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December 31, 2017

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Scripture Reflection:

Read the Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Gospel Summary

In today's gospel, Mary and Joseph—obedient Jewish parents—present Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem. There they meet Simeon, a holy man who blesses God for having seen with his own eyes Christ the Lord. Mary and Joseph also meet the prophetess, Anna, who worships in the temple day and night. She too gives thanks to God, realizing that the child is Jesus, who will be the redemption of Jerusalem.

Reflection for Families

Just as Mary and Joseph presented Jesus at the temple, most Catholic parents have presented their children for Baptism in their parish churches. But beyond the day of presentation, beyond the day of Baptism, it is in the everyday living out of our faith that our children come to know more deeply the love of God. Pray today to be an everyday example of God's love to your children. Pray that they, like Jesus, may grow "and become strong, filled with wisdom."

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

On this Feast of the Holy Family, share with your children your memories of the holiness of elderly members of your family and their ancestors. Recall stories you have heard about them, share photographs of them, and—if available—share the family Bible that contains your family tree. If such a family tree is not available, create one together. Write on the tree the names of family members, and draw pictures or symbols that represent them.



Display the family tree in a prominent place, and add to it as needed. Be sure to include your own family members on the family tree!

Discussion Starters

1. Someone I think of as being holy and wise is...because...
2. One way our family is holy is...
3. One way our family can grow in holiness is...

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 8:00 am, 7:30 pm
Monday (Holy Hour) 6:30 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, Noon, 3:00 pm (Spanish), 6:00 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.

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 on-line 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,
Rev. Jan Klak
 Reverend Jan P. Klak

Weekly Attendance and Collection Totals

Dec. 23/24 attendance and collection totals unavailable at press time.



**St. Anthony Mary Claret
 First Saturday Mass & Devotions**

(as requested by Our Lady of Fatima)

Saturday, January 6

Confession: 7:30 a.m.

Mass: 8 a.m.

Followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and consecration prayer

WEEKLY READINGS

- SUN: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/Colossians 3:12-21/
 Luke 2:22-40
- MON: Numbers 6:22-27/Galatians 4:4-7/
 Luke 2:16-21
- TUE: 1 John 2:22-28/John 1:19-28
- WED: 1 John 2:29—3:6/ John 1:29-34
- THU: 1 John 3:7-10/John 1:35-42
- FRI: 1 John 3:11-21/ John 1:43-51
- SAT: 1 John 5:5-13/ Mark 1:7-11
- SUN: Isaiah 60:1-6/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/
 Matthew 2:1-12

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

BAPTISMS

Leon Noah Onofre,
 child of Leon & Emily Onofre
Olivia Andrea Salinas,
 child of Samuel & Alma Salinas

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

5 P.M. **Birthday Blessings for Seth Peterson** by Bea Peterson
 Guadalupe S. Torres † by Torres & Balboa Families

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

- 8 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Robert Espinoza, Sr.**
 by Espinoza Family
- 10 A.M. **For the Parish**
- 12 P.M. **Shannon Perry †** by Spilde Family
- 3 P.M. **Guadalupe Cortinas †** by Patin & Leyendecker Families
- 6 P.M. **Marie De Jesus Munoz †** by Renfro Family

MONDAY, JAN. 1

**** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY ****

- 9 A.M. **Rodolfo Durand †** by Irene Durand
- 7 P.M. **Narciso Noyola †** by Family

TUESDAY, JAN. 2

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3

- 8 A.M. **Aurora G. Scheppa †; Lyle, Mary & James Crumpler †; Bob & Alalee Biggers †; Rufus & Jean Hambright †; Jesus & Andrea Garza †; Simon & Ventura Ramon †**
 by Velma J. Crumpler

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

- 8 A.M. **Serge Belanger †; Virginia Clingan †** by Darlene Belanger
Robert Valdez † by Gloria Serna

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

- 8 A.M. **Special Intention for Father Jan Klak** by Adriana Cortez

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

- 8 A.M. **For the Parish**
- 5 P.M. **Special Intention for James & Henry Pawelek & Alois & Florence Olenick** by Olenick Family

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

- 8 A.M. **John & Mary Krawczynski †** by Martha Bednarz
- 10 A.M. **Bud Benegele †** by Houston Family
- 12 P.M. **Alejandro Davila †** by Family
- 3 P.M. **Special Intention/Blessing for New Police Officer Michael Lopez** by Navarro Family
- 6 P.M. **Ginny Lopez †** by Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Monday, Jan. 1

Mass times:

9 a.m. & 7 p.m.



RESPECT LIFE

NOTE: The column, “*Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide*” ran in its entirety in last weekend’s bulletin and therefore will not be running in two parts as initially indicated.

Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to join 9 Days for Life, a digital pilgrimage of prayer and charitable action. The U.S. Catholic bishops invite you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide from Thursday,

January 18-Friday, January 26. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

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Viviendo la Navidad en el Año Nuevo

¿Cómo vivimos el mensaje navideño en el Año Nuevo, en lugar de empaquetarlo con los ornamentos? Cada año, el Octavo Día de Navidad cae en el primer día del Año Nuevo, en el que también celebramos la solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen María, la Madre de Dios. Su corazón abierto y su valiente “sí” a Dios nos muestran cómo vivir todo el año, con corazones abiertos al Señor, siguiendo a donde Él nos lleve. Estamos llamados a depositar nuestra confianza en Él, a entrar compasivamente en el sufrimiento de los demás y a amarnos unos a otros como Cristo nos ama. Al igual que Nuestra Santísima Madre dio la bienvenida a Jesús, estamos llamados a atesorar y proteger el don de la vida humana, en cada etapa y en cada circunstancia. Una forma de vivir el mensaje de Navidad y seguir el ejemplo de Nuestra Señora es uniéndonos a 9 Días por la Vida, una peregrinación digital de oración y acción caritativa. Los obispos católicos de los EE. UU. le invitan a unirse a miles de católicos en todo el país desde el jueves 18 de enero hasta el viernes 26 de enero. ¡Únete hoy en www.9daysforlife.com!*
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RESPECT LIFE

Words of Life

The American experience of personal freedom and civil peace would be inconceivable without a religious grounding and a predominantly Christian inspiration. The reason is simple. What we believe about God shapes what we believe about man. And what we believe about man shapes what we believe about the purpose and proper structure of human society. So it should surprise no one that at the heart of American life is a Christian-informed definition of what it means to be human.

— Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia, "Some Thoughts on Our First, Most Cherished Liberty," April 13, 2012

Palabras De Vida

La experiencia estadounidense de la libertad personal y la paz civil sería inconcebible sin una base religiosa y una inspiración predominantemente cristiana. La razón es simple. Lo que creemos acerca de Dios define lo que creemos acerca del ser humano. Y lo que creemos acerca del ser humano define lo que creemos acerca de la finalidad y la estructura de la sociedad humana. Por lo tanto, no debería sorprender a nadie que la vida estadounidense se centra en una definición de lo que significa ser humano que proviene de la formulación cristiana.

— Arzobispo Charles J. Chaput, arzobispo de Philadelphia, "Algunos pensamientos sobre nuestra primera y más preciada libertad", 13 de abril de 2012

Intercessions for Life

For families in times of illness: may they find strength and hope in the example of the Holy Family. We pray to the Lord...

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por familias en tiempo de enfermedad: que sientan la fuerza y la esperanza en el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia. Roguemos al Señor...

PARISH NEWS

St. Anthony Mary Claret



Women's Retreat: March 15-18, 2018



Men's Retreat: April 12-15, 2018



Save the date. Details to come.

LOVE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY

The Meaning of Marriage & Sexual Difference

1. *Marriage: What's a good starting point?*

To understand what marriage is, the best place to start is with the human person. After all, marriage is a unique relationship between two specific persons, one man and one woman. We must ask, "What does it mean to be a human person, as a man or as a woman?" First, men and women are created in the image of God (see Gen 1:27). This means that they have great dignity and worth. Also, since "God is love," (1 Jn 4:8) each person - created in God's image - finds his or her fulfillment by loving others. Second, men and women are body-persons. The body - male or female - is an essential part of being human. Gender is not an afterthought or a mere social construct. The body shapes what it means to love as a human person. To sum up, when we think about marriage, we must think about who the human person is - created with great dignity, and called to love as a body-person, male or female.

2. *Where does marriage come from?*

"God himself is the author of marriage" (GS, no. 48). When God created human persons in his own image, as male and female, he placed in their hearts the desire, and the task, to love - to give themselves totally to another person. Marriage is one of two ways someone can make a total self-gift (the other is virginity, devoting oneself entirely to God) (see FC, no. 11). Marriage is not something thought up by human society or by any religion - rather, it springs from who the human person is, as male and female, and society and religion affirm and reinforce it. The truth of marriage is therefore accessible to everyone, regardless of their religious beliefs or lack thereof. Both faith and reason speak to the true meaning of marriage.

3. *What is marriage?*

Marriage is the lifelong partnership of mutual and exclusive fidelity between a man and a woman ordered by its very nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children (see CCC, no. 1601; CIC, can. 1055.1; GS, no. 48). The bond of marriage is indissoluble - that is, it lasts "until death do us part." At the heart of married love is the total gift of self that husband and wife freely offer to each other. Because of their sexual difference, husband and wife can truly become "one flesh" and can give to each other "the reality of children, who are a living reflection of their love" (FC, no. 14).



Marriage between a baptized man and a baptized woman is a sacrament. This means that the bond between husband and wife is a visible sign of the sacrificial love of Christ for his Church. As a sacrament, marriage gives spouses the grace they need to love each other generously, in imitation of Christ.

4. *Why can't marriage be "redefined" to include two men or two women?*

The word "marriage" isn't simply a label that can be attached to different types of relationships. Instead, "marriage" reflects a deep reality - the reality of the unique, fruitful, lifelong union that is only possible between a man and a woman. Just as oxygen and hydrogen are essential to water, sexual difference is essential to marriage. The attempt to "redefine" marriage to include two persons of the same sex denies the reality of what marriage is. It is as impossible as trying to "redefine" water to include oxygen and nitrogen.

Abbreviations:

GS - Second Vatican Council, Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* (1965)

FC - Pope John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation *Familiaris Consortio* (1982)

CCC - *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2nd ed. (2000)

CIC - *Code of Canon Law* (1983)

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH GROUPS

Religious Education Classes Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 31 & Wednesday, Jan. 3.....No Classes
 Sunday, Jan. 7 & Wednesday, Jan. 10.....Classes in session
 Sunday, Jan. 14 & Wednesday, Jan. 17.....No Classes
 Sunday, Jan. 21 & Wednesday, Jan. 24.....Classes in session
 Sunday, Jan. 28 & Wednesday, Jan. 31.....Classes in session

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Important Religious Education Dates

- January 21 Sponsor paperwork for all third-year Confirmation students is due. Turn in during class or to the parish office.
- January 21/24: Second-year First Communion students will take a test to prepare for Reconciliation. Tests will take place during class and parents are welcome to attend. Anyone needing special arrangements should discuss with Director of Religious Education, Michelle Reynolds, before test date.
- January 24 Sanctity of Life Talk for 6th Grade; no class for 6th grade students on January 7 or 10. Talk will take the place of these regularly scheduled sessions for this grade. Attendance will be required for credit that week of class. Parents are encouraged to attend the talk.
- January 27: First Reconciliation retreat for second-year students in First Communion classes. Sunday students attend 8-10 a.m. Wednesday students attend from 10 a.m.-noon

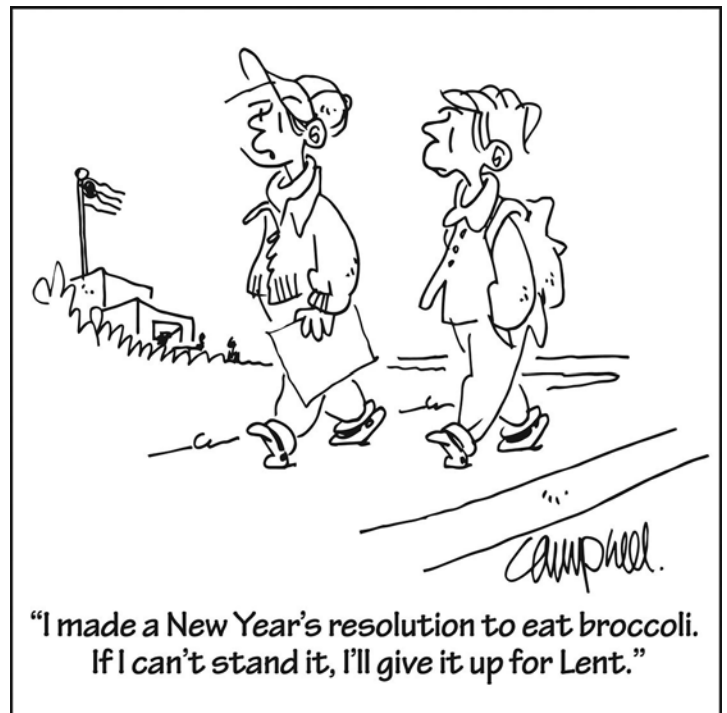
Questions? Contact Michelle Reynolds,
 Director of Religious Education, at 210-688-9033, x204.



January Youth Group Schedule

Middle School:
 Saturday, Jan. 6 & 20, 6:15-8 p.m.,
 Msgr. Hubertus Hall

High school:
 Saturday, Jan. 7 & 21, 7:15-9 p.m.,
 Msgr. Hubertus Hall



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Experience and Well-Being of Catholics in San Antonio *La Experiencia y Bienestar de Católicos en San Antonio*

Please take an anonymous survey in English or Spanish before December 31: surveymonkey.com/r/CatholicSA. Thank you for your participation in support of my doctoral dissertation.

Favor de tomar una encuesta anónima en inglés o español antes del 31 de diciembre: surveymonkey.com/r/CatholicSA. Gracias para su participación en apoyar mi tesis de doctorado.

Bruce A. Stanfill, PhD Candidate, Our Lady of the Lake University

SUNDAY FUNNIES

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went camping. They pitched their tent under the stars and went to sleep. Sometime in the middle of the night Holmes woke Watson up and said: "Watson, look up at the stars, and tell me what you see." Watson replied: "I see millions and millions of stars." Holmes said: "And what do you deduce from that?" Watson replied: "Well, if there are millions of stars, and if even a few of those have planets, it's quite likely there are some planets like Earth out there. And if there are a few planets like Earth out there, there might also be life." Exasperated, Holmes said: "Watson, you idiot, it means that somebody stole our tent!"

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

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

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



Jorge Verduzco



Michael Coronado



Paul Melgarejo

Padre Nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas. Manda tu Santo Espíritu para ayudar a que otros respondan con generosidad y valentía a tu llamado. Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye las vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo quien vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish Family

Join us in praying for the sick of our parish family...Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

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| Eloise Salazar | Rudy Navarro | Dee Hancock | Margie Morones | Bertha Trevino | |
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(Prayer list is reserved for parishioners and their families only. Names will run for 2-3 weeks, space permitting.)

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