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Roman Catholic Church

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October 18, 2026 **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Parish Mission Statement

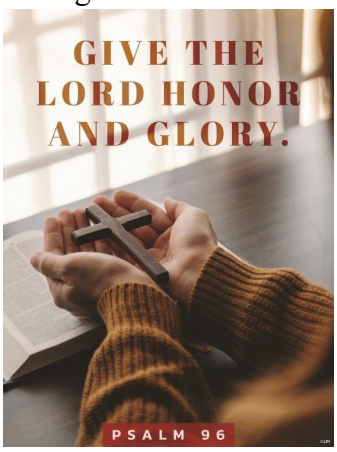
We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God.

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 22:15-21

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

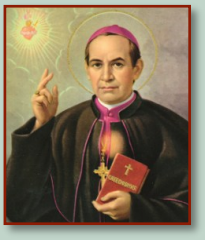


We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

- 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



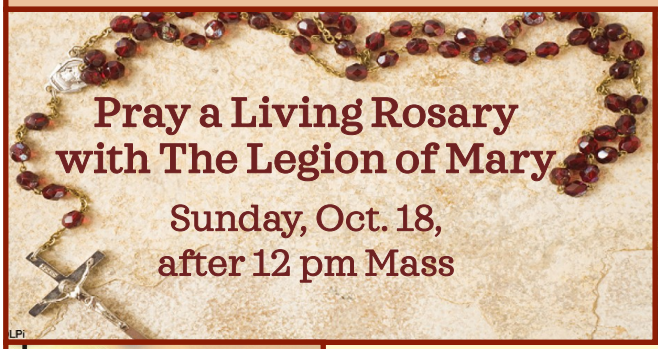
As pastor of Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church, I want to express welcome from all of us to you for choosing to become a member of our parish family. We hope you will always feel at home here and that our worship and other parochial services will fulfill your spiritual needs.

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

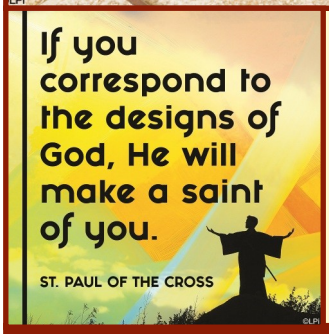
Attendance & Collection Totals: October 3/4

Attendance	**4,013**
Regular Collection	**$34,056.47**
Capital Campaign	**$19,695.99**
SAMC Pantry	**$ 1,491.99**
Gabriel Project	**$ 20.00**
Candles	**$ 482.50**
Mass Intentions	**$ 340.00**
Hope for the Future	**$ 2,298.00**







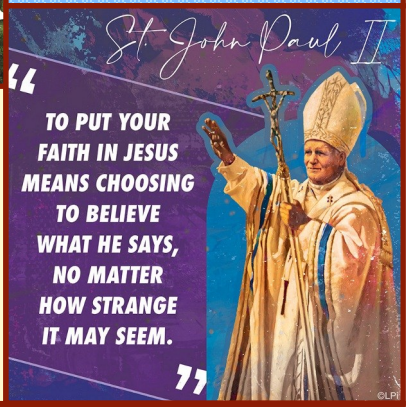


UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

ATTENTION: DEADLINES HAVE CHANGED!

All Submissions are due at 11:59PM

Oct. 31/ Nov. 01 issue: **Sunday** Oct. 25
Nov. 07/08 issue: **Sunday** Nov. 01
Nov. 14/15 issue: **Sunday** Nov. 08
Nov. 21/22 issue: **Sunday** Nov. 15



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17
5 PM **Mary Friedrichs†** by Bea Peterson
Rosemary Martha Newton† and Health for Elva M. Cruz by Elva Cruz

Sunday, October 18
8 AM **Eddie & Myrtice Eskew†** by the Family
10 AM **Robert Espinosa†** by Selia & Family
12 PM **Gerardo & Lucia Botello†** by The Botello-Ramirez Family
3 PM **Nancy & Juan Carlos Monterosa†** by the Mejia Family
6 PM **For the Parish**

Monday, October 19
8 AM **BB* for Jennifer Green by the Family**
Sp. Int. in Thanksgiving to God for Augustine Zapanta by the Family
6:30 PM Holy Hour
7:30 PM **Janice Stakel†** by the Trelles Family
Anniversary Blessings for Seth & Peg Peterson by Bea Peterson

Tuesday, October 20
8 AM **BBs* for Geovanni & Elijah Rodriguez** by the Rodriguez Family

Wednesday, October 21
8 AM **Octavia & Sparrow Alicea†, Ferdinand Ortiz Villanova† & the Souls in Purgatory†** by the Alicea Family

Thursday, October 22
8 AM **BB* for Andrew Olech** by the Olech Family

Friday, October 23
8 AM **Father Pat Martin† & Msgr. James Blacet†** by Michelle Aldaya

Saturday, October 24
5 PM **Lois Mendoza†** by the Mendoza Family
BB* for Viviana Luna by the Family

Sunday, October 25
8 AM **Rev. Patrick A. Martin† and Rev. Philip E. Martin†** by Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar
10 AM **Nelly E. Adrias†** by the Family
12 PM **BB* for Christopher Gruver** by Ana Rodriguez
3 PM **Pedro Mejia† and Carmen Zamora†** by the Mejia Family
6 PM **For the Parish**

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

RESPECT LIFE

Novena for the Cause of Life

presented by Knights of Columbus Council #10090

October 18 - 26

Join us in this Novena for Life.
Each day reflect on the quote from Pope Francis, pray a decade of the rosary, and conclude with St. John Paul II's prayer.

1. **Sunday Oct. 18** - "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation …"
2. **Monday Oct. 19** - "Human life is sacred and inviolable, and the use of prenatal diagnosis for selective purposes must be strongly discouraged."
3. **Tuesday Oct. 20** - "It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother's womb."
4. **Wednesday Oct. 21** - "Every child who, rather than being born is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ …"
5. **Thursday Oct. 22** - "The Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. … It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life."
6. **Friday Oct. 23** - "Our defense of the innocent unborn … needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life …"
7. **Saturday Oct. 24** - "Equally sacred … are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly …"
8. **Sunday Oct. 25** - "All too often … people do not accept the 'Gospel of Life' but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life …"
9. **Monday Oct. 26** - "Unborn children are always to be welcomed; life is always to be protected and loved, from conception to its natural end."

Knights of Columbus



O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of life
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to accept that Gospel
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

– St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*



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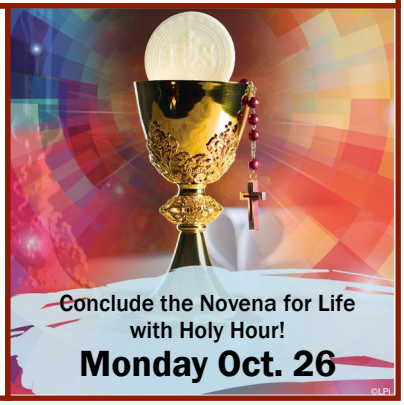
www.40daysforlife.com/sanantonio

Sept. 23 - Oct. 31
7am - 7pm | Mon. - Sat.

Sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood,
2140 Babcock Rd., 78229

Sign-up: 40daysforlife.com/sanantonio

Local Contact: Cindi Serna, cindi@sacfl.org, 210-410-9424
San Antonio Coalition for Life Helpline: 210-668-1993
Follow us: sacfl.org SACFL1 San Antonio Coalition for Life



PARISH NEWS

Young Adult
ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

Masquerade dance

Friday, October 30th 6:30 PM

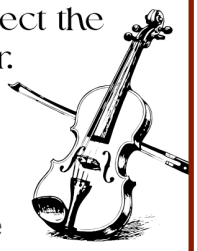
Refuge Coffee and Beer, 11011 Shaenfield Rd

Join us for a night of music, good company, and refreshments at our first Young Adult Fall Dance!

— Semi-formal or festive wear. —

WE'RE Hiring

We're looking for a Part-Time Music Leader to play piano or guitar and to direct the 8am choir.



For Details, Contact The Parish Office

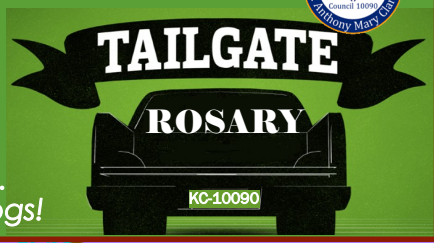
Knights of Columbus Council #10090 presents:

Tailgate Rosary

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7:00PM

Parking lot by the Pavilion
Followed by Fellowship Hour

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



Silver Seniors Oktoberfest Luncheon

Wednesday, October 21

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

Info & RSVP:
Maria Richardson
210-722-4627

Come by for Good Food, Prayer & Fellowship!

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH, 2026
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Highschool Students,
Volunteer for Church Service Hours

We're Still Looking for Help!

- Set-up
- Tear Down
- Morning
- Evening

Follow the QR Code or Email Rachel Nine-Olech at **rachelnineolech@gmail.com** using the Subject Line: UD High School Volunteer

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Youth Group Meetings this Sunday!
in Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Middle School
4:00 - 5:45pm

High School
7:00 - 9:00pm

Connect, have fun, & make new friends! See you there!

SAMC YOUTH
ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

Ladies of St. Anthony Mary Claret Ministry Luncheon Meeting

Come for friendship & fellowship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 12PM, MSGR. HUBERTUS HALL

New Members
Ages 18+
Always Welcome



For info, email lsamcministry @gmail.com

PARISH NEWS



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION C Y O

Great Opportunity for Service Hours!

Our CYO is looking for help running the Admission gate & Concession Stand during the **Fall Soccer Season!**

SCAN

All funds raised go directly back into improving our program. We run solely on the help and dedication of volunteers like you!
THANK YOU!

SAC Pantry Activity Report: September 2026

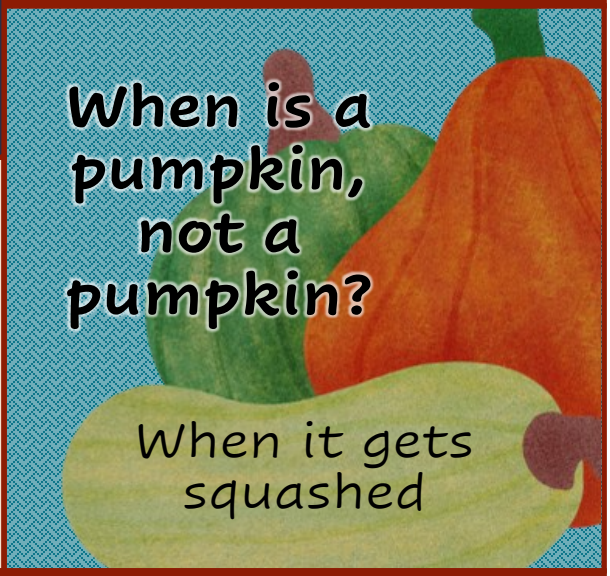
Utility Assistance:	$ 2,653.34
Restock Food Pantry:	$10,369.44
Other Client Assistance	$ 202.26
Office Expenses:	$ 118.42

ST ANTHONY CLARET'S PANTRY
HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

Jimmy Moos Trust Fund
Amount Used: $3,021.77
People Served: 8

People Served:	843
Food Bags Distributed:	291
Home Deliveries Made:	25

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Presented by CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Centennial Celebration

Saturday, Nov. 7 | Nelson W. Wolff Stadium
Gates Open 3pm | Mass Begins 4pm
5757 US-90 West, San Antonio, Tx 78227

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"
Matthew 22:21

What belongs to God is our praise, our gratitude, and our presence. We repay Him when we, as today's psalm instructs us: "Tell his glory among the nations" (96:3) And what better way to proclaim his glory than with grand celebration! This World Mission Sunday, share the good news by inviting a friend to our Centennial Celebration.

ELEVATION OF THE DIOCESE TO AN ARCHDIOCESE
100TH ANNIVERSARY

Free Event - All Are Welcome!
Reserve Your Seats Today: ASSEMBLYSA.ORG

More Information: Assembly@ARCHSA.org | (210) 734 1952

FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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



Joseph Duque



Javier Ramos



Jesse Rios

Heavenly Father, You have called these men to a path not walked by many. I pray that they may find Your everlasting peace and joy in their service to You.

Help all of us to be ever ready to render assistance whenever and however it may be needed. Let us always remember that it is through You alone that we find fulfillment and happiness.

Amen.

We also pray for this order committed to consecrated life:
MISSIONARIES OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Mary Dunk Knisley	Karen Garcia
Jake Berry	Annette Navarro
Oralia Williams	Maria Perales
Catherine Schulz	SJS
Kathleen Shinn	

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

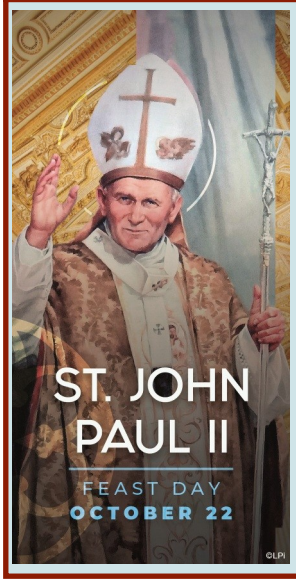
Sun 18: Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b | Mt 22:15-21
Mon 19: Eph 2:1-10 | Lk 12:13-21
Tues 20: Eph 2:12-22 | Lk 12:35-38
Wed 21: Eph 3:2-12 | Lk 12:39-48
Thurs 22: Eph 3:14-21 | Lk 12:49-53
Fri 23: Eph 4:1-6 | Lk 12:54-59
Sat 24: Eph 4:7-16 | Lk 13:1-9
Sun 25: Ex 22:20-26| 1 Thes 1:5c-10 | Mt 22:34-40

Respect Life Topic: Abortion Pills

Did you know: Abortion Pills are the current most prominent way of aborting a child. These pills have been shown to cause direct harm to the mother and are dangerously easy to acquire. Read more about them at ***bit.ly/what-are-abortion-pills***

Take Action: Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to a mother. With easier access to abortion pills, more and more mothers and children are tragically killed: spiritually and physically. We ask, always, for prayers for the women deceived by the abortion industry, but also for your vigilance. Visit ***respectlife.org/abortion-pills*** to make sure you know the facts about abortion pills.





St. John Paul II | Oct 22

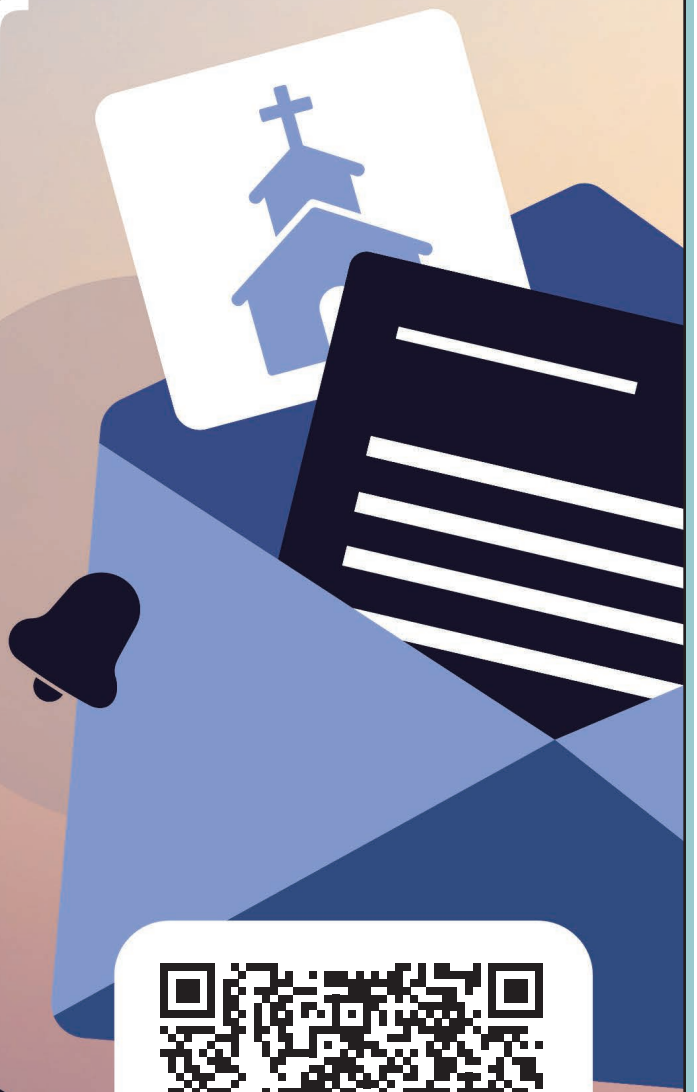
St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and made a cardinal three years later. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, and he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II was well known as an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. This energy spilled into his papacy, where he took frequent pastoral visits around the world to promote evangelization. In 1981, he survived an assassination attempt and later personally forgave his would-be assassin

In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system. Near the end of his papacy, his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult, but he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, was declared blessed on May 1, 2011, and became a saint on April 27, 2014. ***St. John Paul II, pray for us!***

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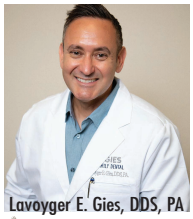
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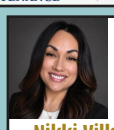
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