



Our Parishes will be merging. Here are answers to some questions you may have:

What does it mean to LINK? (July 2019) - St. Anthony Claret and St. Mary of the Lake will be linking on July 1, 2019. This means that both parishes will share the same Pastor. This is due to the limited number of priests. Many

parishes throughout the United States are operating linked for some time now..

What does it mean to MERGE? (In 2020) - On July 1, 2020 both St. Anthony Claret and St. Mary's of the Lake will merge. That means they will become one Parish. This new Parish will have a new name. The new name of this new Parish as not been decided. To avoid confusion, the worship sites will retain their names:

- St. Anthony Claret, St. Mary of the Lake and Holy Family Chapel
- St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery & Mausoleum
- Holy Family School

Who will be the pastor? The new Pastor may be announced by the Dioceses on or about the April timeframe. The Parishioners will be informed soon after.

What is the Mass schedule? At this time, the current mass schedule will remain the same. However, in the future this **may** change as the need arises.

Where will masses be held? Masses will continue to be held at all 3 worship sites. At this time there are no changes.

Are we still going to have as many Spanish masses? Yes. How many Polish masses will there be? Where will they be held? There are no changes at this time. They will be held in the same locations.

Will we be able to keep all the ministries we currently have? Yes. This merger will allow us to share all our resources and may open up many new and wonderful opportunities for us as Catholic Christians to serve our community. We have already been scheduling different events among the 3 buildings- Wedding, Confirmations, Communion and Quinceañeras are some examples.

How will similar ministries in each church work together? Some of our ministries have already started working together. Our Religious Education Program has been working together sharing classroom space, sharing catechists, students celebrating Catechetical Sunday together. The music Ministries have celebrated events together and have happily helped our family in Christ meet their needs when there is a need for a cantor or musician. Others will follow.

Will St. Mary's or St. Anthony's be closing? Are the properties being sold? None of the worship sites are scheduled to be closed at this time. None of the properties are scheduled to be sold.

Where will the rectory be? Which will be the main rectory? While we are linked, 2 rectories will remain. Prior to the merge the new pastor will decide.