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August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Then Jesus said to her in reply,  
“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be  
done for you as you wish.” - Mt 15:28**

Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel? I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead to a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

*Father John Muir ©LPi*

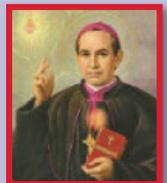
## GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 15:21-28

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a “limit” case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. “My daughter is tormented by a demon,” she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle?

## 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

**Parish Mission Statement**

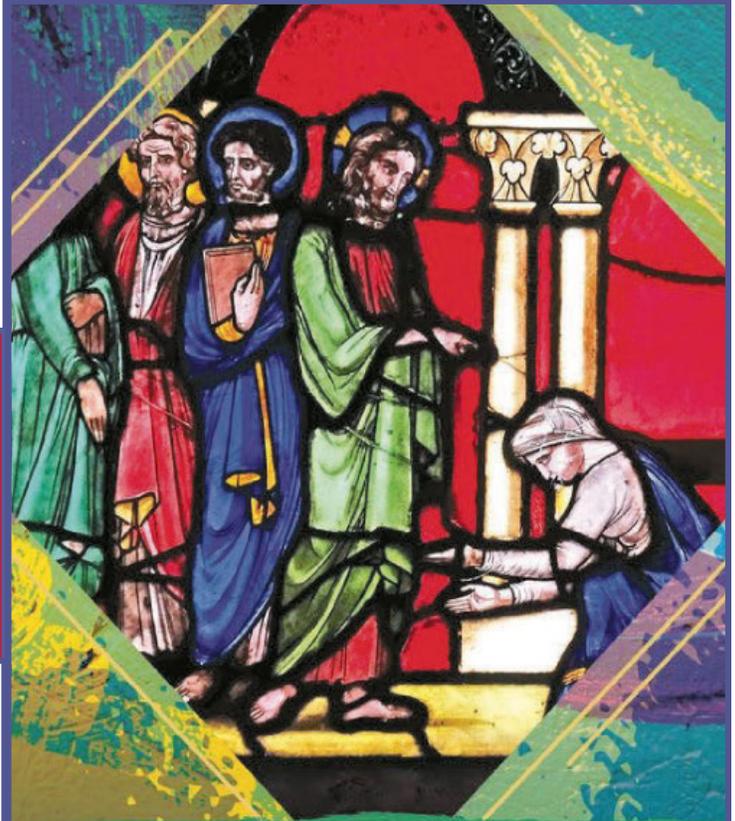
We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God. Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a whole.



"I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles."

-Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

**Aug. 12/13 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.**



**20° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Ella se acercó entonces a Jesús, y postrada ante él, le dijo: "¡Señor, ayúdame!" - Mt 15, 25

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**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**

**Monday, Aug. 21**

8 AM **Danilo B. Taliman†** by Wife & Children

6:30 PM Holy Hour

7:30 PM **Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R.† & Manuela M. Gonzales†** by Y. Gonzales

**Tuesday, Aug. 22**

8 AM **Clara Mueller†** by Bea Peterson

**Wednesday, Aug. 23**

8 AM **Susana Gonzalez†** by Gonzalez Family

**Thursday, Aug. 24**

8 AM **BB\* for Luis Astorga** by Family

**Friday, Aug. 25**

8 AM **Elvira Bendele†** by Bea Peterson

7 PM **Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Mass**

**Saturday, Aug. 26**

5 PM **Isabel Stahl†** by Teresa Revilla  
**Spiritual Strength for Vanessa & David Cartwright & Adrian & Lily** by Family

**Sunday, Aug. 27**

8 AM **Brimilda Fernandes†** by Jeremias & Clarissa Fernandes

10 AM **Juana Aguilera†** by Family

12 PM **Members of Zaiontz, Moravits & Lyssy Families; Souls in Purgatory†** by Family

3 PM **Maria Alejandra Rocha Vallejo†** by Rivera-Rocha Family

6 PM **For the Parish**

\*BB = Birthday Blessings

**RESPECT LIFE**

**How to Build a Culture of Life - Conclusion**

*Our Response*

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ’s love however he directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way.

Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.

*A Culture of Life*

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God’s love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

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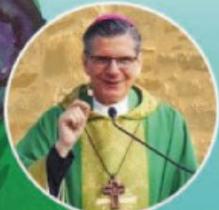


**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**EL CAMINO DE SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS**

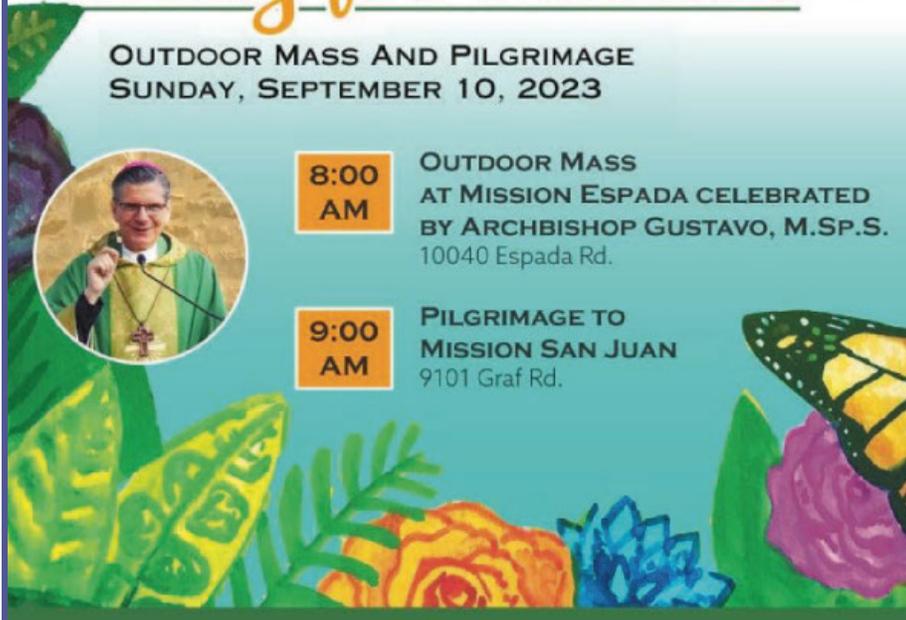
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**OUTDOOR MASS AND PILGRIMAGE  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**



**8:00 AM** OUTDOOR MASS AT MISSION ESPADA CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP GUSTAVO, M.SP.S. 10040 Espada Rd.

**9:00 AM** PILGRIMAGE TO MISSION SAN JUAN 9101 Graf Rd.




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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.



Ladies of Saint Anthony Claret Meeting

Sunday, Aug. 20, 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: Alexis Arzvalo



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CYO Sports Registration: Soccer, Volleyball, Flag Football



Players must be registered parishioners or live within our parish boundaries.

Registration fee: \$115



Families who register multiple players will select a "Sibling Discount Option" for a \$5 price reduction.

Registration closes Aug. 20. Teams formed Aug. 21.

Practice begins once all teams have been formed and finalized with coaches who have passed background and who have a valid coach's certification. Practices are not yet set, but will vary pending head coach's availability and availability of location(s).

Season starts Sept. 15; Zone playoffs: Oct. 31-Nov. 5

City playoffs: Nov. 7-12



For more info or to register, scan this QR code.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / RCIA



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

REGISTER AFTER ALL WEEKEND



Religious Ed. Registration

MASSSES IN THE RE BUILDING NOW THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST.



Interested in becoming Catholic? Already Catholic but have yet to receive all your sacraments?

Join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes! For more info or to register, contact Jennifer Rupert at 210-688-9033, x204.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Having a dog named "Shark" at the beach is a bad idea...



AUGUST BAPTISM CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.



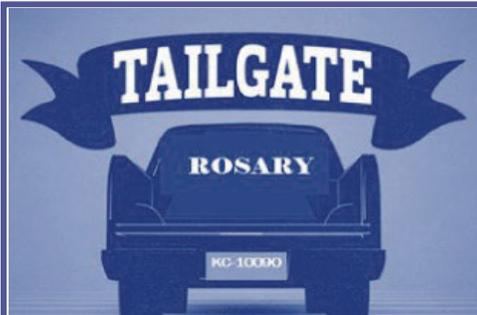
**PARISH NEWS**

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.



**St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: July 2023**

Utility assistance:	\$ 4,578.14
Restock food pantry:	\$ 5,420.75
Other client assistance:	\$ 617.88
Office expenses:	\$ 104.95
# Food bags distributed:	273
# People served:	840
# of home deliveries	26



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**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**



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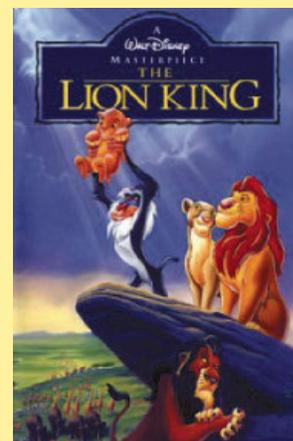
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**"The Lion King"**

Saturday, Sept. 9 at sunset  
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Bring your family, neighbors & lawn chairs!



**The Legion of Mary invites you to celebrate Mary's Nativity & the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Legion's founding**

Mass: Friday, Sept. 8, 7 PM  
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**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.



**Dcn. Rafael A. Lopez-Negrón**



**Erick 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:  
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**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

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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 20: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/  
Mt 15:21-28
- Monday 21: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday 22: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday 23: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday 24: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
- Friday 25: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday 26: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday 27: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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to us, O Lord,  
for we are  
in distress.

**PSALM 31:9**

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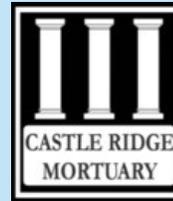
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