

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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December 29, 2019

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 2:13-15, 19-23

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, →



## THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

### 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.

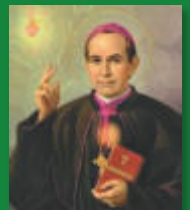
**Funerals:** Call parish office prior to making arrangements.

**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.

### 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.



## 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

### Dec. 14/15 Attendance & Collection totals

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Attendance</b>             | <b>3,576</b>        |
| <b>Regular Collection</b>     | <b>\$ 31,128.99</b> |
| <b>Debt Reduction</b>         | <b>\$ 5,456.00</b>  |
| <b>Candles</b>                | <b>\$ 456.15</b>    |
| <b>Capital Campaign</b>       | <b>\$ 252.00</b>    |
| <b>Gabriel Project</b>        | <b>\$ 240.00</b>    |
| <b>SAMC Pantry</b>            | <b>\$ 190.00</b>    |
| <b>Rosary Makers</b>          | <b>\$ 150.00</b>    |
| <b>Retired Religious Fund</b> | <b>\$ 100.00</b>    |

**Dec. 21/22 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.**

### GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1*

immigrants.

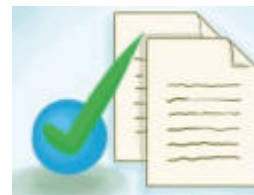
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Families can be challenging. As much as they can be places of love, growth, and life, they can also be places of hurt, conflict, and despair. What has been your experience of family? There is no way around it: being human requires family life. We have to learn how to celebrate and embrace as well as forgive and understand. Virtue is required. St. Paul asks us to "put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." We are asked to bear with one another and forgive one another. These are tall orders for anyone, but they are not impossible achievements. If we keep our eyes on Jesus and trust in God as the Holy Family did, St. Paul's vision is obtainable. Our families can take on a sacramental character and become places where God's love is revealed.

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*End-of-year contribution statements will be mailed out the last week of January*



*2020. If you require this information sooner, contact the parish office at 210-688-9033.*

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



Saturday, Jan. 4  
Confession: 7:30 a.m.; Mass:  
8 a.m.

followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday, Dec. 28

5 P.M. **Anniversary Blessings for James & Adelina Fritz** by Adelina Fritz

### Sunday, Dec. 29

8 A.M. **Mary Spencer†** by Wienecke Family  
 10 A.M. **For the Parish**  
 12 P.M. **Souls in Purgatory†, Jesus & Tila Vasquez** by Family  
 3 P.M. **Carmen Isaales Diaz†** by Judy Ruiz  
 6 P.M. **Mr. & Mrs. Charles Connor†** by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Conner, Jr.

### Monday, Dec. 30

8 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Seth Peterson** by Bea Peterson  
**Special Intention for Margaret Thissell** by Bill & Jenny Bailey  
 6:30 Holy Hour  
 7:30 P.M. **For an End to Abortion**

### Tuesday, Dec. 31 **\*\*\*No 8 A.M. Mass /OFFICE CLOSED\*\*\***

5 P.M. **Birthday Blessings for Robert Espinoza** by Espinoza Family

### Wednesday, Jan. 1 **\*\*\*No 8 A.M. Mass /OFFICE CLOSED\*\***

10 A.M. **Rodolfo Durand†** by Irene Durand

### Thursday, Jan. 2

8 A.M. **Spiritual Healing & Strength for Priests, Yesenia Gonzales, Fabian Gonzales, Aristotle Vela, Ceile Ayres, & all RCIA & Confirmation Students** by M. Gonzales  
**Special Intention for Gruver Rodriguez Family** by Ana Rodriguez

### Friday, Jan. 3

8 A.M. **John Matthews†** by Dennis, Helen & Orozco Family

### Saturday, Jan. 4

8 A.M. **Special Intention for Liliana Valenzuela** by Bianca Valenzuela  
 5 P.M. **John & Mary Krawczynski†** by Martha Bednarz.

### Sunday, Jan. 5

8 A.M. **Daniel Lemke† & Family** by Jacqui Cassle  
 10 A.M. **Francis L.† & Lucille R. Fleming†** by Terry Saathoff  
 12 P.M. **Birthday Blessings for Lily Olech** by Family  
 3 P.M. **Jobany Robledo†** by Arianna Salazar  
 6 P.M. **Liz Fischer†** by Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar  
**Alvin Huddleston†** by Wife, Ursula



## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## Feast of the Holy Family

POPE FRANCIS' VISION IS A  
VISION OF JOY-FILLED LOVE.  
LET'S SHARE IT!

In *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis calls dialogue “essential” for family life.

1. **Recognize the real “importance” and dignity of the other person.** Recognize others’ right “to think as they do and to be happy.” Pope Francis challenges us to acknowledge the values of the other’s “deepest concerns” and what he or she is trying to say (no. 138).
2. **Try to understand where the other person is coming from:** his or her pain, disappointments, fear, anger, hopes, and dreams (no. 137).
3. **Put yourself in the other’s “shoes”;** try to “peer” into his or her heart. This is the starting point for dialogue (no. 138).
4. **Be ready to “listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say.”** Dialogue requires the “self-discipline” of waiting until someone is finished speaking before responding. And, it means *truly* listening to what someone else is saying—not planning a comeback before the other person has even finished speaking (no. 137).
5. **“Keep an open mind.”** We need not stick to our own “limited ideas and opinions,” but we must “be prepared to change or expand them.” Our goal is “synthesis” that enriches everyone involved in the dialogue. We don’t seek unity in diversity, Pope Francis says, but rather “reconciled diversity” (no. 139).
6. **Our goal is to advance the common good.** Respect and appreciation for the “other” are necessary prerequisites (no. 139).
7. **Try not to offend, and don’t vent.** We must choose our words carefully, be sensitive to how



others feel, and never seek to inflict hurt. We must also avoid a “patronizing” tone, which “only serves to hurt, ridicule, accuse and offend others” (no. 139).

8. **Love everyone.** “Love,” Pope Francis writes, “surmounts even the worst barriers.” When we come from a place of love, we can better understand others (no. 140).
9. **Base positions on beliefs and values,** not on the desire to “win” an argument or be “proved right” (no. 140).
10. **Pray!** True dialogue, Pope Francis reminds us, “can only be the fruit of an interior richness” nourished by our quiet time with God through reading, reflection, prayer, and “openness to the world around us” (no. 141).
11. **These are challenging words from Pope Francis.** How might our own families be different if we took his words to heart?



### 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. Questions? Contact Alice Russell @ 210-684-7862.

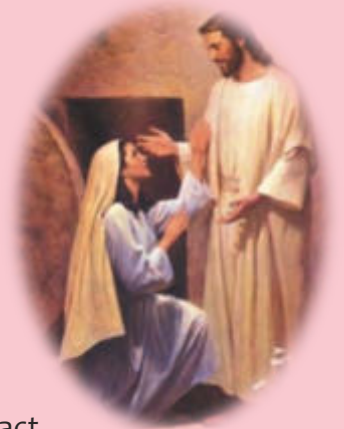
Daughters of God, you are invited to an encounter with your merciful Lord.

### 2020 Women's ACTS Retreat (English)

Feb. 27-March 1

Cordi Marian Retreat Center  
Cost: \$185

For info or to register, contact  
Norma Villarreal @ 956-337-8098;  
Jennifer Eck @ 210-790-5911; or,  
Cheryl Tapia @ 210-254-5998.



*Be merciful O Lord, for we have sinned. Give me back the joy of your salvation and a willing spirit sustain in me.*

-Psalm 51:12



### This Week in Our Parish

Weddings:

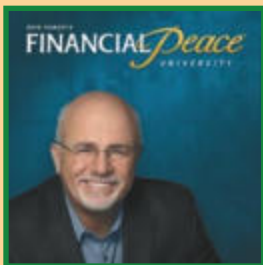
Raul Benavides, Jr. & Klargssa De La Pena



### 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. Let's make life a little easier for them.

*Drop off donations in the narthex through January.*



### Do you want Financial Peace?

Financial Peace University is a 9-week program to guide couples and singles to pay off their debt and help them have a brighter future. Is it life-changing? Yes! Is it easy? No, but we will provide support and encouragement.

And, it's practical and do-able.

If you are interested in taking this course in spring 2020 here at St. Anthony Claret, call Michelle Barrentine, facilitator, at 210-688-9273 (voice messages only).

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

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714 E Theo Ave,  
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Winners advance to district, regional and state tournaments.



Free for boys & girls in the following brackets:

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

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- 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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## January Religious Education Calendar

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

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

Sunday, Jan. 12 & Wednesday, Jan. 15: Classes in session\*

\*Parent classes with Fr. Jan at the same time in Msgr. Hubertus Hall for parents of students in final year of sacramental preparation.

Wed., Jan. 15: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sanctity of Life talk for all 6<sup>th</sup> graders NOT IN FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES. Topic: *Suffering and Life*; 6:45-7:45 p.m. in the church. This replaces their regular Jan. 12 or Jan. 15 RE class. Parents encouraged to attend.

Sunday, Jan. 19 & Wednesday, Jan. 22: \*\*\* NO CLASSES \*\*\*

Sunday, Jan. 26 & Wednesday, Jan. 29: Classes in session



## CAN YOU HELP?

We have an urgent need for religious education teachers and assistants for the sessions listed below. To volunteer, contact Director of Religious Education Michelle Reynolds at [reoffice@saclaret.com](mailto:reoffice@saclaret.com) or 210-688-9033, x204.

- ◆ Sunday 10:45-11:45 a.m. session: 2 teacher assistants needed
- ◆ Sunday 4:45-5:45 p.m. (high school): 3 lead teachers & 3 teacher assistants needed
- ◆ Wednesday 5:15-6:15 p.m. session: 5 teacher assistants needed
- ◆ Wednesday 6:45-7:45 p.m. session: 2 teacher assistants needed
- ◆ Wednesday 6:45-7:45 p.m. (high school): 2 teacher assistants needed



## PARISH NEWS

### St. Anthony Claret Silver Seniors Three Kings Celebration

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.,  
Msgr. Hubertus Hall

*Lunch, desserts & drinks provided.*

Bring canned food donations for St. Anthony Claret's Pantry. For info, contact Larry Lucido at (210) 473-4813.

New members welcome!





# 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.*

## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

- Darrellyn Kunding
- Gloria Bolick
- Laura Garcia-Mehdi
- Vivian & David Stoltz
- Jose Martinez
- Natalia Guhit
- Merwyn & Cecil Catral
- Mary Flora
- Talia Martinez
- Virginia Donnelly
- Annette & Dave Whitney
- Mary Navarro
- Sid Wall
- Judith Wall
- Linda Izaguirre
- Harold Shields
- Javier Calderon
- Ray & Carolyn Cole
- George Aldaya
- Sandy Salinas
- Ana Galinski
- 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
- Alyson Oviedo
- Fernando Mascorro
- Grace Heinze\**
- Paul Allen\**
- Dave Whitney\**
- Romana Garcia\**
- Adrian & Erika Huerter\**
- Margie Morones\**
- Tracy Oviedo\**
- Linda Santos\**
- Mary Sledden\**
- Bertha Trevino\**
- Gabby Truly\**
- Linda Santos
- Tom Calderon Jr.

*Italicized names with an asterisk (\*) on this list need updating. For those names to REMAIN on this list, you must contact us or names will be removed in January. Email saclaret@saclaret.com or call 210-688-9033 no later than Monday, Dec. 30. Updated list begins January 2020. IMPORTANT: Due to space limitations, list is reserved for names of parishioners and their immediate family only. You may submit up to FOUR names at a time. Names usually run 4 weeks.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**ON the WAY**  
**¡ÁNDALE!**  
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In the weeks that led up to Christmas, it seemed everywhere we turned, we were pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a “perfect” Christmas day (*Catholic Stewardship Consultants*). But

as Paul says in his letter to the Romans, **“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”** (Romans 1:7) We must remember that this is the time of peace and joy. Spend time with Jesus this Christmas season and prayerfully consider making a pledge to the **On the Way - ¡Ándale! Campaign**. It will give you peace and joy.

Merry Christmas and have a wonderful new year!

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- Sunday 29: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Monday 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
- Tuesday 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday 1: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Thursday 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
- Friday 3: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
- Saturday 4: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
- Sunday 5: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Deer readers, my gnu year's resolution is to tell you a gazelleon times how much I caribou you! Sorry. Bad puns. Alpaca bag and leave.





**DEBRA BACHLEDA**  
CPA, PC, Parishioner

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