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April 4 2021

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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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.

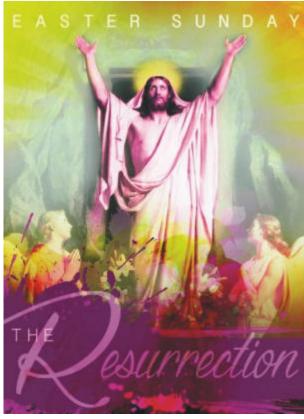
Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist.

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: JN 20:1-9

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more



to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us (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.

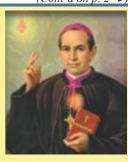
Baptism - Required Class:

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.



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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 samesa.com or a printed one which you can find near the church entrance in the nar-

thex. 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

that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

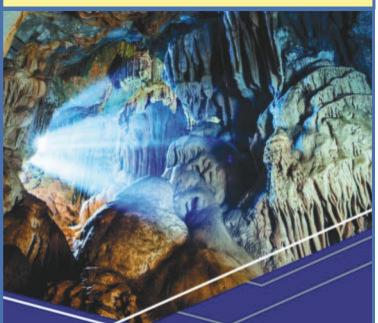
Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

March 27/28attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.



This Week in Our Parish Weddings:

Rafael Angulo & Patty Denman Richard Garcia & Samantha Ruiz



DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Inclinándose, miró los lienzos puestos en el suelo, pero no entró. sudario, que había estado sobre la cabeza de Jesús, puesto no con-

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Apr. 8:30 P.M.	. 3*** HOLY SATURDAY *** RCIA Candidates & Teachers
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Sunday, Apr. 4	*** EASTER SUNDAY ***
6:30 A.M.	Norma Frances† by Priscilla Velasquez
8 A.M.	Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†;
	Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard
	Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family
10 A.M.	Justin Acap† by Mother
12 P.M.	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current
	& Future Priests by a Mom
3 P.M.	For the Parish
6 P.M.	Danilo Taliman† by Wife & Children
Monday, Apr.	
8 A.M.	Henrietta Kempf† by Mary Kossaeth
	Vicente Feliciano† by Nita Feliciano
6:30 P.M.	Holy Hour
7:30 P.M.	Harvey Thomas† by Jeff Kist
Tuesday, Apr. 6	
8 A.M.	Special Intention: James & Henry
0 A.W.	
	Pawelek; Alois & Florence Olenick
	by Olenick Family

Wednesday, Apr. 7 8 A.M. Souls in Purgatory† by Family Thursday, Apr. 8 8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Barbara Winn &

Fran Helner; Mary Boisvert†, Mary Ann Feuge†, Millie Swezey† by Bea Peterson

Friday, Apr. 9

8 A.M. **Birthday Blessings for Vanessa Torres** by Mary Macias

Saturday, Apr. 10

5 P.M. Frank Contreras† by Nephew:

Arturo Contreras

Sunday, Apr. 11 *** DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ***

8 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Ana Mata by Family 10A.M. Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro 12 P.M. Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity

by a Mom

2 P.M. Benediction: Divine Mercy Novena Ends 3 P.M. Richard Lemus† by Mary Macias

Eloy Alvarado† by M. Pilapil & Family 6 P.M.

WHAT IS EASTER?





Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of the Lord





What is Easter?

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday of Easter to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian, Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the Resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith" (1 Cor 15:14).

"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind; . . . So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it "Easter is the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, culminating his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church." is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one" (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days, which stretch from the first Sunday of Easter to the Second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "east." The sun that rises in the east, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.



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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.
- 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.

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Read the full statement from the chairmen of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops here:

usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines Also available in Spanish at usccb.org.

Regarding Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine: usccb.org/news/2021/us-bishop-chairmen-doctrine-andpro-life-address-use-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine

Additional info may also be found here:

- https://www.ncregister.com/interview/archbishop -naumann-on-the-ethics-of-covid-19-vaccines
- https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccinecandidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

A man was coming out of Mass on Easter morning, and the pastor was standing at the door as always to shake hands. He grabbed the man by the hand and pulled him aside.

The pastor said to him, "Son, we need you to join the army of the Lord!"

The man replied, "I'm already in the army of the Lord, Father." "Then how come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" the pastor questioned. He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."



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PARISH NEWS





Smoked BBQ Plate Fundraiser Sunday, Apr. 11, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$10 - cash, check or credit card Drive-thru Pickup

Plate includes delicious smoked quarter chicken, sausage, beans, potato salad, & bread. Drive-thru service with pay and pickup stations in the church parking lot. Please remain in your vehicle at all times. Funds generated go toward charitable missions the Knights have this fraternal year.

Free College \$\$\$ for High School Seniors!

Our parish's Knights of Columbus Council #10090, Men's Club and the Ladies of St. Anthony Claret will award a few \$500 scholarships to qualified parish high school seniors intent on pursuing higher education. Applications may be downloaded and printed from the parish website: samcsa.com or picked up in the parish office. You may also call to have one emailed to you.

Completed application packet must be MAILED IN to the parish office and postmarked by Friday, April 30, 2021.

TOMB

He went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

JOHN 20:6-7

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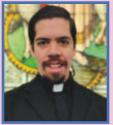
WARNING: Some parishioners have received emails requesting help or donations and falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan. <u>DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!</u>

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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.





Bernardo Castañeda

Rafael Becerra

Loving God, You speak to us and nourish us through the life of this Church community. In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send your Spirit to us so that men and women among us, young and old, will respond to your call to service and leadership in the Church. We pray especially, in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, or brother. May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service. Amen.

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

Mijas del Espíritu Santo

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - April

Fundamental rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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 de Oración del Santo Padre Francisco -Abril

Derechos fundamentales Recemos por aquellos que arriesgan sus vidas luchando por los derechos fundamentales en dictaduras, en regímenes autoritarios e incluso en democracias en crisis.

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Riley & Ellen Robertson
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Tracey Kollmansberger
Teresa Santellanes
Patricia Gonzales
Jo Ann Niedenthal
Bridget Dunlap
Diego Garduno
Michelle Reynolds
Karina Hernandez
Kelton Sweet, Jr.
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George Aldaya

Mary Helen Peterson
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Eloise Salazar
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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 4: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9 Monday 5: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15 Tuesday 6: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18 Wednesday 7: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35 Thursday 8: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48 Friday 9: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14 Saturday 10: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15 Sunday 11: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Pilgrim Center of Hope presents "Come to Me"

Catholic Women's Conference (CWC)

Friday & Saturday, July 16-17 St. George Maronite Catholic Church 6070 Babcock Rd.

- Participate in-person or virtually
 - In a group or on your own

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Here's a peek at two of our speakers:



Genevieve Kineke Representative to Vatican Congress

In 2008, Genevieve addressed the participants of a Vatican congress honoring the 20th anniversary of Mulieris Dignitatem (On the Dignity & Vocation of Woman). She is a wife, mother, author, editor & convert to the Catholic faith.



Carrie Bucalo Army Wife, Writer, Artist

Carrie is the founder of Healed By Truth, which promotes faith healing for abuse

survivors and their families. Before marriage, Carrie was a cloistered Carmelite nun for three years, which greatly formed her faith and her reflective writings.



Debra Bachleda CPA, PC, Parishioner

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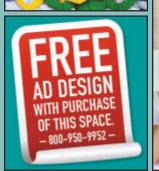
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