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GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 22:15-21

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Humanlove and God-love are now inseparably married forever.



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

The newness of the God-man means that there is

now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms. — 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.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

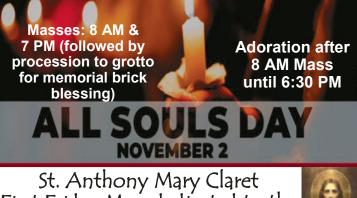
The Solemnity of All Saints A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1



Mass times: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 8 AM or 7 PM There will be <u>NO vigil Mass</u> on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Oct. 21/22 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,304
Regular Collection	\$ 26,421.60
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 5,547.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 2,576.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,792.50
Hope for the Future	\$ 1,070.32
Candles	\$ 361.65
Gabriel Project	\$ 102.50



St. Anthony Mary Claret First Friday Mass dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday, Nov. 3, 8 AM

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 28

5 PM BB* for Rachel Langas by Langas Family Sunday, Oct. 29 8 AM Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current

ð AM	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current
	& Future Descendants of Daniel R.† &
	Manuela M. Gonzales [†] by Y. Gonzales
10 AM	Elisa Campos ⁺ by Family
12 PM	For the Parish
3 PM	Fermin Chevez [†] by Family
6 PM	BB* for Peg Helner Peterson
U I WI	by Bea Peterson
	Jose Gonzalez Reyna† by Torres Family
Monday, Oc	t. 30
8 AM	America Hernandez Perez†, Luz Elenia
	Perez† & Andres Perez† by Son & Brother
	Jeffrey Perez
6:30 PM	Holy Hour
7:30 PM	For an End to Abortion
Tuesday, Oc	t. 31 *** NO VIGIL MASS TODAY ***
8 AM	BB* for Tegan Astorga by Family
Wednesday.	Nov. 1 *** ALL SAINTS DAY ***
8 AM	Charlotte Toutaint [†] by Harold &
O ANI	Clare Shields
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7 PM	Hospicio & Leonora Lagura [†] , Mandy
	Francisco†, Nizza De Guzman†, & Zoraya
	Salli [†] by Lagura & Francisco Families

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hursday, Nov.	2 *** ALL SOULS DAY ***
AM	BB* for Emmanuel James Wessel

by Bea Peterson *** Adoration after 8 AM Mass until 6:30 PM *** 7 **PM** BB* for Elda Ramirez by Ramirez Family **8 PM** Procession to grotto: memorial bricks blessing Friday, Nov. 3 *** FIRST FRIDAY *** 8 AM Danilo B. Taliman[†] & Crisostomo De Guzman[†] by Taliman Family 7 PM Holy Hour & Eucharistic Procession Saturday, Nov. 4 *** NO FIRST SATURDAY MASS *** Raymond Bendele[†] by Bea Peterson **5 PM** Frank Zertuche[†] & Oralia Aguilera[†] by Wife & Sister Olivia Zertuche **Deceased Mbrs: Legion of Mary Worldwide** by Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Our Lady of Guadalupe Praesidiums Sunday, Nov. 5 **8 AM Raymond & Elvira Bendele**[†] by Bea Peterson Lupe Lerma[†] & Mary Keeton[†] by Rick & Sandy Salinas & Family **10 AM** Margaret[†] & Albert Suarez[†]; Alan J. **Ponce**[†]; Healing for Anthony Ponce by Alma Ponce **12 PM Spiritual Healing/Strength for Humanity;** Souls in Purgatory[†] by M. Gonzales **3 PM** For the Parish **6 PM Stephen Sanders**[†] by Family

For the Catholic Church by St. Anthony

Claret Parish

*BB = Birthday Blessings

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



NOURISHMENT

Our usual First Saturday Mass has been cancelled to enable you to attend the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress.





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.



"What does Jesus Christ do in the Eucharist?
It is God who, as our Savior, offers himself each day for us to his Father's justice.
If you are in difficulties and sorrows, he will comfort and relieve you.
If you are sick, he will either cure you or give you strength to suffer so as to merit Heaven.
If the devil, the world, and the flesh are making war upon you, he will give you the weapons with which to fight, to resist, and to win victory.

If you are poor, he will enrich you with all sorts of riches for time and eternity. Let us open the door of his sacred and adorable Heart, and be wrapped about for an instant by the flames of his love, and we shall see what a God who loves us can do. O my God, who shall be able to comprehend?"

-St. John Vianney, 1786-1859

WHO WAS SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET?

St. Anthony Mary Claret was a missionary archbishop, chaplain to royalty, founder and publisher. Anthony was born in 1807 to Juan and Josefa Claret and the family lived in the town of Sallent in the Catalonia region of Spain. Juan owned a textile/weaving business, and Anthony was the fifth of eleven children. From his childhood, he was devout and interested in the salvation of souls. He attended the local elementary school and told a bishop who visited the school that he wanted to be a priest.

SKILLED WEAVER

He learned to weave, and at age seventeen he went to Barcelona for special training for the making of jacquard cloth. He became adept at this skill and received job offers from large textile mills. He spent his free time studying engraving, French, and Latin. Disillusioned by the callousness of the business world, he enrolled in the diocesan seminary at Vic in 1829 and was ordained in 1835. He was first assigned to his home parish in Catalonia. He became known for his preaching missions, which began to attract large crowds. In 1842, Father Claret was given the title Apostolic Missionary by Pope Gregory XVI. Several years later, with a small group of priests, he founded Religious Press in order to reach people of all classes and locations.

APOSTOLIC MISSION

Spain in the mid-19th century was rocked by years of ongoing wars known as the Carlist Wars, and the fighting was most violent in northern Spain where Claret was laboring for souls. To help with the extensive injuries and illnesses, he learned some rudimentary medical practices. He gave several sermons each day, sometimes as many as twelve, and he travelled from place to place on foot. Believing that the Virgin Mary personally called him to preaching missions, he emphasized devotion to her and to the Blessed Sacrament. He was known to spend as many as ten hours per day hearing confessions, and many believed that he possessed the gift of reading consciences. In 1848, his life was in danger because of anti-Catholic forces, so he went to the Canary Islands, where he continued his mission preaching with success. His sermons were so well attended, he often had to deliver them outdoors. The following year, he returned to Spain and formed a new religious congregation, the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He also established a vast religious library in Barcelona. In 1849, Claret was assigned at age forty-two to be the bishop of Santiago de Cuba.

UNEXPECTED ASSIGNMENT

This unexpected change happened just a few months after he had formed his small group of missionary preachers. In Cuba, he was a reformer, as there was much work to be done. He undertook dramatic reforms of both clergy and laity, and especially concentrated on priestly formation in seminaries. He traveled extensively throughout the diocese, giving missions. Especially worrisome was the vast number of unmarried unions and illegitimate children. By 1851, he had validated more than nine thousand marriages, which caused numerous attempts to be made on his life due to the ending of adulterous affairs. One Freemason assailant was given a death sentence, which the bishop was able to get reduced. Claret devoted himself tirelessly to the welfare of his people, researching and writing about rural piety and proven agricultural practices. He condemned racism, defended oppressed classes, visited prisons and hospitals, and co-founded the first women's religious congregation in Cuba. He was also known to have had mystical experiences, including emitting light from his body, levitating, and praying away earthquakes and bad storms. He said that Jesus told him in 1861 about the horrors that would be brought about by Communism, which was unknown at that time. In the seven years he spent in Cuba, he confirmed more than one hundred thousand people and established fifty-three new parishes.

MISSIONS DESPITE MOCKERY

In 1857, Claret was recalled to Spain to serve as the confessor to Queen Isabella II, and he was appointed as Director of the Escorial near Madrid. This extraordinary complex was a royal palace, basilica, monastery, and hospital. Under his nine years of leadership, a university, a museum, and a library were established there. He devoted himself to making Catholic literature available and produced many of them himself. He suffered much during the years he served the Queen, as anti-Catholic forces disparaged and mocked him. In 1868, a revolution drove the Queen into exile, and Father Claret accompanied her family to France. He went to Rome for the First Vatican Council, where he effectively advocated for papal infallibility, an important Dogma of the Catholic Faith. Due to declining health, he returned to France, where he continued to be plagued by anti-Catholic hostility. He died at Fontfroide Monastery October 24, 1870 at age sixty-two. His remains were returned to Vic in Catalonia in 1897.

St. Anthony Mary Claret lived a life filled with zeal for proclaiming the Gospel for the salvation of souls. He was certainly a leader in restoring the Catholic Faith in Spain, preaching twenty-five thousand sermons and wrote one hundred forty-four books. His religious order, known as the Claretians, are consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and are known as a preaching order. They serve in thirty nations and have more than three thousand members. Claret was canonized in 1950 and his feast day is October 24. He is the patron of weavers.



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PARISH NEWS/EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



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. 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: *Hermanas Catequistaas Guadalupanas*

COMMUNITY NEWS



Melchizedek Project

Monthly gatherings for those ages 18 & over who are considering a call to the priesthood.

> FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH September 2023—May 2024 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Vocation Office-Archdiocese of San Antonio

ocations@archsa.org 210-735-0553 www.archsa.org/vocations

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 Mary Lee Sloan Diana Martinez **Gilbert Niedenthal Rodolfo Salinas** San Juana de Lerma Annette D. Navarro CS Roz Voss Marge Lucido Bill Phinizv 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 Aldaya Mary Helen Peterson Rosa Huerta Barbara Vanegas PK A.C. Garza Gilbert Niedenthal Javier & Mary Bautista SJŠ 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 29: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40 Monday 30: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17 Tuesday 31: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21 Wednesday 1: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a Thursday 2: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 6:3-9/Jn 11:17-27 Friday 3: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6 Saturday 4: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11 Sunday 5: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/ Mt 23:1-12

AMARÁS

"Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente".

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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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