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December 27, 2020

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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.

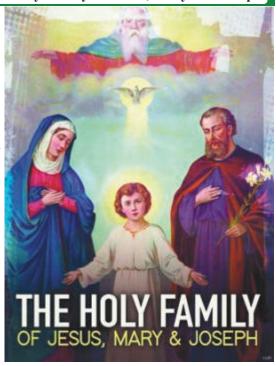
Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist.

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: LK 2:22-40

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communica-



tion, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God is!

Celebration of the Mass

Monday: 8 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.; Holy Hour 6:30 p.m. First Monday of the month: 7:30 p.m. Healing Mass and administering of the Sacrament of the Sick 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.



Wednesday and Thursday evenings only, 5 - 7 p.m.

Baptism - Required Classes:

First Tuesday 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 six months to one year prior to wedding. Must attend mandatory orientation session 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 fourth Thursday of March or September at 7 p.m.

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IN OUR PARISH

Attendance

Debt Reduction

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Christmas

Candles

Retired Religious

Capital Campaign

Solemnity of Mary

Gabriel Project

Regular Collection



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.

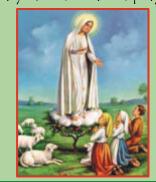
Please complete an online registration form at samcsa.com or a printed one which you can find near the entrance of our church in the narthex. Return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at your convenience.

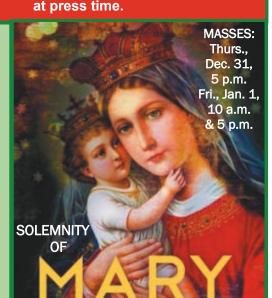
I hope you feel welcome here!

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak

St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass & Devotions

Saturday, Jan. 2, Mass: 8 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayer





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GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us! ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 26 5 P.M. Larry Joe Hartman† by Bea Peterson Dcn. John Schoellman† by Audrey Schoellman Sunday, Dec. 27 8 A.M. **Good Health for Cecilia Dominguez** by Delia Dominguez Giuse Can† by Fr. Tu 10 A.M. Anniversary Blessings for William & Etta Tricksey by Etta Tricksey 12 P.M. Alicia P. Hinojosa† by Adelina H. Fritz 3 P.M. For the Parish 6 P.M. **Birthday Blessings for Andy Wessel**

Monday, Dec. 28

8 A.M. Britton Beckerman† by Dickerson Family

6:30 P.M. Holy Hour

7 P.M. For an End to Abortion

Tuesday, Dec. 29

8 A.M. Lance Rodriguez† by Dcn. Jerry & Pat Kozar

Wednesday, Dec. 30

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Seth Peterson

by Bea Peterson

by Bea Peterson

Birthday Blessings for Leticia Trevino

by Family

Thursday, Dec. 31 *** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ***

Dec. 7/8 attendance total: 517

Dec. 12/13 attendance & collection totals

Dec. 19/20 attendance & collection totals unavailable

*** NO MORING MASS ***

5 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Robert Espinoza

by Espinoza Family

Friday, Jan. 1 *** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ***

10 A.M. Spiritual Healing & Strength for Priests,

Yesenia Gonzales, Consuelo Gonzales, Aristotle Vela, Ceile Ayres, & RCIA & Confirmation Students by M. Gonzales

5 P.M. Felipe & Julia Coronel† by Diana Soliz

Saturday, Jan. 2

8 A.M. Healing for Marilu Merlo by Anne Merlo

5 P.M. Armand & Charlotte Toutaint†

by Harold & Claire Shields

Sunday, Jan. 3

6 P.M.

8 A.M. Elvira Sanchez† by Bianca Valenzuela 10 A.M. Souls in Purgatory† by Mary Macias

12 P.M. Alfred Elizondo† by Family

3 P.M. Marce Martinez† by Family Friend

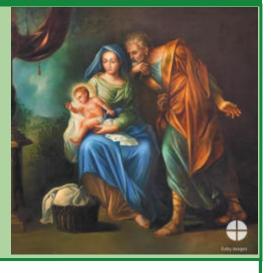
Rosario Huemer† by Family Charles Kozar† by Rich &

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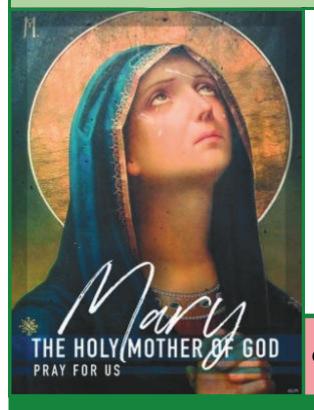
OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year.







LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In additional to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face. ©LPi

"Mary is more blessed in receiving the faith of Christ, than in conceiving the flesh of Christ." — St. Augustine, On Holy Virginity, 3

RESPECT LIFE

Intercessions for Life/Palabras de Vida

For all families: that as the domestic Church they may seek to pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love. We pray to the Lord.

Por todas las familias: que como Iglesia doméstica busquen la santidad, transmitan la fe y perseveren en amar. Roguemos al Señor.





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PARISH NEWS



Bible Study VIRTUAL Classes Available This Winter

Journey Through Scripture Series: "The Bible and The Church Fathers" (online, English)*

Fifth in the series, this 12-session Bible study is based on the Mike Aquilina's *The Fathers of the Church:*An Introduction to the First Christian Teachers (3rd ed.). Our Church is shaped by our fathers and mothers in faith, the earliest Christians. Our understanding of the liturgy is shaped by what Jesus' followers in the first centuries of the Church believed and practiced. Participants will meet weekly via Zoom for viewing DVDs, group discussion and fellowship. Two ONLINE times offered:

- English evening class begins Sunday, Jan. 3, 7:30 p.m.
- English morning class begins Tuesday, Jan. 5, 10 a.m.

To learn more, visit: www.JourneyThroughScripture.com or download the new, free St. Paul Center of Biblical Theology app in the App Store. Open to ages 15 and older.

Journey Through Scripture Series (Spanish): online via Zoom; contact Felipe Forero at (210) 833-8552.

Ascension Press Bible Study - Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life (online, English)*

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, and as Christians; but do we really know him as we should? This 10-session class explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what his life means for us as Catholics today. Participants will meet weekly via Zoom to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by group discussion and fellowship. Class begins in January.

*For info or to register, contact Charolette J. (CJ) Garcia-Aboytes at (210) 843-1198 or cjaboytes@gmail.com.



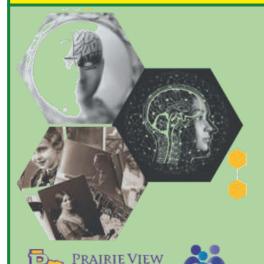
WARNING:

Some parishioners have received emails requesting help/donations and falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan.

DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!

This Week in Our Parish Quinceañera:
Addison
Rodriguez





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operative Extension Program

St. Anthony Mary Claret Super Seniors & the Cooperative Extension Program-Bexar County present an online series

IDENTIFYING MEMORY ISSUES: WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING

Via Zoom @12 p.m. on Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

For info, contact Lawrence Lucido at 210-473-4813 or mrlaredo33@aol.com; or, Grace Guerra-Gonzalez at 210-631-0400 or grguerra@pvamu.edu.

PARISH NEWS

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition Saturday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m.

St. Paul Basketball Court 350 Sutton Dr. San Antonio, TX 78228

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 & 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

All precautionary safety measures are in place; hand sanitaztion provided.

Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) as taught by The Couple to Couple League.*

NFP is <u>not</u> the old Calendar Rhythm method!

Learn about the beauty of fertility through the eyes of JPII's Theology of the Body. Couples will learn to track their natural cycle without harmful artificial hormones. It's 99% effective!

New class series begins Sunday, Jan. 10. You must register prior to the first class at **ccli.org.** For more info, email Chris or Nicole Glowe at nfpglowe@yahoo.com.

* A required course for all couples marrying in our parish.



MASS ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES*

Archbishop Gustavo's dispensation of Catholics from the obligation to participate in Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses within the Archdiocese of San Antonio granted on March 13, 2020 is in effect until repealed. At-risk people or those with symptoms of the common cold, flu or Covid-19 should stay home.

Mass Participation, attendance & seating

- Masks will be required for all persons over age 10.
- There will be no exchange of peace by handshake or hug.
- Attendance will be limited to 50% of our normal capacity.
- Mass will be held in the main sanctuary.
- Sit at least 6 ft. from others. Families may sit together.
- Leave immediately after Mass.

Communion

- The Sacred Body of Christ will be distributed in the hand only.
- After the Eucharistic minister has placed the Sacred Body of Christ in your hand, lower your mask, consume the Body
 of Christ, re-mask and return to your seat.
- The Precious Blood of Christ will not be distributed.
 - *Subject to change without notice.* Visit the parish website at http://samcsa.com/ for a more detailed list.



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FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

We invite you and your family to 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

Edward Gonzales

God our Father, thank you for calling these men to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to you through daily prayer. Help them form their personalities as credible witnesses to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church and give them generous hearts to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen.

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

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Today!

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Io Ann Niedenthal Rolf Smith Cesar & Patricia Calderon Bridget Dunlap Paul Rubio IV Diego Garduno Mary Helen Peterson Michelle Reynolds Karina Hernandez Kelton Sweet, Jr. Joanna Sweet Mark Finley Javier Calderon Jack & Jeanette Donohue George Aldaya Sandy Salinas Eloise Salazar

Maria Morales Richard Keller Rosa Huerta Barbara Vanegas Ray & Carolyn Cole A.C. Garza Olga Faz Rudy Navarro Bishop Yanta Nancy Souhrada Bill Jennings Dee Hancock Alvson Oviedo Fernando Mascorro Linda Santos Tom Calderon Jr. 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 27: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40 Monday 28: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 Thursday 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Friday 1: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Sunday 3: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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JOURNEYS OF HOPE

Join Deacon Tom and Mary Jane Fox

on a virtual pilgrimage to pilgrim destinations around the world on Journeys of Hope. Tune in every Wednesday at 8 p.m. on Guadalupe Radio, 89.7 FM. Our Dec. 23 broadcast will take us to the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem. We will then travel to the Milk Grotto on Dec. 30. It is said to be the place where the Holy Family lived after the birth of Jesus before they went to Egypt. Journeys of Hope is available as a podcast at www.pilgrimcenterofhope.org.

For more info, contact Pilgrim Center of Hope at 210-521-3377.



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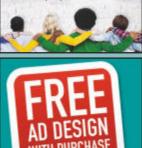
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