St. Anthony Mary Claret

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 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 13:1-9

'There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also; it

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." - Lk 13:7a

may bear fruit in the future." How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't. Cont'd on page 2 →

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)

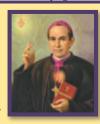
Weekdays: 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays: 4 p.m.- last in line Sundays: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (or last in line), 4 p.m.- last in line No confessions on holy days of obligation or Fridays of Lent.

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.



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 samesa.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, Rev. Jan P. Klak

GOSPEL MEDITATION Cont'd from page 1

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

If salvation history teaches us anything, it's that God is very patient. Time and time again, people have wandered away from Him and He has sent prophet after prophet to lead them back. To show us just how much He does love us, He sent us His Son who revealed this unconditional love in all that he said and did. This Lenten season is an opportunity to repent and turn back. The mystery of God's presence is revealed in and through the ordinary events of life as the birth of Christ reminds us. God told Moses through the burning bush, "I am who am." And so he reminds us today. Let us turn away no more and turn back to truth.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 23		Wednesday, March 27	
5 P.M.	Frank & Stella Stegent; Regina Pawlak by Blanchard Family	8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Candace Macias by Grandma Macias
Sunday, March 24		Thursday, March 28	
8 A.M.	Edith Aldaya † by Michele & George Aldaya	8 A.M.	Healing for Donovan Welch by Family
10 A.M.	Carl Fields † by St. Anthony Claret Legion	Friday, March	a 29 ****NO MORNING MASS ****
	of Mary	5:30 P.M.	Stations of the Cross in Spanish
12 P.M.	Ace Andrew Ramos † by Family	7 P.M.	Stations of the Cross in English
3 P.M. 6 P.M.	Adolfo De Luna † by Darlene Belanger Billie Sievers † by Charlie Sievers &	7:30 P.M.	Betty Zuberbueler † by Teresa Revilla
	Family	Saturday, March 30	
	5	5 P.M.	Santos Serna, Jr. † by His Loving Family
Monday, Mai	rch 25		
8 A.M.	Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales †;	Sunday, Marc	h 31`
	Tomasa N. Cabezuela † ; Sr. Victoria Hernandez †; Souls in Purgatory † by	8 A.M.	Agustina Zapanta - In Thanksgiving by Family
	F. Gonzales	10 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Cassandra Garza
6:30 P.M.	Holy Hour		by Family
7:30 P.M.	For an End to Abortion	12 P.M.	45th Anniversary Blessings for Larry & Margaret Lucido by Family
Tuesday, March 26		3 P.M.	Rudy Santos † by Neida Estringel
8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Sylvia Astorga by Family	6 P.M.	Guadalupe Lopez † by Family

This Week in Our Parish	Mar. 6-Ash Wednesday Attendance& Collection TotalsAttendance3,613Church in Eastern Europe\$ 5,704.78Regular Collection\$ 1,572.00
WEDDINGS	Church in Latin America \$ 371.00 Mar. 9/10 Attendance & Collection Totals
Antonio Arguelles & Maria Diaz Emilio Carpio	Attendance3,244Regular Collection\$ 24,845.64Debt Reduction\$ 2,912.00Black & Indian Missions\$ 1,786.25Church in Latin America\$ 568.00Church in Eastern Europe\$ 538.00Candles\$ 501.91Capital Campaign\$ 320.00
& Maria Moreno	Catholic Relief Services \$ 25.00 Mar. 16/17 Attendance & Collection Totals Attendance 3,695
Manual	Regular Collection\$ 29,038.68Debt Reduction\$ 4,833.00Capital Campaign\$ 720.00Candles\$ 469.18SAMC Pantry\$ 295.00Black & Indian Missions\$ 73.00Catholic Relief Services\$ 65.00Church in Eastern Europe\$ 45.00Rosary Makers\$ 30.00

RESPECT LIFE

Words of Life

As adults we cannot claim that the Church's moral truths are unavailable to us. The *Catechism* teaches that the moral law is inscribed in our hearts by God, and that we have a duty to educate and form our conscience so that we can make good judgments and act morally (see CCC, 1776-1794). It has never been easier to access the wisdom of the Church on issues of life and chastity—the writings of popes, bishops, and good moral theologians are only a Google search away.

But recognizing that an act is sinful is just the first step toward reconciliation. We must also repent of our action, and that usually entails dropping our excuses or rationalizations for the wrong we commit. How many parents, faced with a diagnosis of genetic problems in their unborn child, have succumbed to the advice of doctors and loved ones to end the child's life to "prevent the child's suffering"?

- Susan E. Wills, Asst. Director for Education and Outreach, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Finding Truth and Peace This Lent," March 4, 2011, www.usccb.org.



Join the St. Anthony Mary Claret Respect Life Ministry for a showing of the breakthrough pro-life movie <u>Unplanned</u>, the story of Abby Johnson and her amazing conversion from dedicated Planned Parenthood clinic director to outspoken pro-life advocate. Sunday, March 31, 4:45 p.m., Casablanca Theater To learn more about this movie, visit https://www.unplannedfilm.com/.

Intercessions for Life For all Christians: may we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel and be messengers of God's love for every human life. We pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida Por todos los cristianos: que podamos vivir nuestro llamado bautismal para proclamar el Evangelio y ser mensajeros del amor de Dios por cada vida humana. Roguemos al Señor.

LENTEN PRACTICES

Lenten Resolutions for Married Couples, Inspired by Pope Francis – Part 2 of 2

by Bethany Meola, Assistant Director of the USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth

Are you wondering how to grow in holiness this Lent, together with your spouse? Try following some advice from the Pope! In his homilies and addresses, Pope Francis has spoken quite directly about how husband and wife should treat each other, about prayer within the family, and other ways the family lives its identity as a "domestic Church." So this Lent, why not commit with your spouse to try one of the following Lenten resolutions, based on words from the Holy Father?

- 4. **Pray together with your spouse and family.** "Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents...praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer." (Homily for Family Day, Rome, Oct. 27, 2013)
- Pray to the Lord to "multiply your love and give it to you fresh and good each day." Pray together, "Lord, give us this day our daily love." (Address to Engaged Couples, Rome, Feb. 14, 2014)
- 5. Visit the elderly, especially your grandparents. "Grandparents are like the wisdom of the family, they are the wisdom of a people. ... Listen to your grandparents." (Address to Participants in the Pilgrimage of Families, Rome, Oct. 26, 2013)

"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society!" (Angelus at World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro, July 26, 2013)

6. Share the faith with others. "Christian families are missionary families. ...They are missionary also in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith!" (Homily for Family Day, Rome, Oct. 27, 2013)

(See last weekend's bulletin for #s 1-3.) From www.foryourmarriage.org, a part of the National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage, an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to communicate the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society.

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PARISH NEWS

Planning a Quinceañera at St. Anthony Claret?

- Contact the parish at least one year prior to the celebration.
- Child MUST be enrolled in religious education classes for at least <u>one year</u> prior to quinceañera.
- Parents and child must attend the MANDATORY quinceañera orientation session Thursday,
- March 28, 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 28 de marzo a las 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall.

<u>Reservations now being accepted. Call the parish office to register: 210-688-9033.</u> <u>Reservaciones ya están siendo aceptadas. Hablar a la oficina de la iglesia para reservar su lugar: 210-688-9033.</u>

High school seniors: apply for free college \$\$\$!

Our parish's Knights of Columbus Council #10090, Men's Club and the Ladies of St. Anthony Claret will award a few scholarships to qualified parish high school seniors intent on pursuing higher education. Pick up an application in the narthex or parish office. The completed application packet must be

MAILED IN to the parish office and postmarked by Saturday, April 20, 2019.

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ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10090



40 CANS FOR LENT

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.!

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



A rabbi, a priest and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender looks

up and says, "What is this, a joke?" St. Anthony Claret Silver Seniors Social

Wednesday, Apr. 3, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Msgr. Hubertus Hall Bring a Lenten dish to share and canned good donations for St. Anthony Claret's Pantry. We will be stuffing eggs for the parish Knights of Columbus Easter egg hunt (to be held April 6). New members welcome!

For info, contact Larry Lucido at (210) 473-4813. *Note the earlier start time.



St. Anthony Mary Claret MOMs (Ministry of Motherhood)

a Catholic group helping mothers find encouragement, instruction, prayer time & caring friends

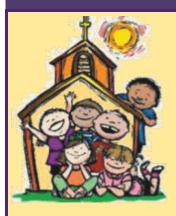
Thursday, April 4, 7-9 p.m. Meeting & free childcare locations: RE bldg. Topic - Habits: developing the good & & eliminating the bad Speaker: Sandy Salinas For more info contact Sonia Cantu at 210-204-2319 or sonia.cantu40@yahoo.com.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



MARCH/APRIL RE CALENDAR Sun., Mar. 24 & Wed., Mar. 27 Sun., Mar. 31 & Wed., April 3 Sun., Apr. 7 & Wed., Apr. 10 CLASSES IN SESSION CLASSES IN SESSION for grades 1-8 only

Wed., Apr. 10

Sun., Apr. 14 & Wed. Apr. 17 Sat., Apr. 27 <u>This replaces their regular class.</u> Easter Break—NO CLASSES All 2nd year First Communion students must attend final Confession retreat before First Communion. Contact Director of Religious Education Michelle Reynolds for info. FINAL CLASSES

& <u>classes for parents</u> of final year sacra mental students in Msgr. Hubertus Hall; <u>No high school classes.</u> They will attend the Wednesday Sanctity of Life talk.

ALL high school students attend 6:45 p.m.

Sanctity of Life talk in the church.

Sun., Apr. 28 & Wed. May 1



Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming June 24-28!

We're seeking a <u>volunteer program</u> <u>coordinator</u>. There is a VBS program that we will use and the Director of Religious Education Michelle Reynolds will assist you in planning. To volunteer, contact Michelle at 210-688-9033, 204.



YOUTH GROUP

Sun., Mar. 24 Sun., Mar. 30 Sun., Apr. 7 Fri., Apr. 12 Sun., Apr. 28 EDGE Middle School Youth Meeting: 4-5:45 p.m.Service Hour Opportunity: details forthcomingLIFE TEEN High School Youth Meeting: 7-9 p.m., preceded by 6 p.m. MassYouth ministry will lead Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. in the churchEDGE Middle School Youth Meeting: 4-5:45 p.m.



A FEW SLOTS ARE STILL OPEN FOR THESE LIFE TEEN EVENTS:



2019 Steubenville Lone Star: June 21-23, Irving Convention Center, Irving, TX \$350 incl. conference, lodging, transportation, & most meals; non-refundable deposit: \$100

Wild Sky 2019: July 15- 20, Medina, TX \$655.00; Non-refundable deposit: \$100

We're looking for a few young adults and those young at heart to help out with our youth program for next year.

Contact Youth Director Martie Kokotajlo at 210-688-9033, x209 or youthgroup@saclaret.com to volunteer or for more info.

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*.

The Couple to Couple League presents these options to learn **Natural Family Planning**.

A new **live on-site** class series begins March 30 at St. Francis of Assisi. There are several options to take a **live online** class or a **self-paced online** course with local mentor help available.

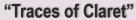


To register or for more information, visit ccli.org. For Spanish, contact Gerardo & Carmen Leon (832) 586-5337 or carmensos@yahoo.com. Discover the blessings of NFP!

A Woman's Haven Pregnancy Crisis Center Benefit Dinner

Thursday, Apr. 4, 6-8:30 p.m., Incarnate Word Univ., Rosenberg Rm Keynote speakers: Guadalupe Catholic Radio General Manager Richard Reyna & his wife, Julie Reyna Tickets are **FREE**, but you must register at **www.awomanshaven.eventbrite.com.**

COMMUNITY NEWS



A special pilgrimage especially for parishioners from all four St .Anthony Claret churches in the US and inspired by the life of this holy man September 7-21, 2019



Explore the amazing life of our parish's patron saint through this unforgettable experience. Visit Barcelona, Sallent, Madrid, Santiago de Compostello, the Canary Islands, and Paris to name just a few of the spots St. Anthony Claret served.

Led by Fr. Bill Cao, pastor of St Anthony Claret Church in Anaheim, California and Fr. Ray Smith, CMF, a Claretian Missionary who will offer the Claretian perspective on the pilgrimage.

For info, contact Lulu Alo at 714-288- 0800.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dan Calderon 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 A.Č. Garza

Jack & Jeanette Donohue Olga & Rudy Faz Dee Hancock **Grace Heinze** Adrian & Erika Huerter **Bill Jennings** Robyn Marcum Margie Morones Tracy Öviedo Alyson Victoria Oviedo Linda Santos Mary Sledden Nancy Souhrada Bertha Trevino Roberto Trevino Gabby Truly Bishop Yanta Anthony Trevino

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 24: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 Monday 25: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 Tuesday 26: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday 27: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 Thursday 28: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 Friday 29: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 Saturday 30: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday 31: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



