# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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#### **December 1, 2019**

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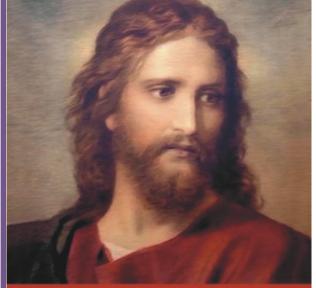
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#### **Parish Mission Statement**

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.



# **1**<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

"También ustedes estén preparados, porque a la hora que



**First Sunday of Advent** 

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION:** MT 24:37-4

"I'm never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be 'asleep'?" In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, harried ignorance. "In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left." When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Su-

pernatural light pierces the world's darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Every Advent, we 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)\*

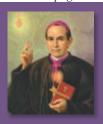
Weekdays: 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays: 4 p.m.- last in line Sundays: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (or last in line), 4 p.m.- last in line. No confessions on holy days of obligation or Fridays of Lent.

#### **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 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, Rev. Jan P. Klak

GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." There's another hour, too, both known and unknown. It's the present moment. Whether it's a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it's attending a kindergarten olic Attendance 3.737

Regular Collection	\$ 2	26,625.82
Debt Reduction	\$	6,166.00
Capital Campaign	\$	978.00
Candles	\$	529.53
SAMC Pantry	\$	65.00
Rosary Makers	\$	44.00
Gabriel Project	\$	40.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	25.00
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Nov. 16/17 Attendance & Collection Totals

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 7 Confession: 7:30 a.m.; Mass: 8 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayer



play or an elderly relative's bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let's pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon.

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Stay awake! With so many things competing for our attention and so many details to attend to, it is very easy to fall into a slumber. We can find ourselves simply going through the motions of life and losing a sense of purpose and direction. Busy with many things, we lose touch with the things of God, especially the gentle stirrings of His presence. Advent calls us to the challenge of living a wakeful life. Awake from the sleep that life's demands can put on us, and allow God's word to transform our hearts. Being ready for the coming of the Lord is life's priority for the Christian. Let us walk in the light of the Lord! ©LPi

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 5 P.M.	<b>30</b> <b>Birthday Blessings for Joaquin Rodriguez</b> by Rodriguez Family	Thursday, Dec. 8 A.M.	<b>5</b> <b>In Thanksgiving to St. Teresa of Calcutta</b> by Parishioner
Sunday, Dec. 1 8 A.M. 10 A.M. 12 P.M	Good Health for Carlos G. Hinojosa by Wife Esther Francesco <sup>†</sup> , Carmela <sup>†</sup> , Sebastiano <sup>†</sup> , Corrado <sup>†</sup> & Giovanni <sup>†</sup> by Sal Spataro Jesus Vasquez <sup>†</sup> by Daughter, Teresa	Friday, Dec. 6 8 A.M. Saturday, Dec.	Special Intention: James & Henry Pawelek; Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family 7
12 P.M. 3 P.M. 6 P.M.	<b>Teresa Angel</b> <sup>†</sup> by Betty Forero & Family <b>Healing for Jennifer Green</b> by Family <b>Birthday Blessings for Elida L. Gonzales</b> by Gonzales Family	5 P.M.	William Sill <sup>†</sup> ; Ronald Koerner <sup>†</sup> ; Robert Remm <sup>†</sup> by Cheryl Koerner Edward Benningfield <sup>†</sup> by Benningfield Family
<b>Monday, Dec. 2</b> <b>8 A.M.</b> 6:30 P.M.	<b>Birthday Blessings for Monica Gibbs</b> by Family Holy Hour	Sunday, Dec. 8 8 A.M. 10 A.M. 12 P.M	Tila Vasquez <sup>†</sup> by Daughter, Teresa Rudy <sup>†</sup> & Selia Garcia <sup>†</sup> ; Manuel <sup>†</sup> & Concepcion Espinoza <sup>†</sup> by Espinoza Family Birthday Blessings for Nate Olech
7:30 P.M. Tuesday, Dec. 3 8 A.M. 7 P.M.	For the Parish Knight of Columbus Silver Rose Mass	3 P.M. 6 P.M.	by Family Chalmer Martin <sup>†</sup> ; Rolando Oviatt <sup>†</sup> by Priscilla Velasquez Spiritual Healing/Strength for Current & Future Descendants of Daniel R. <sup>†</sup> &
Wednesday, De 8 A.M.	<b>cc. 4</b> <b>Deborah Gallegos</b> † by Espinoza & Flores Families		Manuela M. Gonzales † by Y. Gonzales

**First Sunday of Advent** 

## **HAPPY NEW LITURGICAL YEAR!**



The First Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. It's a time of great anticipation as we await the arrival of Christ on Christmas morning. In fact, the word Advent comes from the Latin word ad-venire that means coming or arriving.

Just as in Lent, the liturgical color of Advent is purple. Both of the seasons prepare for great feast days in the Church year. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

# Saint of the Week Francis Xavier

### 1506-1552 FEAST DAY-DECEMBER 3

Known as the Apostle to the Indies and to Japan, Francis was born in Spanish Navarre, the youngest in a large family. He studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, and was among the first seven Jesuits who vowed to be spiritual soldiers for Christ. They were ordained as a group in 1537. For 11 years, from 1541 until his untimely death after only two weeks on the Chinese coast, Francis evangelized in the East Indies, Mozambique, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Japan. A missionary prone to seasickness who had trouble learning foreign languages, Francis is the patron saint of missionaries, Borneo, the East Indies, India, Pakistan, Japan and Outer Mongolia.



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## PARISH NEWS



## Retiro De ACTS en Español para Hombres

Dicembre 5-8 Centro De Retiros Cordi-Marian Costo: \$180, becas limitadas Aplicaciones disponibles en el narthex. Para más información y registro, contactar Ramiro Rodriguez, director: 210-763-9381.

"Aquí está la esclava del señor hágase en mi tu palabra." Lucas 1:26 - 38

**Tis the season for coffee!** Purchase delicious Mystic Monk coffee and support our parish's American Heritage Girls' (AHG) Troop TX 1988.

Available in a variety of flavors in Keurig cups, 12 oz. or 5 lb. bags. Prices: \$10-\$55. These make great Christmas gifts!

Order before Dec. 3 to get the season's favorite: Jingle Bell Java. Deliveries will be made at arranged Mass times or at Tuesday AHG Meetings. Order here: https://squareup.com/store/AHG\_TX1988\_Coffee. For more info, Contact Rita SalaZar at salaZarfam5@satx.rr.com.



# Silver Rose Mass

Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosarycentered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community

members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You are invited to join us in a Mass celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.









This Week in Our Parish Weddings:

Johnny Rivera, Jr. & Ramona Jessica Yebra

### **THE SUNDAY FUNNIES**

Biff: You've head of Murphy's law, right?
Buffy: Yeah.
Biff: What is it?
Buffy: If something can go wrong, it will.
Biff: Correct. What about Cole's law?
Buffy: Never heard of it.
What is it?
Biff: Thinly sliced cabbage.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10090 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DEC, 21 9 AM - 12 PM \$8/PERSON PANCAKES, SAUSAGE & DRINK

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS 12 & UNDER SANTA ARRIVES AT 9:30 AM!

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER WEEKEND MASSES NOW THROUGH DEC. 14/15 OR AT THE DOOR. CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES.

### **First Sunday of Advent**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

## **Religious Education Calendar**

Sunday, Dec. 1 & Wednesday, Dec. 4: Classes in session

Wed., Dec. 4: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sanctity of Life talk for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders NOT IN FIRST COMMUNION

CLASSES. Topic: *The Miracle of Life;* 6:45-7:45 p.m. in the church. This replaces

their regular Dec. 1 or Dec. 4 RE class. Parents encouraged to attend.

Sunday, Dec. 8 & Wednesday, Dec. 11: Classes in session

Sunday, Dec. 15 & Wednesday, Dec. 18: Classes in session\*

\* Parent classes at the same time in Msgr. Hubertus Hall for parents of students in final year of sacramental preparation (2nd year First Communion & 3rd year Confirmation).

Dec. 22 - Jan. 1 \*\*\* NO CLASSES - Christmas Break \*\*\*

Sunday, Jan. 5 & Wednesday, Jan. 8: Classes in session

## YOUTH GROUP

# Upcoming Youth Group Meetings



EDGE (middle school): Sunday, Dec. 8, 7-8:30 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall<sup>\*</sup> Sunday, Dec. 22, 4-5:45 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall \* NOTE: Time change is for this date only.





# Need Service Hours?

Sundays, Dec.1 & 15, 7:10-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

LIFE TEEN (high school):

Help wrap Christmas gift for children across the city! Saturday, Dec 14, 8 a.m.- 12 p.m., San Antonio Fire Academy Contact Martie Kokotajlo for permission slip and details.

We have a youth choir that leads our assembly in song during the 6 p.m. Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. If you are in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades or a young adult interested in joining this music ministry, contact Martie Kokotajlo.



Martie Kokotajlo: youthgroup@saclaret.com or 210-688-9033 ext. 209



## PARISH NEWS

## A HUGE THANK YOU...

...from The Gabriel Project to all who support and donate items to them. Your generosity enables them to assist many families with small children. Donations are always accepted. The need is great for these items:

- Boys winter clothes sizes 2T to 5T
- Quilts & burp cloths

• Strollers, bouncy chairs & walkers Leave donations in the playpen in the church narthex or the storage box outside the Gabriel Project building.



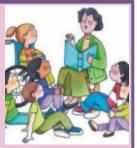
*Hours: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 5:30-7p.m. & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.* 

### Help our parish Knights of Columbus Council 10090 to keep kids warm this winter!

Some families lack the resources to adequately meet this need. A warm winter coat means mobility. Our goal is to make life a little easier for them.



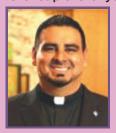
Drop off your donations in the narthex now through January.



## **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:





Michael Coronado

Blayne Riley

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.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy.

# COMMUNITY NEWS MatachinesPilgrimage

From Mission San Juan to Mission San Jose



#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

We invite parishioners from across the Archdiocese to participate in this special pilgrimage honoring the Immaculate Conception. The walk from Mission San Juan to Mission San Jose is approximately 3 miles and will take around 90 minutes. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a personal water container.

6:00 AM	PILGRIMAGE ASS AT MISSION SAM (910) GRAF RD. SAN ANTONIO, TX 7
7:00 AM	PILGRIMAGE BEO
8:30 AM	PILGRIMAGE ARE AT MISSION SAN (6701 SAN JOSE DR. SAN ANTONIO, TX 7

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### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Sid Wall Judith Wall Mary Lee Sloan Mary Navarro **Krystle Navarro** Mary Kolar Alicia Barrera Daniel Sotello Linda Izaguirre Harold Shields Javier Calderon Ray & Carolyn Cole George Aldava Sandy Salinas Ana Ġalinski S.T. Jack & Jeanette Donohue Eloise Salazar Maria Morales Rosa Huerta **Richard Keller** Barbara Vanegas

A.C. Garza Olga & Rudy Faz Rudy Navarro **Bishop Yanta** Nancy Souhrada Bill Jennings Dee Hancock Grace Heinze\* Paul Allen\* Dave Whitney\* Romana Garcia\* Fernando Mascorro\* Adrian & Erika Huerter\* Robyn Marcum\* Margie Morones\* **T**racy Oviedo\* Alyson Victoria Oviedo\* Linda Santos\* Mary Sledden\* Bertha Trevino\* Gabby Truly\* Anthony Trevino

Italicized names with an asterisk (\*) on the list above need to be <u>updated</u>. In order for those names to REMAIN on this list, you must contact us or the names will be removed in January! Email the parish office at saclaret@saclaret.com or call 210-688-9033 no later than Monday, Dec. 30. Updated list will begin January 2020. IMPORTANT REMINDER: Due to space limitations, list is reserved for <u>names of parishioners and their</u> <u>immediate family only</u>. Names usually run 4 weeks.

#### **THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Sunday 1: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 Monday 2: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday 3: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday 4: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 Thursday 5: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 Friday 6: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 Saturday 7: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—1



Saturday 8: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 Saturday 7: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 Sunday 8: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 COMMUNITY NEWS

The San Antonio Liedertran;



Sunday, Dec. 8th 3 p.m.

San Antonio Shrine Auditorium 901 N Loop 1604 W., San Antonio, TX Celebrate the Christmas Season with the historic San Antonio Liederkranz, now in its 127th year of performing traditional German, religious, and popular choral music

Tickets \$15 donation Refreshments included. For ticket information, contact Ted Villalon at (210) 789-0768 or tedvillalon@hotmail.com www.saliederkranz.org

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