

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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August 30, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Pastor

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

### Parochial Vicars

Rev. Thomas Abraham, M.A.  
Rev. Ananda Yellanki,  
M.L., M.A., M.Ed.

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Brenda Gonzalez, BS

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Nita Feliciano

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### Sacristans

Teresa Revilla  
Rita Valdez

### Grounds & Maintenance

Charlie Sievers  
Rafael Olmos Roger Ruiz

## 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.

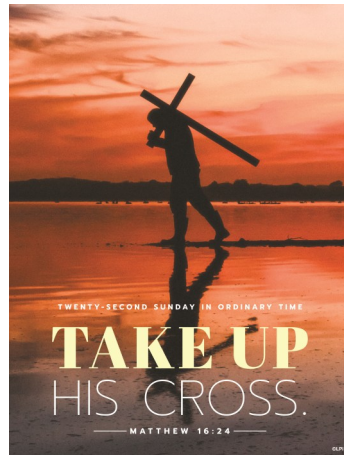
Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a whole.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION: Matthew 16:21-27

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "**Get behind me, Satan.**"

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a *suffering* Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.**" In effect, Jesus



says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you.

Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

- 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:

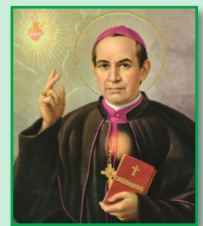
## Marriage Orientations:

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](http://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:

#### August 15/16

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Attendance</b>         | <b>4,328</b>       |
| <b>Regular Collection</b> | <b>\$32,281.94</b> |
| <b>Capital Campaign</b>   | <b>\$ 7,279.00</b> |
| <b>SAMC Pantry</b>        | <b>\$ 7,825.63</b> |
| <b>Gabriel Project</b>    | <b>\$ 1,755.00</b> |
| <b>Candles</b>            | <b>\$ 465.05</b>   |
| <b>Rosary Makers</b>      | <b>\$ 30.00</b>    |
| <b>Mass Intentions</b>    | <b>\$ 120.00</b>   |



### *First of the Month Devotions*

First Friday Mass dedicated to  
the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Sept. 4 at 8AM**

First Saturday Mass dedicated to  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Sept. 5 at 8AM**

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

**Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones**  
**Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations**

**Jueves, 3 de Septiembre**  
**Thursday, Sept. 3, 6:30 PM**  
*Misa/Mass: 7:30 PM*



### UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

All Submissions are due at 5PM

Sept. 12/13 issue: **Friday Sept. 04**  
Sept. 19/20 issues: **Friday Sept. 11**  
Sept. 26/27 issues: **Friday Sept. 18**  
Oct. 03/04 issue: **Friday Sept. 25**



**Next Baptism Class:**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 1**  
**7 PM | RE Bldg.**



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, August 29

**5 PM** Anne Merlo† & Dee Hancock† by the Families  
Rosemary Martha Newton† & Health for  
Elva M. Cruz by Elva Cruz

### Sunday, August 30

**8 AM** David Revilla† by Teresa Revilla  
Brimilda Carvalho† by Jeremias & Clarissa  
Fernandes

**10 AM** Margaret & Albert Suarez†, Alan J. Ponce†  
& Vanessa Cree† by Alma Ponce

**12 PM** Bertha Analco† by her Niece

**3 PM** In Thanksgiving for Augustina M. Zapanta  
by the Family

**6 PM** For the Parish

### Monday, August 31

**8 AM** BB\* for Alfredo John Flores by Peggy Flores  
BB\* for Esmee Banda by the Family

**6:30 PM** Holy Hour

**7:30 PM** For an End to Abortion

### Tuesday, September 1

**8 AM** Spiritual Healing & Strength for the Current  
and Future Descendants of Daniel R. &  
Manuela M. Gonzales and the Souls in  
Purgatory† by Y. Gonzales  
BB\* for Thomas Sheffield by Mary Putz

### Wednesday, September 2

**8 AM** Emma Campos† by the Campos Family  
BB\* for Emerson Gatica by the Family

### Thursday, September 3

**8 AM** Crystal Mayez† by the Family  
BB\* for Raymond John Peterson  
by Bea Peterson

**6:30 PM** Bilingual Holy Hour

**7:30 PM** Mass for Vocations

### Friday, September 4 \*First Friday\*

**8 AM** Felicidad Calderon† by the Mendoza Family  
Blessings & Thanksgiving for Cynthia Luna  
by the Homeschool Ministry

### Saturday, September 5 \*First Saturday\*

**8 AM** Father Pat Martin† by the Staff of  
Saint Anthony Mary Claret Parish

**5 PM** Rosemary Martha Newton† & Health for  
Elva M. Cruz by Elva Cruz  
Nanette Babin† by the Family

### Sunday, September 6

**8 AM** BB\* for Nora Clare Wessel by Bea Peterson  
BB\* for Robert Sheffield by Mary Putz

**10 AM** Florentina M. Cortez†  
by David & Esther Juarez

**12 PM** Panfilo Escano† by his Daughter

**3 PM** For the Parish

**6 PM** James & Henry Pawelek† and Alois &  
Florence Olenick† by the Olenick Family

\*BB = Birthday Blessings

## PARISH NEWS

St. Anthony Claret Men's Club Daddy Daughter Dance

## ROYAL &amp; ROSE

Princess Theme

For daughters of any age.

Enjoy a magical evening featuring ballroom dancing, fairytale music, and a commemorative photo booth.

Saturday, September 26th, 6-10 PM.

\$20 per person; Tickets go on sale August 29th/30th until sold out.

(Limited to 120 guests.) Cash, check &amp; credit card accepted.

Rosary Makers  
July 2026 Report:

Our Rosary Makers donated:

**300 Rosaries to the  
Cordi Marian****70 Rosaries to the  
Spanish ACTS Retreat**If you can count to ten, then  
you can make Rosaries!Join us on the **1st Sunday**  
of each the month at  
**1:15PM in Building E.**Next Meeting:  
**Sunday, September 6**The Sunday Morning 10am Choir  
is Recruiting Experienced  
Vocalists & Instrumentalists  
for the Fall Season.  
All Voice Parts Needed.For Details, Contact Paul Rauschhuber:  
210-865-4717 | prauschhuber@yahoo.com**Register for the Children's Choir  
Today, Sunday, August 30  
after the 8am 10am & 12pm masses**  
Open to all kids ages 6-13**Rehearsals on Thursdays  
from 5:30pm-6:30pm****First Rehearsal on  
Thursday, Sept. 10**you may also register by contacting  
Paul Rauschhuber at prauschhuber@yahoo.com**Marriage Orientation****MANDATORY Orientation  
Orientación OBLIGATORIA****Thursday, September 17  
7 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall**Call Rosie Mendoza at the parish office to register:  
Llamar Rosie Mendoza a la oficina parroquial para registrarse:  
(210) 688-9033 Ext - 209**The Ladies of St. Anthony  
Mary Claret Ministry**will be selling Religious Items after  
all masses Next Weekend:**Sept. 5/6**Accepting Cash, Credit and  
Card (with processing fee)St. Anthony Mary Claret  
Retiro ACTS de mujeres en español  
Septiembre 17-20, 2026**"Abre, Señor,  
nuestros  
corazones  
para que  
comprendamos  
las palabras de  
tu Hijo."****Hechos 16, 14**

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CO-DIRECTORA- MAURA CARDENAS (818) 285-9661  
CO-DIRECTORA- NORMA VALDEZ (903) 932-0749

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

*Rooted in Christ*  
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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 make sure to designate your donation as being for the capital campaign!



Properly designate checks by writing "**Capital Campaign**" or the abbreviation "**RCBT**" (**R**ooted in **C**hrist, **B**uilding for **T**omorrow) 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.



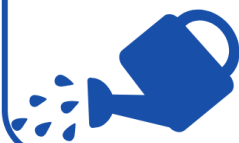
You may also designate **cash and checks** by using the **Gold** envelope included with your **monthly** collection envelopes.

\*Note that regardless of your pledge basis, you will only receive ONE envelope per month.

Additional gold envelopes can be found in the **parish office** & in 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/](http://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](mailto:bookkeeper@saclaret.com)

#### Method 3: Other

You may donate via a **Qualified Charitable Distribution** from a retirement account, by contacting our parish bookkeeper, Edward Tenorio, at [bookkeeper@saclaret.com](mailto:bookkeeper@saclaret.com)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

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Luke 8:15

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- Time to connect with the wider ACTS community

Register today!



**SPAGHETTI PLATE SALE**

**Sunday, Sept. 13**  
**9 AM – 1:30 PM**  
**Msgr. Hubertus Hall**



Ticket Sales after all masses:  
**Aug. 29/30, Sept. 5/6,**  
 and at the Door



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**THE SUNDAY FUNNIES**

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 get an  
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 graph?"**

**PARISH NEWS****RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY  
 MEMORIAL BRICKS SALE**

As Catholics, our calling to bury the dead doesn't have to end at the grave. Our own Respect Life Ministry offers a beautiful way to honor and pray for our loved ones through the sale of these Memorial Bricks. Each brick features a customizable inscription and is placed before Our Lady in the Marian Grotto Garden in time for All Souls Days, Nov. 2.



This year, only a limited number of Memorial Bricks are available & there is a strict deadline of **Sept. 30th**

**Cost is \$85+ per brick.**

Order forms are available via the QR code, on our website, in the Narthex, & at the Parish Office.



For more info, contact Norma Valdez at [SAMCMemorialBricks@gmail.com](mailto:SAMCMemorialBricks@gmail.com).

**UNITY DAY**

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**SUNDAY OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

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**APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 30TH. LAS SOLICITUDES DEBEN ENTREGARSE ANTES DEL 30 DE SEPTIEMBRE.**

## 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:  
**Order of Discalced Carmelites**



### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



Robert Salinas  
SJS  
Michael Martinez  
Teena Beck  
Hector Mendez

Maria Herrera  
Deacon Jerry  
Rosemary V.  
Mary Dunk Knisley  
Judy Lopez

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 30: Jer 20:7-9 | Rom 12:1-2 | Mt 16:21-27  
Mon 31: 1 Cor 2:1-5 | Lk 4:16-30  
Tues 1: 1 Cor 2:10b-16 | Lk 4:31-37  
Wed 2: 1 Cor 3:1-9 | Lk 4:38-44  
Thurs 3: 1 Cor 3:18-23 | Lk 5:1-11  
Fri 4: 1 Cor 4:1-5 | Lk 5:33-39  
Sat 5: 1 Cor 4:6b-15 | Lk 6:1-5  
Sun 6: Ez 33:7-9 | Rom 13:8-10 | Mt 18:15-20

### Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention: SEPTEMBER For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management  
of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may  
have equal access to it.

### Intención del Santo Padre Leo XIV: SEPTIEMBRE Por el cuidado del agua.

Oremos por una gestión justa y sostenible del agua,  
recurso vital, para que todos tengan  
acceso equitativo a ella.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

A NIGHT OF

## FAITH, HOPE & COURAGE

FEATURING

## FATHER DAN REEHIL

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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough  
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Adults 21+  
Business Casual  
Free Admission  
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## In Loving Memory

The parish community extends its  
condolences to Paul Comeaux  
following the loss of his wife,

**Anne Comeaux**



*Go forth, Christian soul,  
from this world  
in the name of God,  
the almighty Father,  
who created you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,  
who suffered for you,  
in the name of the Holy Spirit,  
who was poured out upon you.  
Go forth, faithful Christian.*

*May you live in peace this day.  
May your home be with God in Zion,  
with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,  
with Joseph, and the angels and saints.  
Amen.*

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