

# St. Anthony Mary Claret Roman Catholic Church

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent** 

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March 11, 2018

Read the Gospel: John 3:14-21

#### **Gospel Summary**

This Gospel passage contains one of the most beloved and well-known verses of Scripture: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). Indeed, God's great love for us is clearly presented in this reading. It also calls us to keep coming into the light, to turn from our wicked ways, and to live the truth.

#### **Reflection for Parents**

God sent his Son into the world with a purpose, and that purpose was to save and to redeem those who believed in him. Take time to think about the world into which you are sending your children. What are you doing to prepare them to fulfill their purpose, their call, as sons and daughters of God? How are you showing them what it means to come to the light and to live the truth?

#### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Think of one or more persons your family knows who might be experiencing a time of darkness, at time when it is difficult for them to remember that God loves them. Decide on ways your family can reach out to those persons—perhaps by sending cards, making phone calls, fixing meals, or spending time with them. Make an action plan to follow through on your decisions.

#### **Discussion Starter**

- 1. One purpose for which God created me is...
- 2. A time I knew that God was with me and that God loved me was...
- 3. Someone I can be a light to this week is... I will do this by...

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday8:00 am, 7:30 pmMonday (Holy Hour)6:30 pmTuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday8:00 amSaturday5:00 pmSunday8:00 am, 10:00 am, Noon, 3:00 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

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Holy Days of Obligation 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

Every first Monday of the month we celebrate a Healing Mass and administer the Sacrament of the Sick.

# IN OUR PARISH

#### 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.

# **WELCOME**

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



Please complete either an online registration form at saclaret. com or you can find a printed one

near the entrance of our church in the Narthex. You may return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at your convenience.

I hope we are making you feel welcome at St. Anthony Mary Claret!

Sincerely in Christ, Br. Jan Lluk Reverend Jan P. Klak

#### Weekly Attendance and Collection Totals

Mar 3/4 attendance and collection totals unavailable at press time.

#### SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

**Reconciliation (Confession):** Weekdays: 7:30 a.m. Saturdays: 4-6 p.m. or last in line Sundays: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (or last in line), 2-2:50 p.m., 4 p.m. - last in line

#### **Baptism: Required Classes**

First Tues. & Thurs. of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call the parish office to register.

Visitation of the Sick: Call the parish office to schedule visit.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Contact the office prior to making funeral home arrangements.



#### WEEKLY READINGS

SUN: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23/Ephesians 2:4-10/John 3:14-21 MON: Isaiah 65:17-21/John 4:43-54 TUE: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/John 5:1-16 WED: Isaiah 49:8-15/John 5:17-30 THU: Exodus 32:7-14/John 5:31-47 FRI: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 SAT: Jeremiah 11:18-20/John 7:40-53 SUN: Jeremiah 31:31-34/Hebrews 5:7-9/John 12:20-33

# **CONGRATULATIONS!** BAPTISMS

Islabella Alicia Lopez, child of Evangelina Hernandez

Natalia Alejandra Cardenas, child of Manuel & Alejandra Cardenas

Abriella Nicole & Aliyana Karissa Molina, children of Jacob Molina & Anakaren Sanchez

> Mason Matthew Martinez, child of Matthew & Amy Martinez

#### **WEDDINGS**

Carlos Flores & Ivanna Gabrielle Gonzales Alfonso Fernandez IV & Mary Klauber Otoniel Delgado Rivera & Jessica Ibarra

#### SATURDAY, MAR. 10

#### Birthday Blessings for Peggy Metzger by Family 5 P.M. SUNDAY, MAR. 11

#### 8 A.M.

- Jesse Rodriguez † by Mendoza Family 10 A.M. Patrick Tillery Dykes † by Kasischke Family
- 12 P.M. Victor, Rogelio. Christopher Ramirez & Israel Arambula † by Daniel Ramirez Family
- Poor Souls in Purgatory † by Adriana Cortez 3 P.M.
- 6 P.M. **Corrine Lawrence †**
- by St. Anthony Mary Claret Pastoral Care Ministry

#### MONDAY, MAR. 12

- 8 A.M. For the Parish
- 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour
- Serge Belanger † & Virginia Clingan † by Darlene Belanger 7:30 P.M. **TUESDAY, MAR. 13**
- 8 A.M. Dagmar Ahlers †, Elvia G. Correa † Jose S. Muguerza † by Velma Crumpler

#### WEDNESDAY, MAR. 14

Louisa Armendariz † & Isabel Stahl † by Teresa Revilla 8 A.M.



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# **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

#### **THURSDAY, MAR. 15**

8 A.M.	George P. Smith † by De	eacon Jerry & Pat Kozar		
FRIDAY, MAR. 16				
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- 5:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
- 7 P.M. Stations of the Cross (English)
- Cathy Boyd † by Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar 7:30 P.M.

#### SATURDAY, MAR. 17 5 P.M. Billie Sievers † by Charlie Sievers

Michael Perry Casey † by Son: Brad Casey

## SUNDAY, MAR. 18

- 8 A.M. For the Parish 10 A.M. Matilde Alcantar † by Family
- Alan J. Ponce †; Margaret † & Albert Suarez † by Alma Ponce
- 12 P.M. Walter Seyle † by Joan Seyle
- Natalia Ortiz † by Adriana Cortez 3 P.M.
- Guadalupe Rodriguez † by Alonso Villarreal & Family 6 P.M.

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# **RESPECT LIFE**

# Words of Life

"When I voiced my objections to do abortion-related services, I was terminated. It's against my conscience. I became a nurse to protect lives, not to take lives." — Sandra Mendoza, L.P.N.; Take action at www.humanlifeaction.org;

Watch video at www.bit.ly/StandWithSandra

# **Palabras De Vida**

"Cuando expresé mis objeciones a proporcionar servicios relacionados con el aborto, me despidieron. Es en contra de mi conciencia.

Me hice enfermera para proteger la vida, no para quitarla". — Sandra Mendoza, L.P.N. Actúe: www.humanlifeaction.org (solo en inglés) Video: www.bit.ly/StandWithSandra (solo en inglés)

#### **Intercessions for Life**

For health care providers refusing to participate in abortion: may they be protected from coercion and discrimination. We pray to the Lord...

#### **Intercesiones por la Vida**

Por los profesionales de la salud que se niegan a participar en abortos: que sean protegidos de la coerción y la discriminación. Roguemos al Señor...

# LOVE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY

## Married Love and the Gift of Life - Part 4

A teaching statement by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved for publication by the full body of bishops at its November 2006 General Meeting.

Is there really a difference between using contraception and practicing natural family planning?

On the surface, there may seem to be little difference. But the end result is not the only thing that matters, and the way we get to that result may make an enormous moral difference. Some ways respect God's gifts to us while others do not. Couples who have practiced natural family planning after using contraception have experienced a profound difference in the meaning of their sexual intimacy.

When couples use contraception, either physical or chemical, they suppress their fertility, asserting that they alone have ultimate control over this power to create a new human life. With NFP, spouses respect God's design for life and love. They may choose to refrain from sexual union during the woman's fertile time, doing nothing to destroy the love-giving

or life-giving meaning that is present. This is the difference between choosing to falsify the full marital language of the body and choosing at certain times not to speak that language.

The Church's support for NFP is not based on its being "natural" as opposed to artificial. Rather, NFP respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being even when we are not actively seeking to exercise that power. However, because NFP does not change the human body in any way, or upset its balance with potentially harmful drugs or devices, people of other faiths or of no religious affiliation have also come to accept and use it from a desire to work in harmony with their bodies. They have also found that it leads couples to show greater attentiveness to and respect for each other.

### What has been the impact of contraception on society? **On married couples?**

Many would likely be surprised at how long all Christian churches agreed on this teaching against contraception. It was only in 1930 that some Protestant denominations began to reject this longheld position. Those opposed to this trend predicted an increase in premarital sex, adultery, acceptance of divorce, and abortion. Later, in 1968, Pope Paul VI warned that the use of contraception would allow one spouse to treat the other more like an object than a person, and that in time governments would be tempted to impose laws limiting family size. Pope John Paul II called attention to the close association between contraception and abortion, noting that "the negative values inherent in the 'contraceptive mentality'... are such that they in fact strengthen

this temptation [to abortion] when an unwanted life is conceived" (Evangelium Vitae, no. 13).

These predictions have come true. Today we see a pandemic of sexually transmitted diseases, an enormous rise in cohabitation, one in three children born outside of marriage, and abortion used by many when contraception fails. A failure to respect married love's power to help create new life has eroded respect for life and for the sanctity of marriage.

...to be continued...

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# **P**ARISH NEWS

# Free college money for high school seniors!

Three St. Anthony Claret organizations—the Men's Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies of St. Anthony—are ready to help. They will offer a few scholarships to deserving high school seniors. Pick up your application in the narthex. Applications must be MAILED into the parish office and postmarked no later than April 21, 2018.

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# St. Anthony Mary Claret Marriage Ministry Date Night



Stations of the Cross for Married Couples followed by Mass Friday, Mar. 16, 7 p.m. in the church All married and engaged couples are welcome to attend. For info contact Chris and Nicole Glowe at <u>cnglowe@yahoo.com</u> or 210-257-6616.



# Journey Through Scripture Series: "The Bible and the Sacraments" (English)\*

This is a seven-week Bible study based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book, *Swear to God: The Promise and Power of the Sacraments* and is the second in the Journey Through Scripture series for beginners to more advanced students of Sacred Scripture. It examines the sacraments to understand where they come from, what they mean, and why they are so important and foundational to our faith.

- Evening class begins Sunday, Apr. 15, at 7 p.m.
- Morning class begins Tuesday, Apr. 17, at 10 a.m.

# "The Bible and the Blessed Virgin Mary" (Spanish)\*

This is a seven-week Bible study based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book, *Hail Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God.* It investigates the scriptural basis of Catholic doctrine with regard to the Blessed Virgin Mary and even answers common objections along the way. The *Catechism* states, "What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ" (CCC 487).

• Spanish class begins Sunday, Apr. 15, at 1 p.m.

\* Utilizes live and multimedia presentations, small group discussion, and optional outside reading. Workbook provided. Visit stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-scripture to learn more.

## "Symbolon II" Advanced Class (Spanish)

• Begins Sunday, Apr.15, at 1 p.m.

Register for these classes after all Masses Mar. 17/18 in the narthex. All classes open to ages 15 and up. Limited seating. For more info on classes in English, contact CJ Garcia-Aboytes at (210) 843-1198. For more info on classes in Spanish, contact Felipe Forero at (210) 833-8552.

# Viaje a Través de Serie de la Escritura: "La Biblia y la Virgen María" (español)\*\*

En cuarto lugar en esta serie, este estudio bíblico de siete semanas se basa en el libro del Dr. Scott Hahn, *Salve: La Madre de Dios en la Palabra de Dios*. Investiga la base bíblica de la doctrina católica con respecto a la Santísima Virgen María e incluso contesta objeciones comunes a lo largo del camino. El *Catecismo* dice: "Lo que la fe católica cree acerca de María se basa en lo que cree acerca de Cristo, y lo que enseña sobre María ilumina a su vez su fe en Cristo" (CIC 487).

• Clase comienza domingo, 15 de abril.

\*\* Utiliza presentaciones en vivo y multimedia, discusiones en grupos pequeños, junto con la opción de lectura exterior.

Programa de libro y clase será proporcionado. Se puede visitar el sitio web del Centro de St. Paul en stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-scripture para aprender más.

# "Symbolon II" (español)

Es un conjunto de videos que están diseñados para crecer en grupo hacia el conocimiento de la fe Católica. Serán sesiones de dos videos los cuales los explicaremos y los desarrollaremos como grupo. Durante estos tiempos juntos nos embarcaremos en un viaje al corazón de la iglesia. En estas sesiones vamos a revivir los misterios de nuestra fe y a redescubrir nuestro catolicismo.

La puerta de la fe está siempre abierta para nosotros. El entrar por esta puerta es emprender un viaje que dura toda una vida (Papa emérito Benedicto XVI).

• español clase comienza domingo, 15 de abril, 1-2:30 p.m.

Registrarse para estas clases después de todas las Misas el marzo 17/18. Los adultos jóvenes mayores de 15 años son bienvenidos. El cupo es limitado.

Para más información llame a Felipe Forero (210) 833-8552

# **P**ARISH NEWS



# St. Anthony Mary Claret Women's ACTS Retreat

March 15-18 Cordi Marian Retreat Center, 11624 Culebra Cost: \$180; \$60 Deposit For info contact Brenda Gonzalez at <u>abcgonzal@sbcglobal.net</u> or 210-452-6027. "A clean heart create for me O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." - Ps 51:12

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# St. Anthony Mary Claret Men's ACTS Retreat

April 12-15 Cordi Marian Retreat Center, 11624 Culebra Cost: \$180; \$60 Deposit For info contact John Pena at <u>penatimes4@msn.com</u> or 210-316-8195. "When I call answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer. - Ps 4:1

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Please make a note of the new contact information for St. Anthony Claret's Pantry:

• Email: sacpantry@outlook.com

• Phone: 210 474-6888



# Planning a Wedding or Quinceañera at St. Anthony Claret?

#### Weddings/Bodas:

- Contact the parish at least one year prior to your wedding date.
- Attend the MANDATORY marriage orientation session: Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m., RE bldg.
- Comunicarse a la Iglesia por lo menos un año antes de la fecha de la boda.
- Asistir a una sesión de orientación matrimonial OBLIGATORIA: el jueves 15 de marzo a las 7 p.m., edificio de educación religiosa.

#### Quinceañeras:

- Contact the parish at least one year prior to the celebration.
- Child MUST be enrolled in religious education classes for at least <u>one year</u> prior to quinceañera.
- Parents and child must attend the MANDATORY quinceañera orientation session Thursday, March 22, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall.
- Comunicarse a la Iglesia por lo menos un año antes de la celebración.
- La niña deberá estar inscrita en clases de educación religiosa por lo menos <u>un año</u> antes de la quinceañera.
- Padres y niñas deben asistir a una orientación de quinceañera OBLIGATORIA: jueves 22 de marzo a las 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall.

Reservations now being accepted. Call the parish office to register.

<u>Reservaciones ya están siendo aceptadas. Hablar a la oficina de la iglesia para reservar su lugar.</u>

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ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

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# 40 CANS FOR LENT

TO BENEFIT ST. ANTHONY CLARET'S PANTRY

DROP OFF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX NOW THROUGH EASTER SUNDAX



a Catholic group helping mothers find encouragement, instruction, prayer time & caring friends.

# Wednesday, Mar. 14, 9-11 a.m. (preceded by 8 a.m. Mass)

Meeting and free childcare locations: RE building - 2nd floor

Topic: Book review of *Getting Past Perfect* by Kate Wicker Please bring a breakfast item to share.

For info, contact

Samantha Reyna at samantha.reyna07@yahoo.com.

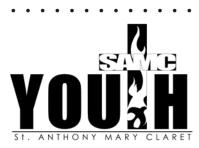
# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH GROUPS**

# **Religious Education Calendar**

Sun., Mar. 11 & Wed., Mar. 14	No Classes
Sun., Mar. 18 & Wed., Mar. 21	Classes in session
Sun., Mar. 25 & Wed., Mar. 28	No Classes

## **Reconciliation Retreat for First Communion Students**

Saturday, Mar. 24, Msgr. Hubertus Hall Sunday group: 8-10 a.m.; Wednesday group: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

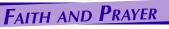


# **March Youth Group Schedule**

Middle School: Saturdays, Mar. 10 & 17, 6-8 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

High school: Saturday, Mar. 18 & 25, 7-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Archdiocesan Youth Spectacular: March 24 (See separate bulletin announcement.)



# **Pray with the Vocations Committee!**

Each month the St. Anthony Mary Claret Vocations Committee requests that you join them in praying for a few local seminarians and for an increase in vocations to religious life. They also commend to your intercession a group committed to the consecrated life: School Sisters of Notre Dame

Below are the seminarians who will be the recipients of your prayers this month:

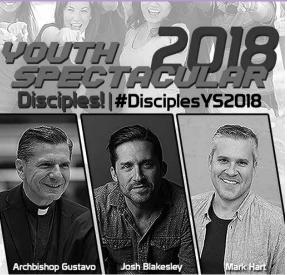


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Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and women. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen.



Middle & High School Students: Archbishop Gustavo invites you to the

# Youth Spectacular 2018: Disciples!

March 24, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Mary's University Featuring

- dynamic keynote speaker Mark Hart
- inspiring talks in English & Spanish
- concert by Josh Blakesley
- closing Mass presided by Archbishop Gustavo

Sign up after all Masses this weekend! Registration forms available in the narthex. For more info, contact Martie Kokotajlo at 210-688-9033, x 209.

# SUNDAY FUNNIES

An Irishman, by the name of O'Malley proposed to his girl on St. Patrick's Day. He gave her a ring with a synthetic diamond. The excited young lass showed it to her father, a jeweler. He took one look at it and saw it wasn't real. The young lass on learning

it wasn't real returned to her

- future husband. She protested
- vehemently about his cheapness.

"It was in honor of St. Patrick's Day," he smiled. "I gave you a sham rock."

# FAITH AND PRAYER

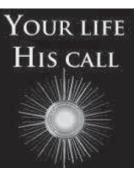
# What Vocations Mean to Me

by Alvin Ench, Member, St. Anthony Mary Claret Vocations Committee

The formation of seminarians into priests is something which is near and dear to my heart. The reason: for the last year and a half some of the familiar faces you have seen have been or are currently my philosophy classmates at Mexican American Catholic College (MACC) which is a part of Assumption Seminary. I am probably the oldest student at 70 years of age, but I enjoy a special relationship with these fine young men.

Their day begins before dawn with prayer (Liturgy of the Hours), reconciliation and holy Mass. Then, with light of dawn, on to breakfast. This is a daily ritual which they

follow from their first day of seminary and will follow all the rest of their days. Their backgrounds are greatly varied with some beginning their post high school life to others who possess academic learning from institutions such as the University of Notre Dame and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. All have heard God's calling to fol-



low him much as Jesus called to the fisherman along the Sea of Galilee to follow him and become fishers of men.

These young men possess a quality which is not seen much these days in our contemporary society. They are a fun bunch to be with, but in a very nice sort of way. They are all our sons and brothers who strive to the highest calling there can ever be in this world—a calling I share with them personally and interiorly.

We all have an opportunity to be supportive of them through our prayers (informally we have a saying..."you pray for me, I pray for you") and materially, through the

Archdiocesan Capital Campaign which allocates a percentage of its funding to support the seminarians by providing improved facilities in which to learn in an enhanced environment. These brothers and sons are all deserving of your support!!

## **Pray for the Sick of Our Parish Family**

Edward Majchrowicz	Eloise Salazar
Mark Dahl	<b>Richard Keller</b>
T.C.P.	Jack & Jeanette
Robert Garcia	Donohue
S.S.	Eloise Salazar
Bill Tricksey	Beverly Fetter

Rosa Huerta Lillie McWilliams Maria Morales Rudy Navarro Johnny Reyes Tomas Calderon A.C. Garza Olga & Rudy Faz Dee Hancock Grace Heinze Adrian & Erika Huerter Bill Jennings Robyn Marcum Margie Morones Tracy Oviedo Alyson Victoria Oviedo Linda Santos Mary Sledden Nancy Souhrada Bertha Trevino Roberto Trevino Gabby Truly Dan Calderon

God, like a watchful shepherd, You care for us. You make the earth yield healing herbs and medicines and give us the knowledge to learn their power. Your creative love continues through the healing hands of doctor, pharmacist and nurse, and the healing counsel of priest, minister and friend. Bless us, and all who suffer, especially these members of our parish family. Our afflictions become a cross that burdens us with fear and uncertainty. Cast out our fear and revive our faith. Give us strength that we may be filled with hope. Let the Holy Spirit come to our aid that we might live each day in the joy for which Your fashioned us. We pray for healing in body, soul and spirit that we may be Your servants in this world and enjoy the fullness of Your presence in the life to come. We make this prayer humbly, knowing we cannot restrict or direct Your saving grace. We give joyful thanks for Your compassion wherever we may find it. We ask all this in the name of the Lord Jesus who intercedes before You on our behalf. Amen.

(Prayer list is reserved for parishioners and their families only. Names will run for 2-3 weeks, space permitting.)



