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April 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 26:14-27:66

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is "why me?" as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a "why me" attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime

example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with

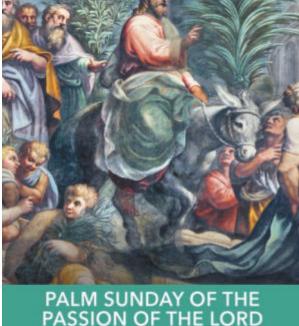


Marriage Prep: Call parish office at least six months to one year prior to wedding. Must attend mandatory orientation session the third Thursday of March or September at 7 p.m.

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.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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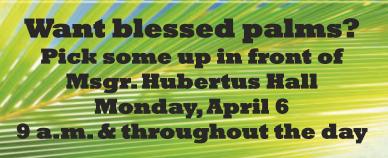
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Welcome! As pastor of St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church, I want to express welcome from all of us to you for choosing to become a member of our parish family. We hope you will always feel at home here and that our worship and other parochial 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

the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life's successes and affirmations. Learning

obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it's the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

IN OUR PARISH

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Apr.	4	Wednesday, Apr. 8
Sunday, Apr. 5	John F. Matthew† by Dennis & Helen Orozco Family Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family Danilo Taliman† by Wife and Children Henrietta Kempf† by Mary Kossaeth Tila Vasquez†; Birthday Blessings for Mauro Santellanes by Teresa & Family Mary Padilla† by Teresa, sister For the Parish Birthday Blessings for Michelle Semas by Semas Family	Birthday Blessings for Barbara Winn & Fran Helner; Mary Boisvert†; Mary Ann Feuge†; Millie Swezey† by Bea Peterson Thursday, Apr. 9 Daniel R.† & Manuela M. Gonzales†; Tomasa N. Cabezuela†; Sr. Victoria Hernandez†; Souls in Purgatory† by F. Gonzales Saturday, Apr. 11 RCIA Candidates & Teachers Sunday, Apr. 12
Monday, Apr. 6 Tuesday, Apr. ′	Special Intention: James & Henry Pawelek; Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family	Jesus & Tila Vasquez† by daughter, Teresa Birthday Blessings for Ana Mata by Family Moravits & Zaiontz Family Members by Family Spiritual Strength/Spiritual Healing for Current & Future Priests by a Mom Joebany Robledo† by Adrianna Salazar Fr. Brian Garcia & Fr. Tu Nguyen by Alice Lopez

Mar. 22 Collection Totals

Regular Collection	\$	11,099.00
Debt Reduction	Š	4,262.00
SAMC Pantry	\$	1,226.00
Catholic Relief Svcs	\$	345.00
Gabriel Project	\$	200.00
Candles	\$	101.00
Church in Holy Land	\$	60.00
Home Missions	\$	40.00
Rosary Makers	\$	30.00
Black/Native Amer.	\$	5.00
Church in Central		
& Eastern Europe	\$	5.00



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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE ON CTSA SPECTRUM CH. 15 AND FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

FROM ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.30AM (LIVE) TUESDAY - FRIDAY 6.00PM (RE-BROADCAST) SATURDAY - 5.00PM

FROM SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL: SUNDAY 500PM (REBROADCAST) MONDAY 600PM (REBROADCAST)

PARISH NEWS

STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH! WATCH THE MASS FROM HOME!

Livestream the St. Anthony Mary Claret Holy Mass Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. and on Sundays at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. (Spanish) and 6 p.m. by going to the parish website at www.samcsa.com and clicking on this image: After original broadcast, these Masses will remain on the parish's Facebook page to watch at any time.

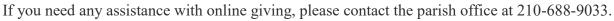




Our parish depends on the generous support from parishioners' and visitors' weekend offertory. We also know during this time finances can be tough, especially with the uncertainty of work as well as grocery and household expenses. If you can give, we would greatly appreciate it, but we understand if at this moment you cannot. Taking care of family is very important during this time. We will support you as best we can and continue to stream Masses and keep you informed of what is going on in the life of our parish. May God bless you and your families.

Ways to give:

- Online giving Go to http://samcsa.com/ and click on this image: -
- By mail 6150 Roft Road San Antonio, Texas 78253
- In person Drop off at the parish office.



Su Generosidad es Apreciada!

Nuestra parroquia depende del generoso apoyo de nuestros feligreses y del ofertorio de fin de semana de visitantes. También sabemos que durante este tiempo las finanzas pueden ser difíciles, especialmente con la incertidumbre del trabajo, así como los comestibles para el hogar y demás. Le pedimos que si puede donar, apreciaríamos enormemente sus generosas donaciones, pero entendemos si en este momento no puede hacerlo. Cuidar de la familia es muy importante durante este tiempo. Continuaremos apoyándolo lo mejor que podamos y continuaremos transmitiendo misas y lo mantendremos informado de lo que está sucediendo en la vida de nuestra parroquia. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias.

Formas de dar:

- dando en línea ir a http://samcsa.com/ y haga clic en esta imagen:
- Por correo 6150 Roft Road San Antonio, Texas 78253
- en persona dejándolo en la oficina de la parroquia.

Si necesita ayuda con donaciones en línea, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 210-688-9033.

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE: Public Parish Masses (livestream only—see above) Confessions, Stations of the Cross, All Holy Hours RCIA/RCIC classes Religious education (now online; see p. 5) Youth group meetings CANCELLED: Gabriel Project Golf Tournament Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt POSTPONED:

Men's English ACTS Retreat from Mar. 19-22 to May 7-10



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FAITH IN THE MIDST OF THE CORONA VIRUS

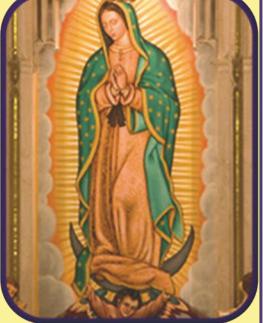
Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity; that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.



In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen. _____ Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe, Reina de los Ángeles y Madre de las Américas. Acudimos a ti hoy como tus amados hijos. Te pedimos que intercedas por nosotros con tu Hijo, como lo hiciste en las bodas de Caná. Ruega por nosotros, Madre amorosa, y obtén para nuestra nación, nuestro mundo, y para todas

Ruega por nosotros, Madre amorosa, y obtén para nuestra nación, nuestro mundo, y para todas nuestras familias y seres queridos, la protección de tus santos ángeles, para que podamos salvarnos de lo peor de esta enfermedad.

Para aquellos que ya están afectados, te pedimos que les concedas la gracia de la sanación y la liberación. Escucha los gritos de aquellos que son vulnerables y temerosos, seca sus lágrimas y ayúdalos a confiar.

En este tiempo de dificultad y prueba, enséñanos a todos en la Iglesia a amarnos

los unos a los otros y a ser pacientes y amables.



Ayúdanos a llevar la paz de Jesús a nuestra tierra y a nuestros corazones. Acudimos a ti con confianza, sabiendo que realmente eres nuestra madre compasiva, la salud de los enfermos y la causa de nuestra alegría.

Refúgianos bajo el manto de tu protección, mantennos en el abrazo de tus brazos, ayúdanos a conocer siempre el amor de tu Hijo, Jesús. Amén.

From the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org.

PARISH NEWS



Lent provides opportunity to show gratitude for God's gifts and to share those gifts with others.

Our parish's Knights of Columbus invite you to help needy families by

making "40 Cans for Lent" part of your Lenten journey.

Simply donate a can of food or able food item

non-perishable food item for each of the 40 days of Lent.

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." — Col 3:17



Donations benefit the SAC Pantry and are <u>urgently needed now!</u> Drop off donations in the PARISH OFFICE.

(The church is not open.)

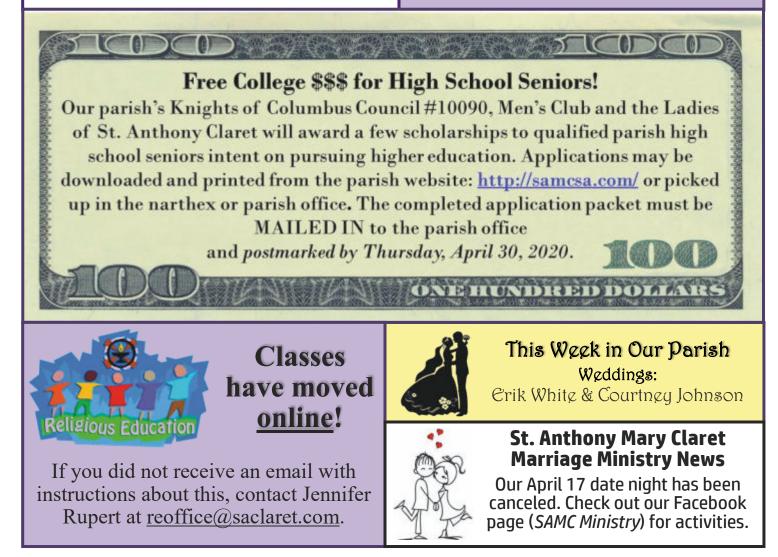
Financial Peace University (FPU) is coming to St. Anthony Claret!

Every Tuesday evening April 21-June 16 7-8:30 p.m., RE building

FPU is a way to get out of debt using Biblical wisdom and common sense. It is life-giving because YOU get to tell your money what to do. It is a way to walk a tough journey and be able to dream with support and with others like you.

Cost: \$95. Class size limited. For more info or to register, contact Michelle Barrentine at 210-688-9273 (voice only) or mitchtez@yahoo.com.





FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR THESE NEW PRIESTS !

Join the St. Anthony Mary Claret Vocations Committee this month as they pray for these men who were ordained last month and for an increase in vocations to religious life.







Fr. Matthew De Leon Fr. Blayne Fr. Ricardo Riley Ramirez Fr. lan Robbins

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, vou offered vourself to the Father on the altar of the cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the Divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to your own heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church, and shining examples of a holy, simple, and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (by Pope Benedict XVI)

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: **Missionaries of St. Frances de Sales**

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Ianie Perez David Tobias, Jr. Mary Helen Peterson Stoltz Family Merwyn Catral Mary Flora Natalia Guhit Gloria Martinez **Mark Finley** Linda Izaguirre Harold Shields Javier Calderon Rav & Carolyn Cole George Aldava Sandy Salinas 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 5: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 Monday 6: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11 Tuesday 7: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday 8: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25 Thursday 9: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 Friday 10: Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42 Saturday 11 (vigil): Gn 1:1—2:2/Gn 22:1-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10 Sunday 12: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - April Freedom from Addiction. We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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 - Abril

Liberación de las adicciones. Recemos para que todas las personas bajo la influencia de las adiccio nes sean bien ayudadas y acompañadas.

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.







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