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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 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.

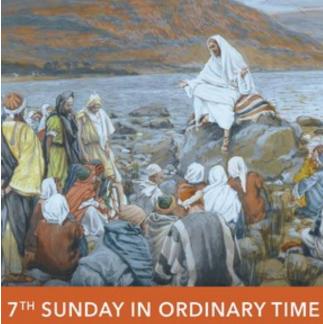
Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist.

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 5:38-48

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow



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"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of

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 and administering of the Sacrament of the Sick

Every first Thursday of the month: 7 p.m. bilingual Holy Hour Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m. / Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. (Spanish), & 6 p.m. Holy Days of Obligation: 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:

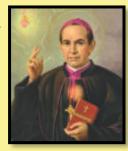
First Tuesday & Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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



8 A.M.

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

violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be

Feb. 15/16 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	3,832
Regular Collection	\$ 25,967.98
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,893.50
Candles	\$ 391.84
Capital Campaign	\$ 328.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 320.00
Church in Cent./East. Europe	\$ 75.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 50.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 40.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 15.00

(NOTE: Totals in last weekend's bulletin were for Feb. 8/9, not Feb. 1/2 as indicated.)

This Week in Our Parish Weddings:

Eric Garcia & Roxanna Rag Ramirgz

Matthew Raymond Alcala & Kristi Leg Ann Ramirgz

Jason Timothy Legk & Alicia Guadalupg Rodrigugz

Deborah Ligamari† & Stephanie Byrd†

by Christine Alvarez & Malicka Byrd

holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Birthday Blessings for Emmett Philip

Peterson by Bea Peterson

What does it mean to be holy? God has definite ideas about the answer. Not bearing hatred for your brother or sister, not seeking revenge or holding grudges, loving your neighbor as yourself, treating human beings as the temples of God they are, offering no resistance to someone who wants to hurt you, turning the other cheek, not turning your back on someone, loving your enemies, praying for those who persecute you, and striving for perfection are some of the ways holiness can be pursued. Holiness, understood through God's eyes, is attainable by all of us. It comes from making the right Gospel-centered choices and not falling victim to lesser temptations, reactions, and desires. Knowing what holiness actually involves, is it something you really want? ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 5 P.M.	22 Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†;	5 P.M.	Martin Schmitter† & Belinda Pacheco† by Priscilla Velasquez		
	Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family	7 P.M.	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity; Souls in Purgatory† by M. Gonzales		
Sunday, Feb. 23					
8 A.M.	Susana J. Gonzalez † by Family	Thursday, Feb.	27		
10 A.M.	Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro	8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Gracie Corralez by Teresa Revilla		
12 P.M.	All Moravits & Zaiontz Family Members by Family	Friday, Feb. 28 5:30 P.M.	***NO MORNING MASS *** Stations of the Cross - Spanish		
3 P.M.	Oralia Aguilar† by Sister, Olivia Zertuche	7 P.M.	Stations of the Cross - English		
6 P.M.	Deborah Gallegos † by Espinoza & Flores Families	7:30 P.M.	Birthday Blessings for Emma & Jean Olech by Family		
Monday, Feb. 2	4	Saturday, Feb.			
8 A.M.	Britton Beckerman† by Tom & Linda Dickerson	5 P.M.	Porfirio Mendoza, Sr.† by Mendoza Family Antonio Magana† & Guadalupe Magana†		
6:30	Holy Hour		by Magana Family		
7:30 P.M.	For an End to Abortion	C J M 1			
Tuesday, Feb. 2	5	Sunday, Mar. 1 8 A.M.	Roman Sawka† by Family		
8 A.M.	Mary Louisa Negre† by Bill & Jenny Bailey	10 A.M.	David Martin† by Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar		
Wednesday, Fe	b. 26 ***ASH WEDNESDAY ***	12 P.M.	Rosa Santos† by Family		
6:30 A.M.	Special Intention by Parishioner	3 P.M.	Maria de Jesus Munoz† by Alcantar Family		

6 P.M.

LENT

An Excerpt from A Reflection on Lenten Fasting

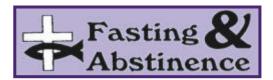
by Rev. Daniel Merz

Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone." (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting. Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

- 1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
- 2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
- 3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
- 4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
- 5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
- 6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
- 7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.

Rev. Daniel Merz is a former Associate Director of the USCCB Divine Worship office.

Source: www.usccb.org. Read article in its entirety or in Spanish at www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/catholic-reflection-on-lenten-fasting-father-daniel-merz.cfm.



- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.
- ◆In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
- For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.
- When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
- The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 on wards.

Source: www.usccb.org.



MASS



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH PROGRAMS

MARCH RE CALENDAR

Wed., Mar. 4: 8th grade Sanctity of Life talk, 6:45 p.m. in the church

Sun., Mar. 8 & Wed., Mar. 11: Spring Break—No classes

Sun., Mar. 29: High School Sanctity of Life talk, 4:45 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Sun. Mar. 15 & Wed., Mar. 18: Parent class

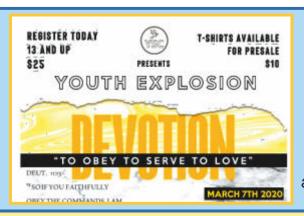


Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

Life Night (high school): Sundays, Mar. 1 & 15, 7-9 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall
All youth are invited to come sing with the youth choir for the 6 p.m. Masses on Mar. 1 & 15.

Edge (middle school): Sundays, Mar. 8 & 22, 4-5:45 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall





Youth Explosion

For ages 13 & up; only 10 slots available!
Saturday, Mar. 7, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
St. Henry's Church Hall, 110 Keller St.
Cost: \$25, includes lunch & dinner
For info or to register, contact Martie Kokotajlo at youthgroup@saclaret.com or 210-680-9033, x209.

2020 YOUTH SPECTACULAR

For middle & high school youth Saturday, Mar. 21, 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.
St. Mary's University
Cost: \$20, incl. lunch & gifts
For info or to register, contact Martie Kokotajlo at youthgroup@saclaret.com or 210-680-9033, x209.





Time to start planning this year's Vacation Bible School! Dates: July 6-10

It's an Olympic year and our one-week program will focus on training kids in the Word of God with teachings on the greatest Commandments, Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Fruits of the Spirit, and evangelization.

ADULT volunteers are needed to lead the stations. If you are 18+, can attend daily and are interested in helping, contact Ericka De Leon at erickadeleon2018@gmail.com.



PARISH NEWS

FRATERNAL BENEFITS EVENT

Saturday, Feb. 29, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. St. Anthony Mary Claret Msgr. Hubertus Hall 6150 Roft Road, SATX

All parishioners welcome!

Snacks - Drinks - Goodie Bags included (while supplies last)

RSVP (Optional) to

Sir Knight Joseph Torrez F.A. at 210-240-5989 or Joe. Torrez@kofc.org

This FREE event is hosted by Knights of Columbus field agents for our parishioners. It is brought to you by our parish's Knights of Columbus and Silver Seniors ministry.

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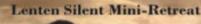
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Fri., Feb. 28, 5:30-9:30 p.m. & Sat., Feb. 29, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. St. Anthony Catholic Church, 6150 Roft Rd., RE Bldg. Bilingual Contemplative Mass: Saturday @ 11a.m.

Registration: \$35; lunch: \$5 or donation; T-shirt: \$15 Pay by cash or check (payable to Koinonia Ministry)

For info, contact the parish office at 210-688-9033 or or Koinonia at 210-393-3493. Registration forms available in the narthex.

Limited spots available (50-English)

No childcare available

mothers and daughters teaparty 2020, event brite. com

Daughters of God, you are invited to 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



St. Anthony Mary Claret CYO Track, Baseball & Softball

Registration Wed., Feb. 19, 6-7:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 23, after 8 a.m., 10 a.m. 4 12 p.m. Masses; Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Returning players may register online. Check email for details.





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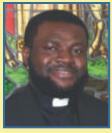


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FAITH & PRAYER

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:





Alexius Ohaeri

Luis Gomez

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:

Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians (Salesians)

PARISH NEWS



St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church y Koinonia Ministry

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El Viernes 28 de Febrero, 5:30-9:30 p.m. y
El Sábado 29 de Febrero, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
St. Anthony Catholic Church, 6150 Roft Rd., RE Bldg.

Habrá Misa bilingüe contemplativa a las 11 es sábado

Inscripción :\$35; almuerzo: \$5 o donación; playera: \$15; efectivo o cheque (a nombre de Koinonia Ministry)

Para información y registro comunicarse a la parroquia en 210-688-9033 o a Koinonia en 210-393-3493.

Formularios de registro disponibles en el narthex. Cupo limitado (50-español) No habrá cuidado de niños

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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Ray & Carolyn Cole George Aldaya Sandy Salinas Ana Galinski 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. Jack & Jeanette Donohue Tracy Oviedo

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 23: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday 24: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday 25: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday 26: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 27: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 Friday 28: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 Saturday 29: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday 1: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11





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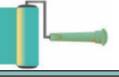
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