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November 19, 2023

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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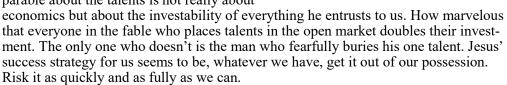
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GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 25:14-30

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about



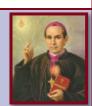
You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it. — Father John Muir ©LPi



"Well done, my good and faithful servant."- Mt 25:21

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.

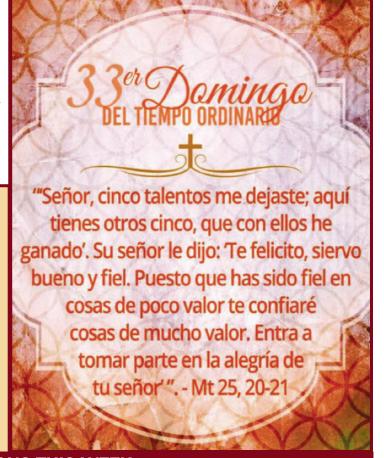
Please complete an online registration form at **samesa.com** or a printed one which you can find near the church entrance in the narthex. Return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at your convenience. I hope you feel welcome here!

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak



Wednesday, Nov. 22 *** NO MORNING MASS ***

Nov. 11/12 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.



*BB = Birthday Blessings

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

| Saturday, Nov. 5 PM | . 18 Tomas Calderon, Sr.† by Mendoza Family | 7 PM | ** PARISH OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON** Souls in Purgatory† by Catalina Ortega |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|
| Sunday, Nov. 1 | Rene & Lydia Hinojosa† by Adelina Fritz Anthony Maurath† by Victoria Maurath | | *. 23 *** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED *** BB* for Carmen Nava by Bea Alvarez Delia Macias† by Daughter: Rachael |
| 8 AM | Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R.† & Manuela M. Gonzales† by Y. Gonzales | Friday, Nov. 24 8 AM | 4 *** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED *** Deceased Members of Olech/Schnipke Families by Olech Family |
| 10 AM 12 PM | Living & Deceased† Members of the Ladies of St. Anthony Mary Claret Group by Ladies of St. Anthony Mary Claret Group Carl Langas† by Langas Family | Saturday, Nov. 5 PM | . 25 BB* for Isaac Garcia by Luna Family 54th Anniversary Blessings for |
| 3 PM | For the Parish | | Francisco & Marcelina Perez by Family |
| 6 PM | Mandy Francisco† by Lagura-Francisco Families | Sunday, Nov. 2 8 AM | 6 Louisa Armendariz† by Teresa Revilla |
| Monday, Nov. 20 | | | Raymond Cavasos† by Gloria Cavasos |
| 8 AM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM | BB* for Darcy Renfro by Renfro Family Holy Hour Ashleigh Tapia by Family | 10 AM | BB* for Elizabeth Gruver by Rodriguez Family Leslie Montero† by Gabrielle Glenn |
| Tuesday, Nov. 21 | | 12 PM | Members of Zaiontz, Moravits & Lyssy Families & Souls in Purgatory† by Family |
| 8 AM | BB* for Raymond A. Bendele, Jr. by Bea Peterson Nancy Otto† by EJ & Karen Dlugosh | 3 PM 6 PM | For the Parish Manuel†, Elizabeth† & Gina† Amestoy by Family |

RESPECT LIFE —PRAYER & ACTION

Pray

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflect

The source of human dignity lies in the reality that God became man to save us and calls us into communion with him. The Good Samaritan, who goes out of his way to aid an injured man, shows us what it really means to fulfill the commandment to love our neighbors. Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person.



Death is a decisive moment in our encounter with God the Savior. Helping our neighbor to prepare for this moment is a supreme act of charity, encompassing the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and help them be open to hope. The Church learns from the example of the Good Samaritan how to care for those who are sick or dying, respecting and defending every human life. Each of us is invited to imitate the Samaritan's example, to "Go and do likewise" (Lk 10:37).

The Good Samaritan shows us that our relationship with our suffering neighbor should embrace the qualities of attention, listening, understanding, compassion, and accompaniment. We need to learn how to look upon our own existence and that of others and to recognize that every human existence is a unique and unrepeatable wonder, one to be received and welcomed as a gift. We are invited to "remain" at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross. Their example provides a way to understand that, even when it seems that there is nothing more to do, there is much to do—because "remaining" by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end.

Reflection adapted from "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice." Scriptural excerpts from NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

Act (Choose one.)

Prayerfully reflect on the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37) and what the Lord is saying to you through it. Learn more about hospice and palliative care from a Catholic perspective: bit.ly/witness-good-samaritan. Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

One Step Further

Check out the free Compendium and Study Guide for the Church's recent document on care for the critically ill or dying, *Samaritanus bonus*: usccb.org/prolife/catholic-care-sick-and-dying.

Source: www.respectlife.org, a project of the <u>USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities</u>

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Good and gracious God, we give You thanks today, as we do all days,

first and foremost for the gift of creation and the gift of life.

We ask You to bless this food, that it may nourish us and sustain us, and strengthen our ability to do Your will.

We pray in thanksgiving for all the hands involved in bringing it to our table. You tell us, Lord, that to whom much is given, much is expected.

May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy not only serve as clear reminders of Your love of us, but of Your call for us to share Your love and to serve our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need.

We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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PARISH NEWS

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

Noviembre 30 - Diciembre 3 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 preparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento." — Mc 13: 33-37



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

DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!



BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, Dec 5, 7:30 PM RE Bldg.. 1st floor



St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: October 2023

Utility assistance: \$ 2,236.51
Restock food pantry: \$ 7,330.96
Other client assistance: \$ 5,194.19
Office expenses: \$ 94.11
Food bags distributed: 251
People served: 763
of home deliveries 26



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"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us everyday in His goodness."



— St. Gianna Molla (1922-1962)

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

What do hippies put on their Thanksgiving potatoes? Groovy.

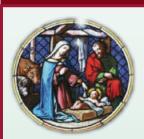
How did Albert Einstein celebrate Thanksgiving?
He was very thinkful.

Where did the Pilgrims come from?
Their parents, of course!

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? The outside.



PARISH NEWS



Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through artwork!

- Open to kids ages 5–14.
- Pick up entry form at the parish office. Turn in form with poster to the parish office **no later than Dec. 1**.
- Contestants compete in their age group:
 - * Ages 5-7 (grades K-2)
 - * Ages 8-10 (grades 3-5)
 - * Ages 11-14 (grades 6-8)
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place certificates will be awarded.
- Winners announced at this year's Breakfast with Santa.

Poster Rules:

- Must reflect "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme.
- Must be original work of a single person.
- ◆ Dimensions should be approximately 11x17 inches.

 All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus

 Supreme Council.

Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Religious Items Sale THIS WEEKEND—and every weekend this month!

Check out their great selection of

- Advent wreaths
- Christmas wreaths
- other religious gift items

...in the narthex after all Masses.



The Ladies would also like to thank you for supporting their Unity Day fundraising efforts.

St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090





Christmas Toy Drive

Make Christmas brighter for children in need!

We are collecting all toys with a focus on dolls, cars & trucks for children of all ages.

Drop donations in the large bin located in the narthex through Nov. 19. Toys should be new, packaged and unwrapped. NO BATTERY OPERATED TOYS PLEASE.





Want breakfast? We've got you covered!

Men's Club Taco Sale

THIS Sunday, Nov. 19, after the 8 AM Mass through the 10 AM Mass in Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Benefitting the parish's Ladies ACTS retreat

Bean & cheese
Potato & egg
Bacon & egg
Sausage & egg
\$2 each
Cash or check only





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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.







Ruan Lutz

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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COMMUNITY NEWS





PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



Mary Lee Sloan Jerry Rivas Claire Shields Delfino (Sonny) Ramirez Gloria Martinez Nellie Coronado Jeffery Chavez Mary Tellez Mary Lee Sloan 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 Aldaya Mary Helen Peterson Rosa Huerta Barbara Vanegas A.C. Garza Gilbert Niedenthal Javier & Mary Bautista SJŚ Olga Faz Jim Souhrada 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 19: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 Monday 20: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Lk 18:35-43

Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday 21: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday 22: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday 23: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday 24: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday 25: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Sunday 26: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/
Mt 25:31-46

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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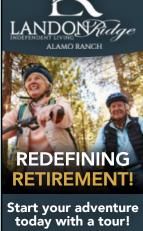
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