St. Anthony Mary Claret

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February 28, 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 9:2-10

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A

generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on (Cont d on p. 2)

Celebration of the Mass

Monday: 8 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.; Holy Hour 6:30 p.m. 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 Class: First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

Visitation of the Sick: Call parish office to schedule visit.

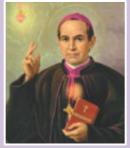
Funerals: Call parish office prior to making arrangements.

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.



Second Sunday of Lent

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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 church entrance 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

Saturday, Feb. 27

Sunday, Feb. 28

Monday, Mar. 1

Tuesday, Mar. 2

Wednesday, Mar. 3

5 P.M.

8 A.M.

10 A.M.

12 P.M.

3 P.M.

6 P.M.

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6:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

REMEMBERING HIS SACRIFICE

GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen. ©LPi

Feb. 13/14 attendance & collection totals				
Attendance Regular Collection	\$	620 9,552.00		
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	Š	1,304.00		
Gabriel Project	\$	´100.00		
Church in Eastern/Central Europe	\$ \$ \$	95.00		
SAMC Pantry	\$	35.00		
Feb. 17 attendance & collection totals				
Attendance		456		
Regular Collection	\$			
Church in Eastern/Central Europe	\$	220.00		
Feb. 20/21 attendance & collection totals				
Attendance		1,509		
Regular Collection	\$ 2	24,779.27		
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction Black & Native American Missions	\$	5,399.00		
	Ş	1,267.00		
SAMC Pantry	Ş	675.00		
Church in Eastern/Central Europe	\$	476.00		
Capital Campaign Candles	¢	300.00 87.00		
Rosary Makers	ф С	70.00		
Gabriel Project	ຑຑຑຑຑຑຑຑຑ	40.00		
Church in Latin America	Š	30.00		
Initial Offering	Š	20.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$	5.00		



St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass & Devotions

Saturday, Mar. 6, Mass: 8 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayer

27	Thursday, Mar. 4		
Doyle & Margery Shields†; Mary Lou Liskey†; Martha Ann Ladd†	8 A.M.	Spec. Intention: Welfare/In Thanksgiving - Lucido Family by Larry Lucido & Family	
by Harold & Claire Shields	Friday, Mar. 5	*** NO MORNING MASS ***	
	5:30 P.M.	Spanish Stations of the Cross	
Porfirio Mendoza, Sr. †	7 P.M.	English Stations of the Cross	
by Mendoza, Jr. Family	7:30 P.M.	Birthday Blessings for Dolores Ortega	
Rudy† & Selia Garcia†; Manuel† &		by Anne Merlo	
Concepcion Espinoza [†] by Espinoza Family		·	
Birthday Blessings for Emma & Jean Olech	Saturday, Mar.		
by Olech Family	8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Jonas Xavier Wessel	
Rosario Huemer [†] by Family		by Bea Peterson	
Pete Hernandez, Jr. ⁺ by Wife & Daughter		Socorro Comparan [†] by Elizabeth Comparan	
rece mer nandez, or. 1 by whe de Daughter	5 P.M.	Spec. Intention: James & Henry Pawelek;	
		Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family	
For the Parish			
Holy Hour	Sunday, Mar. 7		
Louisa Armendariz† & Marcelino	8 A.M.	Healing for Thalia Gonzales	
Armendariz, Jr.; by Teresa Revilla		by Gonzales Family	
	10 A.M.	Francesco [†] , Maria [†] , Carmela [†] , Corrado [†] ,	
2		Sebastiano [†] , & Giovanni [†] by Sal Spataro	

Armendariz, Jr.; by Teresa Revilla		by Gonzales Family
	10 A.M.	Francesco [†] , Maria [†] , Carmela [†] , Corrado [†] ,
2		Sebastiano [†] , & Giovanni [†] by Sal Spataro
Good Health for Thalia Gonzales & Luis S.	12 P.M.	Eloy Alvarado [†] by Margie Pilapil & Family
Gonzales by Gonzales Family	3 P.M.	Maria de Jesus Munoz† by Family
lar. 3	6 P.M.	Spec. Intention: Healing & Mercy for
Felipe Coronel, Jr. ⁺ by Diana Soliz		Joel Rivera by Mary Epstein

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.¹ The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns



JOURNEY WITH CHRIST of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"²

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to "He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER AND ASSOCIATED DELAYS, LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN SHIPMENT DID NOT ARRIVE. FOR THIS REASON THE ABOVE ARTICLE IS INCLUDED AGAIN IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN.

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1457-1458.

² Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_ penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON COVID-19 VACCINES



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

Available in Spanish at usccb.org.

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/

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.



HELP SAVE LIVES IN SAN ANTONIO!

COMMUNITY NEWS





Resilient in Faith and Service

HOW TO WEAR A MASK

Incansables en La Fe y El Servicio

- Text-To-Give, (210) 750-6712, Keyword: APPEAL
- Give online at www.archsa.org/appeal
- Complete the gift form sent to your home
- Use the pew envelope, or
- Make your gift by phone at (210) 734-1604



Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion.

Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, these are the proven results in 25 coordinated campaigns:

- 16,742 babies saved from abortion
- 196 abortion workers converted
- 104 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

February 17 - March 28

- Vigil location Planned Parenthood, 2140 Babcock Rd.
- Vigil hours 7 am to 7 pm daily; no Sundays
- Local contact Cathy Nix info@sacfl.org or 210-668-1993
- Learn more, get involved and sign up for prayer times by visiting

40daysforlife.com/SanAntonio

Your generosity is appreciated!

- Give at Mass, in the parish office or online at http://samcsa.com/
 - ♦ For help: 210-688-9033.
- ♦ Mail: 6150 Roft Rd., San Antonio, TX 78253

Su Generosidad es Apreciada!

- ◆ Dando en línea: http://samcsa.com/
- ◆ Para avuda: 210-688-9033.
- Correo: 6150 Roft Rd., San Antonio, TX 78253
- Durante misa o dejándolo en la oficina parroquia

Second Sunday of Lent

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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PARENTS: Due to water damage in the religious education building, all in-person religious education classes will be moved online (parent taught) for the remainder of the school year. You will be emailed more information.

Questions or concerns? Contact Jennifer Rupert at 210-688-9033, x204 or reoffice@saclaret.com.

ONLINE CATECHISTS NEEDED!

CONTACT JENNIFER RUPERT AT 210-688-9033, X204 OR REOFFICE@SACLARET.COM IF INTERESTED.



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Baptism Classes No classes in February Next class: Tuesday, March 2

7:30 p.m. in the church *Please note location change.

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

MIND MATTERS

Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22 11-12 p.m. via Zoom

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





WARNING:



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

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Tammy: "I just had a fantastic idea!" Jill: "Don't keep me hanging! What is it?" Tammy: "When the electric company sends

me my next bill I'm going to tell them I'm doing rolling payments and am currently paying other bills!"



Weddings: Justin Moody & Mary Torres Ryan Robalino & Natalie Montanez

Last Week & This Week in Our Parish

50th Wedding Anniversary: Rodolfo & Yolanda Navarro

> 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 non-perishable food item for each of the 40 days of Lent. Drop off donations in the large bin outside the church.

"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

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.



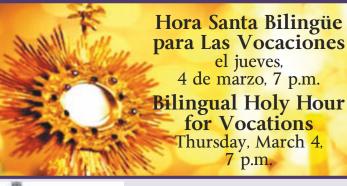


Moses Castro

Guillermo Cruz Hernandez

Loving and gracious God, your son Jesus reminded us: "To love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). May we never forget Jesus' words in all that we do. We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit so we can serve you more Faithfully in our own vocations of married, single, religious or priestly life. Help us to support one another in our vocations and to work together to build up your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: *Missionaries of the Holy Family*





In Sympathy...The parish community extends its condolences to parishioner *Martin Valdivia* who recently lost these members of his family: his mother, Delfina Valdivia; his brother, Jose De Jesus Valdivia; and his nephew, Arthur Valdivia.

Incline Your ear, O Lord, unto our prayers. We humbly pray You show Your mercy to the soul of Your servants Delfina, Jose and Arthur whom You have commanded to pass out of this world, that You would place them in the region of peace and light and bid them be partakers with Your Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

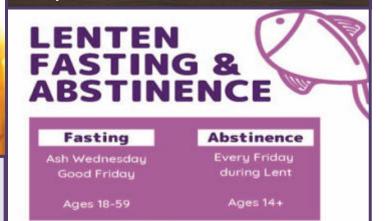
PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Vince Grimm Leticia Andrea Guerra Mary Keeton Tracey Kollmansberger Teresa Santellanes Patricia Gonzales Dennis Bergkamp Jo Ann Niedenthal 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 Rosa Huerta Barbara Vanegas A.C. Garza Olga Faz Bishop Yanta Nancy Souhrada Bill Jennings Dee Hancock Linda Santos Tom Calderon Jr.

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 28: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 Monday 1: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday 2: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday 3: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 Thursday 4: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 Friday 5: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday 6: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Sunday 7: Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25



How do we fast?

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.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.





