St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church 6150 Roft Road • San Antonio, Texas 78253 Office: 210-688-9033 • Fax: 210-688-3575 Visit us at www.samcsa.com. Send comments or guestions to saclaret@saclaret.com.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025

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

Parochial Vicars: Rev. C. Arockiasamy, BA, B.Ph, B.Th., M.S.F.S. Rev. Thomas Olikkunnel, Ph.D., H.G.N.

Deacons: Jerome (Jerry) Kozar, M.S. Gene Festa Tom Elms Larry Vines Tony Valdez Jose Bermea

> Business Administrator: Luis E. Astorga, MBA

Bookkeeper: Rose Ann Villafranca, BBA, MBA

> Assistant Bookkeeper: Sabrina Martinez

Secretary: Elaine Wolf-Gentry, BS

Director of Religious Education & Evangelization: Jennifer Rupert, C.Th.

Religious Education Admin. Assistant: Brenda Gonzalez, BS

Coordinators of Religious Education: Odilia Piña Bea Peterson

RCIA/RCIC Coordinator Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Nita Feliciano

Music Director: Paul Rauschhuber, BM, ME, MME

> Bulletin Editor: Sandy Salinas, BA

Sacristans: Teresa Revilla Rita Valdez John Pena

Grounds & Maintenance: Charlie Sievers Rafael Olmos Roger Ruiz

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. "Men of Califee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." - Act 1:11

GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 24:46-53

Have you ever noticed how often we use 'up' and 'down' to judge things? Beethoven's 9th Symphony is 'high' art, while professional wrestling is 'low'. If I'm having a good day, I'm on 'cloud nine'. A bad day means I am 'down in the dumps'. A successful career is 'moving up the ladder'. Failure in work or personal life Life is filled with 'ups and downs' _____ no one

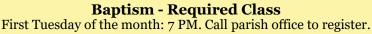
can be 'falling from the heights'. Life is filled with 'ups and downs' — no one has the slightest problem understanding that life has both 'good and bad'. Now consider Jesus' ascension. He ascends not just to some level slightly higher level of goodness, but 'above all the heavens', to use the words of Saint Paul (*Eph.4:10*). That expression means to the source of all goodness. He has gone all the way down — to the farthest depths of human suffering and death. And now he has taken our humanity all the way up into God. In doing so he has demonstrated what he says in the Gospel of John to the Father: "Everything of yours is mine." He now reigns over every possible aspect of creation in and through his human nature. That's what the ascension is all about. So what? No matter what the lows and highs or ups and down we face this week, we are totally encompassed by the one who descended and ascended. So, we should happily and confidently entrust ourselves to him. He has shown us not only his power, but especially his love, in filling all our ups and down with his presence.

– 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 only if a priest is available.

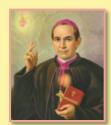


Visitation of the Sick: Call parish office to schedule visit.

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



As pastor of Saint 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.

May 24-25, 2025

356	6
\$	30, 358.71
\$	467.00
\$	1,552.94
\$	473.35
\$	265.00
	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$

I hope you feel welcome here!

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak



FRIDAY, JUNE 6 @ 8 AM

First Friday Mass dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

HEALING MASS MONDAY, JUNE 2 7:30 PM ~AFTER HOLY HOUR~

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 @ 8 AM

First Saturday Mass dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

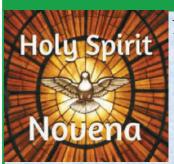
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Consecration Prayer



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, M	ay 31	Thursday, Jun	e 5
5 PM	Ulises Garcia [†] by his Parents	8 AM	Ricardo Joaquin Arana†
			by the Arana Family
Sunday, Jun	e 1 *** ASCENSION SUNDAY ***		444 FINGT FNIN A X7 444
8 AM	BB* for Madeleine Claire Shearer		*** FIRST FRIDAY ***
	by Bea Peterson	8 AM	James & Henry Pawelek† and Alois &
	Tina Martinez (Health/Thanks)		Florence Olenick [†] by Olenick Family
10 AM	by Rebecca Martinez	Saturday Jun	e 7 *** FIRST SATURDAY ***
IU ANI	Celina Serrano†	8 AM	Daniel R. & Manuela M. Gonzales [†] ,
12 PM	by Grandmother, Grace Myers	O AIVI	Sister Victoria Hernandez [†] , Tomasa
3 PM	BB* for Angelica Trevino by the Family For the Parish		Cabezuela [†] , Sylvia L. Reyna [†] , and the
6 PM	Magin Hernandez [†] by Jose Hernandez		Souls in Purgatory by F. Gonzales
01111	Wagin Hernandez by Jose Hernandez		Sours in Furgatory by 1. Gonzales
Monday, Jui	ne 2	5 PM	Juanita L. Cuellar† by Adrian Brown
8 AM	Loreto Tamondong, Sr.† by Gina Mrozinski		BB* for Isaiah Luna by the Family
6:30 PM	Holy Hour		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
7:30 PM	Healing Mass	Sunday, June 8	3 *** PENTECOST SUNDAY ***
	Marcelino Armendariz, Sr.†	8 AM	Luis Feliciano Gallosa† & Lucia Ramirez
	by Teresa Revilla		De Feliciano [†] by Nita Feliciano
		10 AM	Kristine Fernandez-Mills† by her Mom &
Tuesday, Ju			Dad
8 AM	BB* for Joe & Emma Rodriguez	12 PM	Spiritual Healing & Strength for
	by the Rodriguez Family		Humanity and the Souls in Purgatory
			by a Mother
Wednesday,	June 4	3 PM	For the Parish
8 AM	Blessings for Gary & Maria Carpenter by	6 PM	Enrique Vasquez [†] by the Vasquez Family
	Friends		
			*BB = Birthday Blessings

FAITH & PRAYER



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS

The Novena to The Holy Spirit is considered to be the oldest as it came from Jesus Himself. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His apostles to "stay in the city until [they] are clothed with power from on high," so they stayed and prayed for nine days until the arrival of The Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. While The Spirit is never far from us, it is important to remember to invite Him into our lives. Through this novena, we can share in the experience of the first apostles by praying for The Holy Spirit to come and renew our hearts and to fill us with His wonderous gifts.

This Novena began on Friday, May 30th, the day after the traditional Solemnity of the Ascension and will conclude this Saturday, June 7th, just in time for Pentecost the next morning, June 8th. So for today, we will pray the third day of the novena where we ask The Holy Spirit for the gift of piety. For the rest of the days and more information check out this page from EWTN:

https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle therein such a love for God, that I may find satisfaction only in His service, and for His sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.



- (1) Our Father
- (1) Hail Mary
- (7) Glory be

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul & body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength & Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion, to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus, looking at His Five Wounds, trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side & stricken Heart, I implore You Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, 'Speak Lord for Your servant heareth.' *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me:

- the **Spirit of Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,
- the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth,
- the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven,
- the **Spirit of Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,
- the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,
- the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,
- and the **Spirit of Fear** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

PARISH NEWS





Page 4

nominations for the following postions: Athletic Director Secretary

The CYO board is accepting

E/A/IN

Spirit Gear Coordinator **Program Support**

Elections will be held at the Open Board Meeting on June 11th at 7 PM at Hubertus Hall.

> Scan the QR code for more information.

usic inistr

Music Leader & Pianist Needed

For information about the position, contact Paul Rauschhuber at 210-865-4717 or prauschhuber@yahoo.com.

To apply for the position, go to www.archsa.org/get involved/employment/



Matlachines

Te Invitamos a unirte al grupo de Matlachines. Con el objetivo de danzar, para Venerar a nuestra Madre María y así con una devoción verdadera acercarnos a su hijo Jesús.

Es para toda la familia, todas las edades! Único requisito: comprometerse al Ministerio de Danzantes Matlachines, pero sobretodo tener gran Amor a la Virgencita!!

Favor de comunicarse al

Dancing can be a powerful form of prayer, that connects physical movement to the divine joy that only comes from God.

Our goal is to dance, to venerate our Mother Mary, and in turn, fall deeper in love with her son, Jesus.

The Matlachines is open to all ages. The only requirement is a bit of commitment and a great love for the Virgin Mary!

For more information, contact Liz Lopez at 210-364-7078

210-364-7078 con Liz Lopez



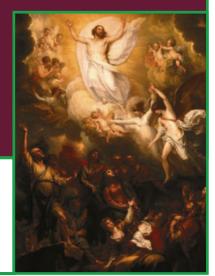
NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!

Que VIVA

la Virgen de

Guadalupe!!

View the bulletin any time on our website: http://samcsa.com/ or have it emailed directly to you. Go to parishesonline.com, locate our parish with the search tool and click on "subscribe."



PARISH NEWS

St. Anthony Claret Vacation Bible School (VBS): "Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments" June 16-20

2 session times available! Morning: 9 AM - 12 PM \blacklozenge Evening: 5:30 PM - 8 PM

It's not too late to Register!

<u>Campers</u>

Children completing K-4th may enter Special preschool program for ages 4-5 \$40 per student with a family Cap of \$100



This week in our Parish:

Wedding:

Duane Garrett Cobb &

Cynthia Monique Salas

Adult Volunteers Still Needed!!! Adult Volunteers receive 25% off Camper Registration Youths Volunteers entering grades 6-12 also welcome Parish Service Hours for Confirmation Students Free T-Shirt for all Volunteers

Volunteers

Look for Registration forms on the Parish Website at: https://samcsa.com/faith-formation/vacation-bible-school/ (Click on VBS under the "Faith Formation" tab)

For more Information, Contact: Margaret Ranalli: ranallim@gmail.com or Eliza Vela: sciencevela@gmail.com

The Sunday Funnies

Little Susie came home from school one day and proclaimed that she had proof that Jesus really is the Bread of Life. Puzzled by the statement, her mother asked her to elaborate. Susie just grinned and said, *"They both need to rise!"*



SCAM <u>ALERT</u>

WARNING: Some parishioners have recently received emails requesting help or donations and falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan or our deacons. **DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!**

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

BAPTISM CLASS

7:00 pm in the RE Building on the 1st Floor. Call the Office to Register

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

- Online: <u>samcsa.com/home/welcome/</u> <u>donate/</u>
- Mail: 6150 Roft Road San Antonio, TX 78253
- At Mass or drop off at parish office

Su Generosidad es Apreciada!

- En línea: <u>samcsa.com/home/welcome/donate/</u>
- ◆ Correo: 6150 Roft Road, San Antonio, TX 78253
- Durante misa o dejándolo en la oficina parroquia



FAITH & PRAYER

iP

Ľ

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Pray for an increase in vocations to religious life. This month we especially pray for these two local seminarians.





Arturo Naranjo

Erick Cruz

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: The Congregation of the Mission

The parish community extends its condolences to Deacon Festa whose mother, Maria Theresa Festa, recently passed away.

Deacon Festa would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support.

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the

almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ,

Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you.

Go forth, faithful Christian.

Amen.

May you live in peace this day.

May your home be with God in Zion,

with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints.

thinking of you WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Alejandro De Luna Marilyn Dunk Virginia Keller Jo Ann Garza Deacon Jerry Kozar Al Mares Diana & Juan Martinez Rodolfo Salinas Annette D. Navarro Maurice Flores Tony Salinas Fr. Patrick Martin Barbara Vanegas Gilbert Niedenthal Javier & Mary Bautista SJS Tom Calderon Jr. John York

This list is reserved for *names of <u>parishioners and immediate</u> <u>family only</u>. You may submit up to TWO names at a time which will usually run for four weeks.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 1: Acts 1:1-11 | Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53 Monday 2: Acts 19:1-8 | Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday 3: Acts 20:17-27 | John 17.1-11a Wednesday 4: Acts 20:28-38 | Jn 17:11b-19 Thursday 5: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 | Jn 10:11-16 Friday 6: Acts 25:13b-21 | Jn 21:15-19 Saturday 7: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 | Jn 21:20-25 Sunday 8: Acts 2:1-11 | Rom 8:8-17 Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

A PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

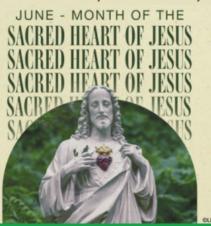


O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you

and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my

temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Listen to this Prayer and more online at <u>https://</u> www.discerninghearts.com/ catholic-podcasts/june-themonth-dedicated-to-thesacred-heart-of-jesus/





For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Anthony Mary Claret, San Antonio, TX



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

Ŀ

St. Anthony Mary Claret, San Antonio, TX