



# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 3:1-6**

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee ...and Lysanias was tetrach of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear

in today's Gospel—and what we anticipate at Christmas—occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Making straight the path of Christ is not only the vocation of John the Baptist but of every baptized believer. God desires to lead us with His mercy and justice. These are essentials in God's kingdom and some of the gifts Christ's future coming will bring. But our world's systems do not place emphasis on these values. Wanting greater profits, downsizing companies in order to reduce expenses, using others for personal or corporate gain, and valuing institutions over people are just a few of the "values" we encounter every day. We are called to straighten the path to Christ. In a world that places value on things that are counter to our call, how do we respond? We need to learn to discern what is of real value and then take the risk of bringing it into the marketplace.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday.....8 am, 7:30 pm  
Monday Holy Hour.....6:30 am  
Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. ....8 am  
Saturday.....5 pm  
Sunday..... 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 3 pm (Spanish), 6 pm

Holy Days of Obligation.....8 am & 7 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 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 entrance of our church 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,

Reverend Jan P. Klak

### ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION TOTALS

Dec. 1/2

Attendance	3,667
Regular Collection	\$ 29,629.60
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,522.00
Retirement Fund	
for Religious	\$ 565.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 140.00
Candles	\$ 411.40
SAMC Pantry	\$ 90.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 10.00

### SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

#### Reconciliation (Confession)

Weekdays: 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays: 4 p.m.—last in line  
Sundays: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (or last in line), 4 p.m. — last in line

#### Baptism—Required Classes:

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

#### Visitation of the Sick:

Call parish office to schedule visit.

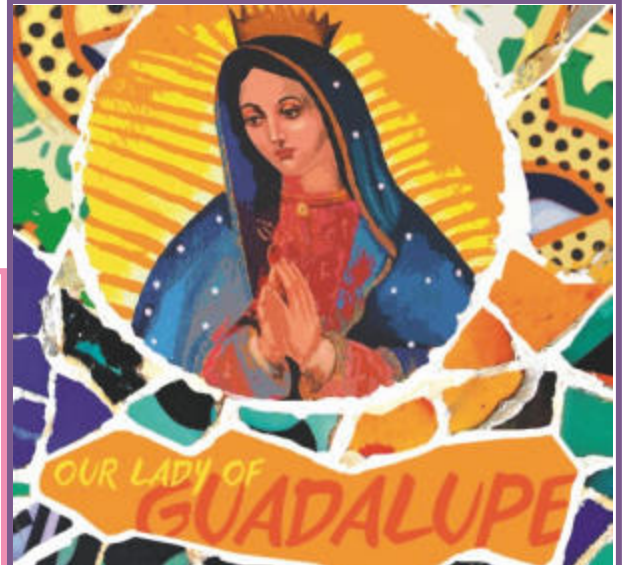
#### Funerals:

Contact parish office prior to making arrangements.

**Spend  
time with  
the Lord!**

**Monday  
Eucharistic  
Holy  
Hour  
6:30 P.M.**

**Mass  
7:30P.M.**



### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Wednesday, Dec. 12

Celebrate the feast of the Patroness of the Americas  
5:30 a.m. Mañanitas in the church  
6:30-7 a.m. Reception, Msgr. Hubertus Hall  
Mass: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.

# Advent Reconciliation



**Sunday, Dec. 16, 7:15 p.m. in the church**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, Dec. 8**

**8 A.M.** Deceased Members of Our Parish † by St. Anthony Claret Cleaning Angels  
**5 P.M.** Sill † & Koerner † Families by Cheryl Koerner  
Edward Benningfield † by Benningfield family

**Sunday, Dec. 9**

**8 A.M.** Francesco †, Carmela †, Sebastiano †, Corrado † & Giovanni † by Sal Spataro  
**10 A.M.** Rudy † & Selia Garcia †; Manuel † & Concepcion Espinoza † by Espinoza Family  
**12 P.M.** For the Parish  
**3 P.M.** Maria Lopez † by Darlene Belanger  
**6 P.M.** Agnese Manera † & Adelia Pelosin † by Mayra Finlay

**Monday, Dec. 10**

**8 A.M.** Birthday Blessings for Nate Olech by Mom/Dad  
**6:30 P.M.** Holy Hour  
**7:30 P.M.** Margaret Ench † by Alvin Ench

**Tuesday, Dec. 11**

**8 A.M.** Spiritual Healing/Strength for Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales † by Y. Gonzales

**Wednesday, Dec. 12**

**8 A.M.** Billie Sievers † by Charlie Sievers  
**7 P.M.** Birthday Blessings for Louie Velasco/ Deceased Members of Velasco Family † by Family

**Thursday, Dec. 13**

**9 A.M.** Raymond Bendele † / Birthday Blessings for Dennis Friedrichs by Bea Peterson

**Friday, Dec. 14**

**8 A.M.** Birthday Blessings for Anissa Sanchez by Family

**Saturday, Dec. 15**

**5 P.M.** Special Intention for Ed, Mike, Robert, Tom, Paul, Fr. John & Donald Ancharski by Jeanette Erickson

**Sunday, Dec. 16**

**8 A.M.** Sara Lynch † by Family  
**10 A.M.** Brian Tate † by Danielle Schelb  
**12 P.M.** Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Elizondo † by Family  
**3 P.M.** For the Parish  
**6 P.M.** Jean Belanger † by Darlene Belanger



## RESPECT LIFE

## Words of Life

“In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.”

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection, [www.usccb.org/respect-life-reflection](http://www.usccb.org/respect-life-reflection)

## Intercessions for Life

*For expectant mothers: that the Lord will provide for all of their needs and prepare them to welcome their children with joy.  
We pray to the Lord.*



## Palabras de Vida

“En 1531, cuando los indígenas de México habían sido conquistados y la práctica del sacrificio humano todavía era un recuerdo reciente, la Madre de Dios se apareció a Juan Diego como una indígena embarazada, ahora conocida como Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La Virgen lo envió con flores milagrosas en su tilma para que le pidiera al obispo que construyera una iglesia donde las personas pudieran recibir a su Hijo y el amor y cuidado compasivo de ella. Cuando Juan Diego abrió la tilma ante el obispo se reveló la imagen de Nuestra Señora que vemos aún hoy. La capilla se construyó, millones se hicieron cristianos y la Iglesia aumentó su protección por los indígenas”.

- Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB Reflexión Respetemos la Vida 2018-19, [www.bit.ly/reflexión-2018](http://www.bit.ly/reflexión-2018)

## Intercesiones por la Vida

*Por las mujeres gestantes: para que el Señor satisfaga todas sus necesidades y las prepare para acoger a sus hijos con gozo.  
Rogemos al Señor.*

## PARISH NEWS

## “Genesis to Jesus and the Bible” (Spanish)\*

This eight-week Bible study based on Scott Hahn's book *A Father Who Keeps His Promises: God's Covenant Love in Scripture* is the first in the Journey Through Scripture series. Hahn's book recommended, not required. Class begins Sunday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m.

## “The Bible and the Blessed Virgin Mary” (English)\*

This seven-week Bible study based on Scott Hahn's book, *Hail Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God* investigates the scriptural basis of Catholic doctrine with regard to the Blessed Virgin Mary and answers common objections. Evening class begins Sunday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. Morning class begins Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 10 a.m. Saturday fast-track class begins Saturday, Mar. 9 at 10 am.

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

**Register after all Masses THIS WEEKEND in the narthex.** All classes open to ages 15 and up. Limited seating.

For more info on classes in English, CJ Garcia-Aboytes at (210) 843-1198.

For more info on classes in Spanish, contact Felipe Forero at (210) 833-8552.

## "Génesis a Jesús y la Biblia" (en español)\*\*

Este estudio de la Biblia de ocho semanas se basa en el libro de Scott Hahn—*Un Padre que Cumple Sus Promesas: Pacto Amor de Dios en la Escritura*— y es el primero en el viaje a través de serie de la escritura, "Génesis de Jesús". Se recomienda el libro de Hahn, pero no es obligatorio. Clase comienza el domingo, 27 de enero.

\*\*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 [stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-scripture](http://stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-scripture) para aprender más.

**Registrarse para estas clases después de todas las Misas ESTE FIN DE SEMANA.** Los adultos jóvenes mayores de 15 años son bienvenidos. El cupo es limitado. Para más información llame a Felipe Forero (210) 833-8552.

# PARISH NEWS

## You're invited to the 4th Annual St. Anthony Claret Christmas Posada Saturday, Dec. 15 — Sunday, Dec. 23



Several families will open their homes to you, our parishioners, to pray the novena leading up to the posada on Dec. 23. If you would like to participate at one or all of these locations, RSVP at least ONE day in advance. This is a beautiful tradition and we invite you to pray along with us even if you are unable to attend.

- Dec. 15: Angelica Trevino (210) 630-7699
- Dec. 16: Michelle Reynolds (210) 688-9033, x204
- Dec. 17: Norma Valdez (903) 932-0749
- Dec. 18: Margarita Estrada (210) 542-6756
- Dec. 19: Melissa Acevedo-Carrasco (210) 237-8845
- Dec. 20: Frances Johnson (956) 337-4184
- Dec. 21: Claudia Delgado (210) 410-6906
- Dec. 22: Norma Pena (210) 316-8203

**Posada: Sunday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m., procession on parish grounds followed by fellowship in Msgr. Hubertus Hall**

If you would like to help, come to the next planning meeting on Dec. 11, bldg. E at 7 p.m. We still need donations of food, drinks and candy. Contact Claudia Delgado (210) 410-6906 if you would like to signup.

### St. Anthony Claret Silver Seniors Social

Wednesday, Dec. 12,  
12 – 3 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall



Come to an afternoon of fun that includes a gift exchange, a visit from Santa, Christmas caroling, and a Christmas dinner. Bring a dish to share and an unwrapped gift for St. Peter-St. Joseph Children's Home. For info, contact Larry Lucido at (210) 473-4813. Ages 55 +. New members welcome!

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

*an evening of fellowship & enrichment for the married & engaged*

#### An Advent Celebration

Friday, Dec. 21, 7-9 p.m.,  
Msgr. Hubertus Hall

*Dance lessons will be provided.*



#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED for this event!

To register for this event or for more info, contact Chris and Nicole Glowe at [cnglowe@yahoo.com](mailto:cnglowe@yahoo.com) or 210-257-6616.

**Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.**



Free childcare available, but you **MUST** register in advance with Samantha Reyna at [samantha.reyna07@yahoo.com](mailto:samantha.reyna07@yahoo.com)  
**NO LATER THAN Wednesday, Dec. 19.**

Learn more about the Beloved Program:  
<https://www.augustineinstitute.org/formed/beloved/>.

### St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090 Annual



## Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 15, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Santa, fun activities & shows!

Tickets: \$8/child — on sale after Masses



**Save the Date!**  
Next Women's ACTS Retreat:  
Feb. 21-24, 2019

### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Ted send Joe a cryptic Christmas card. It read: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRST UVWXYZ. Joe puzzled over it for weeks, finally gave up, and wrote to Ted asking for an explanation. In July he received the explanation on a postcard: "No L."



### This Week in Our Parish



*Nickolas Roy Jimenez, Jr.,*  
child of Nickolas Jimenez  
& Andrea Gonzalez  
*Catherine Belle Evans,*  
child of Cody & Alexandria Evans  
*Zeke Alexander Herrera,*  
child of Alexander & Raechel Herrera

**Quinceañera**  
Mia Diaz



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



**MANDATORY Meeting for ALL 3rd Year Confirmation Parents**

Thursday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., RE Bldg., Rm 3002  
Confirmation date will be announced and other important information will be shared.

- Sun., Dec. 9 & Wed., Dec. 12\* **Classes in session** \* Students who attend the 7 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass should sign in at the classroom FIRST!
- Sun. Dec. 9 **Parent Class** for ALL parents with a child in final year of sacramental preparation. This will be the only parent class this month. ALL parents should try to attend one of the Sunday class sessions at 8:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., or 4:45 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 16 & Wed., Dec. 19 **Classes in session**
- Sun., Jan. 6 & Wed., Jan. 9 **Classes in session:** Epiphany Party

**YOUTH GROUP**



**LIFE TEEN (high school):**

- Sat., Dec. 15 **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** Breakfast with Santa, Msgr.Hubertus Hall, TBA
- Sat., Dec 15 **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** San Antonio Fire Dept. Gift Wrapping, 8 am- 12 pm, SA Fire Academy, 300 S Callaghan Rd.
- Sun., Dec 16 LIFE Night Youth Group 6 pm Mass / 7-10 Life Night. Bring a friend!



**EDGE (middle school):**

- Sun., Dec 9 EDGE Youth Group — NOTE time change: 7 - 8:30 pm
- Sat., Dec 15 **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** Breakfast with Santa, Msgr.Hubertus Hall, TBA

*A great Christmas gift for your teens!*

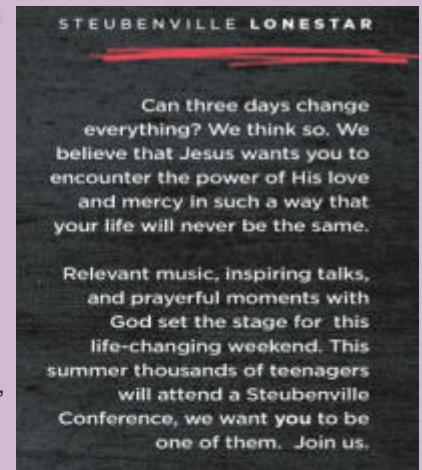
**2019 Steubenville Lone Star**

June 21-23, Irving Convention Center, Irving, TX  
\$350 includes conference, lodging, transportation, & most meals  
Non-refundable deposit: \$100

**Wild Sky 2019**

July 15- 20, Medina, TX  
\$655.00; Non-refundable deposit: \$100

**Now taking registration for these Life Teen Events. Space is limited.** Contact Youth Director Martie Kokotajlo at 210-688-9033, x209 or youthgroup@saclaret.com for more info or to register.



**PARISH NEWS**



**St. Anthony Claret Pantry Activity Report – November 2018**

Utility assistance:	\$ 4,190.96
Restock food pantry:	\$ 2,741.92
Other client assistance:	\$ 1,598.98
Office expenses:	\$ 160.57
Total food bags distributed:	382
Total people served:	1,081

*Thank you for helping us help others.*

Pantry hours: Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.com.

**Do you homeschool?**

Check out our new homeschool ministry. For info, contact Kelly Comeau at room4more@twc.com.





**FAITH & PRAYER**

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

Join the St. Anthony Mary Claret Vocations Committee this month as they pray for local seminarians and for an increase in vocations to religious life.

These seminarians will be the recipients of your prayers this month:



Paul Melgarejo



Thomas Lyons

The committee also commends to your intercession a group committed to the consecrated life:  
**Disalced Carmelites.**

Lord, Jesus,  
we ask you to send more servants to your people.  
Choose from our parishes, from our homes,  
from our schools and colleges,  
an abundant harvest of apostles for your Kingdom:  
priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers.  
We pray that those you call may never lose  
awareness of the dignity and need of their vocation.

O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,  
teach to all those the Master calls to say a joyful "yes"  
as you did at the Annunciation. Amen.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY**

*Lord Jesus, lover of the sick, be with your people in their sickness. Help them to accept this illness as sharers in your cross, and bring them back to full health. Lord Jesus, we praise You, for You are Lord forever and ever. Amen.*

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Rudy Jimenez            | A.C. Garza             |
| Dave Whitney            | Olga & Rudy Faz        |
| Carolyn Cole            | Dee Hancock            |
| Romana Garcia           | Grace Heinze           |
| Yareli Mendoza          | Adrian & Erika Huerter |
| Jenna & Landon Ondrusek | Bill Jennings          |
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| Ana Galinski            | Margie Morones         |
| Sophia Hampton          | Tracy Oviedo           |
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| Maria Morales           | Mary Sledden           |
| Rosa Huerta             | Nancy Souhrada         |
| Johnny Reyes            | Bertha Trevino         |
| Richard Keller          | Roberto Trevino        |
| Barbara Vanegas         | Gabby Truly            |
| Jack & Jeanette Donohue | Bishop Yanta           |
| Rudy Navarro            | Anthony Trevino        |

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

- Sunday 9: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
- Monday 10: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday 11: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday 12: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday 13: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday 14: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday 15: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday 16: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - December**

*Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith*

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.*



**Intención del Santo Padre Francisco - Diciembre**

*Por la evangelización: Al servicio de la transmisión de la fe*

Para que las personas dedicadas al servicio de la trasmisión de la fe encuentren un lenguaje adaptado al presente, en diálogo con la cultura.

*Dios, Padre nuestro, yo te ofrezco toda mi jornada, mis oraciones, pensamientos, afectos y deseos, palabras, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos en unión con el Corazón de tu Hijo Jesucristo que sigue ofreciéndose a Ti en la Eucaristía para la salvación del mundo. Que el Espíritu Santo, que guió a Jesús, sea mi guía y mi fuerza en este día para que pueda ser testigo de tu amor. Con María, la madre del Señor y de la Iglesia, pido especialmente por las intenciones del Papa y de nuestros obispos para este mes.*



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