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July 5, 2026 **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak, Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

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Rev. Anand Yellanki, M.A., M.Ed.

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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 11:25-30

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, "They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'" Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

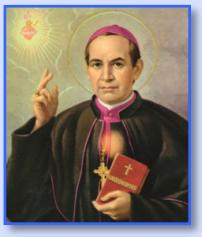


Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

- 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 20/21

Attendance	3,825
Regular Collection	$39,307.07
Capital Campaign	$ 1,374.00
SAMC Pantry	$ 5,687.98
Candles	$ 431.90
Rosary Makers	$ 201.00
Mass Intentions	$ 100.00
Gabriel Project	$ 190.00
Peter's Pence	$ 70.00
Rice Bowl	$ 20.00
Shrines of the Holy Land	$ 50.00



Dear God, Father and creator of these lands we so love, we know that we are at our best when we're close to You, so please inspire, guide, and govern our leaders and our vision, that our greatness may be founded in and defined in You. Amen.

UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

All Submissions are due at 5PM

July 18/19 issue: **Friday** July 10
July 25/26 issue: **Friday** July 17
Aug 01/02 issue: **Friday** July 24

Warm Welcome!

Rev. Anand Yellanki

With Fr. Thomas's leaving (see more Pg6), We wait to see if Fr. Abraham can reclaim his first name, & we welcome a new Parochial Vicar! Make sure to give Fr. Anand a warm welcome!

Baptism Class This Week:
Tuesday July 7
7PM | 1st floor of the RE bldg

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 04 ***First Saturday***
8 AM **Tom Shearer† and BB* for Henry Bosco Wessel** by Bea Peterson
In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received by Mauro Longoria & Family
5 PM **Aaron Mate†** by the Mate Family
BB* for Gabi Astorga by the Family

Sunday, July 05
8 AM **Spec. Int. for The Louis Martinez Family** by their Mother
10 AM **Florentina M. Cortez†** by David & Esther Juarez
12 PM **Alvin Rodriguez†** by Ricardo & Debbie Brown
Thanksgiving for Len & Sandra Lloyd by Roberta Mendoza
3 PM **For the Parish**
6 PM **Crystal Mayez†** by the Family
BB* for Laurel Frances Peterson by Bea Peterson

Monday, July 06
8 AM **James & Henry Pawelek† and Alois & Florence Olenick†** by the Olenick Family
6:30 PM Holy Hour
7:30 PM **Healing Mass**

Tuesday, July 07
8 AM **BB* for Albert Alvarez** by Bea Alvarez
Blessings & Thanks for Peggy Flores by the Homeschool Ministry

Wednesday, July 08
8 AM **Daniel & Manuela Gonzales†, Sylvia Reyna†, Tomasa Cabezuela†, Sr. Victoria Hernandez† and the Souls in Purgatory†** by F. Gonzales

Thursday, July 09
8 AM **Virginia Ancharski†** by Jeanette Erickson
Thanksgiving for Len & Sandra Lloyd by Roberta Mendoza

Friday, July 10
8 AM **Angelina & Andres Martinez†** by the Family

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**

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

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a Campaign for
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Learn More & Donate Here ->

Did you know?
Pledge Cards are incredibly helpful for our campaign, but only 6% of registered parishioners have submitted one. Please consider submitting one today

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



Short-Term Sacrifices, Long-Term Contribution

During his Commitment Weekend homily, Father Jan mentioned that we could achieve our final goal if everyone pledged just $25 a month for 3 years or $900.

Just as an example, $25 is a little more than 3 Starbucks coffees. Nothing against Starbucks, but with a small sacrifice of 3 coffees a month we could build fields for our CYO and ensure that Grandma can ride in a safe elevator.



If you think you can give up 3 coffees a month, go ahead and make that pledge.

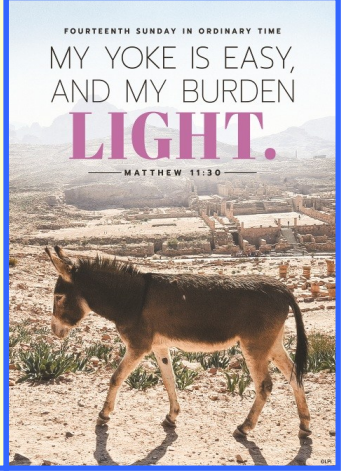
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IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING COLLECTION ENVELOPES

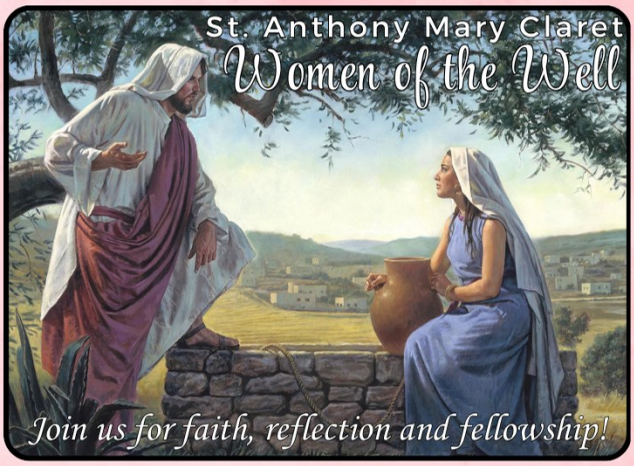
Many Parishioners have experienced delayed delivery of collection envelopes. This was caused by multiple equipment malfunctions at our envelope company. While they are doing their best to correct the issue, we can expect delays for the July envelopes.

We apologize for any distress or inconvenience this has caused, and we ask for your patience. If all goes well, our regular delivery schedule will return for the August envelopes.

As always, Thank You for your understanding and support.



PARISH NEWS



Saturday, July 11
9 - 11 AM
Msgr. Hubertus Hall
Light breakfast provided

This month's presentation:
Fr. Jan Klak - Sacramentals

Questions?
Email: wow.samc@gmail.com

Religious Education Registration

RE Registration will be held after all Masses on Sundays:
July 12th - August 23rd

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

Required Certificates:
Birth | Baptism | First Communion

Questions? Email:
reoffice@saclaret.com

Knights of Columbus Summer Knights Dance

Hawaiian Luau

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

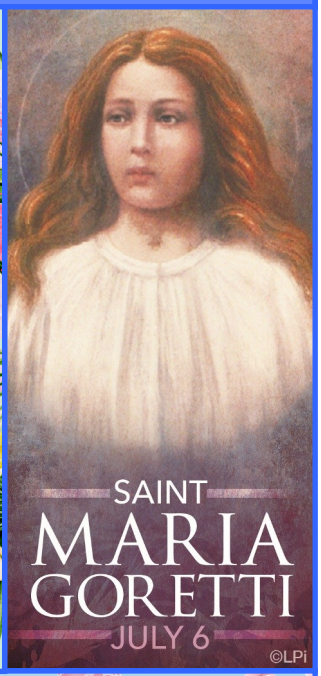
Ticket Sales after all Masses:
July 4/5 | July 11/12 | July 18/19
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Deepening our Faith & Building Community

A Retreat Hosted by
The Ladies of SAMC Ministry

Open to all Women 18+

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

Rooted in His Word
Growing in His Love
Blooming in His Purpose

The Ladies of St. Anthony Mary Claret Ministry

will be selling Religious Items after all masses This Weekend:

July 4/5
Accepting Cash, Credit and Card (with processing fee)

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

What do chickens call the city that never sleeps?



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!





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

St. Anthony Mary Claret

TEENS ACTS RETREAT

2026

FOR I CONSIDER THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS PRESENT TIME ARE NOT WORTH COMPARING WITH

THE GLORY

THAT IS TO BE REVEALED IN US.

ROMANS 8:18

Retreat Dates
THURS. JULY 9TH - SUN. JULY 12TH

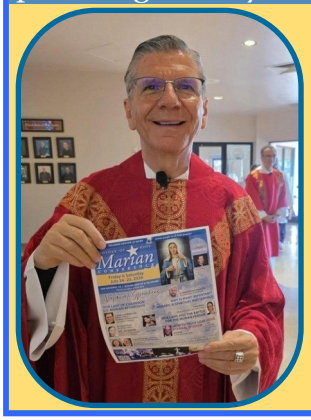
Retreat Location
CORDI-MARIAN RETREAT CENTER
11624 Culebra Rd,
San Antonio, TX 78253

The Retreat is open to high school teens who have completed the 9th grade - 12th grade. Retreat cost is $250.

For registration forms/questions:
youthgroup@saclaret.com or 210-688-9033 x210

COMMUNITY NEWS

For the first time in more than a quarter-century, San Antonio will host a Conference promoting devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary on July 24-25, with Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS, presiding at Holy Mass



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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

Joseph Royston	SJS
Marina Hester	David Garcia
James Hester	Anne Comeaux
Michael Martinez	Tammie Martinez

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 05: Zec 9:9-10 | Rom 8:9, 11-13 | Mt 11:25-30
Mon 06: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 | Mt 9:18-26
Tues 07: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 | Mt 9:32-38
Wed 08: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 | Mt 10:1-7
Thurs 09: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 | Mt 10:7-15
Fri 10: Hos 14:2-10 | Mt 10:16-23
Sat 11: Is 6:1-8 | Mt 10:24-33
Sun 12: Is 55:10-11 | Rom 8:18-23 | Mt 13:1-23

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention: JULY

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Intención del Santo Padre Leo XIV: JULIO

Por el respeto de la vida humana.

Oremos por el respeto y la protección de la vida humana en todas sus etapas, reconociéndola como un don de Dios.



Farewell From Fr. Thomas

Thank You & Farewell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

With a grateful, yet heavy heart, I prepare to say goodbye as I will soon begin a new assignment as Pastor Administrator at St. Luke, Loire Parish and the Mission OLG in Leming Tx.

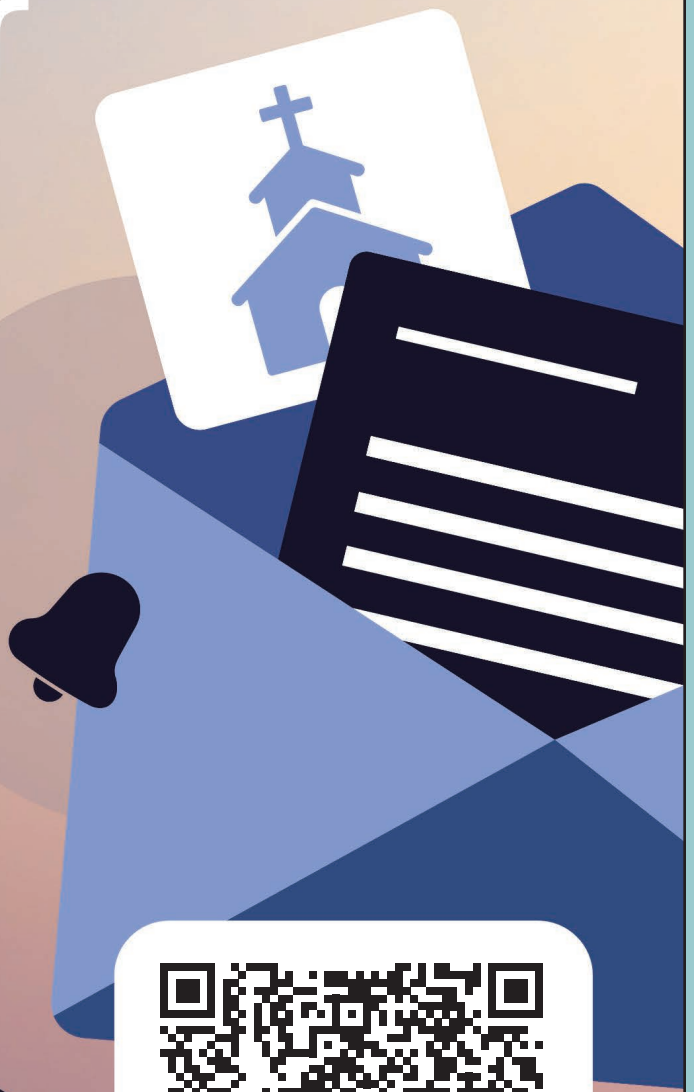
Over these past three blessed years, Fr. Jan and the whole Parish Community have touched my life in a special way. I thank God to have been able to meet and serve each of you, and I will deeply miss seeing all of your familiar faces while celebrating Holy Mass in our beautiful Church. Your love and support filled my ministry with beautiful memories that I will cherish for years to come.

Please pray for me as I begin this new journey. Be assured of my prayers and gratitude always.
Thank you & God Bless you.

- Rev. Thomas Olikkunnel

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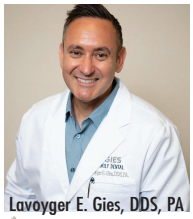
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