# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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#### January 24, 2021

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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: MK 1:14-20

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't control. Help!

#### 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)** 

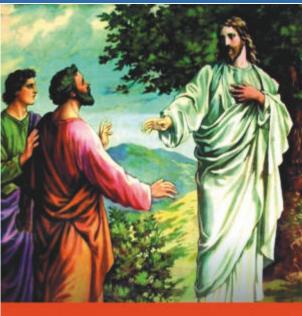
Wednesday and Thursday evenings only, 5 - 7 p.m.

Baptism - Required Classes:

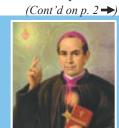
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.Visitation of the Sick: Call parish office to schedule visit.Funerals: Call parish office prior to making arrangements.

**Marriage Prep:** Call parish office at least 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 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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 





## **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 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

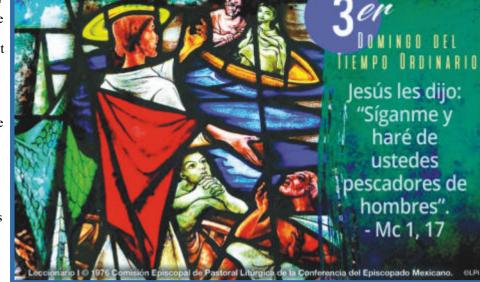
#### GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well. ©LPi

### Jan. 16/17 attendance & collection totals

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

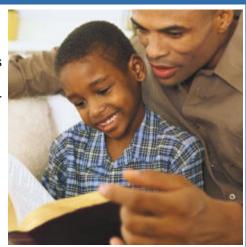
Saturday, Jai	n. 23	١
5 P.M.	In Thanksgiving: Darrelyn Kundinger by Kundinger Family	8
Sunday, Jan.	24	]
8 A.M.	Healing for Vivian Stoltz by Anne Merlo	8
	<b>Birthday Blessings for William McGrew</b>	F
	by Daughter, Jessica	8
10 A.M.	Gloria Mosca <sup>†</sup> by Tony & Debbie Foley	
12 P.M.	Aurora Dyer† by Family	5
3 P.M.	Esther Sosa† by Corral Family	5
	Lida Hernandez <sup>†</sup> by Family	S
6 P.M.	Jesus Menchaca† by Family	8
Monday, Jan	. 25	
8 A.M.	Healing for Olivia Grenardo	1
	by Helena & Stephen Thomas	
6:30 P.M.	Holy Hour	1
7:30 P.M.	For an End to Abortion	3
Tuesday, Jan	. 26	6
8 A.M.	<b>Amador†, Adelina† &amp; Danny Coronel†</b> by Diana Soliz	U

Wednesday, Jan. 27		
8 A.M.	Crisostomo De Guzman† by Daughter & Taliman Family	
Thursday, Jan. 28		
8 A.M.	Souls in Purgatory† by Mary Macias	
Friday, Jan. 29		
8 A.M.	For the Parish	
Saturday, Jan. 30		
5 P.M.	Gerard Toutaint <sup>†</sup> by Harold & Claire Shields	
Sunday, Jan. 31		
8 A.M.	Mert Cameron† by Darrelyn & Bill	
	Kundinger	
10 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Manuel Lemus	
	by Mary Macias	
12 P.M.	Eulalio Trevino† by Family	
3 P.M.	Eloisa Lopez† Herman Osorio†	
	by Andrea Rodriguez	
6 P.M.	Healing for Natalia Guhit by Anne Merlo	

## **RESPECT LIFE**

## Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life

Although fathers do not physically carry their children from conception, fathers can still be overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy. We Christians must support men who, in following the example of St. Joseph, choose to embrace their role as a father in all circumstances, but especially in challenging situations. St. Joseph was unexpectedly called to fatherhood amid extremely confusing and difficult circumstances. However, despite many obstacles, St. Joseph chose to be faithful. St. Joseph chose life by listening to God's will and consciously deciding to be a father to Jesus, the Son of God. Pope Saint John Paul II said that fathers are called to exhibit "generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother" (*Familiaris consortio* 25). Like St. Joseph, all fathers are uniquely *entrust-ed* with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, safeguard the sanctity of human life. But biological fathers, because they do not physically carry the child, sometimes fail to truly father their children.



Our society increasingly tells fathers that they should have no say in the lives of their unborn children, no opportunity to choose to father their children. Our society seems to restrict the decisions regarding an unborn child solely to the discretion of the mother. In the face of false messages about fatherhood, we must respond with the truth that the role of a father "is of unique and irreplaceable importance" (FC 25). We know that the assistance and support of the father of a child, or lack thereof, can often be a deciding factor in a woman's decision to choose life. Tragically, there are men who sometimes pressure mothers to make the decision to abort the child, sinning grievously and making the cowardly choice. These men are not following the example of St. Joseph and are not exercising true, spiritual fatherhood.

This is because fatherhood extends beyond simple procreation and biology. Fatherhood is first a spiritual reality, because fatherhood has its origins in God who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers therefore have a special and unique role "in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God" (*FC* 25). Fathers have a vital, unique, and important role to play in the personal and spiritual development of their children, and in reflecting the love of God the Father himself. Fathers are called to show the world the virtues of a tender protector, while living out the virtues of humility and courage.

In all circumstances, but especially in difficult circumstances, a father needs to be encouraged to faithfully accept the role entrusted to him by God and support the mother of his child. Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!

#### Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

Chairman, USCCB Ad Committee against Racism, member of USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

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## San Antonio Right to Life Foundation Walk for Life

(an annual memorial of the Roe v. Wade decision)

Sunday Jan. 31, 1-1:45 p.m. Gather at 12 p.m. at Milam Park (across from Santa Rosa Hospital) for the approx. one mile walk

Those who do not wish or are unable to walk may remain in their cars or walk around the park area praying. Prolife speakers to be announced.



Wear masks at all times and maintain social distancing. Parking available at the Market Square and on adjacent streets. For info, call or text Mary Thomas at (220) 601-9719.

## Intercessions for Life/ Intercesiones por la Vida

For those suffering after abortion: may they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace. We pray to the Lord.

Por aquellos que gimen después de un aborto: que puedan enterarse de que el Señor desea traerles sanación y acudan a Él para recibir Su misericordia y paz. Roguemos al Señor.

## LOVE AND MARRIAGE



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

**7. Should persons who live in same-sex relationships be entitled to some of the same social and economic benefits given to married couples?** The state has an obligation to promote the family, which is rooted in marriage. Therefore, it can justly give married couples rights and benefits it does not extend to others. Ultimately, the stability and flourishing of society is dependent on the stability and flourishing of healthy family life. The legal recognition of marriage, including the benefits associated with it, is not only about personal commitment, but also about the social commitment that husband and wife make to the well-being of society. It would be wrong to redefine marriage for the sake of providing bene-

fits to those who cannot rightfully enter into marriage. Some benefits currently sought by persons in homosexual unions can already be obtained without regard to marital status. For example, individuals can agree to own property jointly with another, and they can generally designate anyone they choose to be a beneficiary of their will or to make health care decisions in case they become incompetent.

**8.** In light of the Church's teaching about the truth and beauty of marriage, what should Catholics do? There is to be no separation between one's faith and life in either public or private realms. All Catholics should act on their beliefs with a well-formed conscience based on Sacred Scripture and Tradition. They should be a community of conscience within society. By their voice and their vote, they should contribute to society's welfare and test its public life by the standards of right reason and Gospel truth. Responsible citizenship is a virtue. Participation in the political process is a moral obligation. This is particularly urgent in light of the need to defend marriage and to oppose the legalization of same-sex unions as marriages. Married couples themselves, by the witness of their faithful, life-giving love, are the best advocates for marriage. By their example, they are the first teachers of the next generation about the dignity of marriage and the need to uphold it. As leaders of their family—which the Second Vatican Council called a "domestic church" (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 11) —couples should bring their gifts as well as their needs to the larger Church. There, with the help of other couples and their pastors and collaborators, they can strengthen their commitment and sustain their sacrament over a lifetime.

#### Conclusion

Marriage is a basic human and social institution. Though it is regulated by civil laws and church laws, it did not originate from either the church or state, but from God. Therefore, neither church nor state can alter the basic meaning and structure of marriage. Marriage, whose nature and purposes are established by God, can only be the union of a man and a woman and must remain such in law. In a manner unlike any other relationship, marriage makes a unique and irreplaceable contribution to the common good of society, especially through the procreation and education of children. The union of husband and wife becomes, over a lifetime, a great good for themselves, their family, communities, and society. Marriage is a gift to be cherished and protected.

#### **For Further Reading**

Second Vatican Council. *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes)*, nos. 47-52. December 1965. Available online at *www.vatican.va*.

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Pope John Paul II. *On the Family (Familiaris Consortio)*. Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1982.

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United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Follow the Way of Love: A Pastoral Message of the U.S. Catholic Bishops to Families*. Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1993.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*. Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003.

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## PARISH NEWS

# Sweetheart Mass

Saturday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. Vígíl Mass & Renewal of Wedding Vows; Space límíted.

RSVP by Feb. 6 to Roland & Sonia Garcia at <u>marriageministrysamc@gmail.com</u>.

# Baptism Classes

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No classes in February; Next class: Tuesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.; RE Bldg., 1st floor

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## **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.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON COVID-19 VACCINES**



Read the full statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops chairmen here: <u>moral-considerations-covid-</u> <u>vaccines (usccb.org)</u>

# Available in Spanish at usccb.org.

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

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

## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Q: What's the difference between a well-dressed man on a unicycle and a poorly dressed man on a bicycle? A: Attire.







### **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

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

Mary Helen Peterson 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\* Alvson Oviedo\* Fernando Mascorro\* Tracy Oviedo\*

Italicized names with an asterisk (\*) need to be <u>updated</u> now. To have them REMAIN on this list, contact us at saclaret@saclaret.com or 210-688-9033 <u>no later than Friday</u>, Jan. 22. IMPORTANT: 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 24: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20 Monday: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18 Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/ Mk 3:31-35 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41 Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

## PRAYER FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

We pray you, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy

Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to your people, over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress,



and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty. We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our fellow citizens throughout the United States, that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that we may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal. Amen.

Archbishop John Carroll, SJ, 1735-1815, first United States bishop and archbishop. Carroll composed and offered this prayer upon the occasion of George Washington's inauguration in 1789.





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