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August 6, 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

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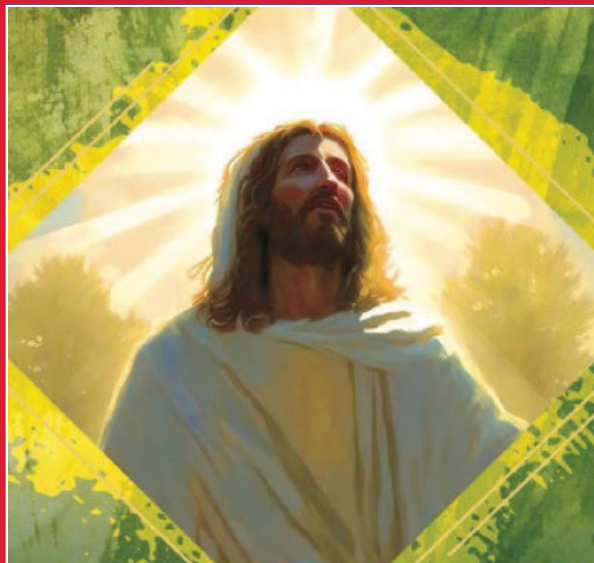
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And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light - Mt 17:2

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and decentered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, coworkers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

## GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 17:1-9

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

## 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

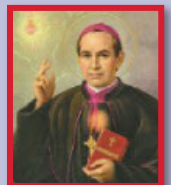
First Tuesday of the month: 7:30 PM. Call parish office to register.

**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.



**Healing Mass:  
Monday, Aug. 7  
7:30 PM  
after 6:30 PM  
Holy Hour**

## July 29/30 attendance &amp; collection totals

Attendance	3,076
Regular Collection	\$ 32,727.50
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 7,113.79
SAMC Pantry	\$ 928.88
Candles	\$ 401.20
Gabriel Project	\$ 400.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 60.00



## LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN DE JESÚS

Jesús tomó consigo a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan, el hermano de éste, y los hizo subir a solas con él a un monte elevado. Ahí se transfiguró en su presencia: su rostro se puso resplandeciente como el sol y sus vestiduras se volvieron blancas como la nieve. - Mt 17, 1-2

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

## Saturday, Aug. 5

8 AM Leonel Gonzalez† by Gonzalez Family  
5 PM Edward Sheals† by Alice Lopez

## Sunday, Aug. 6

8 AM Nancy Otto† by Steve & Sylvia Hilbig  
Mbrs. of the Institute of Christ the King  
Sovereign Priest by Andrew Stinson  
10 AM Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,  
Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro  
12 PM Rosaura E. Trevino† by Family  
3 PM Pedro Mejia† by Family  
6 PM For the Parish

## Monday, Aug. 7

8 AM Daniel† & Manuela Gonzales†; Tomasa  
Cabezuela†; Sr. Victoria Hernandez†;  
Souls in Purgatory† by F. Gonzales  
6:30 PM Holy Hour  
7:30 PM Carmen Zamora† by Family

## Tuesday, Aug. 8

8 AM Stephen Sanders† by Family

## Wednesday, Aug. 9

8 AM Albert† & Maria Morales†  
by Rick & Sandy Salinas & Family

## Thursday, Aug. 10

8 AM Susana Martinez† by Her Daughter  
BB\* for Veronica Macias by Mary Macias

## Friday, Aug. 11

8 AM Nancy Otto† by Henry & Mary Pawlawski

## Saturday, Aug. 12

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 40th 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

\*BB = Birthday Blessings



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#### *The Problem*

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heart-breaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?

#### *Our Christian Identity*

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."<sup>1</sup>

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

#### *Our Mission as Christians*

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others.

Embracing a relationship with God means following in his footsteps, wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples.

*(To be continued...)*

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## THE EUCHARIST



*In a letter to his son, Michael,  
famous Catholic author J.R.R. Tolkien wrote:*

"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated,  
I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the  
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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](mailto:AHGTX1988@gmail.com) or visit <https://tinyurl.com/AHGTX1988>.

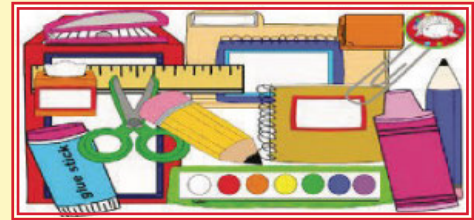
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### WARNING:

Some parishioners have recently received emails requesting help or donations, falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan or our deacons.

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### This Week in Our Parish

Wedding:

Marcus De Leon  
& Renge Mency

Quinceañera:  
Zoë Sheridan



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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 year? If so, contact Jennifer Rupert at 210-688-9033, x204.

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## PARISH NEWS

## Men's Club BBQ Plate Sale

Sunday, Aug. 13, 9 AM until we run out  
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Presented by SAC Knights of  
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The Assumption of Mary on  
Aug. 15 is a Holy Day of  
Obligation. Therefore, our  
monthly rosary will be  
moved to Aug. 22.  
More details next week.

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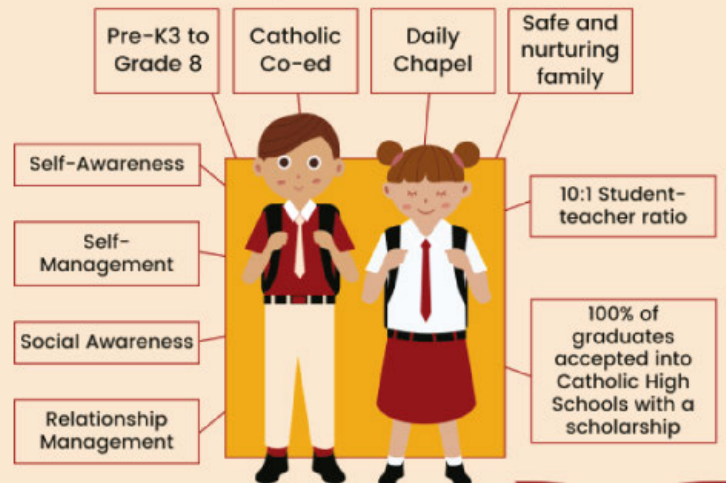
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## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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-Negroni****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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## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - August

## For World Youth Day



We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union*

*with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.*

## Intención del Santo Padre Francisco - Agosto

## Por la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud

Oremos para que la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en Lisboa ayude a los jóvenes a ponerse en camino, dando testimonio del Evangelio con su propia vida.

*Dios, Padre nuestro, yo te ofrezco toda mi jornada, mis oraciones, pensamientos, afectos y deseos, palabras, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos en unión con el Corazón de tu Hijo Jesucristo que sigue ofreciéndose a Ti en la Eucaristía para la salvación del mundo. Que el Espíritu Santo, que guió a Jesús, sea mi guía y mi fuerza en este día para que pueda ser testigo de tu amor. Con María, la madre del Señor y de la Iglesia, pido especialmente por las intenciones del Papa y de nuestros obispos para este mes. Amen.*



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

REMEMBER  
in your prayers

Ray Cole  
Mary Lee Sloan  
Araceli Luciano  
Pete Reyes  
Jennifer Alfaro  
Diana Martinez  
Gilbert Niedenthal  
Rodolfo Salinas  
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San Juana de Lerma  
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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 6: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday 7: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday 8: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday 9: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/  
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday 10: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

Friday 11: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday 12: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

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

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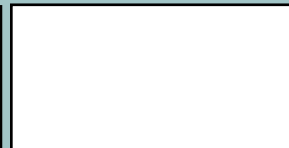
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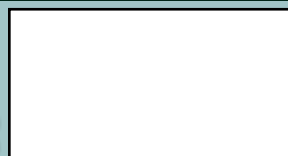
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