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October 4, 2026 **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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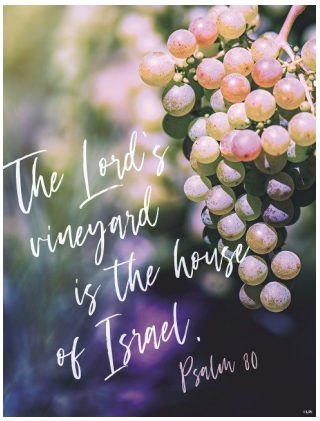
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Parish Mission Statement

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 21:33-43



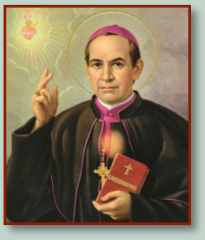
Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner **"leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33).** The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts

- 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

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention: October

For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



Intención del Santo Padre Leo XIV: Octubre

Por la pastoral de la salud mental.

Recemos para que la pastoral de la salud mental se integre en toda la Iglesia, ayudando a superar el estigma y la discriminación hacia las personas con enfermedades mentales.

Attendance & Collection Totals: September 12/13

Attendance	4,654
Regular Collection	$36,530.07
Capital Campaign	$29,054.99
SAMC Pantry	$ 7,619.47
Gabriel Project	$ 300.00
Candles	$ 666.11
Rosary Makers	$ 30.00
Mass Intentions	$ 70.17
Hope for the Future	$ 20.00
Black & Native Americans	$ 20.00
World Mission	$ 40.00

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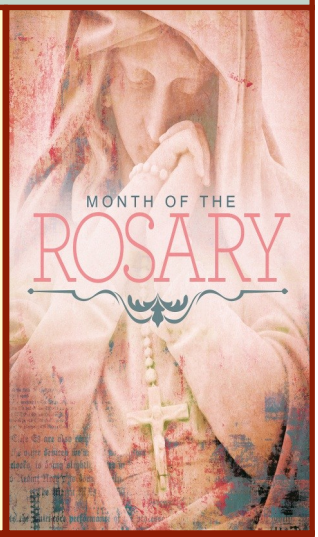
All Submissions are due at 5PM

Oct. 17/18 issue:
Friday Oct. 9

Oct. 24/25 issue:
Friday Oct. 16

Oct. 31/ Nov. 01 issue:
Friday Oct 23

Nov. 07/ Nov. 08 issue:
Friday Oct 06



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3 **First Saturday**
8 AM **Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity & the Souls in Purgatory†** by M. Gonzales
BB* for Sabrina Alyssa Lopez by Dora Lopez
5 PM **50th Anniversary Blessings for Tom & Donna Feerst** by the Family

Sunday, October 4
8 AM **Herman & Coralee Groff†** by the Family
10 AM **Florentina M. Cortez†** by David & Esther Juarez
12 PM **Victor R. Flores† & Vera Franco†** by the Flores Family
3 PM **Justin Acap†** by his Mother
6 PM **For the Parish**

Monday, October 5
8 AM **BB* for Allison Y. Goza** by the Family
BB* for Samuel Gruber by Pablo Rodriguez
James & Henry Pawelek† and Alois & Florence Olenick† by the Olenick Family
6:30 PM Holy Hour
7:30 PM Communion Service

Tuesday, October 6
8 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, October 7
8 AM Communion Service

Thursday, October 8
8 AM **Nanette Babin†** by the Family
Lan Tran† by Viet Tran
Deacon John Schoellman† by Audrey Schoellman

Friday, October 9
8 AM **BB* for Mary Armendariz** by Teresa Revilla
Sandra Ottea† by her Brother & Sister-in-Law

Saturday, October 10
5 PM **Darrell Fenwick† & Dee Hancock†** by the Families
Alicia Garces† by the Family

Sunday, October 11
8 AM **Crystal Mayez†** by the Family
Andy Bernal, Jr.† by Ernest & Margie Miller
10 AM **Margaret & Albert Suarez†, Alan J. Ponce†, & Vanessa Cree†** by Alma Ponce
12 PM **For all Members of the Moravits, Zaiontz, & Lyssy Families and the Souls in Purgatory†** by Rose Moravits
3 PM **Felix Duque Avalos†** by the Family
6 PM **For the Parish**

*BB = Birthday Blessings

RESPECT LIFE

October is Respect Life Month

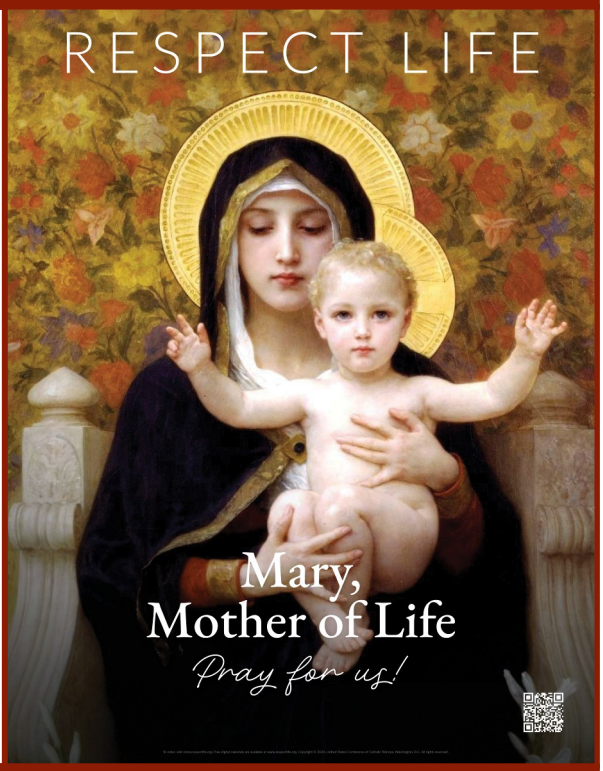
In our battle to protect life - from conception to natural death - our Respect Life Ministry will be joining with 40 Days for Life to host a

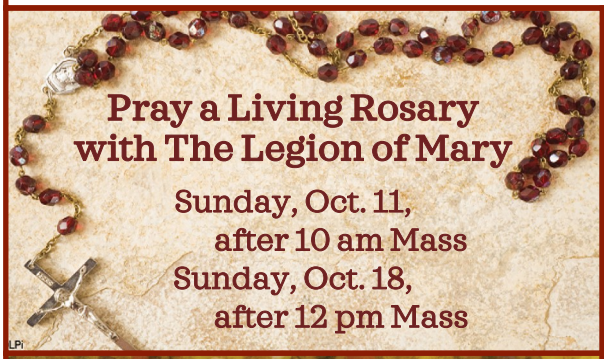
Parish Day on October 10

Outside the Planned Parenthood
on Babcock Rd. from **7AM –7PM**

Scan the code to sign up for a Prayer Time
Stop by the table in the Narthex this Sunday
for more information

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Mary, Mother of Life

Read the full version at respectlife.org/mary-mother-of-life.

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary's acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Mary teaches us to welcome the gift of human life.

Mary's role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life.

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Middle School
4.00 - 5.45pm
High School
7.00 - 9.00pm
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The October Baptism Class has been cancelled

Next Baptism Class:
November 3

WE'RE Hiring

We're looking for a part-time Music Leader to direct the 8am Choir

Applicants need to be able to play the piano or the guitar.

Contact the parish office if interested

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Great Opportunity for Service Hours!

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

SCAN

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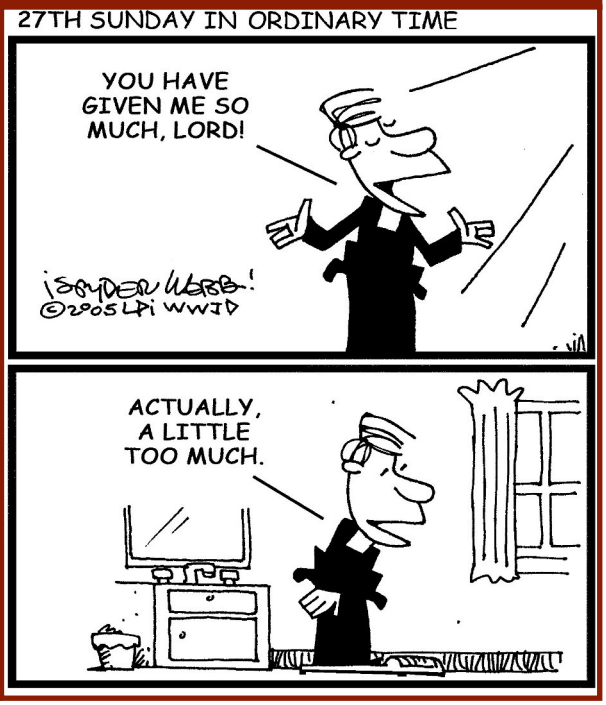
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THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

3 Ways to Give

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In Person
At the Parish Office or in the narthex after Mass

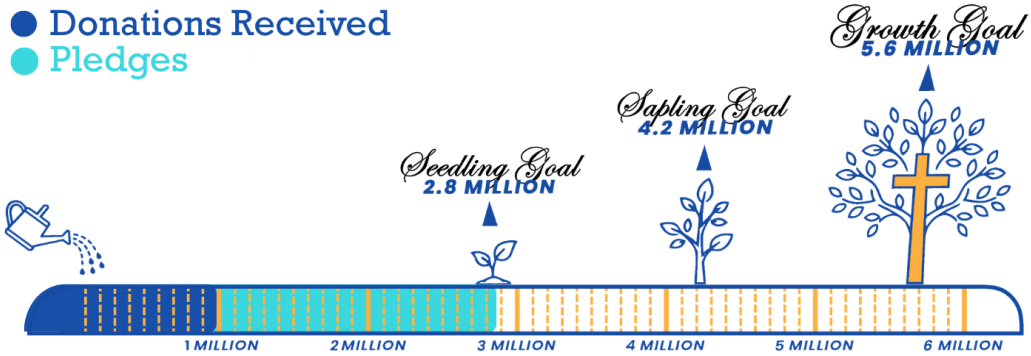
Consider a One-Time Gift

Didn't make a pledge? Just remember that it was the son that first denied his father then changed his mind that did the father's will. Every gift, no matter the size, shows your commitment to God and to our Parish.

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SEPTEMBER 2026 REPORT



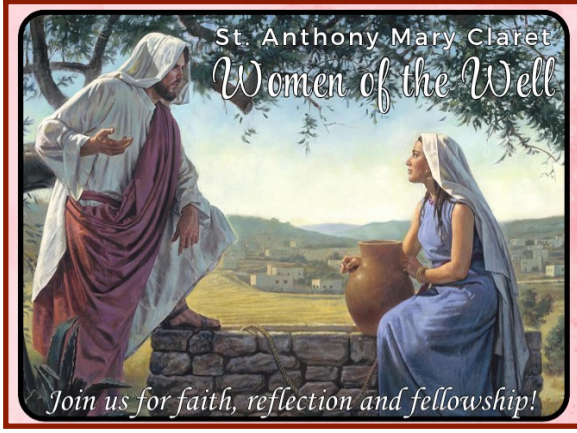
Campaign Project Spotlight



Bell Tower & Church Foundation

Part of our Campaign is for the repair of our Bell Tower and the Church Foundation. Restoration may not be "exciting," but these repairs are vital to keeping our parish standing tall for generations to come!

PARISH NEWS



Saturday, October 10
9 -11 AM
Msgr. Hubertus Hall
Light breakfast provided

This month's presentation:
The Good Shepherd

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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:



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

Marina Hester	Maria Arreola
Mary Dunk Knisley	Jake Berry
Danae Ciske	Oralia Williams
SJS	Catherine Schulz
Linda Delgado	Kathleen Shinn
Harold & Claire Shields	Karen Garcia

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 04: Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43
Mon 05: Gal 1:6-12 | Lk 10:25-37
Tues 06: Gal 1:13-24 | Lk 10:38-42
Wed 07: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 | Lk 11:1-4
Thurs 08: Gal 3:1-5 | Lk 11:5-13
Fri 09: Gal 3:7-14 | Lk 11:15-26
Sat 10: Gal 3:22-29 | Lk 11:27-28
Sun 11: Is 25:6-10a | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos | Oct 5



Father Francis Xavier Seelos was born on January 11, 1819, in Füssen, Bavaria, which is now part of modern-day Germany. He was the sixth of 12 children, and his parents instilled in him a deep faith and a desire to serve the Lord. He began his ministry in Bavaria, where he served as a pastor and missionary.

In 1849, Father Seelos volunteered to go to the United States on a mission to work among German-speaking immigrants. He arrived in New York City and was immediately struck by the poverty and hardship that he saw in the city's slums. He decided to dedicate his life to the service of the poor and spent several years ministering in the Redemptorists communities in New York, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, and elsewhere around the United States.

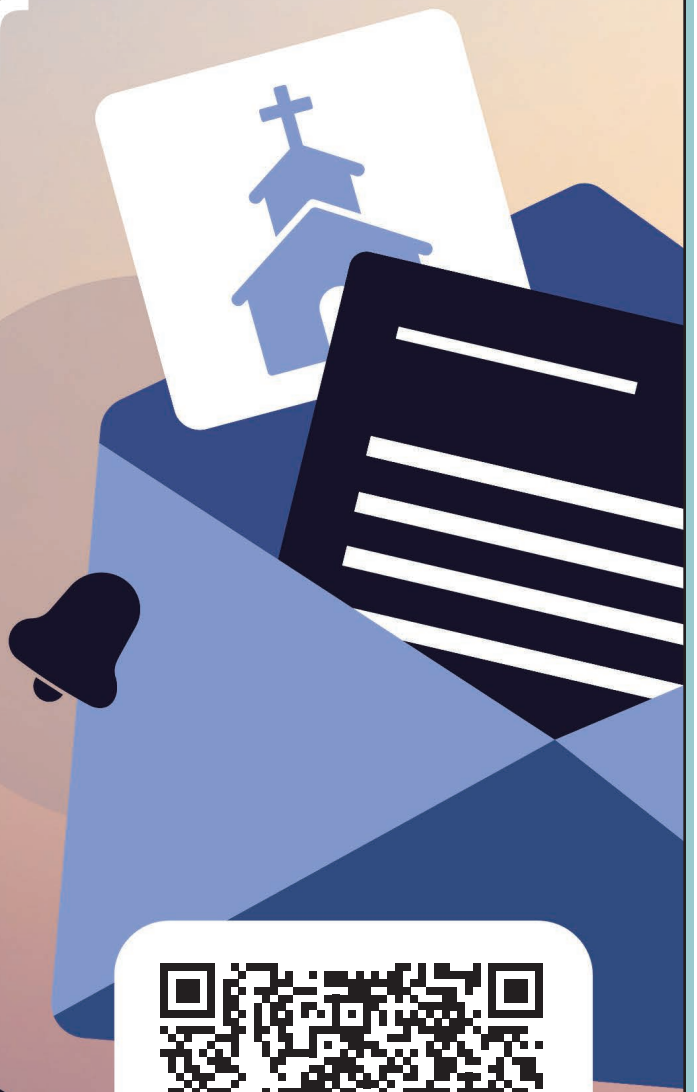
Father Seelos soon became known for his gentle and compassionate nature, his deep spirituality, and his tireless dedication to those in need. He often went out of his way to offer help and would visit hospitals and prisons, spending time with the sick and dying. He was also known for his powerful preaching, and many people were drawn to him due to his charismatic speaking abilities.

One of Father Seelos' most important contributions to the Church was his work among the black communities wherever he was serving. At a time when racial prejudice was rampant in America, he made a special effort to minister to the spiritual needs of his black neighbors, often putting himself at risk to do so. He was known for his compassion and his willingness to speak out against racism and discrimination.

On October 5, 1867, Father Seelos contracted yellow fever while ministering to the sick in New Orleans. He died just a few days later, on October 7, at the age of 48. His death was mourned by people of all faiths and races across the USA. Father Seelos' life was marked by a deep spirituality and a strong devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 9, 2000, and is considered Blessed.

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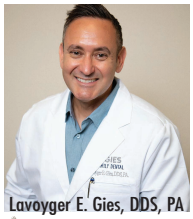
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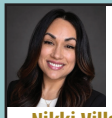
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