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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

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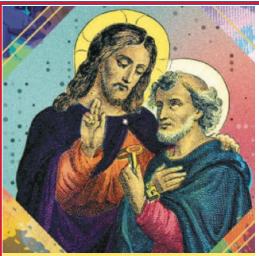
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He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 16:13-20

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel.

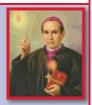
Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— 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



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



St. Anthony Mary Claret First Friday Mass dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday, Sept. 1, 8 AM

St. Anthony Mary Claret
First Saturday Mass
dedicated to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Saturday, Sept. 2; Mass: 8 AM
followed by exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament,
rosary & consecration prayers



Aug. 12/13 attendance & collection totals

Attendance 3,160 **Regular Collection** \$ 28,297.52 **RE Bldg. Debt Reduction** 5.069.88 Comboni Sisters 4,908.02 \$ \$ \$ **SAMC Pantry** 1.160.00 Candles 350,00 **Gabriel Project Capital Campaign** 50.00

Aug. 19/20 attendance & collection totals unavailable a press time.

REINO

"Yo te daré las llaves del Reino de los cielos; todo lo que ates en la tierra quedará atado en el cielo, y todo lo que desates en la tierra quedará desatado en el cielo".

MATEO 16, 19

"The harm that comes to souls from the lack of reading holy books makes me shudder . . . What power spiritual reading has to lead to a change of course, and to make even worldly people enter into the way of perfection."

—St. Padre Pio



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Aug. 28

8 AM Souls in Purgatory† by Family

6:30 PM Holy Hour

7:30 PM For an End to Abortion

Tuesday, Aug. 29

8 AM BB* for Selene Macias by Mary Macias

Wednesday, Aug. 30

8 AM Carmen Campos† by Family

Thursday, Aug. 31

8 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Jude

by Robbie Alicea

BB* for Bianca Valenzuela by Family

Friday, Sept. 1

8 AM Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current

& Future Descendants of Daniel R.† & Manuela M. Gonzales† by Y. Gonzales

Saturday, Sept. 2

8 AM BB* for Raymond John Peterson

by Bea Peterson

Mr. & Mrs Joseph Fritz† by Adelina Fritz

5 PM Dolores M. Herrera† by Mario & Nella

Salinas

Sunday, Sept. 3

8 AM Felicidad Calderon† by Mendoza Family

Anthony Scott Freathy† by Freathy Family

10 AM Susan Retz† by Husband: Richard
12 PM Juanita L. Cuellar† & Carlos Andres

Tarin† by Adrian Brown & Family

3 PM For the Parish

6 PM BB* for Elizabeth Langas by Langas Family

*BB = Birthday Blessings

FAMILY LIFE

Parenting: What Airlines Can Teach Us

by Jim Otremba

I have been blessed with being a part-time stay-at-home dad since 1999 and a licensed therapist since 1996. I thank God for the gift of being a dad. Parenting is the most exhausting and exhilarating thing I have ever done. I have never been so caffeine-dependent in my life, but I am convinced that God is OK with that.

I do find that parenting for me and my wife is much easier when I follow the profound lesson of airlines. (I am not talking about the way they price their tickets or overbook most flights.) Let me explain.

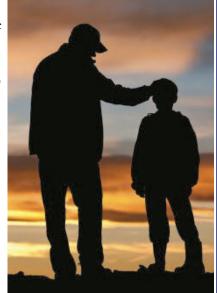
Before every flight, the airline attendant comes into the cabin and tells the passengers something like this: "If cabin air pressure changes, masks will deploy from the ceiling. Grab the mask and make sure there are no twists in the tubing. Gently place the mask over your face. Oxygen will begin to flow immediately into the mask. Place the mask on yourself first and then help those around you who are unable to assist themselves. Have a nice flight and enjoy the pretzels."

Here is the key: "Place the mask on yourself first and then help those who are unable to help themselves." What are the reasons they teach this?

Airlines know that if adults are able to receive the oxygen they need first, then there is a chance that others can be saved. For example, we have a seven-year-old son who has Down's syndrome. If in the middle of a flight, a mask with a rubber band comes down from the ceiling he is going to have a great time with this new toy from the sky! He will be flinging it all over the cabin, playing with the rubber band part especially. His oxygen supply will become critically low.

That is the reason airlines tell us to put our masks on first. If I live there is a chance I can help others. If I don't get the oxygen I need, then I will pass out, guaranteeing that those who can't help themselves will also pass out. If parents could learn from this model I am convinced that our families would be helped tremendously. Here is how it would look:

Parents would not feel guilty when they devote positive time away from their children: time to pray, time to exercise, time with life-giving friends. Of course, this can't happen all the time, but we as parents have to make sure some of our basic needs are being met. These met needs provide much-needed air in the midst of a near-suffocating amount of parental tasks.



When we meet our basic needs then we are better able to meet the demands of our children. How do we do this?

It depends. If you are married, talk with your spouse and plan ahead for times when you can pray, go for walks, talk with uplifting friends, visit with a spiritual director, or simply take a nap. If possible, plan a retreat every year. I try to go on two or three retreats a year, and so does my wife. I miss my family, but I come back refreshed and full of new oxygen to share.

Also, plan on syncing your calendars at least twice a month. During this time talk to each other about how your needs are being met. If you need more time away for life-giving activities plan them ASAP. Spirit-led time away will always help our families.

If you are a single parent perhaps start a babysitting group so one person can babysit once or twice a week, giving the other parents some free time. Or, talk to your church and see if there are some trusted Confirmation students who are good babysitters and need service hours. Time alone as a single parent is critical.

When I have shared this wisdom with hurting families and the parents start to create positive times to meet their needs, amazing things start to happen. Parents become more patient with their children. As they become gentler with themselves, they become gentler with their children. They begin to breath ethe breath of new life.

May God bless you as you meet your needs so that the Holy Spirit will equip you to meet your children's needs.

From 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.

Jim Otremba, M.Div, M.S., LICSW, is a nationally-known workshop presenter on parenting and other topics.

This article is adapted from his parenting workbook: The Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting

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PARISH NEWS



St. Anthony Mary Claret American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop TX1988 meetings begin **THIS Tuesday, Aug. 29.** AHG exists to build women of integrity through faith, ser-

Weddings This Week in Our Parish



Jaime Clias Campos & Gisela Ramirez

Scott Maron Sauceda & Panielle Ashley Aguilar



The Legion of Mary invites you to celebrate Mary's Nativity & the 102nd anniversary of the Legion's founding

Mass: Friday, Sept. 8, 7 PM (Legion prayers & rosary at 6:30 PM.) Cake & refreshments served after Mass.

Auxiliary and active members are especially encouraged to attend.



Planning a wedding at our parish? ¿Estás planeando una boda en nuestra parroquia? MANDATORY Marriage Orientation

Thurs., Sept. 21, 7 PM

Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Orientación Matrimonial OBLIGATORIA

el jueves 15 de septiembre, 7 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall.

Call the parish office to register/Llamar a la oficina parroquial para registrarse: 210-688-9033.



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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.

THIS IS THE LAST



WEEKEND Religious Ed. Registration

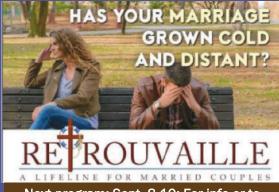
TO REGISTER AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES IN THE RE BUILDING.



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Next program: Sept. 8-10; For info or to register, visit site listed below, call the number or scan QR code.

Retrouvaille has been helping troubled marriages since 1977. The program is confidential, effective, and can help you find hope and healing!

HelpOurMarriage.org 210-848-3278



PARISH NEWS



St. Anthony Mary Claret Knights of Columbus Council 10090 presents....



FAMILY WEEK!

Sunday, Sept. 3 - Saturday, Sept. 9
A week dedicated to the celebration of family life









- Sunday, Sept. 3 We encourage families to attend Holy Mass.
 - After each Mass we will hand out prayer cards to encourage families to pray the rosary daily throughout the week.
- Monday, Sept. 4 6:30 PM: Holy Hour, rosary & prayers
 7:30 PM: Holy Mass
- Thursday, Sept. 7 6:30 PM: Bilingual Holy Hour, rosary & prayers for vocations 7:30 PM: Holy Mass
- Saturday, Sept. 9 Family Movie Night presenting Disney's The Lion King See details below.



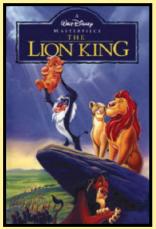
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St. Anthony Mary Claret





OCT 15 11AM - 5PM







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

¡Comuniquese con la oficina parroquial para más información!

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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



En Español St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church

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

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.



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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 27: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 Monday 28: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22 Tuesday 29: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mk 6:17-29 Wednesday 30: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32 Thursday31: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51 Friday 1: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13 Saturday 2: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30 Sunday 3: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

BANNS FOR ORDINATION: OTTMAR TOVAR



Ottmar Tovar, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, is seeking ordination to the transitional diaconate on September 9, 2023.

Anyone aware of a reason, under Church law, as to why Ottmar cannot, or should not, be ordained to the Order of Deacon, is asked to contact the Director of Seminarians/Vocation Director of the Archdiocese of San Antonio at 210-734-1976 by August 28, 2023.

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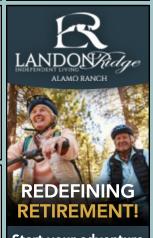
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