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# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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**February 18, 2018**

**First Sunday of Lent**

# LENT



**Pastor:**  
*Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak, Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.*

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### Scripture Reflection:

**Read the Gospel:** Mark 1:12-15

### Gospel Summary

In today's gospel the Spirit drives Jesus to the desert, where he remains for forty days. Jesus is tempted by Satan and ministered to by the angels. At the end of his time of temptation, Jesus comes to Galilee proclaiming a message of repentance.

### Reflection for Parents

With Catholics throughout the world, today we begin a forty-day retreat. We will spend our forty days praying, fasting, and giving alms—disciplining ourselves so that we might grow in holiness. No doubt we too will be faced with temptation, but angels will minister to us and God will speak to us through his Word. Spend some quiet time today considering how you will spend your forty-day retreat. What will you do to prepare for the renewal of your baptismal promises on Easter Sunday?

### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

The Church's forty-day retreat time is meant for young and old alike. With your family, decide on one or more ways you will spend your Lenten retreat days praying together, fasting from foods and forms of entertainment, and giving of what you have to help those in need and the Church. Make a commitment to work together to help each other honor your Lenten plan, and talk about what your family will do to celebrate the end of the retreat on Easter Sunday morning.

### Discussion Starters

1. Things that most often tempt me are...
2. Someone who helped me in a difficult time was...
3. One thing I plan to do during the forty days of our Lenten retreat 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**

**FEB. 10/11**

Attendance .....	3,443
Regular Collection .....	\$25,224.76
Debt Reduction .....	\$4,888.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$1,295.00
Candles .....	\$395.46
Church in Eastern Europe .....	\$339.00
SAMC Pantry.....	\$120.00
Religious Retirement Fund .....	\$100.00
Church in Latin America .....	\$50.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$50.00
Black & Indian Missions .....	\$35.00
Gabriel Project.....	\$20.00
World Missions.....	\$15.00
Catholic Schools .....	\$10.00

**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**

*Alani Rae Cruz,*  
 child of Gerardo & Alexia Cruz  
*Axton Beloro Upshaw,*  
 child of Alexander & Mary Jane Upshaw

**QUINCEAÑERAS**

*Sofia Hampton*



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

**WEEKLY READINGS**

SUN: Genesis 9:8-15/1 Peter 3:18-22/Mark 1:12-15  
 MON: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Matthew 25:31-46  
 TUE: Isaiah 55:10-11/Matthew 6:7-15  
 WED: Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 11:29-3  
 THU: 1 Peter 5:1-4/Matthew 16:13-19  
 FRI: Ezekiel 18:21-28/Matthew 5:20-26  
 SAT: Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Matthew 5:43-48  
 SUN: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/  
 Romans 8:31b-34/Mark 9:2-10



**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 17**

5 P.M. Joseph † & Ella Kopech †; Robert † & Floranna Stein †;  
 Richard Caldwell, Jr. †; Joseph L. Stein †  
 by Blanchard Family

**SUNDAY, FEB. 18**

8 A.M. Francesco †, Carmela †, Sebastiano †, Corrado †  
 & Giovanni † by Sal Spataro  
 10 A.M. Yolanda Pacheco † by Family  
 12 P.M. Guadalupe Lopez † by Family  
 3 P.M. Poor Souls in Purgatory † by Adriana Cortez  
 6 P.M. Rafael Cortez † by Adriana Cortez

**MONDAY, FEB. 19**

8 A.M. Marisa Hernandez † by Darlene Belanger  
 Rafael Cortez † by Adriana Cortez  
 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour  
 7:30 P.M. Special Intention for Phillip Garner by Sally Anderson

**TUESDAY, FEB. 20**

8 A.M. For the Parish

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21**

8 A.M. Amparo Espinoza † by Veronica Lozano

**THURSDAY, FEB. 22**

8 A.M. Good Health for Deacon & Mrs. Manuel Limones  
 & Family; Maria Wystub & Sons; Luis, Veronica  
 & Daughters; Saucedo Family; Ruben Rene Ramon;  
 Junior & Dina Zuniga; Alfred, Tina & Ethan Issasi

**FRIDAY, FEB. 23**

\*\*\*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*\*\*  
 5:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross (Spanish)  
 7 P.M. Stations of the Cross (English)  
 7:30 P.M. Special Intention for Father Brian Garcia by Adriana Cortez

**SATURDAY, FEB. 24**

5 P.M. Bill Koehler † by Nancy & Garry Lydic

**SUNDAY, FEB. 25**

8 A.M. P. Mendoza † by Mendoza Jr. Family  
 10 A.M. For the Parish  
 12 P.M. Ronald Koerner †; Robert Remm † by Cheryl Koerner  
 3 P.M. Irene Rodriguez † by Daughter: Minerva Rodriguez  
 6 P.M. Living & Deceased Members of Ares Family by Cris Ares

**RESPECT LIFE**



**Words of Life**

“Many parents want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love.”  
 — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “A Perfect Gift,” [www.usccb.org/perfect-gift](http://www.usccb.org/perfect-gift)

**Palabras De Vida**

“Muchos padres quieren hijos perfectos. Nuestra cultura está obsesionada con la perfección, una perfección superficial. Se retocan las fotos, y las redes sociales describen vidas supuestamente perfectas. Dios también nos llama a buscar la perfección. Sin embargo, no nos llama a la perfección de la apariencia o de la capacidad, sino a la perfección en el amor”.  
 — Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB, “Un regalo perfecto”, [www.bit.ly/un-regalo-perfecto](http://www.bit.ly/un-regalo-perfecto)

**Intercessions for Life**

In this Lenten season, may God show us the way of compassionate respect for all human life. We pray to the Lord...

**Intercesiones por la Vida**

En este tiempo de Cuaresma, para que Dios nos muestre el camino del respeto compasivo por toda vida humana. Roguemos al Señor...

**PARISH 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 [abcgonzal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abcgonzal@sbcglobal.net) or 210-452-6027.

“A clean heart create for me O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.” - Ps 51:12

**St. Anthony Mary Claret CYO Registration for Baseball, Softball & Tee-ball**



- Sunday, Feb. 18 after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., & 12 p.m. Masses outside the narthex
- Wednesday, Feb. 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Msgr. Hubertus Hall
- Sunday, Feb. 25 after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., & 12 p.m. Masses in Msgr. Hubertus Hall

**New Lector Training**

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. in the church

Questions? Contact Scott Kollmansberger at (210) 273-2297.

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**Formación Lector**

Miércoles, 21 de febrero, a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia  
 Para más información contacte a Scott Kollmansberger en (210) 273-2297.

**40 Cans for Lent**



Please drop off non-perishable foods in the Narthex.



**Challenge time!**

Let's beat last year's donation of 7,600 lbs!

Benefits SAMC's Food Pantry

**St. Anthony Claret Pantry Activity Report January 2018**



Utility assistance:.....	\$3,655.75
Restock food pantry:.....	\$3,886.24
Other client assistance: .....	\$100.00
Office expenses:.....	\$416.67
Total food bags distributed: .....	275
Total people served:.....	764

Thank you for helping us help others.



PARISH NEWS

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 one year 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 un año 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. Reservaciones ya están siendo aceptadas. Hablar a la oficina de la iglesia para reservar su lugar.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH GROUPS

Religious Education Classes Calendar

Sun., Feb. 18 & Wed., Feb. 21..... No Classes
Sun., Feb. 25 & Wed., Feb. 28..... Classes in session

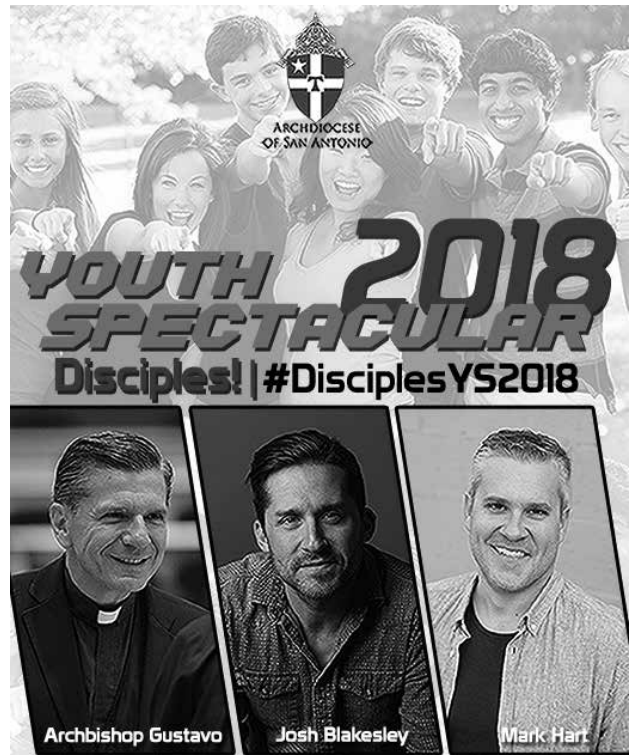
3rd Year Confirmation Students Mandatory Retreat: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall
Students will enjoy a beautiful day of adoration, speakers, activities, prayer, Confession, and Mass.
Breakfast, lunch & snacks provided. This retreat is for students only.
Questions? Contact Michelle Reynolds at 210-688-9033, x204.



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

June 22-24 in Dallas, TX
For high school teens (incl. incoming freshmen)
\$50 reserves your spot; Event ONLY Early Bird price: \$175; after May 1: \$190
Hotel & travel NOT INCLUDED in this price.
For info about this event, its total cost or to register, contact Martie Kokotajlo at youthgroup@saclaret.com or 210-688-9033 ext.209.



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

Registration forms available in the narthex. For more info, contact Martie Kokotajlo

at youthgroup@saclaret.com or 210-688-9033, x 209.

February Youth Group Schedule

Middle School: Sat, Feb. 17, 6:15-8 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall
High school: Sat, Feb. 18, 7:15-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

## LOVE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY

### Married Love and the Gift of Life - Part 1

*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.*

#### Getting married. What a blessed and hope-filled time.

Men and women considering marriage yearn for certain things. They want to be accepted unconditionally by each other. They want their marriage to be filled with love and happiness. They want a family. In short, they want their marriage to be a source of joy and fulfillment their whole life long.

God's plan for marriage, from the time he first created human beings as male and female, has always included all this and more. The desire and ability of a man and woman to form a lasting bond of love and life in marriage are written into their nature.

In the *Rite of Marriage* (1969) a man and woman are asked if they will love one another faithfully and totally—in short, if they will love as God loves. “Have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?” asks the bishop, priest, or deacon. “Will you love and honor each other as man and wife for the rest of your lives? Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?” These are different ways of asking the same basic question: Are you ready to accept this person, and all that may come from your union, completely and forever?

The spouses seal their love and commitment through their sexual union. Many today find it difficult to understand how profound and meaningful this union is, how it embodies these promises of marriage. Our culture often presents sex as merely recreational, not as a deeply personal or even important encounter between spouses. In this view, being responsible about sex simply means limiting its consequences—avoiding disease and using contraceptives to prevent pregnancy.

This cultural view is impoverished, even sad. It fails to account for the true needs and deepest desires of men and women. Living in accord with this view has caused much loneliness and many broken hearts.

God's plan for married life and love is far richer and more fulfilling. Here sexuality is the source of a joy and pleasure that helps the spouses give themselves to each other completely and for their entire lives.



#### What does the Church teach about married love?

Marriage is more than a civil contract; it is a lifelong covenant of love between a man and a woman. It is an intimate partnership in which husbands and wives learn to give and receive love unselfishly, and then teach their children to do so as well. Christian marriage in particular is a “great mystery,” a sign of the love between Christ and his Church (Eph 5:32).

Married love is powerfully embodied in the spouses' sexual relationship, when they most fully express what it means to become “one body” (Gn 2:24) or “one flesh” (Mk 10:8, Mt 19:6). The Church teaches that the sexual union of husband and wife is meant to express the full meaning of love, its power to bind a couple together and its openness to new life. When Scripture portrays God creating mankind “in his image” (Gn 1:27), it treats the union of man and woman as joining two persons equal in human dignity (“This one, at last, is bone of my bones / and flesh of my flesh,” Gn 2:23), and as being open to the blessing of children (“Be fertile and multiply,” Gn 1:28).

...to be continued...

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#### SUNDAY FUNNIES

Cowboy Joe was telling his fellow cowboys back on the ranch about his first visit to a big-city church. “When I got there, they had me park my old truck in the corral,” Joe began.  
 “You mean the parking lot,” interrupted Charlie, a worldlier fellow.  
 “I walked up the trail to the door,” Joe continued.  
 “The sidewalk to the door,” Charlie corrected him.  
 “Inside the door, I was met by this dude,” Joe went on.  
 “That would be the usher,” Charlie explained.  
 “Well, the usher led me down the chute,” Joe said.  
 “You mean the aisle,” Charlie said.  
 “Then, he led me to a stall and told me to sit there,” Joe continued.  
 “Pew,” Charlie retorted.  
 “Yeah,” recalled Joe. “That’s what that pretty lady said when I sat down beside her.”

#### Sponsor of the Week:

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Andrew Dinner

An event for single, Catholic men 18-34 years old (and mature teens under 18) who are interested in exploring their calling in life at a dinner with Archbishop Gustavo, diocesan priests, religious priests and brothers, as well as with some of the Archdiocesan seminarians in formation.



Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m. at Assumption Seminary

For more info or to register, contact Father Brian Garcia at 210-688-9033 x206 or brian.garcia@saclaret.com. Transportation assistance available.

The witness of our priests and brothers in Christ who are living faithfully for the good of the world and the Kingdom of God is an indispensable blessing for all who feel they may be called to this life. Come and share in fellowship, hear the stories of our priests, brothers and seminarians and ask the questions you have in your heart.



Pilgrim Center of Hope's 2018 Catholic Seniors' Conference

Saturday, Feb. 24, 8a.m.-1 p.m. St. Matthew Catholic Church, McDonald Center, 10703 Wurzbach Rd.

Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS Featured Speakers:

- Susan Muto: "The 'Little Ways' to Transform Your Heart"
Father Jonathan Felux: "Fatima for Us Today"
Deacon Tom & Mary Jane Fox: "Prayer Intercessors"

EWTN PILGRIMAGE

April 24 - 28, 2018

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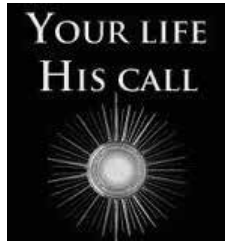
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FAITH AND PRAYER

What Vocations Mean to Me

by Father Brian Garcia, St. Anthony Mary Claret Parochial Vicar; Director, St. Anthony Mary Claret Vocations Committee

When we say we need to pray for vocations, we mean that we need to pray for others to hear God's voice and to listen to His ways. Everybody has a vocation, or a call from God, whether to the single life, married life, religious life, consecrated life, permanent diaconate or priesthood. During these upcoming weeks, you will hear from different members of our vocations committee talking about what vocations mean to them. I invite you to read them, reflect on them and their stories, and think about what your vocation is, meaning what is God calling you to do and who is He calling you to be? If you have found that vocation already, think about how you can be better at your vocation and how you can ask God to be better at it.



was scared and not sure whether joining the seminary was the right path for me. I still kind of wanted a girlfriend, wanted that relationship, but felt more drawn to God and serving God more than that relationship. I struggled in my clarification of what God wanted for me and at times just wanted Him to come down on a cloud and tell me what was going on, but that was not God's style. In the end, I knew God would fill a hole that could never be filled by being in a regular relationship and married. He also gave me other experiences and put people in my life that helped me follow what He was calling me to do. I am very happy being a priest and could not think of doing anything else. God has blessed me so much and has given me so many messages that show that He put me here for a reason. May ya'll have a blessed week and God Bless you.

I remember when I answered the call from God at 22 years old. I



**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:

**Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate**

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



Arturo Garcia III



David Chacko

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands.  
 So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus.  
 Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted,  
 to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair,  
 and to rejoice in your steadfast love.  
 We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how.  
 Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.  
 With our hearts you continue to love your people.  
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## Pray for the Sick of Our Parish Family

Please take 90 seconds out of your busy schedule and offer one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be for the sick of our parish family:

- |                          |                         |                   |                        |                        |                 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Clem Rodriguez           | S.S.                    | Beverly Fetter    | A.C. Garza             | Robyn Marcum           | Bertha Trevino  |
| Tina Saxon               | Bill Tricksey           | Rosa Huerta       | Olga & Rudy Faz        | Margie Morones         | Roberto Trevino |
| Edward Benningfield      | Eloise Salazar          | Lillie McWilliams | Dee Hancock            | Tracy Oviedo           | Gabby Truly     |
| Christopher Benningfield | Richard Keller          | Maria Morales     | Grace Heinze           | Alyson Victoria Oviedo | Bishop Yanta    |
| T.C.P.                   | Jack & Jeanette Donohue | Rudy Navarro      | Adrian & Erika Huerter | Linda Santos           | Anthony Trevino |
| Robert Garcia            | Eloise Salazar          | Tomas Calderon    | Bill Jennings          | Mary Sledden           | Dan Calderon    |
|                          |                         |                   | Garry Lydic            | Nancy Souhrada         |                 |

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

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