

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Pastor

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

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Rev. Arul Francis Arputham,  
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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.



**"Whoever has ears ought to hear."**  
- Mt 13:9

### GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 13:1-23

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11).

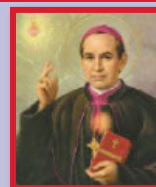
Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— 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.

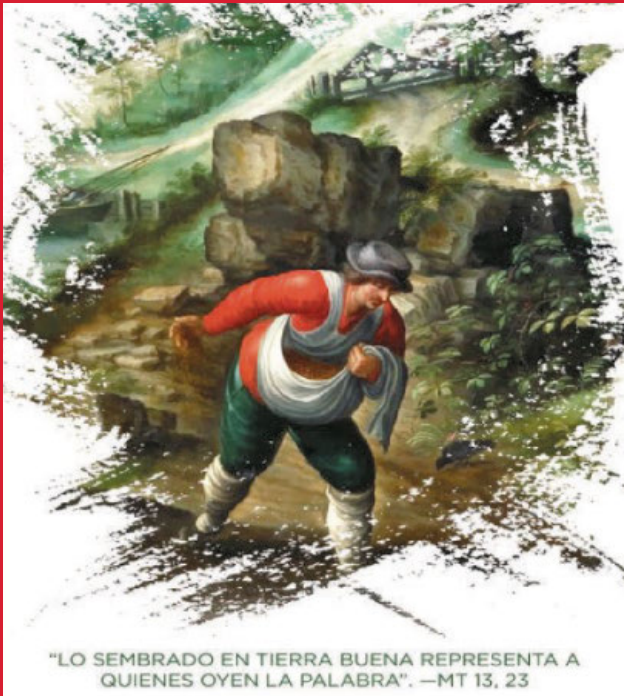
## IN OUR PARISH



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



## July 1/2 attendance &amp; collection totals

Attendance	2,938
Regular Collection	\$ 31,695.94
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 6,510.87
Peter's Pence	\$ 2,903.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,208.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 725.00
Candles	\$ 419.97

## July 8/9 attendance &amp; collection totals

Attendance	2,834
Regular Collection	\$ 25,342.86
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 7,443.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,550.99
Peter's Pence	\$ 495.00
Candles	\$ 482.25
Gabriel Project	\$ 75.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 35.00



## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

## Saturday, July 15

5 PM Anniversary Blessings for Anna & Tom Shearer by Bea Peterson

## Sunday, July 16

8 AM Dcn. Jesse Galvan† & Bishop Yanta†  
by Family  
10 AM For the Parish  
12 PM Daniel† & Manuela Gonzales†; Tomasa Cabezuela†; Sr. Victoria Hernandez†;  
Souls in Purgatory† by F. Gonzales  
3 PM Elida Ampara Segovia† by Family  
6 PM Carmen Nava† by Bea Alvarez

## Monday, July 17

8 AM Genevieve Collins† by Jo Ann Bolton  
6:30 PM Holy Hour  
7 PM Sp. Int. for Manuel Ortiz by Emma Ortiz

## Tuesday, July 18

8 AM Juan Cruz† by Elva Cruz

## Wednesday, July 19

8 AM BB\* for Sandra Rodriguez & Jose S. Rodriguez, Jr. by Rodriguez Family

## Thursday, July 20

8 AM Stephen Sanders† by Family

## Friday, July 21

8 AM BB\* for Anna Shearer by Bea Peterson

## Saturday, July 22

5 PM Dolores Cain† by Patricia Smalley  
Robert Bashant† by Wife: Patricia

## Sunday, July 23

8 AM BB\* for Andrea Fernandes by Family  
10 AM Mandy Francisco† by Lagura & Francisco Families  
12 PM Carlos Andres Tarin† by Adrian Brown & Family  
3 PM For the Parish  
6 PM Angela Feliciano De Gutierrez† & Jose Maria Gutierrez Padilla by Nita Feliciano

\*BB = Birthday Blessings



## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

## Adore Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist, pope tells U.S. Catholics - Part 2 of 2

by Cindy Wooden / June 19, 2023

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

*(Continued from last weekend's bulletin)*

Pope Francis lamented that many people "have lost the sense of adoration. We need to regain the sense of adoring in silence, adoration. It is a prayer we have lost; few people know what this is, and you bishops need to catechize the faithful on the prayer of adoration," he said, looking at Bishop Cozzens and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, who also accompanied the group.

The pope insisted on the link between celebrating Mass, eucharistic adoration and sharing the Gospel with others.

"In the Eucharist, we encounter the one who gave everything for us, who sacrificed himself in order to give us life, who loved us to the end," he said. "We become credible witnesses to the joy and transforming beauty of the Gospel only when we recognize that the love we celebrate in this sacrament cannot be kept to ourselves but demands to be shared with all."

"This is the sense of mission: You go, you celebrate Mass, you take Communion, you go to adoration -- and afterward?" he asked.

"Afterward you go out, you go out and evangelize; Jesus makes us this way."

"The Eucharist impels us to a strong and committed love of neighbor," he insisted. "For we cannot truly understand or live the meaning of the Eucharist if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor, suffering, weary or may have gone astray in life."

Speaking off the cuff, the pope said those who believe in the Eucharist must reach out to and visit "the elderly, who are the wisdom of a people, and the sick, who take the form of the suffering Jesus."

Pope Francis prayed that the National Eucharistic Congress would "bear fruit in guiding men and women throughout your nation to the Lord who, by his presence among us, rekindles hope and renews life."

In an interview with CNS following the papal audience, Bishop Cozzens said the ongoing process of the Synod of Bishops on synodality and the eucharistic revival are related since, in the listening sessions for the synod, many Catholics expressed concern about a lack of belief in the real presence and about declining Mass attendance.

"We're probably at an all-time low in the United States in terms of the percentage of Catholics who are actually going to Mass every Sunday," he said, which is "a huge concern that came forward in the synod process."

The listening sessions also pleaded with the bishops to work for the unity of the church in the country and draw everyone together around the sacrament of unity, and communion is the best way to do that, he said. "So, I would argue that the synodal process helped us build the whole thing."

"The Eucharist is the source of our life in the church," the bishop said. "It's the beating heart of the church where we receive the life of Christ as the body of Christ."

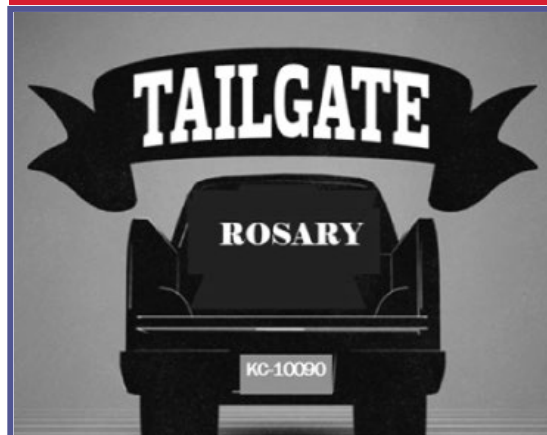


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*To read the first part of this article, visit the parish website at <https://samcsa.com> and click on the July 9, 2023 bulletin.*

## PARISH NEWS



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**Tuesday, July 18, 7:30 PM**  
**followed by fellowship hour**

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& lawn chairs.  
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**JULY &  
AUGUST  
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CLASSES  
HAVE BEEN  
CANCELLED.**



## THE BIBLE *and the* CHURCH FATHERS



### St. Anthony Claret Bible Study Retreat

Saturday, July 22  
8 AM - 4 PM

(Doors open at 7:30 AM.  
Coffee available.)

Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Presenters: Charolette "CJ"  
Aboytes & Glen Boyd

Reconciliation available at 4 PM  
in the church followed by Mass

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### Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Meeting

Sunday, July 16, 12 PM

Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Women 18 years & up are invited.

For info, contact Darrelyn  
Kundinger at 661-619-5101.



This Week in Our Parish

Quinceañera

**Calie Esparza**



### 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!**

### Confused about the location of the parish office?

(You're not alone!)

The parish office is located underneath the church,  
labeled "A" on the side of the building.

Open Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM - 5 PM.

Refer to adjacent photo. →





## PARISH NEWS



## St. Anthony Claret's Pantry School Supply Drive

We supply new backpacks;  
You fill them!

Donate notebook paper, folders, spiral notebooks, theme books, pens, pencils, crayons, rounded scissors, rulers, erasers, and glue sticks. Drop donations in the baskets in the narthex.

*Collection runs  
through Aug. 5/6.*



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ministry  
date night

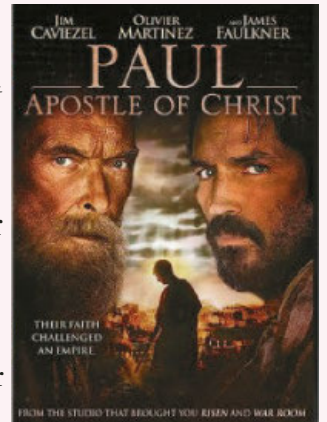
*for married &  
engaged  
Couples*

### MOVIE NIGHT:

*Paul, Apostle of Christ*

Friday, July 21, 7 PM,  
Msgr. Hubertus Hall  
Bring your favorite food or  
appetizer to share.

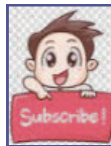
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liz.straq@yahoo.com no later  
than Wed., July 19.




**Silver Seniors  
Summer Luncheon**  
**Wed., July 19**  
**Msgr. Hubertus Hall**  
**Doors open at 11:30 AM.**  
*For ages 55 & up*  
**For more info or to RSVP,**  
**contact Maria Richardson**  
**at 210-722-4627.**

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emailed directly to your inbox. Go to  
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the search tool and click on subscribe."



### St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: June 2023

Utility assistance:	\$ 3,292.32
Restock food pantry:	\$ 5,984.90
Other client assistance:	\$ 7,471.09
Office expenses:	\$ 103.97
# Food bags distributed:	326
# People served:	1,042
# of home deliveries	36



Hours: Thursdays, 9 AM - 12 PM  
Contact us at (210) 474-6888  
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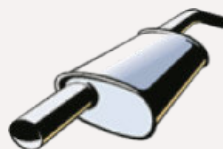
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### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



I had a dream last night  
that I was a muffler.

I woke up  
exhausted.



### St. Anthony Claret's Pantry Annual Report 2022-23

Beginning balance: \$16,011.03  
Ending balance: \$34,626.05  
Monthly collections total: \$139,329.66  
Cash available total: \$156,178.73  
Expenses total: \$121,552.68.

### Detailed Expense List

Utilities: \$28,767.63  
Restocking food pantry: \$75,695.38  
Other assistance (rent, medical, etc.): \$14,408.33  
Office administrative expenses: \$2,268.09  
HEB gift cards: \$350.00  
Bank charges: \$63.25  
# food bags distributed: 3,324  
# people served: 9,995  
# home deliveries made: 446  
# students served by school supply program: 99  
# families served by Thanksgiving program: 77  
# hygiene bags distributed: 106  
# fans distributed: 25  
# of "out of area" families: 40

Thank you to our clergy, church staff, parishioners,  
Knights of Columbus Council #10090, Homeschooling  
Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Silver Seniors, Rosary  
Makers, Del Web community, and HEB #37 for your  
continued support. Though inflation has not abated,  
it was a good year.

*Harold Shields*  
President, St. Anthony Claret's Pantry



## 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.



Guillermo Cruz



Moses Castro

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: School Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis (U.S. Province)



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

REMEMBER  
in your prayers

Pete Reyes  
Jennifer Alfaro  
Mario Moreno  
Ernest Salinas  
Diana Martinez  
Gilbert Niedenthal  
Rodolfo Salinas  
Carl Buck  
San Juana de Lerma  
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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  
Rosa Huerta  
Barbara Vanegas  
PK  
A.C. Garza  
Manuel Salazar  
Javier & Mary Bautista  
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 16: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23  
Monday 17: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1  
Tuesday 18: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday 19: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday 20: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30  
Friday 21: Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday 22: Sg 3:1-4b/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Sunday 23: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

## EXCITING PARISH NEWS!

St. Anthony Mary Claret

**DIA DE  
UNIDAD**



**OCT  
15**  
11AM - 5PM



**¡Venga a pasar el  
tiempo conociendo y  
visitando a otros  
feligreses!**

¡Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para más información!



**In Sympathy...** Our parish community mourns the loss of longtime parishioner and former parish employee and volunteer

*Mary Keeton* who recently passed away. We offer our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

*Go forth, Christian soul,  
from this world  
in the name of God*

*the almighty Father, who created you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God, who suffered for you,  
in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured  
out upon you. Go forth, faithful Christian.*

*May you live in peace this day.  
May your home be with God in Zion,  
with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,  
with Joseph, and all the angels and saints.  
Amen.*



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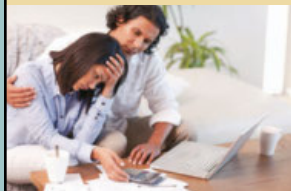
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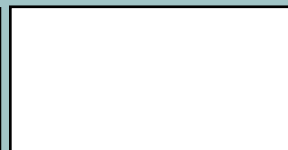
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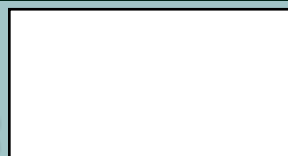
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