

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak,  
Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

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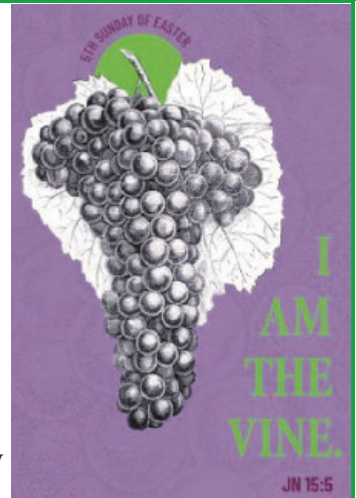
## GOSPEL MEDITATION: JN 15:1-8

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



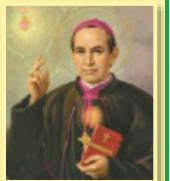
## Celebration of the Mass

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.

## 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.

**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

**Apr. 20/21 attendance & collection totals**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>3,568</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 29,405.05</b>
<b>SAMC Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 6,194.44</b>
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 1,021.00</b>
<b>Stephen's Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	<b>\$ 340.00</b>
<b>Church in Latin America</b>	<b>\$ 165.00</b>
<b>Catholic Home Missions</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Church in the Holy Land</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Rice Bowl</b>	<b>\$ 6.00</b>
<b>Catholic Relief Services</b>	<b>\$ 4.00</b>

*This week's 2nd collection is for Catholic Home Missions.*

**Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones**

**Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations**  
 el jueves, 2 de mayo  
 Thursday, May 2, 6:30 PM  
 Misa/Mass: 7:30 PM



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

Saturday, May 4  
 Mass: 8 AM  
 followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayers



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

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, Apr. 27**  
 5 PM **Jacob & Jason Serna†** by Serna Family

**Sunday, Apr. 28**  
 8 AM **Albert Kossaeth†** by Mary Kossaeth  
 10 AM **David & Connie Candler†**  
 by Victor & Christina Aguirre  
 12 PM **Vicente Feliciano Ramirez†** by Family  
**Rafael Hernandez†** by Hernandez Family  
 3 PM **For the Parish**  
 6 PM **Gladys Jacques†** by Daughter: Mary Hergert

**Monday, Apr. 29**  
 8 AM **Souls in Purgatory†** by Catalina Ortega  
**BB\* for Desmond Smith**  
 by Jeanette Erickson  
 6:30 PM Holy Hour  
 7:30 PM **For an End to Abortion**

**Tuesday, Apr. 30**  
 8 AM **Manuel† & Eloise† Salazar & Family†**  
 by Rick & Sandy Salinas

**Wed., May 1**  
 8 AM **BB\* for Veronica Gonzalez & Mauricio Herrera** by Gibbs Family

**Thurs., May 2**  
 8 AM **Billie Sievers†** by Charlie Sievers & Family  
**BB\* for Mary Chaffin** by Husband: Jerry  
 6:30 PM Bilingual Holy Hour  
 7:30 PM **For Religious Vocations**

**Friday, May 3** \*\*\* FIRST FRIDAY \*\*\*  
 8 AM **Souls in Purgatory†** by Mary Macias  
**50th Anniversary Blessings for Greg & Mary Wiatrek** by Family

**Saturday, May 4** \*\*\* FIRST SATURDAY \*\*\*  
 8 AM **Diana Urdiales† & Justin Rebber†**  
 by Sandy Salinas  
 5 PM **Nancy Otto†** by Greg Otto  
**BB\* for Dave Langas** by Langas Family

**Sunday, May 5**  
 8 AM **Good Health for Jan & Ed Garza**  
 by Daughter  
 10 AM **Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J. Ponce†; Healing for Anthony & Nathan Ponce** by Alma Ponce  
**For the Parish**  
 12 PM **Jose Andres Diaz Soto†** by Evangelina Luna  
 3 PM **BB\* for Tracy Adderholdt**  
 6 PM by Jeanette Erickson

\*BB = Birthday Blessings

**RESPECT LIFE**

**Intercessions for Life**

For elected officials: may they work to protect human life from conception to natural death.  
We pray to the Lord.



**Intercesiones por la Vida**

Por los funcionarios electos: para que se esfuercen en proteger la vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Roguemos al Señor.

**Word of Life**

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

**Palabra De Vida**

“Virgen de Guadalupe, patrona de los niños en el vientre materno, te imploramos tu intercesión por cada niño en peligro de ser abortado. ... Guía a nuestros funcionarios públicos a defender cada vida humana mediante leyes justas. Inspíranos a todos a traer nuestra fe a la vida pública, para hablar por aquellos que no tienen voz. Te lo pedimos en el nombre de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, quién es Amor y Piedad. Amén”.

— USCCB Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida, “Oración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe”

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Incoming Texas A&M or Blinn Student?**



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### PARISH NEWS



*Interested in becoming Catholic? Already Catholic but have yet to receive all your sacraments?*

Join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes! For more info or to register, contact Jennifer Rupert at 210-688-9033, x204.



**MAY BAPTISM CLASS HAS BEEN CHANGED to WEDNESDAY, May 8**

7:30 PM  
RE Bldg., 1st floor

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Wedding:**

**Emanuel Joseph Aranda & Minavet Martina Gehr**



**SAVE THE DATE!  
BUNCO NIGHT  
SATURDAY, JUNE 8  
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LADIES OF SAMC**

### St. Anthony Claret Two Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group



Every First Wednesday  
Next meeting:  
May 1, 7 PM  
In the pavilion

*Stir the gifts of the Holy Spirit that live within you.*

*Questions? Need prayers?  
Contact Barbaree at 210-414-3016 or  
Tex at 210-912-2668.*

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- ◆ In person: during Mass or drop off at parish office

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## June Jamboree

**Friday, June 7  
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THE  
DATE**

--- YOU ARE INVITED ---



## PARISH NEWS



It's the  
**Men's  
Club**  
30<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary!

## St. Anthony Mary Claret Men's Club 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, Apr. 28, 1:30 PM

Msgr. Hubertus Hall

All current SAMC Men's Club members  
& prospective members (18 yrs. & up) are invited!

For more info, contact Sid Luna, Men's Club  
President, at [samcmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:samcmensclub@gmail.com).

### Tea & Cookies with Mother Mary

Hosted by the Legion of Mary

Pray the rosary and learn about this wonderful parish ministry!



Sunday, May 5 following  
the 10 AM Mass  
Msgr. Hubertus Hall

**YOUTH GROUP  
MEETINGS  
THIS SUNDAY, APR. 28**



MIDDLE SCHOOL: 4-5:45 PM

HIGH SCHOOL: 7-9 PM

MSGR. HUBERTUS HALL

**JOIN US FOR FOOD, GAMES & FELLOWSHIP!**

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT

NITA FELICIANO AT

[YOUTHGROUP@SACLARET.COM](mailto:YOUTHGROUP@SACLARET.COM)

OR 210-688-9033, X209.

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Love in Deed by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"It's a Wonderful Life" is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

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.



Prashanth Kumar



John Bonnin

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



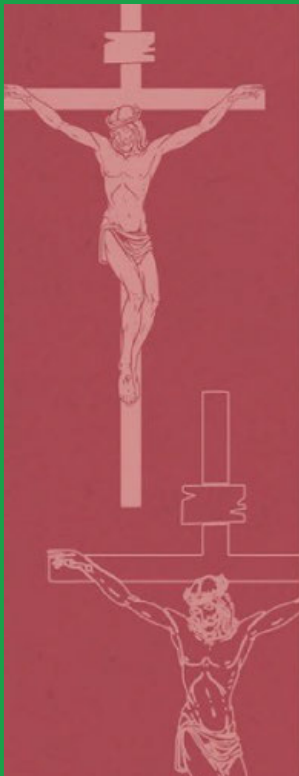
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Mary Helen Peterson
Barbara Vanegas
A.C. Garza
Gilbert Niedenthal
Javier & Mary Bautista
SJS
Jim Souhrada
Tom Calderon Jr.

Please remember this list is reserved for names of parishioners and immediate family only. You may submit up to TWO names at a time which will usually run for four weeks.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- Sunday 28: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday 29: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday 30: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday 1: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday 2: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Saturday 4: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday 5: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

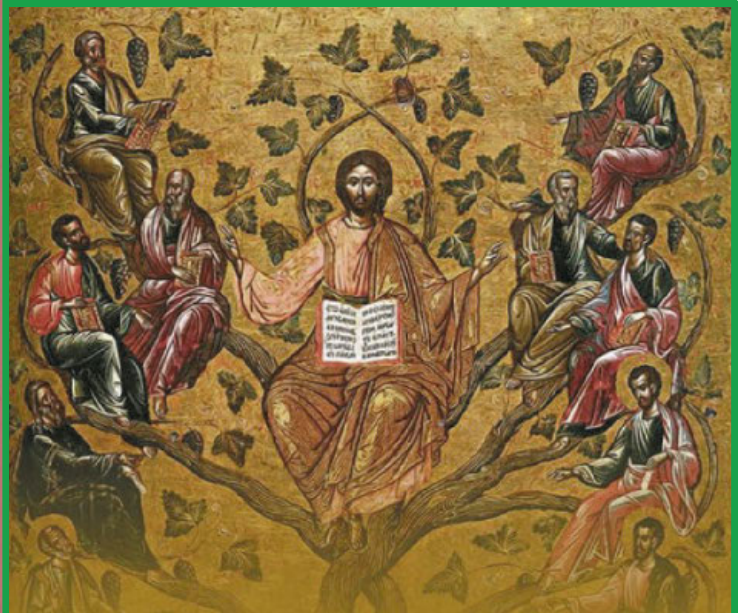
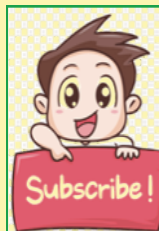


St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes was a teenage Chilean Carmelite novitiate. Although she died of typhoid when she was 19, she proved that one's life doesn't have to be particularly long and filled with lofty accomplishments to be an amazing example of the love of Christ.

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5º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"Yo soy la vid, ustedes los sarmientos; el que permanece en mí y yo en él, ése da fruto abundante, porque sin mí nada pueden hacer". - Jn 15, 5

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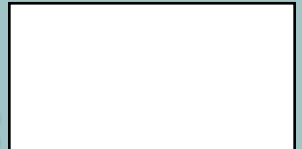
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