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March 10, 2019

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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 foster the development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a whole.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 4:1-13

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree. she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

'Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily

goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values

Celebration of the Mass

Monday 8 a.m., 7:30 p.m. preceded by Holy Hour at 6:30 p.m. Every first Monday of the month 7:30 p.m. Healing Mass & administering of the Sacrament of the Sick Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. (Spanish), & 6 p.m. Holy Days of Obligations: Check inside bulletin for times.

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:

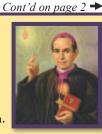
First Tuesday & Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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

Funerals: Call parish office prior to making arrangements.

Marriage Prep: Call parish office at least six months to one year prior to wedding. Must attend mandatory orientation session the third Thursday of March or September at 7 p.m.

Quinceañera Prep: Call parish office at least six months to one year prior to date of celebration. Child must be enrolled in religious education for at least one year. Must attend mandatory orientation session the fourth Thursday of March or September at 7 p.m.



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the

Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for

forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

First Sunday of Lent

IN OUR PARISH				
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 or a printed one which you can find near the entrance of our	Mar. 2/3 Attendance & Co Attendance Regular Collection Debt Reduction Candles Capital Campaign Church in Latin America Church in Eastern Europe Gabriel Project SAMC Pantry	3,999 \$ 28,519.00 \$ 5,154.00 \$ 535.40 \$ 295.00 \$ 250.00 \$ 205.00 \$ 90.00 \$ 80.00 \$ 80.00		
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!	Black & Indian Missions Catholic Relief Services This Week in O	\$ 25.00		
Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak	Weddings Enrique Rodriguez & Irma Ayala	Quinceañeras Ani Enriguez		
GOSPEL MEDITATION <i>Cont'd from page 1</i> along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim pow ryone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and God?	of us want control. A volunteer team can fe	el just as intense as the		

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Temptation is a part of our lives. Even Jesus wrestled with temptation. Our faith tells us that we are meant to live our lives in service of God's kingdom. Yet, we often find ourselves pursuing our own desires rather than God's. The Gospel clearly tells us that true power is found in the embrace of virtue - living lives of non-violence, mercy, and forgiveness. Yet, we still are not convinced and seek things that will hurt us and retaliate against those who harm us. When Jesus faced temptation, he found security in who he was, which firmly rooted him in his mission and gave him the determination to trust in God. We, too, must learn to find security in our identity as a son or daughter of God, to live out our mission rooted in that truth, and to be confident in God's abiding presence. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Mar	ch 9		Hernandez †; & Souls in Purgatory by
5 P.M.	John F. Harris † by Bea Peterson		F. Gonzales
Sunday, March 10		Thursday, March 14	
8 A.M.	Jesse Rodriguez † by Mendoza Family	8 A.M.	Rudy † & Selia Garcia †; Manuel † &
10 A.M.	Alan J. Ponce [†] ; Margaret [†] & Albert		Concepcion Espinoza † by Espinoza Family
	Suarez ⁺ by Alma Ponce		
12 P.M.	Rogelio Gonzalez † by Joe & Gail Gonzalez	Friday, March	15 ****NO MORNING MASS ****
	& Family	5:30 P.M.	Stations of the Cross in Spanish
3 P.M.	Poor Souls in Purgatory † by Lorena	7 P.M.	Stations of the Cross in English
	Durand	7:30 P.M.	Mary Armendariz † by Teresa Revilla
6 P.M.	Healing for Dr. Robert Young by His		
	Patients	Saturday, March 16	
		5 P.M.	Bert † & Michael Bednarz † by Martha
Monday, March 11			Bednarz
8 A.M.	Louisa Armendariz † by Teresa Revilla		
6:30 P.M.	Holy Hour	Sunday, March 17	
7:30 P.M.	James Fritz † by Adelina Fritz	8 A.M.	Augustina Zapanta - In Thanksgiving by
			Family
Tuesday, March 12		10 A.M.	Francesco †, Carmela †, Sebastiano †,
8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Carly Macias by		Corrado † & Giovanni † by Sal Spataro
	Gina Macias	12 P.M.	Debra Saenz †; Robert Reynolds † by Lydia
			Reynolds & Family
Wednesday, March 13		3 P.M.	Marty Pizzini † by Neida Esringel
8 A.M.	Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales †;	6 P.M.	Dave Honermann † by Teresa Revilla
	Tomasa N. Cabezuela †; Sr. Victoria		Birthday Blessings for Jacob Strapkovic by
			Strapkovic family

LOVE & MARRIAGE

Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility - Conclusion

7. Keep Your Marriage Healthy: Handling the uncertainties of infertility is a challenge for even the strongest marriages. Once engaged in treatment, it can become easy to focus more on the process than on each other. However, communication and mutual decision-making are vital. Staying intimately connected can help make it easier to manage lifestyle changes, reordering of priorities, physical discomfort, career disruption, and difficulties with insensitive people.

Hold fast to the constant truth of God's love for you. "To couples who cannot have children of their own," St. John Paul II affirmed, "you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others"⁷ and their needs. In times of suffering, Pope Francis notes, "we sense a powerful need for someone to be close and feel compassion for us." You are not alone: "Jesus 'does not abandon those whom he loves."⁸

Even if we ourselves do not experience difficulty bearing children, we can be channels of God's mercy for those who do. Learn how to show compassion sensitively from a short list of suggested dos and don'ts at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

Source: USCCB.org. This article is also available in Spanish.

*Resources:

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology. Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009.
- Natural Family Planning Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Reproductive Technology (Evaluation & Treatment of Infertility): Guidelines for Catholic Couples." Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009.
- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Instruction Donum Vitae (Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1987.
- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Instruction Dignitas Personae (The Dignity of a Person). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2008.
- Articles, documents, statements, and more: <u>www.usccb.org/LifeGivingLove</u>

⁷ Pope John Paul II, Homily at the Mass for the Families on February 13, 1982, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1982).
⁸ Pope Francis, Meditation at the Prayer Vigil to "Dry the Tears" on May 5, 2016, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016).

RESPECT LIFE

Intercessions for Life

For expectant mothers placing their children for adoption: may they receive loving support as they walk this journey. We pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por las mujeres gestantes: que piensan dar a sus hijos en adopción: para que encuentren apoyo amoroso durante este camino. Roguemos al Señor.

COMMUNITY NEWS

For info, contact Deacon Jerry Campa at 210-219-5684. To register visit www.gabrielprojectsa.org.



THE GABRIEL PROJECT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf Club of Texas • March 30, 2019 @ 8:15 AM

13600 Briggs Ranch Road | San Antonio, TX 78245 Registration begins and range available at 7:15 AM

4 person Scramble, Shotgun start, mulligans available.

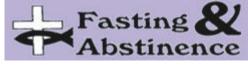
Contest: longest drive; closest to the pin; putting contest, chipping contest.

Cost: \$100 per person/\$360 team of 4

Cost includes the round of golf, cart, goodie bag, range privileges, Golf replay certificate, breakfast tacos, BBQ brisket and sausage lunch. Silent auction.

LENTEN PRACTICES

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.
- In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
- For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.
- When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
- The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



Source: www.usccb.org.

PARISH NEWS

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10090





TO BENEFIT ST. ANTHONY CLARET'S PANTRY



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

> Let's beat last year's total of 5,500 lbs.!

St. Anthony Claret Silver Seniors Social

Wednesday, Mar. 13*, 12-3 p.m. Msgr. Hubertus Hall Lenten luncheon. Bring fish, fries or coleslaw to share and canned good donations for St. Anthony Claret's Pantry. Guest speaker Deacon Jerry Kozar will discuss Lenten devotions and reflections. New members welcome! For info, contact Larry Lucido at (210) 473-4813.

* Meetings now held the 2nd Wednesday each month.



St. Anthony Mary Claret Marriage Ministry Date Night: Stations of the Cross for Married Couples followed by Mass Friday, Mar. 15, 7 p.m. in the church (Engaged couples also welcome.) For free childcare register in advance with Samantha Reyna: samantha.reyna07@yahoo.com NO LATER THAN Wednesday, Mar. 13. Questions? Contact Chris and Nicole Glowe at englowe@yahoo.com or 210-257-6616.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends



English: March 29-31 For info, visit www.mesanantonio.org or contact Larry & Jane Zimmerman at 210-951-9963 or LarryandJanezimm@gmail.com.



Men and women who suffer the aftermath of abortion: Come, lay down your burden, and know the joy of God's love.



The Alexander House presents

Raphael's Way - A Day's Journey into Healing

March 30, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at a lovely, convenient, confidential location Bring your own lunch. Refrigerator and microwave available. Coffee, tea, juice, & snacks provided. Suggested donation: \$15/person or \$25/couple; register at www.daytoheal.eventbrite.com. For location, call Julie Alexander at 210-760-0976. **First Sunday of Lent**



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:





Ottmar Tovar

Rafael Becerra

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church. May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they.

too, may know You better and love You more... and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of Guadalupe.

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.

John Moran Dan Calderon Veronica Garcia **Carolyn** Cole **Robert & Cristina** Garcia Paul Allen Jenna & Landon Ondrusek Dave Whitney Romana Garcia Yareli Mendoza S.S. Fernando Mascorro Ana Galinski S.T. Eloise Salazar Maria Morales Rosa Huerta Johnny Reves **Richard Keller Barbara Vanegas**

Rudy Navarro Jack & Jeanette Donohue A.C. Garza Olga & Rudy Faz Dee Hancock **Grace Heinze** Adrian & Erika Huerter Bill Jennings **Robvn** Marcum Margie Morones Tracy Oviedo Alvson Victoria Oviedo Linda Santos Mary Sledden Nancy Souhrada Bertha Trevino Roberto Trevino Gabby Truly Bishop Yanta Anthony Trevino

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 10: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13 Monday 11: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday 12: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday 13: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 Thursday 14: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 Friday 15: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 Saturday 16: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 Sunday 17: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

St. Joseph Adoption Novena March 10-18 **Praying For All** Who Travel

Upon the Path

of Adoption

We celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on March 19. Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all who travel upon the path of adoption. Visit usccb.org/adoption-novena for the

novena, which begins this Sunday, March 10.

Antes de la solemnidad de San José el 19 de marzo, únanse a nosotros para rezar la Novena a San José. Invocando la intercesión del padre adoptivo de Jesús re-

zaremos para que el Señor bendiga a todos los están en el camino de la adopción. Visita usccb.org/adoption-novena para la novena que comienza el domingo 10 de marzo.





