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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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: MT 11:2-11

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. "What did you go out to the desert to see?" There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TO LOT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. "Go and tell what you hear and see."

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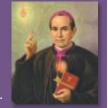
Celebration of the Mass

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.

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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 nar-

thex. 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

Dec. 7/8 Attendance & Collection Totals Attendance 3.886

 Regular Collection
 \$ 27,909.50

 Debt Reduction
 \$ 4,679.00

 Retired Religious Fund
 \$ 4,216.60

 Gabriel Project
 \$ 445.00

 Capital Campaign
 \$ 445.00

 Candles
 \$ 416.95

 SAMC Pantry
 \$ 154.00



This Week in Our Parish Weddings:

Jesus Christopher Ponce & Marisa Rodriguez

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God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin "regain their sight." People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do you ever feel inwardly dry and parched? Where do you turn to gain a refreshed sense of being and purpose? Just as we often do not refresh our physical bodies with what is healthiest, we make the same mistake with our soul. We do not always reach for the healthiest spiritual food. We confuse our inner dryness with something else and reach out for the wrong thing. It is no wonder why so many people are lost and confused. We will never be completely satisfied or whole this side of our journey. A good measure of patience and waiting is needed as we hope for the rain water of God's presence to fall upon us. When are we going to finally realize that Jesus is the One who has come to refresh us, and we no longer have to search for another? Our souls will find refreshment and rest only when they rest in God.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION: NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 22, 7:15 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 14
5 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Alana Smith
by Jeanette Erickson

Sunday, Dec. 15
8 A.M. Dr. Sara Lynch† by Lynch Family
10 A.M. Georgina Cantu† by Grandfather Leonel

Cantu

12 P.M. Mr./Mrs. Jesus Elizondo† by Alcantar Family

Gonzalo Landa†; Ricardo Figueroa†;

Deceased Members of Velasco & Huicochea Families by Family

6 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Anissa Sanchez

by Family

Monday, Dec. 16

3 P.M.

8 A.M. John Matthews† by St. Anthony Mary Claret

Legion of Mary

6:30 Holy Hour 7:30 P.M. For the Parish

Tuesday, Dec. 17

8 A.M. David Lee Cox† by Diana & Valdo Soliz

Wednesday, Dec. 18

8 A.M. Mary Spencer† by Wienecke Family

Thursday, Dec. 19

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Irma Rodriguez

by Family

Friday, Dec. 20

8 A.M. John Matthews† by Rick & Sandy Salinas

Saturday, Dec. 21

5 P.M. Living & Deceased Members of the

Houston & Karpovage Families by Bernice & Sam Houston

Sunday, Dec. 22

8 A.M. Mary Padilla† by her Sister, Teresa 10 A.M. Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert

Suarez† by Alma Ponce

12 P.M.

Rose & Anton Sedlak† by LucidoFamily

Br.M.

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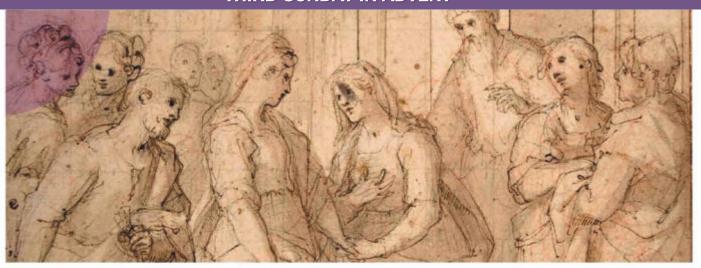
Maria De Jesus Diaz†; Rudy Garcia, Jr.†;

Norma Lisa Villanueva† by Mirelia Arguelles

6 P.M. Francis L.† & Lucille R. Fleming†

by Terry Saathoff

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Giovanni Balducci, The Visitation of the Virgin to Saint Elizabeth, the total toluseum

Mary visiting her kinswoman Elizabeth.
Elizabeth was much older than Mary and it was a miracle she had also conceived a baby.
Elizabeth and her husband Zecharaiah were parents of John the Baptist. Unlike Mary, Zecharaiah did not believe when an angel revealed to him that his wife would bear a son and name him John. When he doesn't believe the angel, he is struck dumb until he confirms the name John at his son's circumcision. Elizabeth is the patron saint of pregnant women and infertile couples.

"Zechariah's doubts and his need for explanations contrast with the 'yes' of Mary, who asks only to know how everything spoken to her was to come about. Zechariah could not overcome his desire to control everything; he could not abandon the mindset of someone needing to be responsible for making things happen. Mary did not hesitate or think about herself: instead, she surrendered herself; she trusted."

(Pope Francis, September 5, 2019)

A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.
Amen

—from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers



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PARISH NEWS



Looking for healthy fun?

Enjoy a variety of music and make new friends.

Join the St. Anthony Mary Claret line dancers
Tuesdays at 10-11:30 a.m. (with 2 breaks)
Msgr. Hubertus Hall
All ages welcome.

Ouestions? Contact Alice Russell @ 210-684-7862.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10090 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
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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.

St. Anthony Claret Pantry Activity Report November 2019

Utility assistance: \$ 4,282.35
Restock food pantry: \$ 3,292.91
Other client assistance: \$ 649.05
Office expenses: \$ 174.40
Food bags distributed: 290
People served: 852
Families assisted for Thanksgiving 77

Thank you for helping us help others.

Our hours: Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.co.



St. Anthony Claret Silver Seniors Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.,
Msgr. Hubertus Hall
Lunch, desserts & drinks provided.
Enjoy an Advent reflection, Christmas carols, and an appearance by Santa!

Bring an unwrapped toy for a child, a secret Santa gift for the white elephant gift exchange, and canned food donations for St. Anthony Claret's Pantry. For info, contact Larry Lucido at (210) 473-4813.

New members welcome!



St. Anthony Mary Claret Marriage Ministry Date Night: Advent Celebration

an evening of fellowship & enrichment for married & engaged couples
Friday, Dec. 20, 7-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall
Marriage is a gift. Celebrate how marriage fulfills us.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. For free childcare register *in advance* with Rene and Liz Quintanilla at liz.straq@yahoo.com NO LATER THAN Wed., Dec. 18. Questions? Contact Chris and Nicole Glowe at cnglowe@yahoo.com or 210-257-6616.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition Friday, Jan. 3, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Mission Concepcion Sports Park (MCSP) 714 E Theo Ave, San Antonio, TX 78210

Free for boys & girls in the following brackets:

- Ages 9 11 (boys & girls competition)
- Ages 12 14 (girls competition)
- Ages 12 14 (boys competition)

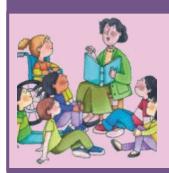
Winners advance to district, regional and state tournaments.

Participants will need the following:

- Completed "Free Throw Championship Entry Form" (Pick up in the parish office.)
- · A copy of birth certificate

Learn more at https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/community/free-throw-championship.html#/ Questions? Email: council10090@gmail.com Third Sunday of Advent Page 5

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Religious Education Calendar

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. 22, 4-5:45 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

LIFE TEEN (high school):

Sunday, Dec. 15, 7:10-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

We have a youth choir that leads our assembly in song during the 6 p.m. Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. If you are in 6th-12th grades or a young adult interested in joining this music ministry, contact Martie Kokotajlo at youthgroup@saclaret.com or 210-688-9033 ext. 209.







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 donations in the narthex through January.



THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Alfie was listening to his sister practice her singing. "Sis," he said, "I wish you'd



sing Christmas carols."
"That's nice of you,
Alfie," she replied, "but
why?" Alfie replied,
"Because then I'd only
have to hear your voice
once a year!"

PARISH NEWS

St. Anthony Mary Claret 5th Annual Posada

Pilgrimage of Mary, Joseph & Baby Jesus

Saturday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m.; Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Music, piñatas 4 celebration

Children encouraged to dress up as shepherds or angels.

Volunteers needed: To help, contact Frances B. Johnson: text to (956) 337-4184 or email: <u>Francesbjohnsono122@gmail.com</u>.

St. Anthony Mary Claret La 5ª anual Posada

la Peregrinación de María, José y Niño Jesús
El sábado, 21 de diciembre, a las 7:00 p.m.
dentro del Salón Hubertus
Música, piñatas, y Convivio

Los niños son bienvenidos a disfrazarse de pastores o ángeles.

Necesitamos voluntarios. Para ayudar, comunicate con Frances B. Johnson: texto al: (956) 337-4184 o email: francesbjohnsono122@gmail.com.

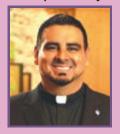


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FAITH & PRAYER

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

Blavne 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



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Annette & Dave Whitney Mary Navarro Sid Wall Judith Wall Mary Lee Sloan Linda Izaguirre Harold Shields Javier Calderon Ray & Carolyn Cole George Aldaya Sandy Salinas Ana Ġalinski 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 Alvson Oviedo Fernando Mascorro Grace Heinze* Paul Allen* Dave Whitney* Romana Garcia* Adrian & Erika Huerter* Robyn Marcum* Margie Morones* Tracy Oviedo* Linda Santos* Mary Sledden* Bertha Trevino* Gabby Truly* Linda Santos Tom Calderon Jr.

Italicized names with an asterisk (*) on the list above need to be updated. 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 names of parishioners and their immediate family only. Names usually run 4 weeks.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 15: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 Monday 16: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 Wednesday 18: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Friday 20: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 Saturday 21: Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45

Sunday 22: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



A Time & Place to Clarify Your Calling in Life

Are you age 18-40? Don't spend your life wondering if you are called to the priesthood or religious life!

Cordi-Marian Retreat Center, 11624 Culebra Rd. Registration required at www.archsa.org/vocations. For more info, contact the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at vocations@archsa.org or call 210-735-0553.



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