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July 26, 2026 **Seventeenth 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 13:44-52

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

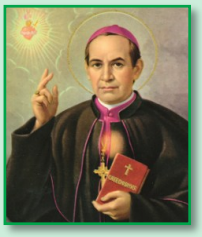


Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

- 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: July 11/12

Attendance	4,041
Regular Collection	$33,749.77
Capital Campaign	$21,360.74
SAMC Pantry	$ 942.19
Gabriel Project	$ 100.00
Candles	$ 413.06
Mass Intentions	$ 25.00
Peter's Pence	$ 160.00

Religious Education Registration



After all Masses on Sundays:
July 12 – August 23

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

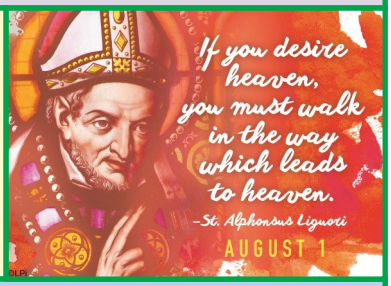
Required Certificates:
Birth | Baptism | First Communion

Questions? Email: reoffice@saclaret.com

UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

All Submissions are due at 5PM

Aug 8/9 issue: **Friday** July 31
Aug 15/16 issue: **Friday** Aug. 07
Aug 22/23 issue: **Friday** Aug. 14
Aug 29/30 issue: **Friday** Aug. 21



First Saturday Mass

dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
August 1 at 8AM

Followed by: Rosary, Consecration Prayers & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

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**

Monday, July 27
8 AM **Hospicio & Leonora Lagura† & Mandy Franciso†** by the Lagura-Francisco Family
6:30 PM Holy Hour
7:30 PM **Mass for the End of Abortion**

Tuesday, July 28
8 AM **Erna Gonzalez†** by the Family
Sebastian Lafaele† by the Lafaele Family

Wednesday, July 29
8 AM **Spiritual Healing & Strength for the Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R. & Manuela M. Gonzales & the Souls in Purgatory†** by Y. Gonzales

Thursday, July 30
8 AM **Health for Glenda Kneblick** by Mary Putz

Friday, July 31
8 AM **Anniversary Blessings for Candace & David Talcott** by the Family

Saturday, August 1 ***First Saturday***
8 AM **Nanette Babin†** by the Family
5 PM **BB* for Thomas Jackson Shearer** by Bea Peterson
Sp. Int. for Vanessa Cartwright & Family by Her Sister.

Sunday, August 2
8 AM **Tom Joyce† & Mark Alterman†** by Cindy Sheridan-Joyce
10 AM **Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity & the Souls in Purgatory†** by M. Gonzales
Fr. Albert Hubertus† by Anthony & Sarah Centeno
12 PM **Rosaura E. Trevino†** by the Family
3 PM **For the Parish**
6 PM **Michael Sisolak†** by the Family

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

PARISH NEWS

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Rosary Makers June 2026 Report:

Our Rosary Makers donated:
300 Rosaries to Fr. Thomas and his new parish
80 Rosaries to the Teen ACTS Retreat

If you can count to ten, then you can make rosaries!

Join us on the **first Sunday** of each the month at **1:15PM** in **Building E.**

Next Meeting:
Sunday, August 2

St. Anthony Mary Claret CYO

FALL REGISTRATION OPEN
JULY 26-AUGUST 21

SCAN ME

In Person Information Sessions

- AUG. 9 AFTER 10 & 12 MASSES
- AUG. 16 AFTER 10, 12 & 3 MASSES
- TRY ON UNIFORMS (NO EXCHANGES AFTER REGISTRATION CLOSES)
- ASK REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO & ONLINE REGISTRATION!

Deepening our Faith & Building Community

A Retreat Hosted by
The Ladies of SAMC Ministry

Saturday, August 8
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Magnificat Mothers is a ministry for mothers focused on growing together in faith, building lasting friendships, & offering support through the joys and challenges of motherhood.

Join us for our First Meeting
Thursday, August 6
in the RE building

For more info, contact Isabelle Wallace at (210) 730-5982 or magnificatmothers@outlook.com

Magnificat MOTHERS

Scan to Connect

No Baptism Class for the Month of August Resumes September 1st

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention:

AUGUST

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Intención del Santo Padre Leo XIV:

AGOSTO

Por la evangelización en la ciudad.

Oremos para que, en las grandes ciudades, a menudo marcadas por el anonimato y la soledad,encontremos nuevas formas de anunciar el Evangelio, descubriendo caminos creativos para construir comunidad.

Image: A Golden Hong Kong Morning by Jimmy Mcintyre on 500px.com

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

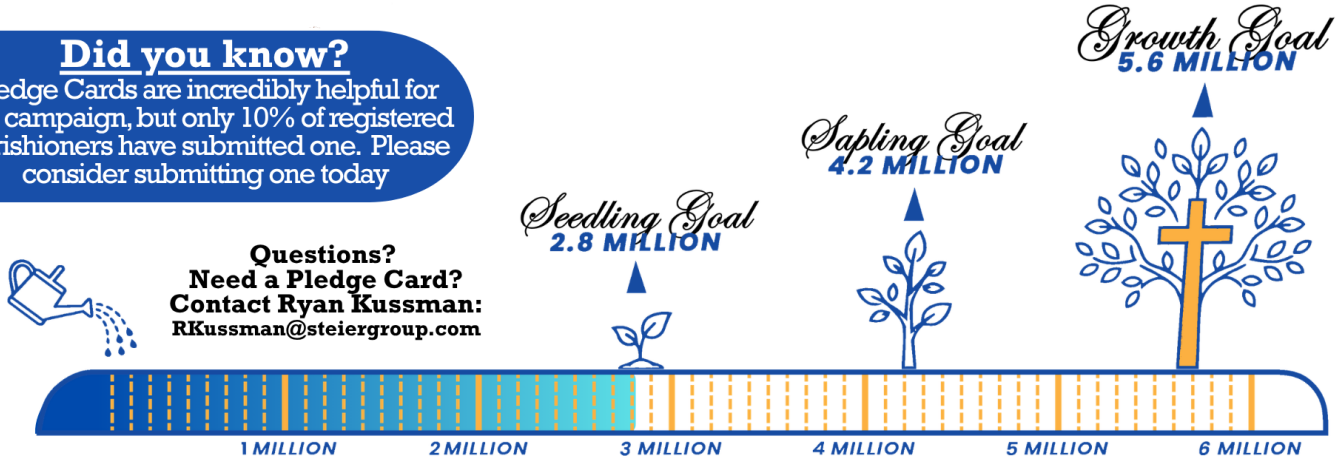
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Pledge Cards are incredibly helpful for our campaign, but only 10% of registered parishioners have submitted one. Please consider submitting one today

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



When should we start our capital campaign donations?

The Answer is NOW

You may have already received a "gold" Capital Campaign collection envelope for the month of August. You may use these envelopes to make donations on a monthly basis, or you may pick up additional, not gold, envelopes in the Narthex or at the Parish Office.

Join the Pledge

Did you see your name during commitment week? If not, you can still fill out a pledge card!

We have passed our first goal of $2.8 million on 590+ decisions! This puts us at the halfway point! Thanks and lets keep going

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/

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!

FAITH & PRAYER

'She Will Come to You': How the Blessed Mother Entrusted an Unborn Child to Padre Pio

by Susan De Bartoli for ChurchPop.com
Part 1 of 3

When I think about all the graces Our Lord granted through Padre Pio's intercession, there is one story that shines above the rest. Truly, it is his miracle, one that began even before he was ordained, and one that shows how deeply the Blessed Mother entrusted souls into his care.

It was January 18, 1905. Padre Pio was not yet a priest, not yet the renowned friar with the stigmata and countless spiritual children. He was only a young Capuchin seminarian, Fra Pio, quiet, studious, faithful in prayer. That evening, he was kneeling in the monastery choir alongside Brother Anastasio. It was close to 11:00; the monastery hushed in silence.

Then, without warning, the young friar was carried up in spirit, transported far from the stone walls around him.

He later described the experience in simple words: He found himself in the palace of a wealthy family, where the master of the house lay dying as his wife labored to bring forth a child. In that vision, the Blessed Mother herself appeared before him.

"She radiated a light more tender than dawn, more powerful than the sun."

With maternal gentleness, the Blessed Mother turned to Fra Pio and entrusted him with a mission that would last a lifetime.

"My son," she said, "I entrust this unborn child to your care. She will one day be a precious jewel, but right now she has no form. Shape and polish her. Make her as brilliant as you can, because one day I would like to have her in My court in heaven."

The Blessed Mother's message was firm, yet full of tenderness:

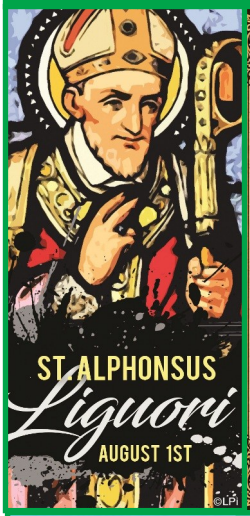
"Do not doubt me. She will come to you. But first, you will meet her in the Basilica of Saint Peter in Rome."

In the next instant, Fra Pio was once again in the choir stall, his hands folded in prayer, as if nothing had happened. Yet everything had changed. (to be continued...)



This article is an excerpt from Susan De Bartoli's book, "Padre Pio's American Daughter: The Story of Mary Pyle."

COMMUNITY NEWS

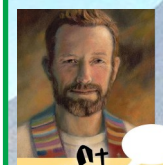






Socials with the Saints:
Bl. Stanley Rother

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

Holy Hour

for The Church in the Holy Land & Prayer for Persecuted Christians

Thur., Aug. 6
St. Luke Catholic Church
Mass: 6:30pm
Holy Hour: 7-8pm

Presented by The Knights & Dames of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem

For Info, Call 210-521-3377

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

What's the difference between a Hippo and a Zippo?



One's heavy, and the other is a little lighter

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 our 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

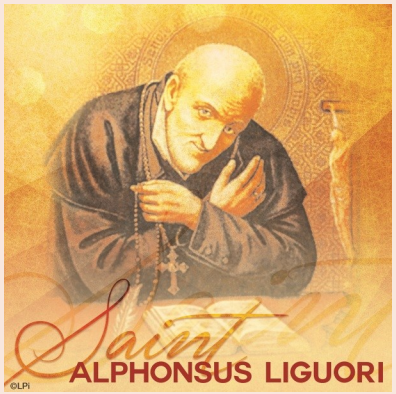
Sun 26: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52
Mon 27: Jer 13:1-11 | Mt 13:31-35
Tues 28: Jer 14:17-22 | Mt 13:36-43
Wed 29: Jer 15:10, 16-21 | Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thurs 30: Jer 18:1-6 | Mt 13:47-53
Fri 31: Jer 26:1-9 | Mt 13:54-58
Sat 01: Jer 26:11-16, 24 | Mt 14:1-12
Sun 02: Is 55:1-3 | Rom 8:35, 37-39 | Mt 14:13-21

St. Alphonsus Liguori | August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was born in Marianella, near Naples, in Italy. When he was young, he displayed exceptional intelligence and piety, earning a doctorate in civil and canon law by the age of 16. Feeling a calling to dedicate his life to God and the service of others, however, he abandoned his legal career and pursued ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained at the age of 30 in 1726.

Throughout his priestly ministry, Liguori focused on preaching missions and retreats, seeking to renew people's faith and draw them closer to the Eucharist. He frequently preached on the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion as a source of spiritual nourishment and grace.

In 1732, Liguori founded the Redemptorists, a religious congregation dedicated to promoting devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Redemptorists' charism also revolved around reaching out to the most abandoned, including the poor and marginalized, and offering them hope through God's love and mercy.

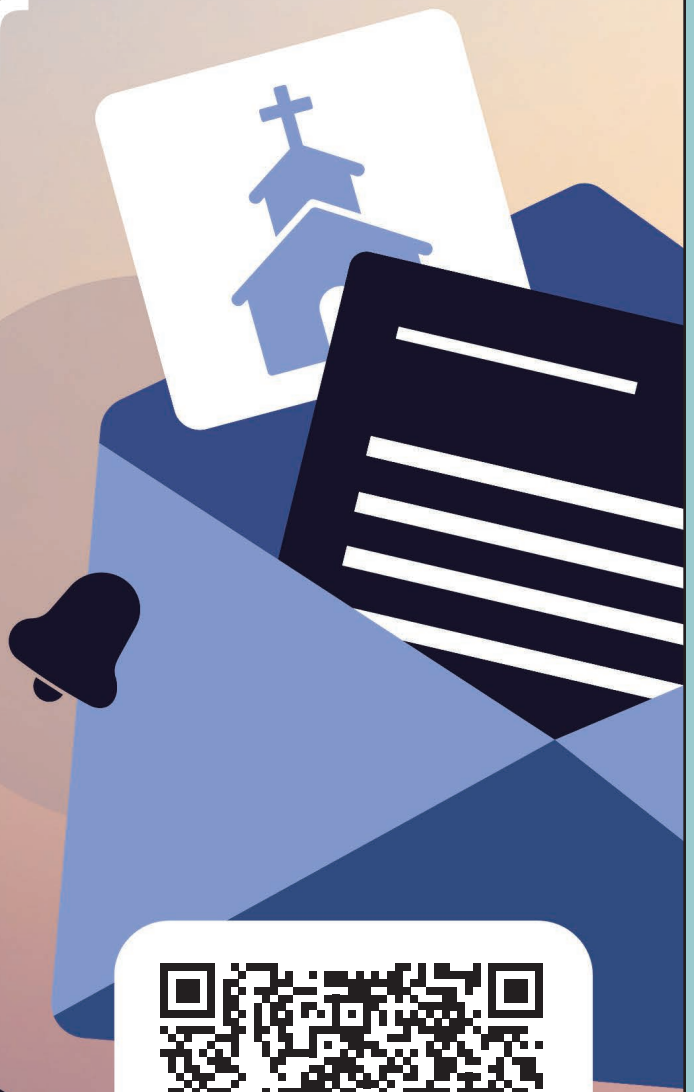


As a prolific writer, Liguori authored numerous works on moral theology, spirituality, and Eucharistic devotion. His most famous work, "The Glories of Mary," remains a classic in Marian theology and devotion. He is remembered for his practical and merciful counsel, always seeking to lead souls to reconciliation, and union with God.

St. Alphonsus was canonized as a saint in 1839 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871. His spiritual writings, particularly on the Eucharist, continue to inspire and guide the faithful today. As the patron saint of moral theologians, his example reminds believers of the profound love and presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the enduring mercy of God.

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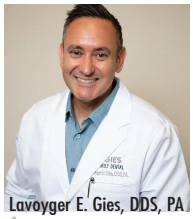
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