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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

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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 2:1-12

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unex-



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

pectedly found peace on a retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire 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.

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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 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

and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous

Dec. 21/22 Attendance & Collection totals

Attendance		3,449
Regular Collection	\$ 3	35,442.25
Debt Reduction	\$	6,630.00
Candles	\$	631.33
Retired Religious Fund	\$	380.00
SAMC Pantry	\$	325.00
Rosary Makers	\$	64.00
Gabriel Project	\$	40.00

Dec. 28/29 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.

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.

reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answers say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever experienced a time in your life when everything came together and became abundantly clear? You may have been confused about something, in the dark, at a point of doubt, or unclear as to how to act. You may have questioned someone's motivation and found yourself coming to the wrong conclusion. Then out of nowhere, the insight came and reality dawned. You experienced an epiphany of sorts! Today, we celebrate Christ's manifestation to all of the nations of the world. Has it dawned on you yet that Jesus Christ is the answer humanity has been seeking? Jesus is truly the beginning and end of all things and the key to understanding God's presence in every human heart. Once this real Epiphany dawns on us, we can never see God, ourselves, or one another in any other way. The Divine Light illumines everything and connects the dots. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Jan. 4		Wednesday, Jan. 8		
8 A.M.	Special Intention for Liliana Valenzuela by Bianca Valenzuela	8 A.M.	Spiritual Healing/Strength for Current & \ Future Descendants of Daniel R.† &	
5 P.M.	John & Mary Krawczynski† by Martha Bednarz.		Manuela M. Gonzales† by Y. Gonzales	
Sunday, Jan. 5	•	Thursday, Jan. 9		
8 A.M.	Daniel Lemke† & Family by Jacqui Cassle	8 A.M.	For the Parish	
10 A.M.	Francis L.† & Lucille R. Fleming†	Friday, Jan. 10		
12 D M	by Terry Saathoff	8 A.M.	Jeffery Canale† by Marianne Phillips	
12 P.M.	Birthday Blessings for Lily Olech by Family	Saturday, Jan. 11		
3 P.M.	Joebany Robledo† by Arianna Salazar	5 P.M.	Birthday Blessings for Lillie Sanchez	
6 P.M.	Liz Fischer† by Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar Alvin Huddleston† by Wife, Ursula	C 2 V2/20	by Family	
		Sunday, Jan. 12		
Monday, Jan. 6 8 A.M.	Special Intention: James & Henry	8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Natalia Banda by Family	
	Pawelek; Alois & Florence Olenick	10 A.M.	Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert	
6.20	by Olenick Family		Suarez† by Alma Ponce	
6:30	Holy Hour	12 P.M.	Eva Valdez† by Serna Family	
7:30 P.M.	For the Sick of the Parish	3 P.M.	Macedonio Martinez†	
Tuesday, Jan. 7			by Mary Gonzalez, cousin	
8 A.M.	Alejandro Davila† by Family	6 P.M.	John Matthews † by St. Anthony Mary Claret Legion of Mary	

RESPECT LIFE/RESPETEMOS LA VIDA



A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Oración para las Embarazadas

Oh, Madre Santa, recibiste la buena nueva de la encarnación de Cristo, tu Hijo, con fe y confianza. Concede tu protección a todas las embarazadas que enfrentan dificultades.

Guíanos en nuestro esfuerzo por hacer de nuestras comunidades parroquiales lugares de acogida y asistencia para las madres necesitadas. Ayúdanos a convertirnos en instrumentos del amor y la compasión de Dios bondadoso.

María, Madre de la Iglesia, ayúdanos a crear la cultura de la vida y la civilización de amor, junto con todas las personas de buena voluntad, para alabanza y gloria de Dios Creador, y amante de la vida. Amén.

Intercessions for Life

May friends and families of women with difficult pregnancies provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child; we pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Para que los amigos y familiares de las mujeres con embarazos difíciles brinden apoyo amoroso y que afirme la vida para madre e hijo; roguemos al Señor.

WORDS OF LIFE / PALABRAS DE VIDA

"When I meet another parent of a child with Down syndrome, there is usually a moment of instant recognition and understanding. Our eyes meet, and we smile conspiratorially, as if we're in on the same secret: the fundamental truth that every life is a good and perfect gift. ... Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone."

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift" (www.respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift)

"Cuando conozco a otro padre o madre de un niño con síndrome de Down, por lo general hay un momento de reconocimiento y comprensión instantáneo. Nuestros ojos se encuentran, y sonreímos con complicidad, como si compartiéramos el mismo secreto: la verdad fundamental de que cada vida es un regalo bueno y perfecto. ... Nuestro amor por ellos no tiene nada que ver con sus capacidades. Los amamos simplemente por lo que son, y comprender esto nos enseña a amar verdaderamente a todos".

—Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB "Un Regalo Perfecto" (bit.ly/un-regalo-perfecto-2018)



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PARISH NEWS



Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Fundraiser

Sunday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m.— 1:30 p.m. Msgr. Hubertus Hall

\$8/plate cash, check, credit card accepted

Join us for great spaghetti and fellowship while helping the charitable missions we have for this fraternal year.





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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

.IFE AWARENESS

Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend January 10-12, 2020



Come with Me into the fields



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.



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.

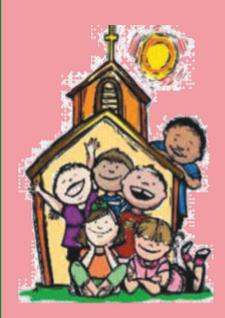
THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

A man is walking in a graveyard when he hears the Third Symphony played backward. When it's over, the Second Symphony starts playing, also backward, and then the First. "What's going on?" he asks a cemetery worker. "It's Beethoven," says the worker. "He's decomposing."



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January Religious Education Calendar



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: 6th Grade Sanctity of Life talk for all 6th 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 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

New members welcome!

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.



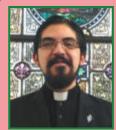
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FAITH & PRAYER

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:





Edward Gonzales

Matthew De Leon

Padre Nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas. Manda tu Santo Espíritu para ayudar a que otros respondan con generosidad y valentía a tu llamado. Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye las vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo quien vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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:

Congregation of Dinasevanasabaha
(Servants of the Poor)

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Mark Finley Darrelyn Kundinger 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 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 Alvson Oviedo Fernando Mascorro Linda Santos Tom Calderon Jr.

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 for four weeks.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 5: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Monday 6: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday 7: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday 8: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday 9: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a Friday 10: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday 11: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 Sunday 12: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - January

Promotion of World Peace. We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.



Intención del Santo Padre Francisco - Enero

Promoción de la paz en el mundo. Recemos para que los cristianos, los que siguen otras religiones y las personas de buena voluntad promuevan la paz y la justicia en el mundo.

Dios, Padre nuestro, yo te ofrezco toda mi jornada, mis oraciones, pensamientos, afectos y deseos, palabras, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos en unión con el Corazón de tu Hijo Jesucristo que sigue ofreciéndose a Ti en la Eucaristía para la salvación del mundo. Que el Espíritu Santo, que guió a Jesús, sea mi guía y mi fuerza en este día para que pueda ser testigo de tu amor. Con María, la madre del Señor y de la Iglesia, pido especialmente por las intenciones del Papa y de nuestros obispos para este mes. Amen.



Debra Bachleda CPA, PC, Parishioner

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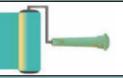
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