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Roman Catholic Church

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July 19, 2026 **Sixteenth 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 13:24-43

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. **"It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth,"** he said, **"but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?"** That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, **"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,"** yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.



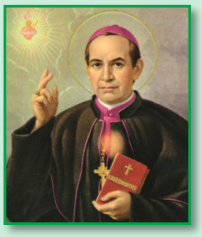
When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. 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

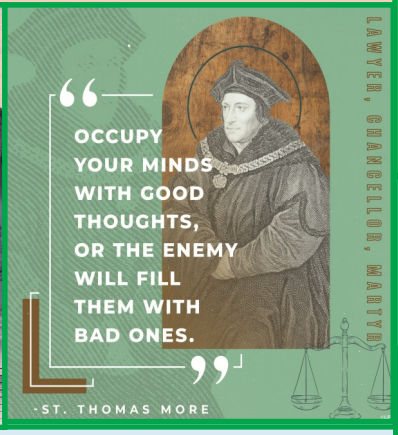


As pastor of Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church, I want to express welcome from all of us to you for choosing to become a member of our parish family. We hope you will always feel at home here and that our worship and other parochial services will fulfill your spiritual needs.

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





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Attendance & Collection Totals: July 4/5

Attendance	**3,474**
Regular Collection	**$31,680.86**
Capital Campaign	**$16,912.00**
SAMC Pantry	**$ 2,087.24**
Gabriel Project	**$ 45.00**
Candles	**$ 562.60**
Mass Intentions	**$ 555.00**
Peter's Pence	**$ 170.00**

UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

All Submissions are due at 5PM

Aug 01/02 issue: **Friday** July 24
Aug 8/9 issue: **Friday** July 31
Aug 15/16 issue: **Friday** Aug. 07
Aug 22/23 issue: **Friday** Aug. 14

Religious Education Registration

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

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 Members of our Parish**
who have Donated & Pledged to our
Capital Campaign

Monday, July 20
8 AM **Nanette Babin†** by the Family
6:30 PM Holy Hour
7:30 PM **Health for John Sheffield** by Mary Putz

Tuesday, July 21
8 AM **BB* for Anna Shearer** by Bea Peterson
Spec. Int. for Mauro Longoria
by the Longoria Family

Wednesday, July 22
8 AM **BBs* for Lorenzo, Victoria, & Lorenzo II**
Roberto, Peter James Quintanilla, and
Glenn L. G. Lujan by the Roberto Family

Thursday, July 23
8 AM **Spec. Int for All Priests**

Friday, July 24
8 AM **Mandy Francisco†**
by the Lagura-Francisco Family

Saturday, July 25
5 PM **Chuck Brown† & Dee Hancock†**
by the Families
Josephine Blaschke† by the Blaschke Family

Sunday, July 26
8 AM **BB* for Andrea Fernandes** by the Family
10 AM **Mervin & Barbara Murray† and**
John & Catherine Talcott† by the Family
12 PM **Joe B. Alcantar†** by the Family
3 PM **Randy Garces†** by Ronny Garces
6 PM **For the Parish**

*BB = Birthday Blessings
Sp. Int. = Special Intention

PARISH NEWS

Deeping our Faith & Building Community

a Retreat Hosted by the Ladies of SAMC Ministry

Saturday August 8
9am - 4pm
Open to all Women 18+
Cost $26; Scan to Register ->

Young Adult
St. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

July 23
(every 4th Thursday)

Theology on TAP

Join us for drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and a chance to meet like-minded young Catholics

6:30PM
at the **Refuge**
11011 Shanefield Rd,
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LADIES OF ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET MINISTRY LUNCHEON MEETING

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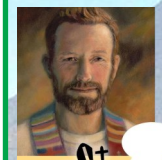


No Baptism Class This Month

COMMUNITY NEWS

Socials with the Saints:
Bl. Stanley Rother

Did you know, Blessed Stanley Rother, modern martyr, began his journey to priesthood in San Antonio?



All our invited to learn his story, gain inspiration for daily life, and meet a community of likeminded friends.

Socials with the Saints

Tuesday, July 28
2-3pm Followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Church of the Good Shepherd
1065 E. Live Oak Rd. Schertz, TX 78154

MOTHER OF HOPE Marian CONFERENCE

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CRISTERO CONFERENCE

CHOOSE FAITH OVER FEAR

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Five Catholic voices, including historians and theologians.



Fr. Armando Gonzalez · Yves Nicot PhD · Francisco Sanchez, MA · Leonardo Garcia, MA · Fr. Rafael Becerra

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION:

This conference explores the Cristero War (1926–1929), a time when Catholics in Mexico stood firm and courageous in their faith. Through talks by historians, theologians, and experts, we will reflect, learn about our legacy, and what it means to choose faith over fear in our lives today.

DATE / TIME:
Saturday, August 1, 2026

8:30 AM	MASS at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
9:15 AM	REGISTRATION & COFFEE SERVICE begin in the Annex
10:00 AM	OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE in the Annex
2:30 PM	CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION FEES:

STUDENT FEE	ADULT FEE	FAMILY FEE	CLERGY
$20 per student	$30 per adult	$20 per person (2 or more people)	FREE

Immediate family discount for 2 or more people: $20 per person. Limited spots, sign up early to secure your spot!

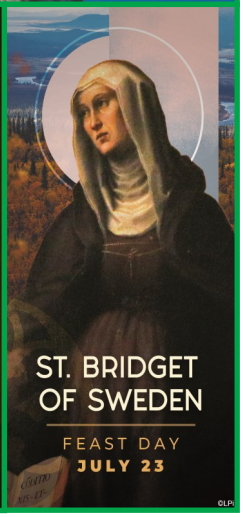
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION:

Sessions are offered in English and Spanish. Translation will be available throughout the entire conference.

SIGN UP TODAY!
SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO: ourladyofguadalupechurch.org/cristeroconference

EARLY REGISTRATION
REGISTER EARLY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH – THE ANNEX
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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!



SAC Pantry Annual Report: 2025 - 2026

Thanks to your continuous support, we at the St. Anthony Mary Claret Pantry, had a productive year. Follows is a detailed list of our expenses and service activities this past year:

Utility Assistance:	**$59,508.99**
Restock Food Pantry:	**$79,757.81**
Office Administrative Expenses:	**$ 3,648.76**
Amount distributed via HEB gift cards:	**$ 4,221.46**
Number of gift cards distributed:	138
Other Client Assistance:	**$ 2,618.74**
Bank Charges:	**$ 75.19**

Seasonal Programs

School Supply Program	
Families Served	54
Students Served:	117
Thanksgiving Program	
Families Served	105
Individuals Served	464

Total Food Bags Distributed:	**4,273**
Total Hygiene Bags Distributed:	**204**
Total Fans Distributed:	**12**
Total Home Deliveries:	**391**
Total Families Referred:	**64**
Total People Served:	**13,180**

Special Thanks to the Following Ministries and Communities:
Knights of Columbus Council #10090 | Men's Club | Homeschool Ministry Vacation Bible School | Silver Seniors | Rosary Makers | Women of the Well, Apostleship of the Cross | Del Web community | HEB #37

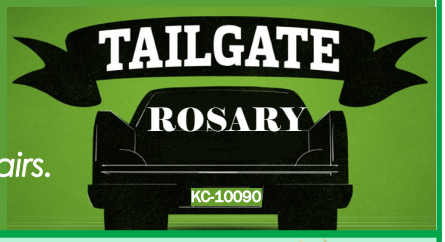
Harold Shields, President, St. Anthony Claret's Pantry

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!



Knights of Columbus Summer Knights Dance

Hawaiian Luau

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

Ticket Sales after all Masses:
This Weekend: July 18/19
Last Chance! Limited Supply!
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Ticket includes:
Entry, Dinner, & Refreshments



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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

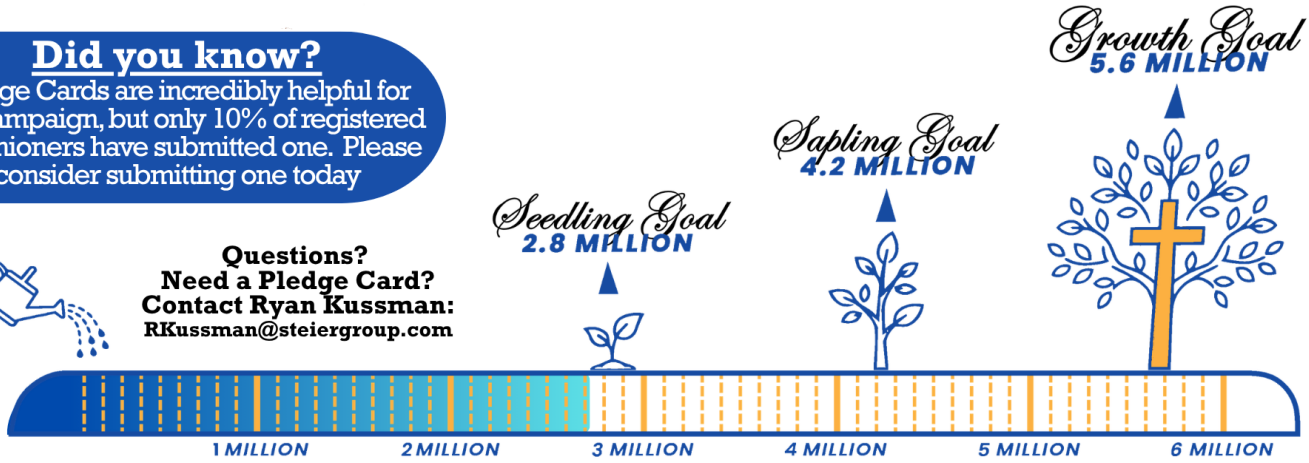
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a Campaign for
St. Anthony Mary Claret Roman Catholic Church

Learn More & Donate Here ->

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

This weekend, the 6pm mass is dedicated to expressing our gratitude to everyone who has donated and pledged to our capital campaign! Remember it's never too late to pledge or donate.

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!

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.

Benefits of Registering:

Ensure Accurate Sacramental Records: This speeds up the preparation needed to receive sacraments such as Baptism, Confirmation, & Marriage. Additionally this allows the parish to provide letters when you serve as a godparent or sponsor.

Proper Representation: This helps our pastor and parish staff to know you more personally and plan more effectively for ministries, education, and outreach.

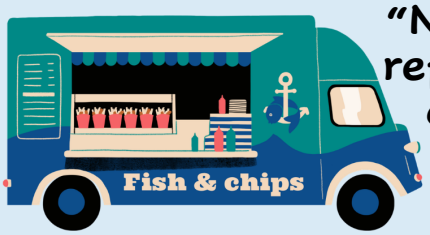
Build Community and Commitment: When you register, you are showing a commitment to walk together as a community of faith.

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/

SUNDAY FUNNIES

A monastery is in financial trouble, so it goes into the fish-and-chips business to raise money.

A customer knocks on its door and asks, "Are you the fish friar?"



"No," the monk replies. "I'm the chip monk."



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

Anne Comeaux	SJS
Tammie Martinez	Yolanda Geier
Marina Hester	Teena Beck
James Hester	Díana Ortiz

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 19: Wis 12:13, 16-19 | Rom 8:26-27 | Mt 13:24-43
Mon 20: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 | Mt 12:38-42
Tues 21: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 | Mt 12:46-50
Wed 22: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 | Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thurs 23: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 | Mt 13:10-17
Fri 24: Jer 3:14-17 | Mt 13:18-23
Sat 25: 2 Cor 4:7-15 | Mt 20:20-28
Sun 26: 1Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52

St. Bridget of Sweden | July 23

Saint Bridget or Birgitta was born in 1303, the daughter of Birger Petersson, governor of Uppland and his wife Ingeborg Bengtsdotter. She was married to Ulf Gudmarsson, who became governor of the province of Nericia. They had eight children, all of whom survived past infancy which was rare for the 12th century. One of their daughters would become St. Catherine of Sweden.

Saint Bridget was hailed as a mystic and her visions, which began in her early childhood when she had visions of Christ Crucified, made her somewhat of a Middle Ages celebrity. Her vision of the Nativity of Jesus even influenced the art of the Nativity through the Baroque era! She is said to have predicted the Vatican State. Saint Bridget's Revelations, which she dictated to Peter Olafsson, the prior at the Cistercian monastery of Alvastra near which she retired after her husband's death in 1344, were published in 1492. They have since been published in many languages and can still be purchased today.

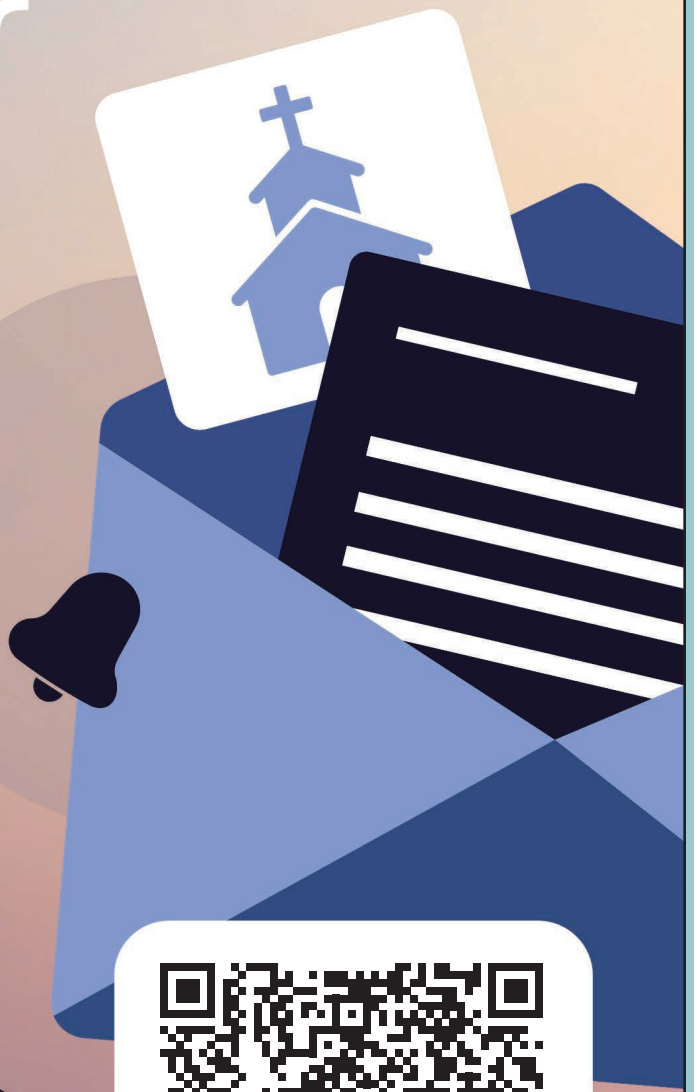


Some of her most profound visions regarded the founding of a new religious order which would be primarily for women, ruled by an abbess, but with a separate house for monks who would serve as order chaplains. Her visions detailed everything from the abbey church to the clothing that would be adopted as the nun's habit, and how the order would be ruled. King Magnus II of Sweden granted Bridget land and buildings. The order, called the Bridgettines or the Order of the Most Holy Savior was approved by Pope Urban V in 1370.

Saint Bridget was canonized in 1391 by Pope Boniface IX and in 1999 Pope John Paul II named her one of the Patron Saints of Europe.

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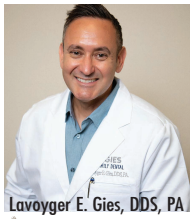
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