

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

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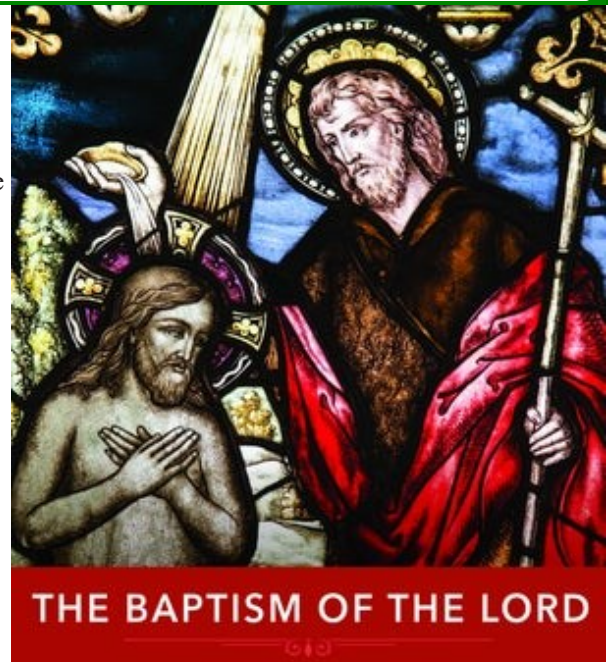
## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

### MK 1:7-11

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. Events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey or personal painful experiences in our own stories all need to be remembered. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds, and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God (Cont'd on p. 2 →)



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## 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.

## Reconciliation (Confession)

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

## Baptism - Required Classes:

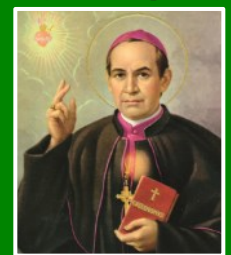
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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.



## 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](http://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*

by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help to where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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### Dec. 24/25 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	1,941
Regular Collection	\$ 14,050.00
Christmas	\$ 7,148.14

### Dec. 26/27 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	1,204
Regular Collection	\$ 18,693.35
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 9,306.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 925.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 860.00
Christmas	\$ 695.00
Retired Religious	\$ 430.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 40.00

### Dec. 31/Jan. 1 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	361
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 4,393.98

### Jan. 2/3 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	1,301
Regular Collection	\$ 27,701.54
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 18,092.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,312.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 300.00
Christmas	\$ 240.00
Candles	\$ 206.60
Church in Latin America	\$ 180.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 100.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 50.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 25.00



**WARNING: Some parishioners have received emails requesting help or donations, falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan. DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, Jan. 9**

**5 P.M.** Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†; Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family

**Sunday, Jan. 10**

**8 A.M.** George Anthony Merlo† by Anne Merlo  
Celia Rodriguez† by Rick & Sandy Salinas & Family

**10 A.M.** Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert Suarez† by Alma Ponce

**12 P.M.** Souls in Purgatory† by Mary Macias

**3 P.M.** Alfred Elizondo† by Family

**6 P.M.** Jordan Lozano† by Santana Family

**Monday, Jan. 11**

**8 A.M.** Birthday Blessings for Betty Nava by Bea Alvarez  
Birthday Blessings for Lillie Sanchez by Family

**6:30 P.M.** Holy Hour

**7:30 P.M.** Birthday Blessings for Martin Shubin by Darlene Weber

**Tuesday, Jan. 12**

**8 A.M.** Ebelina Meneses† by Rodelyn Khan

**Birthday Blessings for Natalia Banda**  
by Family

**Wednesday, Jan. 13**

**8 A.M.** For the Parish

**Thursday, Jan. 14**

**8 A.M.** Healing for Marilu Merlo by Anne Merlo  
Esperanza & Cristobal Gonzalez† by Family

**Friday, Jan. 15**

**8 A.M.** Special Intention for Oscar Dominguez by Delia Dominguez

**Saturday, Jan. 16**

**8 A.M.** Alicia P. Hinojosa† by Adelina Fritz

**Sunday, Jan. 17**

**8 A.M.** George Anthony Merlo† by Anne Merlo  
**10 A.M.** Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro  
**12 P.M.** Birthday Blessings for Mike & Ava Burris by Family

**3 P.M.** Gloria Perez† by Family & Friends

**6 P.M.** Bill Tricksey† by Darlene Belanger  
Souls in Purgatory† by Family



## RESPECT LIFE

## Bishop Chairmen for Pro-Life and Doctrine Address Ethical Concerns on the New COVID-19 Vaccines

DECEMBER 14, 2020  
BY USCCB PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

WASHINGTON— On December 14, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. In their statement, the bishops address the moral concerns raised by the fact that the three vaccines that appear to be ready for distribution in the United States all have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions.

With regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, they concluded:

“In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.

“Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.”

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be “more morally compromised” and consequently concluded that this vaccine “should be avoided” if there are alternatives available. “It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one’s health and the health of others,” the bishop chairmen stated. “In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine.”

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics “must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research.”

The full statement from the bishop chairmen may be found here:  
[moral-considerations-covid-vaccines \(usccb.org\)](https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines)

Available in Spanish at [usccb.org](https://www.usccb.org).

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Additional info can be found here:  
<https://www.ncregister.com/interview/archbishop-naumann-on-the-ethics-of-covid-19-vaccines>

Or here: <https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/>



# 9 DAYS FOR LIFE

## PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

### JANUARY 21-29, 2021

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!



Also available in Spanish.

### 3 WAYS TO JOIN



## 9DaysforLife.com



## PARISH NEWS



### 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 discussion and fellowship. Class begins this month.

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



### Super Seniors = Super Givers!

St. Anthony Claret Super Seniors, along with some parishioners, provided Christmas gifts to 26 memory care patients at Landon Ridge. The effort was headed by Jessica Esquivel. Much gratitude to all who donated!



The 26 gift bags ready to be delivered.

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

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



Winners advance to district,  
regional & 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)

- 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](mailto:council10090@gmail.com)

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



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.  
Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

For info, contact Lawrence Lucido at 210-473-4813 or [mlaredo33@aol.com](mailto:mlaredo33@aol.com) or Grace Guerra-Gonzalez at 210-631-0400 or [ggruerra@pvamu.edu](mailto:ggruerra@pvamu.edu).



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"YO LOS HE BAUTIZADO A USTEDES CON AGUA, PERO  
ÉL LOS BAUTIZARÁ CON EL ESPÍRITU SANTO". - MC 1, 8



## PARISH NEWS

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

**NFP is not the old Calendar Rhythm method!**

Learn about the beauty of fertility through the eyes of JP II'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](mailto:nfpglowe@yahoo.com).

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



## LOVE AND MARRIAGE



### Between Man and Woman: Questions and Answers About Marriage and Same-Sex Unions—Part 2

#### 3. Why can marriage exist only between a man and a woman?

The natural structure of human sexuality makes man and woman complementary partners for the transmission of human life. Only a union of male and female can express the sexual complementarity willed by God for marriage. The permanent and exclusive commitment of marriage is the necessary context for the expression of sexual love intended by God both to serve the transmission of human life and to

build up the bond between husband and wife (see CCC, nos. 1639-1640).

In marriage, husband and wife give themselves totally to each other in their masculinity and femininity (see CCC, no. 1643). They are equal as human beings but different as man and woman, fulfilling each other through this natural difference. This unique complementarity makes possible the conjugal bond that is the core of marriage.

#### 4. Why is a same-sex union not equivalent to a marriage?

For several reasons a same-sex union contradicts the nature of marriage: It is not based on the natural complementarity of male and female; it cannot cooperate with God to create new life; and the natural purpose of sexual union cannot be achieved by a same-sex union. Persons in same-sex unions cannot enter into a true conjugal union. Therefore, it is wrong to equate their relationship to a marriage.

(...to be continued...)

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## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

If you wear cowboy clothes are you  
ranch dressing?



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Are you or someone you know divorced, widowed or separated and hurting?

The *Coping with Life Alone* program presented by Beginning Experience San Antonio will help you deal with the grief process. This 10-week online program helps participants come to terms with the major loss of a marriage, feelings surrounding that loss, and changes that are part of it.



Tuesdays: Jan. 12-Mar. 16, 7-9 p.m.  
\$40 covers workbook & sessions. For info, contact Barbara at  
(210) 256-2859 (leave message) or [sanantoniobe@yahoo.com](mailto:sanantoniobe@yahoo.com).

## 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.



**Dalton Moy**



**Luis Gómez**

O, God, You have asked us to pray for vocations; that there might be young men and women willing to give their lives for the sake of souls.

Hear our prayer and the prayers of your Church and send us good and holy priests and religious. We offer you this day, all we shall think, do or say for this intention, through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:  
***Order of Discalced Carmelites***

### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Paul Rubio IV  
Dennis Bergkamp  
Jennifer Longoria  
Irene Cruz  
Alma Davila  
Philomena Ubajaka  
Gloria Bolick  
Stoltz Family  
Carol Sweet  
Jo Ann Niedenthal  
Rolf Smith  
Cesar & Patricia Calderon  
Bridget Dunlap  
Diego Garduno  
Michelle Reynolds  
Karina Hernandez  
Kelton Sweet, Jr.  
Joanna Sweet  
Javier Calderon  
George Aldaya

Sandy Salinas  
Eloise Salazar  
Maria Morales  
Richard Keller  
Rosa Huerta  
Barbara Vanegas  
A.C. Garza  
Olga Faz  
Bishop Yanta  
Nancy Souhrada  
Bill Jennings  
Dee Hancock  
Linda Santos  
Tom Calderon Jr.  
*Jack & Jeanette Donohue\**  
*Ray & Carolyn Cole\**  
*Rudy Navarro\**  
*Alyson Oviedo\**  
*Fernando Mascorro\**  
*Mary Helen Peterson\**  
*Tracy Oviedo\**

*Italicized names with an asterisk (\*) need to be **updated** now. In order for these names to REMAIN on this list, contact us at [saclaret@saclaret.com](mailto:saclaret@saclaret.com) or call 210-688-9033 **no later than Friday, Jan. 22**. Updated list begins last weekend of January.*

**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 10: Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11  
Monday 11: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday 12: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday 13: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday 14: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday 15: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday 16: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17  
Sunday 17: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

### 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.*

