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October 22, 2023

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

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#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 22:15-21**

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This weeks' gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave



"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

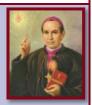
to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

— 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

#### **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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Wednesday, Oct. 25

**8 AM** 

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2nd Collection this weekend: World Mission Sunday





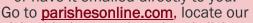
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\*BB = Birthday Blessings



#### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

Saturday, Oct. 21		Thursday, Oct.	. 26
5 PM	Ellen Gagliardi† by Family	8 AM	Marcelino Armendariz† by Teresa Revilla
Sunday, Oct. 22 8 AM Lois Mendoza† by Mendoza Family			Souls in Purgatory† by Catalina & Guadalupe Ortega
10 AM	Nancy Otto† by Punky & Carolyn Trip BB* for Christopher Gruver Rodriguez Family	Friday, Oct. 27 8 AM	BB* for Drew Olech & Kathy Schnipke by Olech Family
12 PM 3 PM	David Gonzales† by Sue & Daniel Crapo Luz H. Cuellar† by Adrian Brown & Family Juan Carlos Monterosa† by Family	Saturday, Oct. 5 PM	28 BB* for Rachel Langas by Langas Family
6 PM	For the Parish	Sunday, Oct. 29	9
Monday, Oct. 2		8 AM	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R.† & Manuela M. Gonzales† by Y. Gonzales
6:30 PM	Holy Hour	10 AM	Elisa Campos† by Family
7:30 PM	Stephen Sanders† by Family	12 PM	For the Parish
Tuesday, Oct. 24		3 PM	Fermin Chevez† by Family
8 AM	Maria Lemus† by Mary Macias Souls in Purgatory† by Catalina &	6 PM	BB* for Peg Helner Peterson by Bea Peterson

#### **RESPECT LIFE**

#### Children as Commodities

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/children-commodities.

At seventeen, Natalie\* discovered that her parents had contracted with another woman to become pregnant

using her father's sperm and the woman's own egg. Natalie became estranged from her parents, hurt that money, rather than the physical expression of married love, was the context in which she was brought into the world. Since the advent of *IVF* (in vitro fertilization), the floodgates have

Children deserve to be given by God, born of married love.

been opened to bringing about reproduction through egg and sperm donation and surrogate pregnancies. Yet these technologies are fraught with medical, legal, and moral complications. Children deserve to not be created as a product of reproductive technology, but to be given by God, and to be born through married love.

\*Name changed for privacy. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission. © 2019, USCCB, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.



## Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions

or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.

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#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### St. Anthony Mary Claret Retiro de ACTS (hombres) en Español

Noviembre 30 al Diciembre 3, 2023 Centro de Retiro Cordi-Marian

Para más información llamar a el Director Aurelio Carrillo: 956-251-6136.

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Velen y estén reparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento." – Mc 13, 33-37



#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### A Woman's Haven

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#### October: Month of the Holy Rosary

Pray a living rosary with the Legion of Mary!

Sunday Oct. 22, after 12 PM Mass: Glorious Mysteries

Sunday Oct. 29, after 3 PM Mass: Joyful Mysteries

Outside on the church grounds



#### BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, Nov 7, 7:30 PM RE Bldg., 1st floor



Become the face of the parish as you greet, seat and guide parishioners during Holy Communion.

If you're at least 16 years old and want to join this essential ministry, contact Vickie Wood at vLwood64@yahoo.com.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it." – Hebrews 13:2



This Week in Our Parish
Wedding:
Jerret Grant Bergeron
& Fara Rose Harmon

#### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



"I'm not
aging like
wine; I'm
aging like
milk-getting sour
and chunky."

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### Bible Study One-day Retreat: Holy Is His Name

What is holiness? Catholics are taught to prize holiness—to admire it in others and to strive for it in our own lives. But we're never quite told what holiness is. Tracing its meaning through the Old and New Testaments, *Holy Is His Name*, by Dr. Scott Hahn, unpacks how God gradually transmits His holiness to his people—through creation, right worship, and more—and ultimately transforms them through the sharing of His divine life.

NEXT Saturday, Oct. 28, 7:30 AM - 4 PM

Join us for prayer, Confession & Mass afterward. Bring your lunch or purchase pizza on-site. In-class handouts & videos are free.

Optional study guide bundle can be purchased at <a href="https://stpaulcenter.com/product/holy-is-his-name-study-guide-bundle/">https://stpaulcenter.com/product/holy-is-his-name-study-guide-bundle/</a>.



Use coupon code Hihnstudy6-23 for 20% discount through Oct. 31.

For info, contact CJ Aboytes at 210-843-1198 or cjaboytes@gmail.com.

Sign up in the narthex after Masses THIS WEEKEND!



#### PARISH NEWS/EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

#### **HOLY HOUR & EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

Participate in prayerful preparation for the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress (see below).

#### Friday, Nov. 3

Holy Hour at 7 PM followed by a Eucharistic Procession on the church grounds. You may bring candles for the procession.







# ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Nov. 3 & 4

Participation is free, but registration is required. For more

info, contact: ASSEMBLY@ARCHSA.ORG or 210-734-1952. Visit WWW.ASSEMBLYSA.ORG to learn more.





"Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most tender of friends with souls who seek to please Him. His goodness knows how to proportion itself to the smallest of His creatures as to the greatest of them. Be not afraid then in your solitary conversations, to tell Him of your miseries, fears, worries, of those who are dear to you, of your projects, and of your hopes. Do so with confidence and with an open heart."

- St. Damien of Molokai

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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. Evan Wittig

**Prashanth Kumar** 

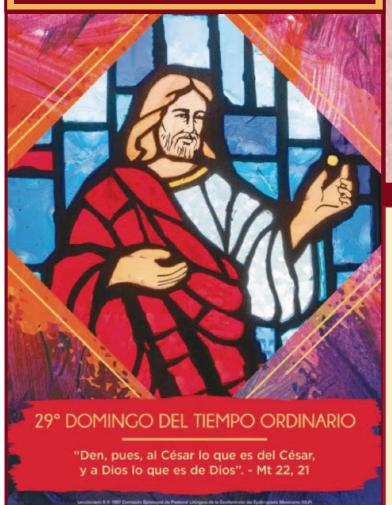
God, please give to your Church today many more priests after your own heart.

May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments. May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

— St. John Vianney

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:

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#### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



Patsy Hilbig Delfino (Sonny) Ramirez Krystle Navarro Rick McCarty Gloria Martinez Nellie Coronado Jack White Mary Tellez Lilly Reves Mary Lee Śloan Diana Martinez Gilbert Niedenthal Rodolfo Salinas San Juana de Lerma Annette D. Navarro Roz Voss Marge Lucido Bill Phinizy Catherine Smith Tony & Rachel Delgado Maurice Flores Tracey Kollmansberger

**Tony Salinas** Alejandro De Luna Deacon Jerry Kozar Maggie Reyna Fr. Patrick Martin Karina Hernandez Kelton Sweet, Jr. Joanna Sweet Javier Calderon George Aldava Mary Helen Peterson Rosa Huerta Barbara Vanegas PK A.C. Garza Gilbert Niedenthal Javier & Mary Bautista SJS Olga Faz Jim Šouhrada Bill Jennings Dee Hancock 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 22: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21 Monday 23: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21 Tuesday 24: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/ Lk 12:35-38 Wednesday 25: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48 Thursday 26: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53 Friday 27: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59 Saturday 28: Eph 2:19-22/ Lk 6:12-16 Sunday 29: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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