	Olga Faz
Catherine Smith	Jim Souhrada
Tony & Rachel Delgado	Bill Jennings
Maurice Flores	Dee Hancock
Tracey Kollmansberger	Linda Santos
Tony Salinas	Tom Calderon Jr.
Alejandro De Luna	

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.

**Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun: April 20, 1916 - May 23, 1951**

Servant of God Chaplain Emil Kapaun's legacy as a light to prisoners of war and soldiers on the battlefield is vast. His cause for sainthood is currently being investigated due to a number of possible miracles attributed to his intercession as well as the possibility of his dying a martyr.

Emil was born in 1916 on a farm in Pilsen, Kansas. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1940 and remained local, serving in his home parish, St. John Nepomucene, in Pilsen. In 1944, he entered the army as part of the Chaplain Corps. He served in India and Burma during the end of WWII. In 1949, after a brief break to earn a degree back in Kansas, he re-enlisted and was sent to Japan. Kapaun was assigned as chaplain for the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. Not long after his assignment, Fr. Kapaun and the 1st Cavalry Division were ordered to Korea to help repel North Korea's invasion of South Korea.

During grueling, sleepless months of battle, Fr. Kapaun became known as someone who would risk his own life to save others on the battlefield. He ministered to his division by praying with them, offering confessions and baptisms, and by saying Mass from an improvised altar he set up on the front end of a Jeep. During this time, as the United Nations forces progressed northward, Fr. Kapaun and his troops were surprised by a contingent of the Chinese People's Volunteer Army — the PVA.

A number of the troops were able to retreat and escape, Fr. Kapaun was encouraged to go with them, but he stayed behind with the 800 men of his 3rd Battalion during the Battle of Unsan. He personally saved the lives of more than 40 soldiers during that battle. He and the others were taken prisoner by the PVA and marched over 80 miles to a prison camp. During this time, he helped others carry the injured among them despite this being forbidden by their captors. They were eventually held at Prison Camp 5 at Pyoktong, North Korea.

During his time as a prisoner of war, Fr. Kapaun was known by those he was imprisoned with as someone who could be relied on as a caretaker of all. The morale in the camp was awful, as many as 2 dozen men would die on a daily basis of malnutrition, disease, and the cold, but, Fr. Kapaun spent every waking hour doing his best to serve those he was with and raise moral in the camp. He was even known to steal food and medicine for those starving or too sick to care for themselves.

Despite developing pneumonia, dysentery, and a blood clot, Fr. Kapaun was still saying Mass and serving the other POW's until he was physically too weak to do so. He died at the age of 35 of malnutrition and pneumonia on May 23, 1951, and was buried by friends up on a hill marked with stones, away from the mass graves others were dumped in.

For his bravery and service, Fr. Kapaun was awarded a Medal of Honor, a Bronze Star Medal, a Purple Heart, and the highest military recognition awarded by the Republic of Korea — The Taegeuk Order of Military Merit. These are only some of the many awards he was given while alive and posthumously.

In 1992 Pope John Paul II named him a Servant of God and, although the miracles attributed to his intercession are still under investigation, in January 2022, it was announced that the Vatican was considering whether to declare Fr. Kapaun a martyr for the Catholic faith. If this title is granted to him, it would greatly speed up his canonization.

**Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, in the midst of the folly of war, your servant, Chaplain Emil Kapaun, spent himself in total service to you on the battlefields and in the prison camps of Korea, until his death at the hands of his captors. We now ask you, Lord Jesus, if it be your will, to make known to all the world the holiness of Chaplain Kapaun and the glory of his complete sacrifice for you by signs of miracles and peace. In your name, Lord, we ask, for you are the source of peace, the strength of our service to others, and our final hope. Amen.*

(Prayer Source: [www.FatherKapaun.org](http://www.FatherKapaun.org)) © LPI



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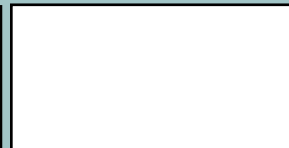
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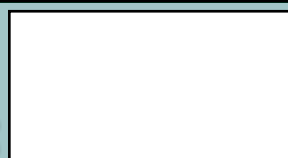
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