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May 3, 2026 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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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.

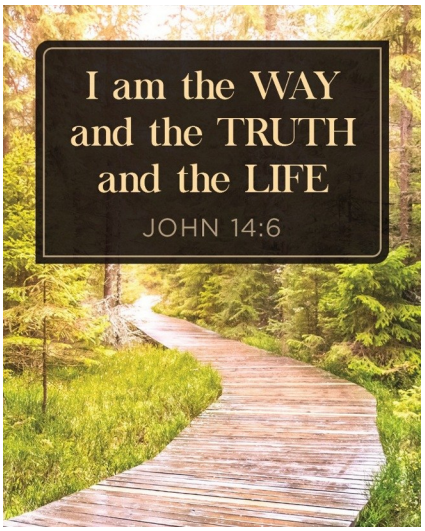
Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a whole.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

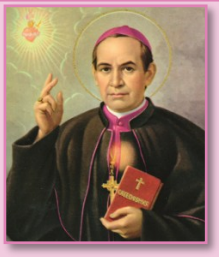
But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.



Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive. — 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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Weekdays: 7:30 AM; Saturdays: 4 PM;
Sundays: 4 PM when a priest is available

Visitation of the Sick | Funerals

Call Parish Office PRIOR to Making Arrangements

Baptisms: Call Parish Office to Register for a MANDATORY Class
Classes available First Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

Marriages | Quinceañeras: Call Rosie Mendoza at the Parish Office Ext. 209 at least ONE YEAR PRIOR to Date of Celebration & Attend a MANDATORY Orientation:

Marriage Orientations: Third Thursday of March & September at 7 PM
Quinceañera Orientations: Fourth Thursday of March & August at 7 PM
The Child and at least one PARENT are REQUIRED to Attend Orientation
The Child MUST be Enrolled in Religious Education

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.

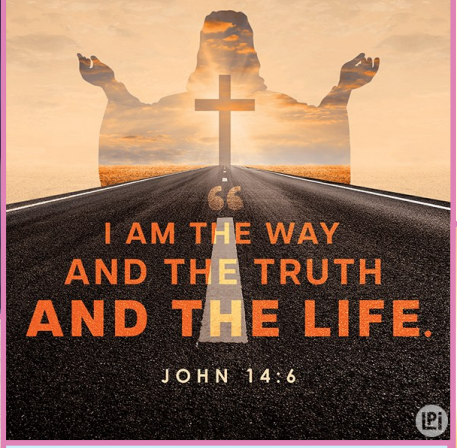
Please complete an online registration form at samcsa.com or a printed one which you can find near the church entrance in the narthex. Return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at your convenience.

I hope you feel welcome here!
—Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak

Attendance & Collection Totals: April 18/19

Attendance	4,273
Regular Collection	$35,746.39
Capital Campaign	$24,695.00
SAMC Pantry	$16,301.58
Rice Bowl	$ 75.00
Gabriel Project	$ 250.00
Candles	$ 456.33
Home Missions Appeal	$ 150.00
Shrines of the Holy Land	$ 48.00
Bishops Overseas Appeal	$ 5.00





UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

*All Submissions are due at 5PM

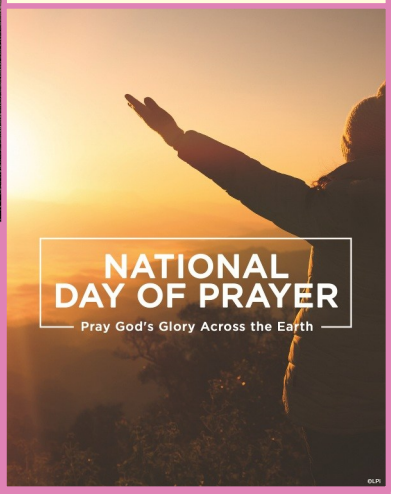
May 16/17 issue: **Fri.** May 08
May 23/24 issue: **Fri.** May 15
May 30/31 issue: **Fri.** May 22
June 06/07 issue: **Fri.** June 07





Baptism Class:

This Tuesday, May 5, 7PM
1st floor of the RE bldg



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 02
8 AM **Billie Sievers†** by Charlie Sievers & Family
5 PM **BB* for Mary Chaffin** by Husband & Family

Sunday, May 03
8 AM **Denise Gonzalez†** by Marvin Rivera
10 AM **Victor R. Flores†** by Victor & Juana Flores
12 PM **BBs* for Miel Dumanjog & Maria Abiog** by the Dumanjog Family
3 PM **Rosalva Santana De Guillen† and Mario Guillen†** by the Family
6 PM **For the Parish**

Monday, May 04
8 AM **Nanette Babin†** by the Family
6:30 PM Holy Hour
7:30 PM **Healing Mass**

Tuesday, May 05
8 AM **BB* for Tracy Adderholt** by Jeanette Erickson

Wednesday, May 06
8 AM **James & Henry Pawelek† and Alois & Florence Olenick†** by the Olenick Family

Thursday, May 07
8 AM **BB* for Jennifer Alvarez** by Bea Alvarez
6:30 PM Bilingual Holy Hour
7:30 PM **Mass for Vocations**

Friday, May 08
8 AM **Nancy Otto†** by Greg Otto
Evelyn & Ted Cerwin† and Carol Mullen† by Anne Marie Cerwin

Saturday, May 09
5 PM **Luz Mate†** by the Mate Family
Israel Anthony Boswell† by the Boswell Family

Sunday, May 10
8 AM **Nancy Otto†** by Greg Otto
Gladys Andutan† by the Family
10 AM **Florentina M. Cortez†** by David & Esther Juarez
Estela Astorga† by the Family
12 PM **For the Parish**
3 PM **Felix Duque Avalos†** by the Family
6 PM **Gary & Bunny Carpenter† and Justin Rebber†** by Rick & Sandy Salinas

*BB = Birthday Blessings

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

Rooted in Christ
Building for Tomorrow

a Campaign for
St. Anthony Mary Claret Roman Catholic Church

Donate Directly to the Campaign Here:

This weekend, May 2/3, Father will be blessing the pledges that have been so generously donated. Just as buildings are constructed brick by brick, our campaign and the hopes and dreams we have for our parish are built by each of these pledges. We ask God to bless, not just this project, but also the development of our community and ourselves.

There will be volunteers in the narthex before and after all masses to answer questions and to provide blank pledge cards. Additionally, our volunteers have begun outreach, so be on the lookout for calls & text from unknown numbers, and remember to be courteous.

As always, Thank You for your support

To learn more about our capital campaign, visit our website:
www.samcsa.com/capital-campaign/
Or follow this QR Code



Questions? Need a packet? Contact our Campaign Manger, Ryan Kussman, at RKussman@steiergroup.com

Why use Parish Collection Envelopes?

Parish envelopes make your gift a prayerful act of worship, provide helpful records for your family, and support the ministries of our parish.

Thank you for your faithful generosity!

WHY REGISTER?

Registering in the parish is more than paperwork—it's an expression of faith and belonging, making it clear that *this* is your spiritual home.

It ensures accurate sacramental records, makes it easier to receive the sacraments of initiation and marriage, and allows the parish to provide letters when you serve as a godparent or sponsor. It also helps our pastor and parish staff to know you personally and plan more effectively for ministries, education, and outreach.

Most importantly,
it shows a commitment to walk together as a community of faith.

If you have yet to register, we encourage you to do so.
Forms are available in the parish office & website:
https://samcsa.com/home/welcome/

PARISH NEWS

YOU'RE INVITED TO
ST ANTHONY MARY CLARET'S

MAY CROWNING

IN HONOR OF
MARY MOTHER OF GOD

FRIDAY, MAY 8
MASS 8:00 AM

REDEDICATION OF GROTTO WITH THE CROWNING OF MARY AFTER MASS

MARIAN TEA PARTY
Please join us following the blessing at Hubertus Hall

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** No Ticket Sales Mother's Day Weekend: May 09/10*

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Plate includes:
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Community News

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Mon, Tue, Fri: 8am-5pm
Wed: 7am-4pm | Thurs: 9am-6pm
Sat: 8am-noon | Sun: closed

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To participate, pick a prayer time (check the website below) then contact:
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Josie Flores: 210-668-1993

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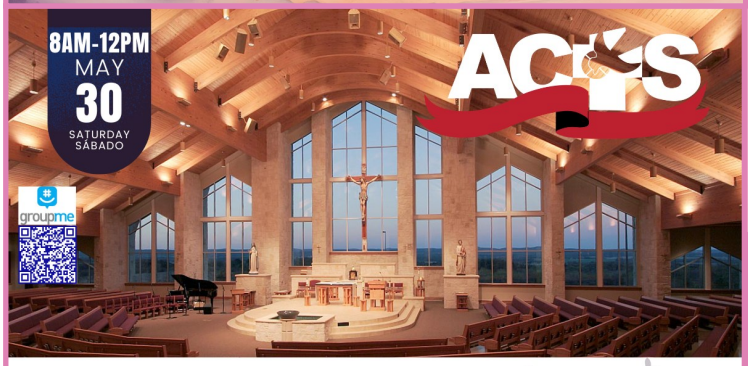
MEN'S ACTS RETREAT 2026

I am the way and the truth and the life,
No one comes to the Father except through me
~ John 4:16 ~



Today, as we welcome home our ACTS brothers, we pray that, charged by their experience, they may continue to grow closer to God and eachother.

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Have you ever been on an ACTS Retreat? Join us in gathering for a day of prayer & fellowship!

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Women of the Well



Join us for faith, reflection and fellowship!
This month's presentation: Tea Time with Mother Mary

Saturday, May 23, 9 -11 AM
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Questions? Email: wow.samc@gmail.com

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Why are tortillas so bad at conversation?



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Vacation Bible School
June 8-12

Morning
9:00am-Noon

Evening
5:30-8:00pm

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- Special Program for Pre-K ages 4-5

Volunteers
- Students entering 6th grade & up are welcome to volunteer
- High School volunteers receive parish service hours
- Adult Volunteers receive discount on Child's fees

For More Information, contact
Margaret Ranalli: ranallim@gmail.com
Eliza Vela: sciencevela@gmail.com

VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Don't Delay Registration Ends **May 15**



FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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


Oscar Rodriguez


Pablo Tapia


Luis Martinez

O Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, to you we commend our young people, in particular those called to closely follow your Son. You know, O Mary, the struggles, the obstacles, they must face. Assist them to answer "yes" to the divine call, as you did at the invitation of the angel. Draw them near to Your heart so that they can understand the joy that awaits them when the Lord Jesus calls them to be witnesses of His love in the world. Amen.

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We also pray for this order committed to consecrated life:
Daughters of Mary Help of Christians

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

SJS	Maggie Anzueto
Kaniela Denis	Hector Mendez
Tom Calderon Jr.	Maria Duran
Yliana	Simon Esteban
Isaiah Gonzales	Reynalda Elijio
Monica Cristina Magdaleno	Alejandro De Luna

Holy Spirit of light and love, you are the substantial love of the Father and the Son; hear my prayer. Bless these, my brothers and sisters in Christ, with your gift of fortitude, that they may find strength in their faith as well as in their minds and bodies. Heal their wounds and soothe their pains. Help them to find peace and joy in their suffering. Amen

To submit a name to be added to this prayer list, please scan this QR code or call the Parish Office

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sun 03: Acts 6:1-7 | 1Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12
Mon 04: Acts 14:5-18 | Jn 14:21-26
Tues 05: Acts 14:19-28 | Jn 14:27-31a
Wed 06: Acts 15:1-6 | Jn 15:1-8
Thurs 07: Acts 15:7-21 | Jn 15:9-11
Fri 08: Acts 15:22-31 | Jn 15:12-17
Sat 09: Acts 16:1-10 | Jn 15:18-21
Sun 10: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | 1Pt 3:15-18 | Jn 14:15-21

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 7TH

For the past 75 years, our nation has declared the first Thursday of May to be a day of meditation and prayer. Let us use this opportunity to reflect on our roots in Christ and to ask forgiveness for the times we have strayed from His path.

Glorious Lord, you have blessed us with this beautiful country we are proud to call home.

Forgive us when our pride turns into arrogance, and help us to remember our reliance on you. Amen

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention: May

That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Intención del Santo Padre Leo XIV: Mayo

Por una alimentación para todos.

Oremos para que cada uno, desde los grandes productores hasta los pequeños consumidores, se comprometa para evitar el desperdicio de alimentos y que todos tengan acceso a una alimentación de calidad.

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