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Nonday



Read the Gospel: John 20:19-31 **Gospel Summary**

Three times in this Gospel passage Jesus says to his disciples, "Peace be with you." The first time, he appears to the disciples as they huddle behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. The second time, he breathes upon them the Holy Spirit and gives them the power to forgive sins. The third time, Jesus again appears to the disciples as they are gathered behind locked doors. "Peace be with you," he says to them.

Scripture Reflection:

April 8, 2018

Sunday of

Divine Mercy

Reflection for Parents

One of the best-loved Catholic prayers is the Prayer of Saint Francis. It begins with the familiar words, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." As you think about your role in the workplace, in your community, and most especially in your home, where are your opportunities to be an instrument of Christ's peace? Can you offer a word of peace and healing to an upset child, an angry coworker, or a neighbor who has just received difficult news? Can you help end an argument or disagreement with a peaceful word or with a peaceful presence? As you go about your daily work and the routine of family life, echo Jesus' words in prayer: "Peace be with you." And join Saint Francis in praying, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that Christ gave and continues to give the power to forgive sins to the Church through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. If your family was not able to celebrate this sacrament during the season of Lent, today-the Second Sunday of Easter and the Sunday of Divine Mercy-is a wonderful day to celebrate it. Many churches make the sacrament available on this special Sunday of the Easter season.

Discussion Starters

In place of discussion starter questions, invite family members to quiet themselves. Then ask them slowly to repeat Jesus' words, "Peace be with you," several times, aloud and together. Ask family members to think of those to whom they want to offer Christ's gift of peace. They may hold those names quietly in their hearts or speak them aloud. After a few moments, say together, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." Conclude by offering spontaneous prayers for peace in the world, in the Church, in your community, and in your family.

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SCHEDULE MASS

......8:00 am, 7:30 pm6:30 pm am pm

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

Monday Saturday

IN OUR PARISH

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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 parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a

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, He. Jan Llule Reverend Jan P. Klak

CONGRATULATIONS! BAPTISMS

Nolan Remy Ochoa, child of Noe & Carina Ochoa Matthew Robert Bjork, child of Peter & Cassandra Bjork Sergio Xavier Ramos, Jr., child of Sergio & Andrea Ramos Fernando Aaron Valenzuela, child of Nestor Valenzuela & Lilia Menchaca Fey Emilia Cuellar, child of Steven & Estefania Cueller Alina Janet Rodriguez, child of Rudy & Bianca Rodriguez Jeronimo Iglesias, child of Miguel & Margarita Iglesias

> **OUINCEAÑERAS** Dalissa Avila



Monday Eucharistic Holy Hour & Mass 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour 7:30 p.m. Mass

SATURDAY, APR. 7

8 A.M. Angelo Lopez † & Maria Lopez † by Darlene Belanger 9 A.M. Divine Mercy Chaplet 4:40 P.M. Divine Mercy Chaplet 5 P.M. Santos Serna, Jr. † by Family **SUNDAY, APR. 8** 8 A.M. Henrietta Kempf † by Mary Kossaeth **Danilo Taliman** † by Wife & Family 10 A.M. Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity by a Mom 12 P.M. Benediction: Divine Mercy Novena Ends 2 P.M. 3 P.M. Lucia Lopez De Jimenez † by Son Miguel Jimenez Birthday Blessings for Barbara Winn & Fran Helner; 6 P.M. Mary Ann Feuge †; Mary Boisvert † by Bea Peterson **MONDAY, APR. 9** 8 A.M. For the Parish 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour 7:30 P.M. Angelo Lopez † & Maria Lopez † by Darlene Belanger **TUESDAY, APR. 10**



Mar. 31/April 1 attendance and collection totals unavailable at press time.

Weekly Attendance and Collection Totals

Attendance 4,924

Regular Collection \$28,612.30

Debt Reduction \$4,890.76

Capital Campaign......\$1,000.00

Gabriel Project.....\$600.00

Candles \$538.80 Church in the Holy Land...... \$351.00

Catholic Relief Services...... \$65.00

SAMC Pantry......\$37.00

Church in Eastern Europe \$15.00

Black & Indian Missions \$5.00

MAR. 24/25

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: Acts 4:32-35/1 John 5:1-6/John 20:19-31 MON: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/Hebrews 10:4-10/Luke 1:26-38

TUE: Acts 4:32-37/John 3:7b-15 WED: Acts 5:17-26/John 3:16-21 THU: Acts 5:27-33/John 3:31-36 FRI: Acts 5:34-42/John 6:1-15 SAT: Acts 6:1-7/John 6:16-21 SUN: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 John 2:1-5a/Luke 24:35-48



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK WEDNESDAY, APR. 11

8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Ana Mata by Family		
THURSDA	AY, APR. 12		
8 A.M.	Cathy Boyd † by Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar		
FRIDAY, A	APR. 13		
8 A.M.	Indira Deshpende † by Jose & Anja Soars		
SATURDA	X , APR. 14		
5 P.M.	57th Anniversary Blessings for Sam & Bernice Houston		
	by Family		
SUNDAY,	APR. 15		
8 A.M.	Francesco †, Carmela †, Sebastiano †, Corrado †		
	& Giovanni † by Sal Spataro		
10 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Joel Belisario by Family		
	Alan J. Ponce †; Margaret † & Albert Suarez †		
	by Alma Ponce		
12 P.M.	George P. Smith † by Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar		
3 P.M.	Poor Souls in Purgatory † by Adriana Cortez		
6 P.M.	Polly Sheridan † by Cynthia & Tom Joyce & Family		

8 A.M. Marisa Hernandez † by Darlene Belanger

Margaret Cruz † by Apolinar Family

LOVE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY

God's Plan for Love and Sexuality - Part 2

Called to Love, to Communion

It is not good for the man to be alone. (Gn 2:18) *Love one another as I love you.* (John 15:12)

God is love. He is the Blessed Trinity, a Communion of three Divine Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-continuously giving and receiving love, one to the other. God calls all people to communion with Him and with each other through the Church, the Body of Christ. We live out this call to communion in various ways whether as clergy, consecrated religious, married persons, or in the single state-in families, friendships, in the parish, in religious community, with colleagues at work, among fellow citizens, and indeed with the global community. A unique form of communion to which most people are called is found in marriage, the one-flesh communion of persons



between husband and wife. "Marriage is the icon of God's love for us" (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 121).

God desires that each of us grow in holiness by giving and receiving love like him. Such love requires putting the human ego aside and first considering the needs of others before our own. As we pray in the Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, "it is in giving that we receive."[1] We can only know our real selves when we give of ourselves to others (see *Gaudium et spes*, no. 24).[2]

With regard to human sexuality, the mutuality noted above comes into play as men and women seek to love each other. Each has different gifts to present to the other. Whether it is in friendship or marriage, forming authentic relationships with other people may be the most profound way that we enact our likeness to God.

Of all the "communions of persons" that people can create, Scripture tells us that marriage is the fundamentally unique relationship (see <u>http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/promotion-and-defense-of-marriage/</u> <u>church-documents-on-defense-of-marriage.fm; see http://www.</u> <u>marriageuniqueforareason.org/</u>). "[Conjugal love] is an 'affective union,' spiritual and sacrificial, which combines the warmth of friendship and erotic passion, and endures long after emotions and passion subside" (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 120). God willed that marriage be the unique communion of persons, indeed, a covenantal relationship, that is designed for the well-being of husband and wife (the "one-flesh" union) and the "begetting and educating of children." (see *Gaudium et spes*, no. 50). Marriage, as willed by God, builds the family!

Chastity

The gift of human sexuality is precious with its powers of life and love, and it calls for an authentic and healthy integration in the person. This is the virtue of chastity. Chastity ensures "the successful integration of sexuality within the person" (CCC, no. 2337). It

mind, and soul) of the person. It enables men and women to defend "love from the perils of selfishness and aggressiveness" (*Familiaris consortio*, no. 33).
Everyone is called to chastity. Chastity is necessary to the right

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Chastity is necessary to the right living of one's sexuality. It requires practice, or as the *Catechism* calls it, an "apprenticeship in selfmastery," where a person learns the meaning of true freedom (see CCC, no. 2339). The chaste person is not governed by his or her emotions. Rather, the chaste person understands the meaning of sexual feelings and appropriate behaviors. Chaste self-possession brings true freedom and peace.

In marriage, the joy of love needs to be cultivated. When the search for pleasure becomes obsessive, it holds us in thrall and keeps us from experiencing other satisfactions. Joy, on the other hand, increases our pleasure and helps us find fulfillment in any number of things, even at those times of life when physical pleasure has ebbed. (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 126)

With chastity we can avoid using others and abusing ourselves. We can live our sexuality according to God's plan for our lives. Chastity reminds us of the value of the person and of the body. It helps us respect interpersonal boundaries as well as our own bodies. Chastity enables us to "love rightly" according to our state in life. "The chaste person maintains the integrity of the powers of life and love placed in him. This integrity ensures the unity of the person, it is opposed to any behavior that would impair it" (CCC, no. 2338).

[1] The Peace Prayer of St. Francis captures the spirit of God's love: Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

[2] "This likeness ... reveals that man ... cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself" (GS, no. 24).

PARISH NEWS

This weekend marks the official start of the On the Way - ¡Ándale!

Capital Campaign. Our parish target is \$1,700,000.00. If you didn't get a chance to see the campaign video, visit the campaign website: www.ontheway-andale.org. This week you will be receiving a letter that includes a specific amount for you to consider prayerfully. Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and continue to spread the positive message about this important effort!

Also, many of you will soon be receiving a phone call

from a campaign volunteer. This fellow parishioner will be setting an appointment to visit with you to answer your questions and complete your pledge card. Be sure to say thanks for his/her dedication and commitment to the On the Way - ¡Ándale! Campaign.

Continue to say the campaign prayer for St. Anthony Mary Claret's success and for your hard-working campaign volunteers who are giving of their time and hearts.

Stewardship Message: Your first responsibility is to take care of your needs and the needs of your family - not necessarily all their wants. In looking at what we need versus what we want, we end up placing material things and money in their proper perspective.

What does it mean to have Christ at the center of our marriage? How does it impact us emotionally, physically, and spiritually when we do? Learn more at the

St. Anthony Mary Claret Marriage Ministry **Date Night**

an evening of fellowship and enrichment for married and engaged couples Friday, Apr. 20, 7-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall Please bring your favorite food, appetizer or dessert to share. Free childcare available, but you MUST register in advance with Sonia Garcia at garciasonia77@hotmail.com NO LATER THAN Wednesday, Apr. 18. Questions? Contact Chris and Nicole Glowe at cnglowe@yahoo.com or 210-257-6616.



Este fin de semana marca el inicio oficial de la Campaña de Capital On the Way - ¡Ándale!

Nuestro objetivo parroquial es \$1,700,000.00. Si no han tenido la oportunidad de ver el video de la campaña, visiten el sitio web de la campaña: www.onthewayandale.org. Esta semana recibirán una carta que incluye una cantidad específica que consideren en oración. Por favor revisen el material de la campaña, hagan oración sobre su respuesta y continúen difundiendo el mensaje positivo sobre este importante esfuerzo.

Además, muchos de ustedes pronto recibirán una llamada telefónica de un voluntario de la campaña. Este compañero parroquiano fijará una cita para visitarlos, para contestar a sus preguntas y completar su tarjeta compromiso. Asegúrense de agradecerle su dedicación y compromiso con la Campaña de Capital On the Way - ¡Ándale!

Continúen rezando la oración de la campaña por el éxito de la parroquia de St. Anthony Mary Claret y por los voluntarios de la campaña que están dando su tiempo y corazón, trabajando arduamente.

Mensaje de corresponsabilidad: Su primera responsabilidad es satisfacer sus propias necesidades y las de su familia, no necesariamente todos sus deseos. Al poner lo que necesitamos frente a lo que queremos, acabamos colocando las cosas materiales y el dinero en su perspectiva correcta.



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 penatimes4@msn.com 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



PARISH NEWS



September 3-12, 2018 Spiritual Director: Father Brian Garcia \$3300 per person Round trip from San Antonio For information, call the parish office: 210-688-9033.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH GROUPS

Religious Education Calendar

Sun., Apr. 8 & Wed., Apr. 11	Classes in session
Sun., Apr. 15 & Wed., Apr. 18	Classes in session
Sun., Apr. 22 & Wed., Apr. 25	Classes in session
Sun., Apr. 29 & Wed., May 2	Final class of the year

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Reconciliation Retreat for First Communion 2nd year Students: Saturday, Apr. 21

For info, contact Michelle Reynolds, Director of Religious Education at 210-688-9033, x204.

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Confirmation Mass: Thursday, Apr. 26, 7 p.m.

For info, contact Michelle Reynolds, Director of Religious Education at 210-688-9033, x204. **You are invited to pray for the confirmandi.**



REMINDER

Respect Life Sanctity of Life Talk: "Called to a Life of Holiness"

for all 9th-12th Grade Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, April 11 6:45 –7:45 p.m. in the church

Parents are encouraged to attend. This talk will replace your regular religious education class this week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH GROUPS



April Youth Group Schedule

EDGE NIGHTS for Middle School Youth: Saturdays, Apr. 7 & 21, 6 - 8 p.m.

LIFE TEEN NIGHTS for high school youth: Sundays, Apr. 8 & 22, 7 - 9 p.m.

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2018 Life Teen Steubenville Lone Star We still have a few spots open!

June 22-24 in Irving, TX For high school teens 18 & younger (incl. incoming freshmen through just graduated seniors) \$50 reserves your spot; (estimated cost \$390.00) For info or to register, contact Martie Kokotajlo at <u>youthgroup@saclaret.com</u> or 210-688-9033 ext.209.

SUNDAY FUNNIES

At the pearly gates again, a taxi driver and a preacher are waiting in line. St. Peter consults his list and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

St. Peter next greets the preacher saying, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Just a minute," says the preacher. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. How can this be?"

"Up here, we work by results," says St. Peter. "While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

Respect Life

Words of Life

"While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin." Learn how you can become an instrument of mercy at <u>www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy</u>.

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing"

Palabras De Vida

"Aunque muchos católicos quieren ayudar a mujeres y hombres a sanar de abortos pasados, la mayoría no sabe cómo empezar". Entérate de cómo puedes convertirte en un instrumento de misericordia en <u>www.bit.ly/vias-demisericordia</u>.

— Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB, "Vías De Misericordia Para La Sanación Posaborto"

Intercessions for Life

May the Holy Spirit move our hearts to recognize the intrinsic dignity of every person we encounter. We pray to the Lord...

Intercesiones por la Vida

Que el Espíritu Santo mueva nuestro corazón para reconocer la dignidad intrínseca de cada persona que encontremos. Roguemos al Señor...

FAITH AND **PRAYER**

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 an increase in vocations to religious life. They also commend to your intercession a group committed the consecrated life:

Salesians Sisters of St. John Bosco.

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



Robert Shelton



Jesus Alonso

O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest, and grant them speak Your word with all boldness: so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end, Amen.

In Sympathy...The parish community extends its condolences to parishioner Ellie Barajas whose aunt, Lillie McWilliams, recently passed away. *Heavenly Father, welcome Lillie into your presence and grant her loved ones comfort, love and peace. Amen.*

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish Family

Almighty and Eternal God, the everlasting help of those who believe, hear us for your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Magalita Aviles	Robert Garcia	Dee Hancock
Beverly Woodson	S.S.	Grace Heinze
Gabby Campos	Bill Tricksey	Adrian & Erika Huerter
Marissa Campos	Eloise Salazar	Bill Jennings
Maria Cantu	Richard Keller	Robyn Marcum
Christina	Jack & Jeanette	Margie Morones
Yvette Crumly	Donohue	Tracy Oviedo
Bertha Garcia	Eloise Salazar	Alyson Victoria Oviedo
Jimmy Garcia	Beverly Fetter	Linda Santos
Alfredo Gonzales	Rosa Huerta	Mary Sledden
Samatha Heinz	Lillie McWilliams	Nancy Souhrada
Ben Hernandez	Maria Morales	Bertha Trevino
Barbara Vanegas	Rudy Navarro	Roberto Trevino
Rosalie Cerna	Johnny Reyes	Gabby Truly
Daniel Martinez	Tomas Calderon	Bishop Yanta
Edward Majchrowicz	A.C. Garza	Anthony Trevino
T.C.P.	Olga & Rudy Faz	Dan Calderon

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

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Puentes de misericordia para

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COMMUNITY NEWS

2018 Job Fair Teachers and Administrators

Department of Catholic Schools Archdiocese of San Antonio



Saturday April 21, 2018

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

St. Luke Parish Hall 4603 Manitou Drive San Antonio, TX 78228

Applications should be submitted at www.sacatholicschools.org/opportunities

A Woman's Haven Catholic Pregnancy Crisis Center Benefit Dinner

Thursday, Apr. 12, doors open at 6 p.m.; dinner & program begin at 6:30 p.m. Holy Trinity Catholic Church Banquet Hall; 20523 Huebner Rd. Keynote speaker: Abby Johnson

> Register at <u>www.awomanshaven.eventbrite.com</u>. You must bring your **FREE** ticket to attend.



Our mission is to serve women who are facing a crisis pregnancy and their unborn babies. We do this by encouraging alternatives to abortion through education, free and confidential counseling, and community referrals and material assistance. This fundraiser will help us raise funds needed to operate and expand our agency.

Sponsor of the Week: Castle Ridge Mortuary

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