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August 2, 2026 **Eighteenth 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 14:13-21

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

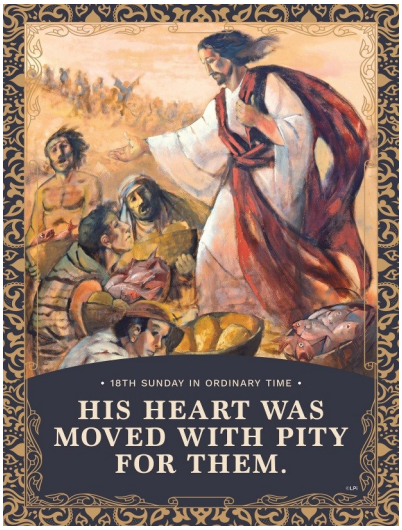
We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

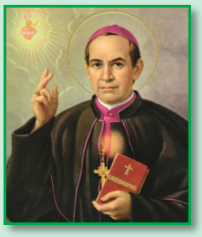
Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

- 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

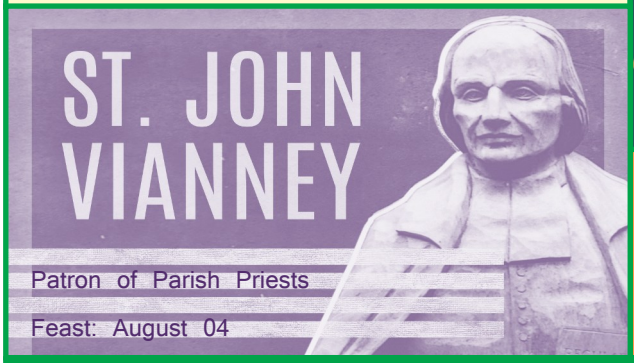
Attendance & Collection Totals: July 18/19

Attendance	**3,818**
Regular Collection	**$39,134.63**
Capital Campaign	**$ 8,904.99**
SAMC Pantry	**$ 4,649.96**
Gabriel Project	**$ 430.00**
Candles	**$ 547.67**
Mass Intentions	**$ 430.00**
Peter's Pence	**$ 130.00**

UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

All Submissions are due at 5PM

Aug. 15/16 issue: **Friday** Aug. 07
Aug. 22/23 issue: **Friday** Aug. 14
Aug. 29/30 issue: **Friday** Aug. 21
Sept. 05/06 issue: **Friday** Aug. 28







First Friday Mass
dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
August 7 at 8AM

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 3
8 AM **Stephen Nava†** by Bea Alvarez
Rev. Patrick A. Martin† & Rev. Philip E. Martin† by Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar
6:30 PM Holy Hour
7:30 PM **Healing Mass**

Tuesday, August 4
8 AM **Health for Judy Martinez** by the Family

Wednesday, August 5
8 AM **Health for Louis & Norma Gonzalez** by the Family
BB* for Gia Sanchez by the Family

Thursday, August 6
8 AM **James & Henry Pawelek† and Alois & Florence Olenick†** by the Olenick Family
6:30 PM Bilingual Holy Hour
7:30 PM **Mass for Vocations**

Friday, August 7 * First Friday*****
8 AM **Crysal Mayez†** by the Family

Saturday, August 8
5 PM **Ruth Ann Prado†** by the Family
Victor & Josephine Blaschke† by the Blaschke Family

Sunday, August 9
8 AM **Clarita Darling†** by the Family
10 AM **Victor R. Flores† and Jose F. & Joaquin Franco†** by Victor & Juana Flores
12 PM **BBs* for Melissa & Ajick Abiog** by the Family
3 PM **For the Parish**
6 PM **Lorenzo Davila, Sr.†** by the Davila Family

*BB = Birthday Blessings

PARISH NEWS

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!

UNITY DAY

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SAVE THE DATE

¡RESERVA LA FECHA!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH, 2026
domingo 25 de octubre
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Saturday, August 8
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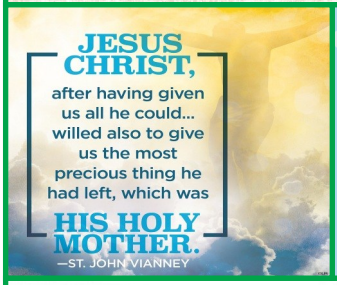
Cost $26
To Register, Follow the QR Code, or Email:
lsamcministry@gmail.com

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
9:00 am - 11:30 am
in the RE building

Magnificat MOTHERS

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



The Ladies of St. Anthony Mary Claret Ministry

will be selling Religious Items after all masses This Weekend:

August 1/2

Accepting Cash, Credit and Card (with processing fee)

marriage ministry date night

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 7PM
MSGR. HUBERTUS HALL

WINE & CHEESE TASTING & UPLIFTING CONVERSATION WITH COUPLES SEEKING TO GROW CLOSER TO GOD IN THEIR MARRIAGE

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

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a Campaign for
St. Anthony Mary Claret Roman Catholic Church

3 Ways to Give

You've made the pledge, now is the time to fulfill that promise!

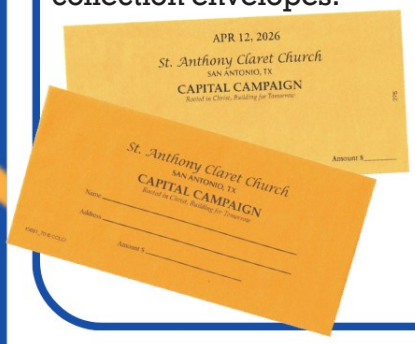
Method 1: Cash or Check

You may donate via **Cash** or **Check** in the weekly collection, but be sure to designate your donation as being for the capital campaign!

Properly designate **checks** by writing **"Capital Campaign"** or the abbreviation **"RCBT"** in the memo.

*__While separate checks are preferred__, you may designate a single check for separate collections by including the collections and amounts in the memo.

You may also designate **cash and checks** by using the **Gold envelope** included with your **monthly** collection envelopes.



*Note that pledges were made on a weekly basis, but you will only receive ONE envelope per month.

Additional **Gold envelopes** can be found in the **parish office** and the **narthex** after all masses

Method 2: Card

You may donate online via **Card** and Apple Pay or Google Pay, by following the QR code or visiting our website: **samcsa.com/capital-campaign/**



Our current system only allows for single-time payments. If you are interested in setting up a **reoccurring payment**, please contact our Parish bookkeeper, Edward Tenorio, at **bookkeeper@saclaret.com**

Method 3: Special Methods

You may donate via: **Stocks**, **Bonds**, **Mutual Funds**, & **Direct Charitable Contribution** from a retirement account, by contacting our parish bookkeeper, Edward Tenorio, at **bookkeeper@saclaret.com**



FAITH & PRAYER

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.

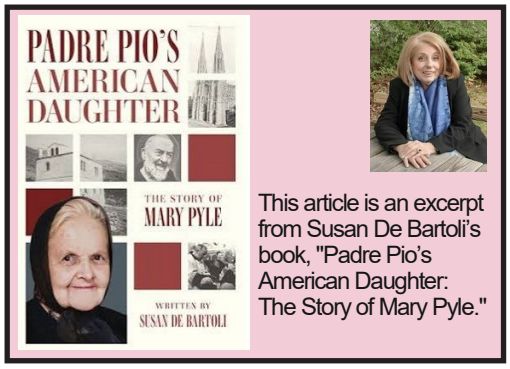
Image: A Golden Hong Kong Morning by Jimmy Mcintyre on 500px.com

Check out "The Pope Video" on Youtube

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

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

by Susan De Bartoli for ChurchPop.com
Part 2 of 3



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

The same night of Fra Pio's vision, in the northern city of Udine, Giovanna Rizzani was born.

Her entry into the world was marked by drama and sorrow. Her father, a wealthy Mason, lay upstairs at death's door. Her mother, Leonilde, gave birth prematurely in the palace garden, aided only by the steward. Heaven intervened such that a priest was permitted to baptize the fragile infant. In addition, he heard the Confession of Giovanna's father, who died reconciled with God.

Thus, both birth and death were intertwined in that moment, and Heaven had already written Giovanna's life into the story of Padre Pio.

At the age of 18, Giovanna traveled with her aunt to San Giovanni Rotondo, the remote mountain town where Padre Pio lived.

The monastery corridor was crowded with pilgrims when suddenly Padre Pio stopped. His penetrating gaze fell upon Giovanna. With words that struck her like lightning, he said:

"I know you. You were born the day your father died."

The next morning, she went to Confession. Before she could speak, Padre Pio greeted her tenderly: "My daughter, finally you have come! I have been waiting for you so many years."

"But Father," she whispered, "this is the first time I have ever met you."

He smiled gently.

"No, my child, I know you well. Do you not remember last summer in St. Peter's Basilica? You came searching for a confessor, and I heard your confession. That was me."

Then he revealed the secret of the Blessed Mother's words:

**"Before you were born, Our Lady brought me to your home.
I witnessed your father's death. She entrusted you to me.
You are my responsibility."**

From that day on, Giovanna became one of his most faithful spiritual daughters.

Later, Padre Pio invested her in the Third Order of St. Francis. To her surprise, he chose for her the name Jacopa.

"No. You will be Jacopa. Just as Jacopa de Settesoli was at the side of St. Francis when he died, so too will you be present at my death."

Years passed. Giovanna, now Sr. Jacopa, remained steadfast under Padre Pio's direction. Near the end of his life, he spoke to her with urgency.

**"Come soon to San Giovanni Rotondo, for I am going away.
If you delay, you will not find me."**

(to be continued)...

PARISH NEWS

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



THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

What kind of tree fits in your hand?

A palm tree!



FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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



Hong Nguyen



Jesus Martinez

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 02: Is 55:1-3 | Rom 8:35, 37-39 | Mt 14:13-21
Mon 03: Jer 28:1-17 | Mt 14:22-36
Tues 04: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 | Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed 05: Jer 31:1-7 | Mt 15:21-28
Thurs 06: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | 2 Pt 1:16-19 | Mt 17:1-9
Fri 07: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 | Mt 16:24-28
Sat 08: Hb 1:12-2:4 | Mt 17:14-20
Sun 09: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Miracles We Don't See

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink, and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

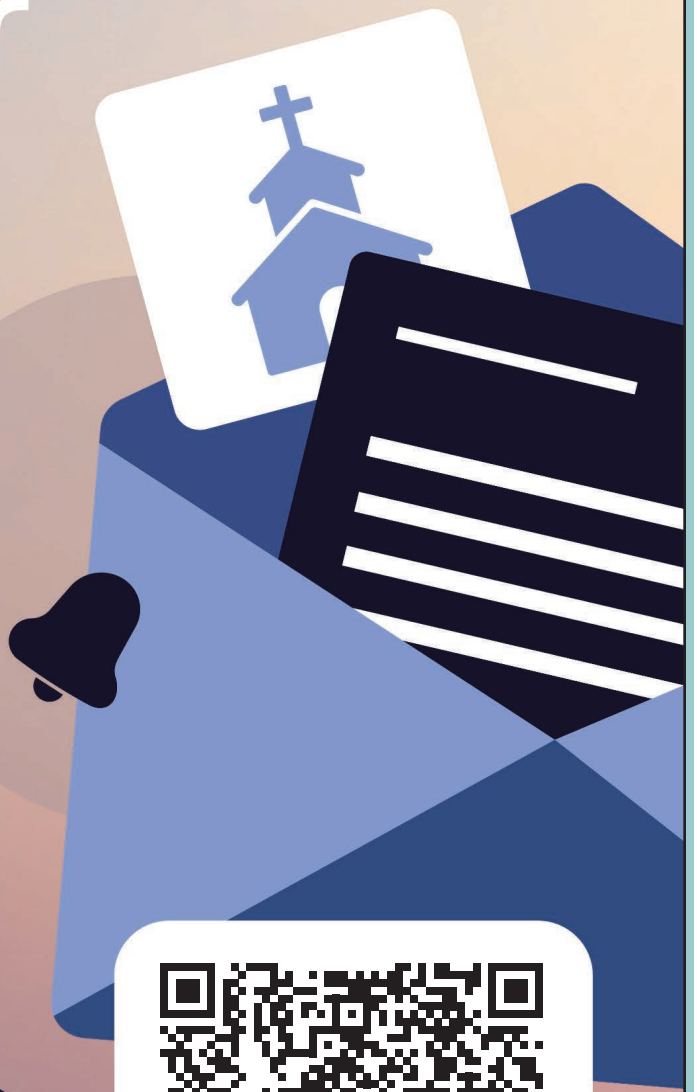
Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

"His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle. ©LPi

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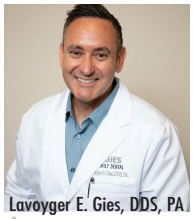
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