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November 26, 2023

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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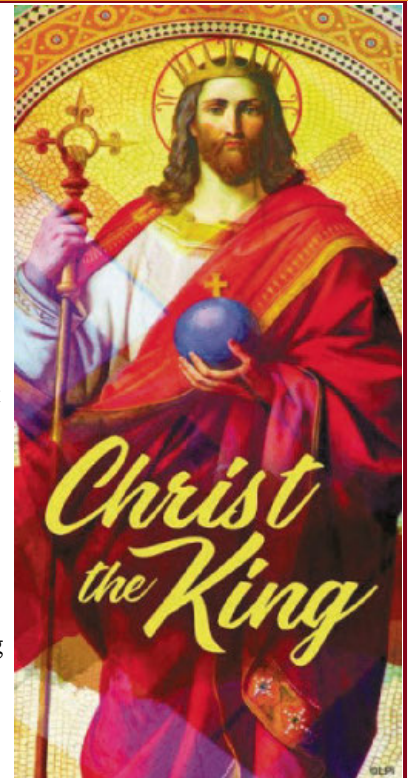
MT 25:31-46

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— 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

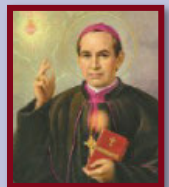
First Tuesday of the month: 7:30 PM. Call parish office to register.

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.



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

Nov. 11/12 attendance & collection totals

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Attendance | 3,372 |
| Regular Collection | \$ 28,274.63 |
| RE Bldg. Debt Reduction | \$ 4,911.99 |
| SAMC Pantry | \$ 935.99 |
| Campaign for | |
| Human Development | \$ 709.00 |
| Candles | \$ 387.01 |
| Hope for the Future | \$ 100.00 |

Nov. 18/19 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.



"VENGAN, BENDITOS DE MI PADRE; TOMEN POSESIÓN DEL REINO PREPARADO PARA USTEDES DESDE LA CREACIÓN DEL MUNDO".
— MT 25, 34

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REY DEL UNIVERSO

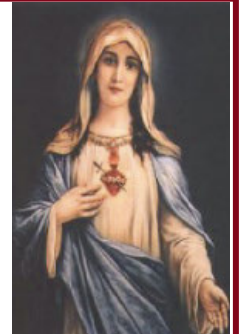


St. Anthony Mary Claret
First Friday Mass dedicated to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, Dec. 1, 8 AM

St. Anthony Mary Claret
First Saturday Mass
dedicated to the Immaculate
Heart of Mary

Saturday, Dec. 2; Mass: 8 AM
followed by exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary
& consecration prayers



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 25

5 PM BB* for Isaac Garcia by Luna Family
54th Anniversary Blessings for
Francisco & Marcelina Perez by Family

Sunday, Nov. 26

8 AM Louisa Armendariz† by Teresa Revilla
Raymond Cavasos† by Gloria Cavasos
10 AM BB* for Elizabeth Gruver by Rodriguez
Family
Leslie Montero† by Gabrielle Glenn
12 PM Members of Zaiontz, Moravits & Lyssy
Families & Souls in Purgatory† by Family
3 PM For the Parish
6 PM Manuel†, Elizabeth† & Gina† Amestoy
by Family

Monday, Nov. 27

8 AM Lorraine Killen† by Linda Smith
6:30 PM Holy Hour
7:30 PM For an End to Abortion

Tuesday, Nov. 28

8 AM BB* for Merle Belisario by Family

Wednesday, Nov. 29

8 AM Anniversary Blessings for George &
Minerva Renfro by Renfro Family

Thursday, Nov. 30

8 AM BB* for Nicolas & Joaquin Rodriguez
by Rodriguez Family

Friday, Dec. 1 * FIRST FRIDAY *****

8 AM BB* for Miguel Angel by Family

Saturday, Dec. 2 * FIRST SATURDAY *****

8 AM St. Anthony Mary Claret Ministry Leaders
& Staff by Parish Staff

5 PM BB* for Pearl Rodriguez
by Rodriguez Family

Sunday, Dec. 3

8 AM Vincent Carvalho† by Jeremias & Clarissa
Fernandes

10 AM Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J.
Ponce†; Healing for Anthony Ponce
by Alma Ponce

12 PM Alicia Garces† by Family

3 PM For the Parish

6 PM Blas L. Alvarado† by Cameron Family

*BB = Birthday Blessings



Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Resources on End of Life Care

PRAYERS

A short prayer, "Every Life is Worth Living," is available to order in both English and Spanish from the online Respect Life Store (store.respectlife.org). The text can be found at uscgb.org/every-life-worth-living.

Prayers for those who are sick or dying are available at bit.ly/family-prayers.

SAMARITANUS BONUS

In 2020, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published the letter *Samaritanus bonus* ("on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life"). The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities produced several resources, available in both English and Spanish, to accompany this letter (uscgb.org/prolife/catholic-care-sick-and-dying).

→ Samaritanus bonus: Study Guide

This study guide is designed to be used in group settings to discuss and reflect on *Samaritanus bonus*. It can be used in conjunction with either "Samaritanus bonus: A Compendium" or with the full letter. This study guide provides Scripture passages, prayers, and discussion questions to help participants reflect more deeply on the letter and its central themes and teachings.

→ Samaritanus bonus: A Compendium

This compendium contains summaries of each section of *Samaritanus bonus* and was prepared by the secretariat to serve as a resource on and introduction to the letter. It can be used on its own or in conjunction with the study guide.

→ The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice

This four-page document offers a brief overview of key points from *Samaritanus bonus* with a specific focus on what it says about palliative care and hospice.

TO LIVE EACH DAY WITH DIGNITY: A STATEMENT ON PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

This 2011 statement on assisted suicide by the Catholic bishops in the U.S. can be downloaded online (bit.ly/to-live-each-day) or ordered in print from the Respect Life Store (store.respectlife.org).

ARTICLES

Articles with practical considerations for Catholics can be downloaded or ordered in print in English and Spanish.



Catholic Considerations for our Earthly Passing

(bit.ly/earthly-passing)

Several considerations are provided as starting points for understanding and preparing for our earthly passing in a way that respects God's gift of human life.



Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

(uscgb.org/end-of-life-care)

When loved ones approach life's end, we may not know how to support them. Ten suggestions anchored in unconditional respect for human life help readers know how to provide authentically compassionate care.



Killing the Pain, Not the Patient

(bit.ly/killing-pain-not-patient)

More states are attempting to legalize doctor-assisted suicide, inaccurately claiming it's just another option for end-of-life care. Foundational differences between the two are discussed, including how the legalization of assisted suicide undermines quality care.



Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide

(bit.ly/top-reasons-oppose-as)

Polls indicate the public is receptive to the general concept of assisted suicide. However, when people understand the associated dangers, they are less likely to support the practice. Learn compelling reasons you can share for opposing assisted suicide.



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Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities | respectlife.org



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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*

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BAPTISM CLASS

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

This Week in Our Parish

Quinceañera:
Adelynn Revillas



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.

Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Religious Items Sale THIS WEEKEND!

Check out their great selection of

- ♦ **Advent wreaths**
 - ♦ **Christmas wreaths**
 - ♦ **other religious gift items**
- ...in the narthex after all Masses.



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.

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.

**Dustin Martin****Ryan 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:
Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

COMMUNITY NEWS



A ONE-ACT MUSICAL PRODUCTION BY Gian-Carlo Menotti
Saturday, Dec. 2, 2 PM
St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Event Center
West Campus, 1602 Thousand Oaks Dr.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK OF
OUR PARISH FAMILY

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
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| Joe B. Cruz | Alejandro De Luna |
| Mary Lee Sloan | Deacon Jerry Kozar |
| Jerry Rivas | Maggie Reyna |
| Claire Shields | Fr. Patrick Martin |
| Delfino (Sonny) Ramirez | Karina Hernandez |
| Gloria Martinez | Kelton Sweet, Jr. |
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| Mary Tellez | George Aldaya |
| Mary Lee Sloan | Mary Helen Peterson |
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| Rodolfo Salinas | PK |
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| Annette D. Navarro | Gilbert Niedenthal |
| CS | Javier & Mary Bautista |
| Roz Voss | SJS |
| Marge Lucido | Olga Faz |
| Bill Phinizy | Jim Souhrada |
| Catherine Smith | Bill Jennings |
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| Maurice Flores | Tom Calderon Jr. |
| Tracey Kollmansberger | |

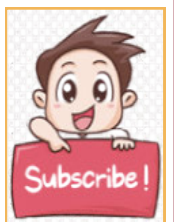
List is reserved for names of parishioners and immediate family only. You may submit up to FOUR names at a time. Names usually run for four weeks.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 26: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/
Mt 25:31-46
Monday 27: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday 28: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday 29: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk
21:12-19
Thursday 30: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Friday 1: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday 2: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Sunday 3: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/
Mk 13:33-37

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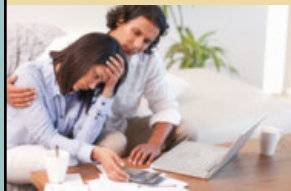
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