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May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

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PONDERING THE EUCHARIST- PART 2 JOHN 6

In every camp, the priests and prisoners would go to great lengths, run risks willingly, just to have the consolation of the Eucharist. Most often we said our daily Mass somewhere at the work site during the noon break. Despite this added hardship, everyone observed a strict Eucharistic fast from the night before, passing up a chance for breakfast and working all morning on an empty stomach. In small groups the prisoners would shuffle into the assigned place, and there the priest would say Mass in his working clothes unwashed, disheveled, bundled up against the cold. We said Mass in drafty storage shacks or huddled in mud and slush in the corner of a building.

There were no altars, candles, bells, flowers, music, snow-white linens, stained glass, or the warmth that even the simplest parish church could offer. Yet in these primitive conditions, the Mass brought you closer to God than anyone might conceivably imagine. The realization of what was happening on the board, box or stone used in place of an altar penetrated deep into the soul.

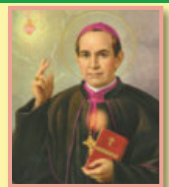
As I folded up the handkerchief on which the Body of our Lord had lain, and dried the glass or tin cup used as a chalice, the feeling of having performed something tremendously valuable for the people was overpowering. Just the thought of having celebrated Mass here made the sufferings I endured seem totally worthwhile and necessary - the privilege of saying Mass for these poorest and most deprived members of Christ, the Good Shepherd's flock - He had found a way to follow and to feed these lost and straying sheep in this most desolate land. So I never let a day pass without saying Mass - I would go to any length, suffer any inconvenience, run any risk to make the Bread of Life available to these men.

~ Father Walter Ciszek

Jesuit, spent 23 years in a Soviet prison during World War II

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.

Baptism - Required Class

First Tuesday of the month: 7 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



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

Attendance	3,992
Regular Collection	\$ 32,290.42
RE Debt Reduction	\$ 1,585.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,470.89
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Assumption Seminary	\$ 1,456.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 115.00
Candles	\$ 575.25
Easter	\$ 400.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 50.00
Holyland	\$ 105.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00
Black/Native Amer Missions	\$ 10.00



Pope Leo XIV

May 8, 2025

'Pease be With You'

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 17

5 PM Aurora Agcopra† by the Agcopra Family

Sunday, May 18

8 AM Kristine Fernandez-Mills† by His Mom & Dad

10 AM BB* for Elizabeth Olech by the Olech Family

12 PM BB* for Scott & Beth Olech by the Olech Family

3 PM Alfonso Escarpita† by the Escarpita Family

6 PM For the Parish

Monday, May 19

8 AM BB* for Alison Bendele by Bea Peterson
Trey Albert Roberts (Health) by Mary Putz

6:30 PM Holy Hour

7:30 PM Dcn John Schoellman (Ord. ANV.) by Audrey Schoellman

Tuesday, May 20

8 AM BB* for Louis F. Gonzales by Norma Gonzales

Wednesday, May 21

8 AM Hospicio Lagura† by the Lagura Family

Thursday, May 22

8 AM Nat, Ben & Blanch Gibbs† by Gibbs Family

Friday, May 23

8 AM Martha Faulk† by Jessica Bush

Saturday, May 24

5 PM Daniel Ramirez† by Wife & Sons
Dee Hancock† & Scott & Tracey Kollmansberger (ANV) by the Family

Sunday, May 25

8 AM Mark Alterman† & Tom Joyce† by Cindy Sheridan-Joyce

10 AM George Aldaya† by Rick & Sandy Salinas & Family

12 PM Robert Espinoza† by Rey & Rose Ramos

3 PM Martin Vargas† by the Vargas Family

6 PM For the Parish

*BB = Birthday Blessings

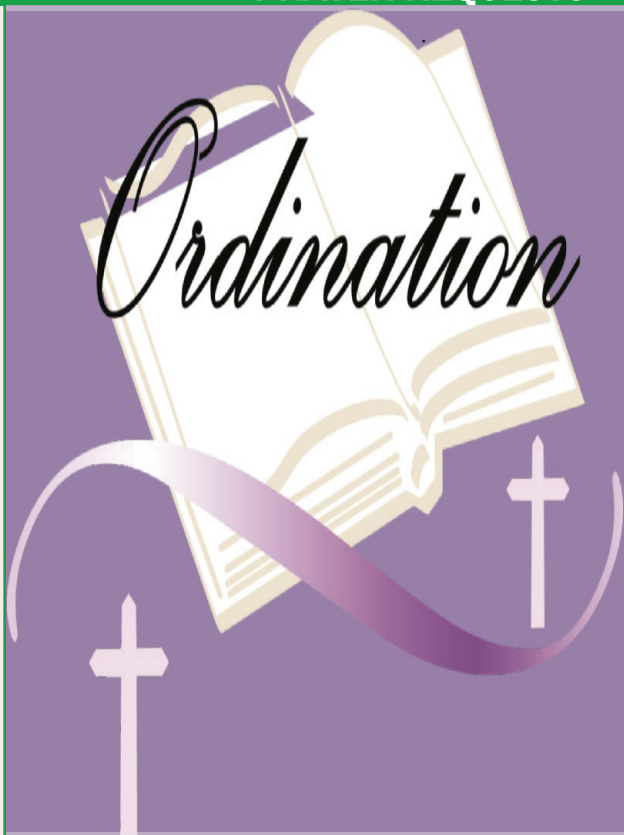
PRAYER REQUESTS

**The Pope's Prayer
Intentions
May 2025**

Let us pray that
through work,
each person
might

- ♦ find fulfillment
- ♦ families might
be sustained in
dignity
- ♦ and that socie-
ty might be hu-
manized.

Amen.



**Saturday
May 24, 2025**

10:00 am

**at Saint Mark
the Evangelist
Catholic
Church**

PARISH NEWS

Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower



RLM

AFTER PRAYING FOR NINE MONTHS FOR OUR SPIRITUAL BABY, THE TIME IS FINALLY HERE....JOIN US TO CELEBRATE WITH A BABY SHOWER. ALL BABY GIFTS WILL BE DONATED TO THE GABRIEL PROJECT IN OUR PARISH TO SUPPORT MOTHERS WHO HAVE CHOSEN LIFE.



**Sunday, May 25, 4-6 PM/
Domingo 25 de Mayo
HUBERTUS HALL**

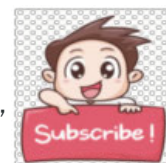


MRV

DESPUES DE ORAR POR NUEVE MESES POR NUESTRO BEBE DE ADOPCION ESPIRITUAL, FINALMENTE SE A LLEGADO EL DIA... TE INVITAMOS A CELEBRAR CON NOSOTROS EN UN BABY SHOWER. TODOS LOS REGALOS RECAUDADOS SERAN DONADOS AL PROYECTO SAN GABRIEL EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA, PARA APOYAR A LAS MAMAS QUE HAN ESCOJIDO VIDA.

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PARISH NEWS



Tea & Cookies with Mother Mary

Hosted by the Legion of Mary

*Pray the rosary & learn about this wonderful parish ministry!
Sunday, May 25 after the 10 am Mass at Hubertus Hall*



The St. Anthony Claret Two Hearts
Charismatic Prayer Group
Invites you to a

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Saturday, May 24, 8 AM – 4 PM
Msgr. Hubertus Hall
Cost: \$15 incl. lunch & supplies

Learn about...

- ◆ God's Love & Salvation
- ◆ New Life in the Spirit
- ◆ Charisms
- ◆ Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Silver Seniors

Luncheon

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

11:30 am in the Hall

For those 55 and up

RSVP to Maria Richardson

210-722-4627

Tailgate Rosary

Presented by the Knights of Columbus #10090

Tuesday, May 20 7 PM

In the Parking Lot by the Pavilion



Bring your family, rosaries and lawn chairs.
We will bring the hot dogs.



- ◆ Growth & Transformation
Guest Speakers:
 - Fr. Bob Hogan
 - Fr. Will Combs
 - Br. Ruben
 - Fr. Ed Hauf

For info or to register,
contact Barbaree Amestoy at 210-414-3016

THE OBJECT OF FAITH ...



... IS GOD

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 / Evening: 5:30 PM – 8 PM

\$40 per student; family cap of \$100; MS/HS volunteers are free.

Ages 4-5 who have not attended kindergarten
may attend pre-school program.

Children completing K-4th this year may register as campers.

Registration:

Sun., May 18 in RE Building after all Masses.

Registration is for participants and youth volunteers (entering grades 6-12) this fall.

Adult volunteers still needed!! Discounted fees for your children if you volunteer!

Registration forms available on the parish website: ww.samcsa.com. Bring these to in-person registration or visit the website for details on other ways to register.

For info, contact Margaret Ranalli at ranallim@gmail.com or Eliza Vela at sciencevela@gmail.com.



SMOKED BBQ PLATE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, May 18, 9 AM – 2 PM;

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Plate incl. delicious smoked quarter chicken, sausage, beans, potato salad & bread.

You can purchase tickets on the day of the event.

Proceeds benefit the Knights' charitable missions.



Weddings in our Parish This Week

- Benjamin Bergkamp & Kimberly Noska
- Brandon Oran Perez Garza & Cindy Esmeralda Estrella Estrella
- Arik Anthony Arredondo & Kassandra Renee Guillen

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- ♦ At Mass or drop off at parish office



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- ♦ Durante misa o dejándolo en la oficina parroquia

FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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



Dcn. Guillermo Cruz Hernández Dcn. Robert Shelton

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 18: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday 19: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday 20: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday 21: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday 22: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Friday 23: Acts 15:22-33/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday 24: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Sunday 25: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/
Jn 14:23-29

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF
OUR PARISH FAMILY**

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

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.

Matlachines

JOIN the dancers of the Virgin Mary of our community of Saint Anthony Mary Claret. The invitation is for all the family, any age.

True

Marian

Devotion

has no

language.

For more

information

contact

210-3647078

Liz Lopez

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

*Te gustaria participar?
Sientes el llamado?*

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

*Favor de comunicarse al
210-364-7078 con Liz Lopez*

Que VIVA la Virgen de Guadalupe !!

The 5th Sunday of Easter

How is love for others an important part of your faith in Christ?

Loving others is what keeps our faith from being just a philosophy. In loving our families, our neighbors, our enemies, the forgotten and the overlooked, we are doing as Jesus commanded us to do.

When we love other people, we forget ourselves and focus on the needs of the other. Love means making a conscious decision and effort to serve others, even when we're tired and even when the people we serve don't seem to (or cannot) express any sort of appreciation. Love is a great evangelizer, because when people sense that someone is filled to overflowing with love, they want what that person possesses. God is love and to possess Him brings joy — a joy that attracts others by its very nature.

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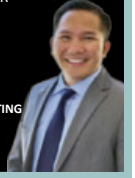
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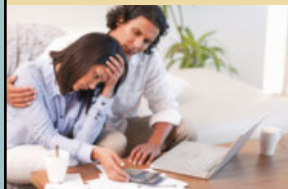
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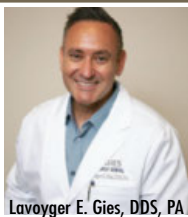
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