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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

#### August 13, 2023

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#### GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 14:22-33

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love



He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter.
- Mt 14:30-31

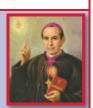
for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— 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.

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### IN OUR PARISH



Saturday, Aug. 12

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

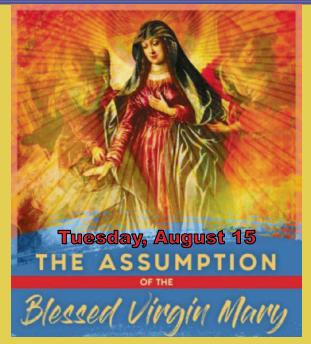
### **Parish Mission Statement**

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.

# Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary A Holy Day of Obligation

MASS TIMES:

Monday, Aug. 14, 7 PM (Vigil Mass) Tuesday, Aug. 15, 8 AM or & 7 PM Aug. 5/6 attendance & collection totals
Attendance 3,135
Regular Collection \$29,916.30
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction \$8,026.00
SAMC Pantry \$1,282.00
Candles \$586.64
Gabriel Project \$275.00
Peter's Pence \$12.00



A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

See Mass Times here.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

5 PM	Spec. Int. for Humberto Ortiz Gonzales
	by Emma Ortiz
Sunday, Aug	. 13
8 AM	For the Parish
10 AM	Dolores Cain† by Patricia Smalley
12 PM	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessings for
	Janie & Tomas Campos by Family
3 PM	Thomas Torres, Jr.† by Daughter:
	Laura Garza
6 PM	Nancy Otto† by Steve & Sylvia Hilbig
Monday, Aug. 14 *** NO MORNING MASS ***	
	*** NO HOLY HOUR ***
7 PM**	Sp. Int. for Escobedo Family & Adriana
	<b>Ŵinfrey</b> by Luna Family
Tuesday, Aug. 15 *** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ***	
8 AM	Spiritual Healing/Strength for Humanity;
	Souls in Purgatory† by M. Gonzales
7 PM	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessings for Jose Luis
	& Julieta Velasco by Family

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	Wednesday, Aug. 16 8 AM Porfirio Mendoza, Sr.† by Mendoza F	
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	Thursday, Aug	
	8 AM	<b>BB* for Beatrice Alvarez</b> by Family
	Friday, Aug. 18	
	8 AM	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessings for Harold
		& Clare Shields by Family
	Saturday, Aug.	. 19
	5 PM	Juanita C. Perez† by Daughter
	Sunday, Aug. 20	
	8 AM	Sp. Int. for Dcn. Gene Festa & Family
		by Luna Family
	10 AM	Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J.
		Ponce†; Healing for Anthony Ponce
		by Alma Ponce
	12 PM	BB* for Leo Banda by Family
	3 PM	Mercedes Torres† by Family
	6 PM	For the Parish
		*BB = Birthday Blessings
		DD - Diffilday Diessings

\*\* No Healing Mass in August. Next one: Monday, Sept. 4.

## **RESPECT LIFE**

# Reflection on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2023 (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).



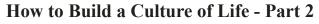
Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'" (CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose, In Luc.,10,121:PL 15 1834A.).

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid.

Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support pregnant mothers and parents of young children? Do we prioritize showing our love to those who are ill or aging?

Do we care for them in a way that respects God's gift of life?

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. Catechism of the Catholic Church, second edition © 2000 LEV-USCCB. Used with permission. All rights reserved.





Missionary Discipleship

This doesn't necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: "Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization."

The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to his grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers: we

follow a person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience his transforming love.

When we live in union with God, open to his prompting, we're more able to see the opportunities for witness and his guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do not need to be afraid. Jesus promised his disciples, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

#### Identity Crisis

As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.

But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

<sup>2</sup> USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, *Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization*. Copyright © 2012, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

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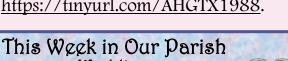
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## **PARISH NEWS**



St. Anthony Mary Claret American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop TX1988 meetings begin Tuesday, Aug. 29.

AHG exists to build women of integrity through faith, service, and fun. For info or to register, email AHGTX1988@gmail.com or visit https://tinyurl.com/AHGTX1988.



Wedding: Thomas Anthony Bitsis & Cristen Denise Gonzalez Anniversary:







## Silver Seniors Summer Luncheon

Wed., Aug. 16 Msgr. Hubertus Hall **Doors open** at 11:30 AM.

For ages 55 & up

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Interested in being a catechist or assistant to help teach the Catholic faith to parish students for the **2023-24** school vear? If so, contact **Jennifer Rupert** at 210-688-9033, x204.

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AUGUST BAPTISM CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.



### **PARISH NEWS**

## Men's Club BBQ Plate Sale

THIS Sunday, Aug. 13; 9 AM until we run out Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad, pickles, onions, jalapenos & BBQ sauce for only \$11! Pay by cash, check or • Square





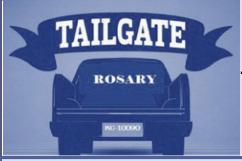
for married & engaged couples

## **GAME NIGHT!**

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

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





Presented by SAC Knights of Columbus Council 10090 The Assumption of Mary on Aug. 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation, so we have moved our rosary to this date:

## Tuesday, Aug. 22, 7:30 PM followed by fellowship hour

Parking lot by the pavilion
Bring your family, rosaries & lawn chairs.
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You are invited to the Silver Rose Mass Friday, Aug. 25, 7 PM in the church



Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**





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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.





Den. Rafael A. Lopez-Negroni

Erich Cruz

Loving and gracious God, your son Jesus reminded us: "To love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). May we never forget Jesus' words in all that we do. We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit so we can serve you more faithfully in our own vocations of married, single, religious or priestly life. Help us to support one another in our vocations and to work together to build up your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



The parish community mourns the loss of parishioner Nancy Otto who recently passed away. We offer our deepest condolences to her family and in particular to her mother, Martha Bednarz, one of our founding parishioners.

Incline Your ear, O Lord, unto our prayers. We humbly pray You show

Your mercy to the soul of Your servant Nancy, whom You have commanded to pass out of this world, that You would place her in the region of peace and light, and bid her to be a partaker with Your saints.

Please grant her loved ones comfort, love and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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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: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33

Monday 14: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27 Tuesday 15: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday 16: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20 Thursday 17: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/ Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday 18: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12 Saturday 19: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15 Sunday 20: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28



Entonces le dijo Pedro: "Señor, si eres tú, mándame ir a ti caminando sobre el agua". Jesús le contestó: "Ven". Pedro bajó de la barca y comenzó a caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús; pero al sentir la fuerza del viento, le entró miedo, comenzó a hundirse y gritó: "¡Sálvame, Señor!" - Mt 14, 28-30

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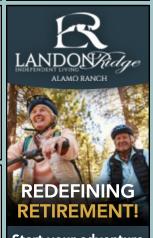
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