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Roman Catholic Church

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July 12, 2026 **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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: Matthew 13:1-23

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

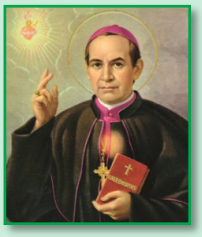
When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

- 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

Pastoral Care

To Request Holy Communion for someone homebound, call the Parish Office or visit our website: https://samcsa.com/ministries/liturgical-ministries/pastoral-care/
To receive on Sunday, make arrangements by Wednesday.

Visitation of the Sick

Call the Parish Office to Schedule Visit

Funerals

Call the 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: June 27/28

Attendance	3,779
Regular Collection	$ 38,230.95
Capital Campaign	$116,912.00
SAMC Pantry	$ 1,467.28
Gabriel Project	$ 120.00
Candles	$ 422.25
Rosary Makers	$ 170.00
Mass Intentions	$ 165.00
Peter's Pence	$ 3,847.99
Home Missions Appeal	$ 75.00

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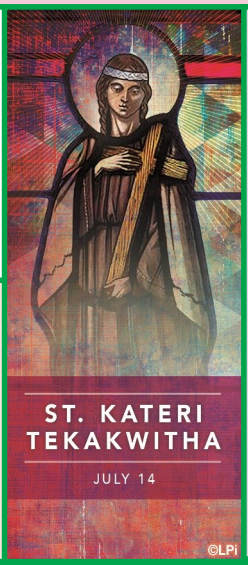
Rev. Ananda Yellanki

Apologizes for a misspelling in last week's issue. If you didn't notice it, then just skip this announcement.

UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

All Submissions are due at 5PM

July 25/26 issue: **Friday** July 17
Aug 01/02 issue: **Friday** July 24
Aug 8/9 issue: **Friday** July 31
Aug 15/16 issue: **Friday** Aug. 07



WHERE ARE MY COLLECTION ENVELOPES?

Quick Answer: They're on their way.

Long Answer: Our envelope company had some equipment malfunctions that are being resolved. While we admire your eagerness to give, we must ask for your patience as we are expecting delays for the July envelopes. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we hope to return to our regular delivery schedule for the August envelopes.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11
5 PM **Rosemary Martha Newton† and Health for Elva M. Cruz** by Elva Cruz
Anniversary Blessings for James & Dora Lopez
Sp. Int. for James Michael, Brianna, Lorraine, & Sabrina Lopez by Dora Lopez

Sunday, July 12
8 AM **Felicidad & Tomas Calderon†** by the Mendoza Family
10 AM **Blessings for Mitch G.** by the Family
12 PM **Victor R. Flores†** by the Flores Family
Omar Cardenas, Jr.† by his Mother.
3 PM **Felix Duque Avalos†** by the Family
6 PM **For the Parish**

Monday, July 13
8 AM and **Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity the Souls in Purgatory†** by M. Gonzales
Ana Mata† by the Family
6:30 PM Holy Hour
7:30 PM **Eduardo 'Eddie' Garcia†** by his Family

Tuesday, July 14
8 AM **Octavia & Sparrow Alicea†, Ferdinand Ortiz Villanova† & the Souls in Purgatory†** by the Alicea Family

Wednesday, July 15
8 AM **Marge Lucido†** by Larry Lucido & Family
Anniversary Blessings for Anna & Tom Shearer by Bea Peterson

Thursday, July 16
8 AM **Carmen Nava†** by Bea Alvarez
BB* for Alexandra Gatica by the Family

Friday, July 17
8 AM **Martin Villarreal†** by Teresa Revilla
BB* for Maria Barbara Feliciano by Nita Feliciano

Saturday, July 18
5 PM **BB* for Ramsey Bush** by Jessica Bush
Carolina & Fernando Garza† by the Avila Family

Sunday, July 19
8 AM **Mark Alterman & Tom Joyce†** by Cindy Sheridan Joyce
10 AM **Margaret & Albert Suarez†, Alan J. Ponce† and Vanessa Cree†** by Alma Ponce
12 PM **All the Members of the Moravits, Zaiontz & Lyssy Families and the Souls in Purgatory†** by the Families
3 PM **Raymond Johnson†** by the Morales Family
6 PM **In Gratitude for all the Members of our Parish who have Donated & Pledged to our Capital Campaign**

*BB = Birthday Blessings

PARISH NEWS

Knights of Columbus Summer Knights Dance

Hawaiian Luau

Saturday July 25
7pm - 11pm
Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Ticket Sales after all Masses:
July 11/12 | July 18/19
No Tickets at Door
Limited Supply, Get Yours Today!

$25: Cash/Check
$25.50: Card

Ticket includes:
Entry, Dinner, & Refreshments



Prizes for Best Dressed & Best-Decorated Table*

*To Participate in the Table Decor Contest, pick a Table Lead & Reserve a Table before the Event

The Pastoral Care Ministry is looking for someone who can speak **Vietnamese** to assist in delivering Holy Communion to a homebound parishioner.

If you are able to help, please contact Deacon Tom Elms at 630-715-3171.

Young Adult
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Theology on TAP

July 23
(every 4th Thursday)

6:30PM
at the **Refuge**
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The world can be tough, especially for young Catholics.

Join us for drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and a chance to tackle some of your most difficult ponderings.

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In-Person Registration after all masses
July 11/12

Sat. August 8
Mass: 8am - 9am
Sign in: 9am - 9:15am
Retreat: 9:15am - 4pm
Reconciliation: 4pm

Retreat Cost
$25 Cash | $26 Card/QR

Price Includes:
Light Breakfast, Lunch & Refreshment

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Gabriel Project Report: June 2026

#Families Served: 76
#Children Provided Diapers/Wipes: 109
#Car Seats Provided: 3
#Beds Provided: 1
#Children Provided Clothing: 20
#Formula/Food Items Provided: 82
#New Clients Registered: 13

Hours: Thursdays, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, 5:30-7:30 PM (excl. holidays)
Contact us: at (210) 563-0669 or gabriel.project.sa@gmail.com.
Visit us at www.gabrielprojectsa.org.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT

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SAC Pantry Activity Report: June 2026

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HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

Utility Assistance:	**$5,254.25**
Restock Food Pantry:	**$7,280.28**
Office Expenses:	**$ 585.05**
Total People Served:	**824**
Total Food Bags Distributed:	**288**
Total Home Deliveries Made:	**38**

PARISH NEWS

School Supplies for the SAMC Pantry

Our Pantry will be donating backpacks full of school supplies to those in need. They have the backpacks, but they need your help to collect the supplies!

Place Donations in the GREY BIN in the Narthex June 20 - July 27

We're looking for supplies suitable for grades K-12 such as:

Crayons, Glue Sticks, Pencils, Paper, etc.

Thank you!

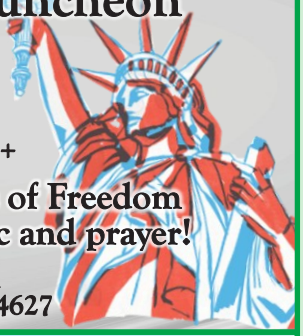


Silver Seniors Independence Day Luncheon

Wednesday, July 15
Msgr. Hubertus Hall
Doors open at 11:30am
for all Catholics ages 55+

Celebrating 250 years of Freedom with good food, music and prayer!

For more info & to RSVP call
Maria Richardson 210-722-4627



LADIES OF ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET MINISTRY LUNCHEON MEETING

COME FOR FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 12PM
MSGR. HUBERTUS HALL

Join us in Celebrating our Nation's Independence

250

All Ladies Ages 18+ Always Welcome

For More Info, and to RSVP Contact Liz: 210-842-5932





Two Hearts Prayer Group invites you to the

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Saturday, July 18
8am - 4pm
Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Learn how the Spirit draws us closer to God and to a life overflowing with His love, and practice how to let the Spirit grow within and transform you.

For Questions and To RSVP Contact:
Barbaree: 210-414-3016
Tex Amestoy: 210-912-2668

Religious Education Registration

RE Registration will be held after all Masses on Sundays:

July 12 – August 23

Available Classes:
Special Needs | Kinder | 1st Communion
Continued Education | Confirmation

Required Certificates:
Birth | Baptism | First Communion

Questions? Email: reoffice@saclaret.com

Discernment of Spirits Workshop

There's a lot of voices in this world, telling us to go one way or another, Make sure you listen to the right ones.

Tues. July 14 | 7-9 pm
Msgr. Hubertus Hall
Free Admission

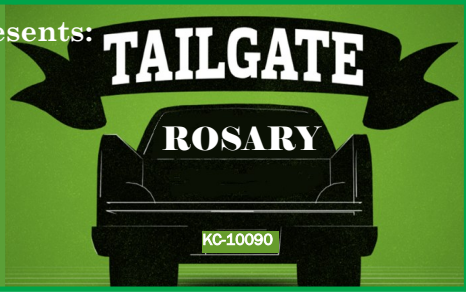
To sign up, SCAN HERE →
or text Charlie at 210-232-6094

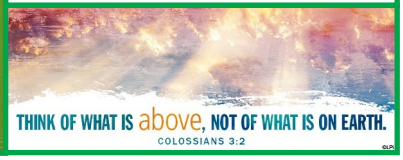
Knights of Columbus Council #10090 presents:

Tailgate Rosary

Tuesday, July 21, 7:30PM
Parking lot by the pavilion
followed by fellowship hour

Bring your family, rosaries & lawn chairs. We'll bring the hot dogs!





CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

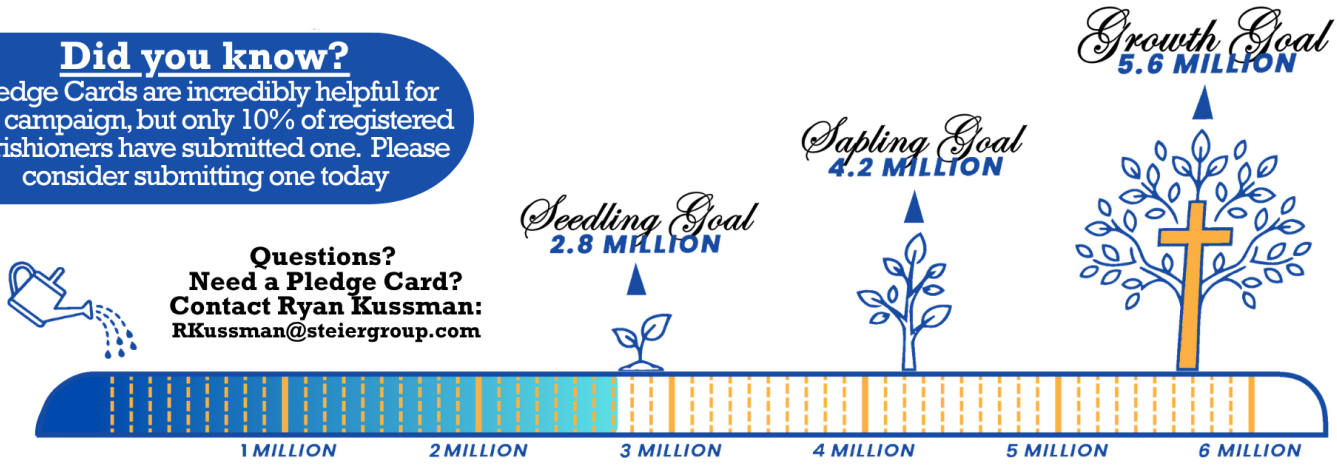
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Did you know?
Pledge Cards are incredibly helpful for our campaign, but only 10% of registered parishioners have submitted one. Please consider submitting one today

Questions?
Need a Pledge Card?
Contact Ryan Kussman:
RKussman@steiergroup.com



Gratitude Weekend

Next Sunday, July 19, at the 6pm Mass we will be recognizing everyone who has turned in a pledge card. If you would like to be included please make sure you submit your pledge to the Parish Office by 4pm on Monday, July 13.

Join the Pledge

We just passed $2.7 million in 585 decisions.

If 100 parishioners pledged $1000 (about $6/week) we could hit our first goal!

Thank You for helping us reach our goals!

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Czech Day Committee of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Jourdanton, Texas and their pastor, Father Tu Nguyen invite all to celebrate Czech Day on

Sunday July 19

11am Mass Officiated by Bishop Gary Janak

Followed by an Authentic Czech Meal, Music by The Rusty Steins, Raffle and Kolaches & Sauerkraut sale

For more information, contact:
Debbie Netardus at (830) 480-0885
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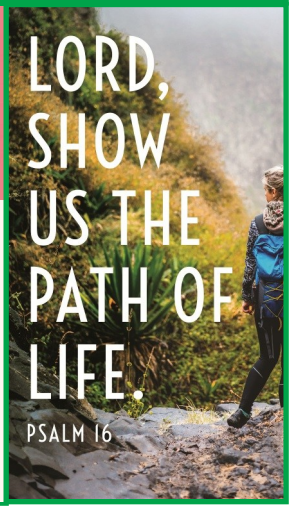
The Margie and Bill Klesse Ballroom
10703 Wurzbach Rd. San Antonio, TX 78230

Saturday, July 18, 2026
9:00 AM–2:30 PM

Grade range
Open to 5th–6th grade girls

Register Here

Learn More: archsa.org/event/how-to-talk-to-your-daughter-about-puberty/



FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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



Dustin Martin



Christian Casanova



George Gaiser

Holy Spirit, set our hearts aflame that all may answer the call to imitate Christ and follow the path which God has set before each of us.

Holy Spirit, strengthen us and especially those called to consecrated life, that we may face our doubts and tribulations fearlessly and joyfully.
Amen

We also pray for this order committed to consecrated life:
Comboni Missionary Sisters

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

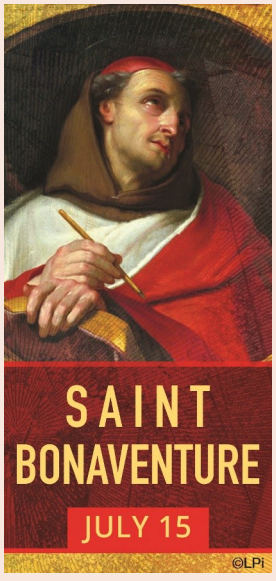
Michael Martinez	Marina Hester
David Garcia	James Hester
Anne Comeaux	SJS
Tammie Martinez	Yolanda Geier

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless these are loved ones, that they may bear their illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore them to health, and lead them to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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 12: Is 55:10-11 | Rom 8:18-23 | Mt 13:1-23
Mon 13: Is 1:10-17 | Mt 10:34-11:1
Tues 14: Is 7:1-9 | Mt 11:20-24
Wed 15: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 | Mt 11:25-27
Thurs 16: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 | Mt 11:28-30
Fri 17: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 | Mt 12:1-8
Sat 18: Mi 2:1-5 | Mt 12:14-21
Sun 19: Wis 12:13, 16-19 | Rom 8:26-27 | Mt 13:24-43



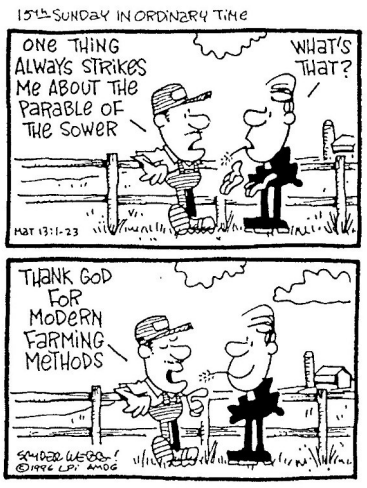
St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | July 15

Do you ever get stuck with the tough jobs?
It's well known that the Franciscan Order was incredibly influential throughout history, but one of the most challenging times for any new movement is surviving the death of the founder. Bonaventure joined the Franciscan Order almost two decades after the passing of St. Francis. At that time there was growing discord among the friars over conflicting interpretations of St. Francis' teachings.

St. Bonaventure's theological insights earned him a prime faculty position at the University of Paris, and later he was elected General Minister of the Franciscan Order. It is then that he found himself in the midst of the order's controversies. The different interpretations had spiraled out of control with some friars even going as far as to claim the Franciscan Order as a new era of the Holy Spirit, replacing the era of Jesus and the authority of the Church.

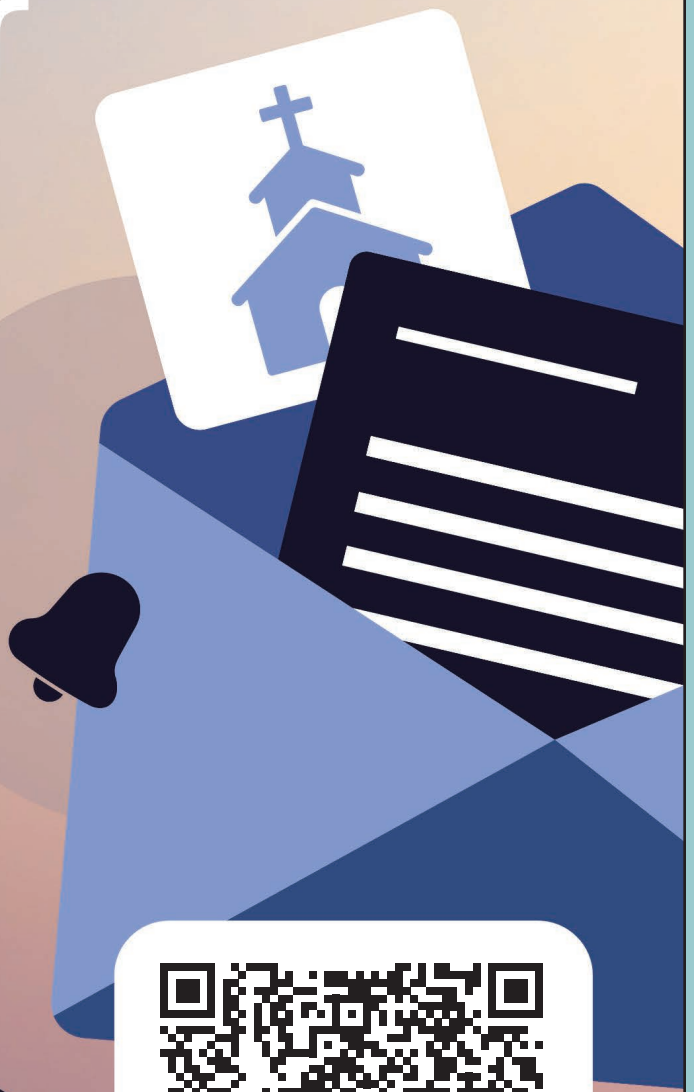
Academia alone could not have prepared St. Bonaventure for the crisis of his new job. Luckily, his deep devotion and love for God allowed him to weather the storms with grace. He helped restructure the order and guide the others back to God's truth.

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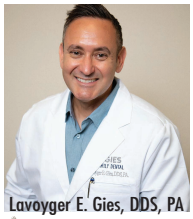
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