## St. Anthony Mary Claret

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#### July 30, 2023

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#### GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 13:44-52

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

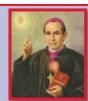
In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived

enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

*— 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.



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

**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.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **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

Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations el jueves, 3 de agosto Thursday, Aug. 3, 6:30 PM *Misa/Mass: 7:30 PM* 





St. Anthony Mary Claret First Friday Mass dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday, Aug. 4, 8 AM

# July 22/23 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,117
Regular Collection	\$ 30,093.44
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 4,967.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,143.99
Candles	\$ 450.83
Peter's Pence	\$ 300.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 200.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 100.00

St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Saturday, Aug. 5; Mass: 8 AM followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayers



#### 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.

#### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Jul 5 PM Sunday, July	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales† by Y. Gonzales 30	<b>Thursday, Au</b> <b>8 AM</b> 6:30 PM <b>7:30 PM</b>	by Rodriguez Family g. 3 Stephen Nava† by Bea Alvarez Bilingual Holy Hour For Religious Vocations
8 AM 10 AM	<b>Thomas E. Blank, Jr.</b> † by Family <b>Anniversary Blessings for Elizabeth &amp;</b> <b>Christopher Gruver</b> by Rodriguez Family	Friday, Aug. 4 8 AM	BB* for Paul Macias by Mary Macias
12 PM 3 PM	<b>BB<sup>*</sup> for Raquel Dinsay</b> by Family <b>Joe B. Alcantar</b> † by Family <b>For the Parish</b>	Saturday, Aug 8 AM 5 PM	g. 5 Leonel Gonzalez <sup>†</sup> by Gonzalez Family Edward Sheals <sup>†</sup> by Alice Lopez
6 PM Monday, July		Sunday, Aug. 8 AM	6 Nancy Otto† by Steve & Sylvia Hilbig Mbrs. of the Institute of Christ the King
8 AM 6:30 PM 7 PM	<b>Souls in Purgatory</b> † by Family Holy Hour <b>For an End to Abortion</b>	10 AM	Sovereign Priest by Andrew Stinson Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro
Tuesday, Aug 8 AM	<b>BB* for Thomas Jackson Shearer</b> by Bea Peterson	12 PM 3 PM 6 PM	<b>Rosaura E. Trevino</b> <sup>†</sup> by Family <b>Pedro Mejia</b> <sup>†</sup> by Family <b>For the Parish</b>
Wednesday, A 8 AM	5		*BB = Birthday Blessings

#### **RESPECT LIFE**

# May Catholics work to protect human life through faith-filled engagement in the public square.

## PRAYER & ACTION

**Pray:** 

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

#### **Reflect:**

In Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and returned the issue of abortion to the

people's elected representatives at both the state and federal level. Despite this monumental legal victory, abortion policy is far from settled.

Sadly, over the past year, several states have used this opportunity to not only keep abortion legal, but also to pursue even more extreme pro-abortion policies. Currently, abortion is legal in more states than not. Our dedicated efforts are desperately needed in the months and years to come to protect preborn children and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that we are *"the salt of the earth"* and *"the light of the world"* (Mt. 5:13-14). As Catholics, we have a duty to pursue the common good and to work for the protection of the most vulnerable. Our faith, formed by the teachings of the Church, should guide our engagement in civic life.

Each of us is called to live out our faith publicly, witnessing to the Gospel. For, "*if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot*" (Mt. 5:15-16). We cannot hide our faith under the "*bushel basket*." Rather, our "*light must shine before others*" (Mt. 5:15-16).

Inspired by the Gospel, we must do what we can to end violence in the womb, to ensure that preborn children are fully protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in welcoming and nurturing their children. May we all faithfully embrace our shared Christian responsibility and be strengthened by God's grace when we encounter resistance or persecution. Together, may we help build a culture of life and civilization of love in our nation.

#### Act (Choose one):

- Read and meditate on <u>Matthew 5:1-16</u>. Pray for the grace and courage to bring your faith into the public square, working for the protection of all human life.
  - Choose one day over this next week to fast from entertainment. Refrain from television, movies, social media, and non-spiritual reading.
  - Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

#### **One Step Further:**

Read the short reflection, "Live the Gospel of Life" and prayerfully consider how you can faithfully live out the Gospel each day: <u>respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life</u>.

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#### **PARISH NEWS**



#### St. Anthony Claret Two Hearts **Charismatic Prayer Group**

Every First Wednesday Next meeting: Aug. 2, 7 PM, In the Pavilion

Join us in praising and worshiping our Lord! Have questions? Need prayers?

Contact any of the following: Barbaree: 210-414-3016; Tex: 210-912-2668; or Lisa: 726-205-4483.



#### WARNING:

Some parishioners have recently received emails requesting help or donations, falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan or our deacons. **DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!** 



Retiro de ACTS para Mujeres

En Español St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church

DEL 7 AL 10 DE SEPTIEMBRE

**CENTRO DE RETIROS** CORDI MARIAN

Para más información y registro, contactar a: Jacqueline Rodríguez (210) 763-9384 abcirameaol.com

**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.** 

### 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 large bin in the narthex.

Collection runs through Aug. 5/6.





AUGUST BAPTISM CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

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

View the bulletin anytime on our website: http://samcsa.com/ or have it emailed directly to your inbox. Go to parishesonline.com, locate our parish with the search tool and click on subscribe."







#### **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** 

**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)



Araceli Luciano Pete Reves Jennifer Alfaro Mario Moreno **Ernest Salinas** Diana Martinez Gilbert Niedenthal **Rodolfo Salinas** Carl Buck San Juana de Lerma Annette D. Navarro **CJ** Aboytes CS Roz Voss Marge Lucido Bill Phinizy **Catherine Smith** Tony & Rachel Delgado Maurice Flores Tracey Kollmansberger **Ťony Salinas** Alejandro De Luna

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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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 30: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52 Monday 31: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35 Tuesday 1: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43 Wednesday 2: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46 Thursday 3: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53 Friday 4: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ Mt 13:54-58 Saturday 5: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12 Sunday 6: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

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November 3 & 4, 2023

Participation is free, but registration is required. For more info, contact the following: ASSEMBLY@ARCHSA.ORG or 210-734-1952. Visit WWW.ASSEMBLYSA.ORG to learn more.



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