

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church

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March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion 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.

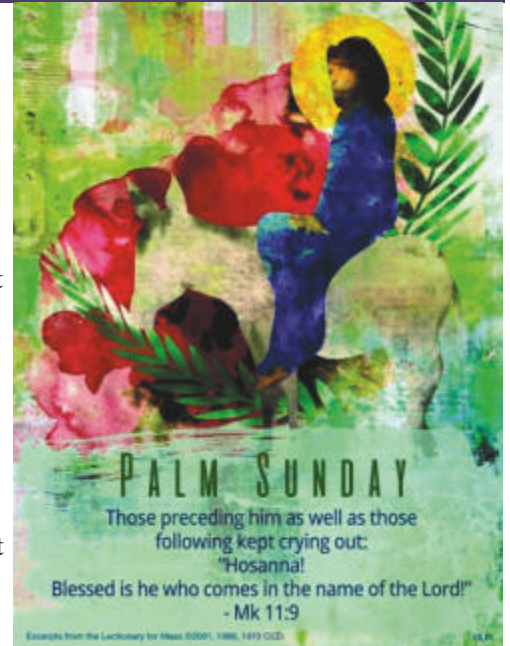
## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

Mk 14:1—15:47

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist

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## 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.

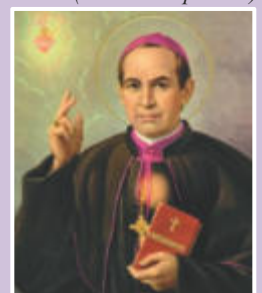
**Visitation of the Sick:** Call parish office to schedule visit.

**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.



## 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 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

March 20/21 attendance & collection totals	
Attendance	1,709
Regular Collection	\$ 23,612.32
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 7,065.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,176.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 311.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 300.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 190.00
Church in Holy Land	\$ 150.00
Candles	\$ 30.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 30.00
Church in Eastern/Central Europe	\$ 5.00
Black & Native American Missions	\$ 5.00
Home Missions	\$ 5.00

*Note: totals published in the March 21 bulletin were for March 13/14, not March 6/7 as indicated.*

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

accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better? ©LPi

### PALM SUNDAY

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy "outside" the church, we symbolically reenact Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches – a symbol of royalty – to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn't end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service. ©LPi

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Friday, Mar. 26 \*\*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*\***  
 5:30 P.M. Spanish Stations of the Cross  
 7 P.M. English Stations of the Cross  
 7:30 P.M. **Birthday Blessings for Sylvia Astorga** by Family

**Saturday, Mar. 27**  
 5 P.M. Santos Serna, Jr.† by Wife & Family

**Sunday, Mar. 28 \*\*\* PALM SUNDAY \*\*\***  
 8 A.M. Lee Beel† by Bill & Terri Surratt  
 10 A.M. Jean Macecevic† by Bill Macecevic  
 12 P.M. **For the Parish**  
 3 P.M. Esperanza Mendez† by Daughter: Bertha  
 6 P.M. Diamantina Sanchez† by Cynthia Vasquez

**Monday, Mar. 29**  
 8 A.M. Pete Hernandez, Jr.† by Wife & Daughter  
 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour  
 7:30 P.M. **For an End to Abortion**

**Tuesday, Mar. 30**  
 8 A.M. Elvira Gonzales† by Louis Gonzales

**Wednesday, Mar. 31**  
 8 A.M. Sylvia Alessi† by Bishop Family

**Thursday, Apr. 1 \*\*\* HOLY THURSDAY \*\*\***  
 \*\*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*\*  
 7 P.M. **Manuel & Concepcion Espinoza†; Rudy & Selia Garcia†** by Espinoza Family  
 8 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration (Msgr. Hubertus Hall) - 12 P.M.

**Friday, Apr. 2 \*\*\* GOOD FRIDAY \*\*\***  
 \*\*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*\*  
 8 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration (Msgr. Hubertus Hall) - 2:45 P.M.  
 3 P.M. Good Friday Liturgy  
 7 P.M. Good Friday Liturgy

**Saturday, Apr. 3 \*\*\* HOLY SATURDAY \*\*\***  
 8:30 P.M. **RCIA Candidates & Teachers**

**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



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Monday, March 29, 5-7 p.m.**

**- 3 priests available**

**Wednesday, March 31, 5-7 p.m.**

**- 4 priests available**

**No Confessions on  
Good Thursday, April 1.**



**Holy Thursday, April 1**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. in Msgr. Hubertus Hall

**Good Friday, April 2**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Good Friday Liturgies: 3 & 7 p.m.; Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet begins 20 minutes before liturgies

**Holy Saturday, April 3**

Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet: 8:10 p.m.; Easter Vigil Mass: 8:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, April 4**

Holy Masses at 6:30, 8, & 10 a.m.; 12, 3, & 6 p.m.

Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet: 20 minutes before Holy Masses

**RESPECT LIFE**

**Word of Life/Palabra de Vida**

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (*The Gospel of Life*, 84).

“Celebrar el Evangelio de la vida significa celebrar el Dios de la vida, el Dios que da la vida... En cada niño que nace y en cada hombre que vive y que muere reconocemos la imagen de la gloria de Dios, gloria que celebramos en cada ser humano, signo del Dios vivo, icono de Jesucristo.” (*El Evangelio de la Vida*, 84)

**Intercessions for Life/Intercesiones por la Vida**

Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother, may we, like Mary, have the courage to say “yes” to life from conception to natural death.  
We pray to the Lord.

Inspirados por el ejemplo de la Santísima Madre, que nosotros, al igual que María, tengamos el valor de decir "sí" a la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Roguemos al Señor.



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*The Gospel of Life, 84*

# PARISH NEWS

## 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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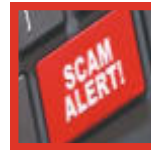
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## COMMUNITY NEWS



February 17 - March 28

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

## HELP SAVE LIVES IN SAN ANTONIO!

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

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- 196 abortion workers converted
- 104 abortion centers closed

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

- Vigil location - Planned Parenthood, 2140 Babcock Rd.
- Vigil hours - 7 am to 7 pm daily; no Sundays
- Local contact - Cathy Nix [info@sacfl.org](mailto:info@sacfl.org) or 210-668-1993
- Learn more, get involved and sign up for prayer times by visiting [40daysforlife.com/SanAntonio](http://40daysforlife.com/SanAntonio)



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.

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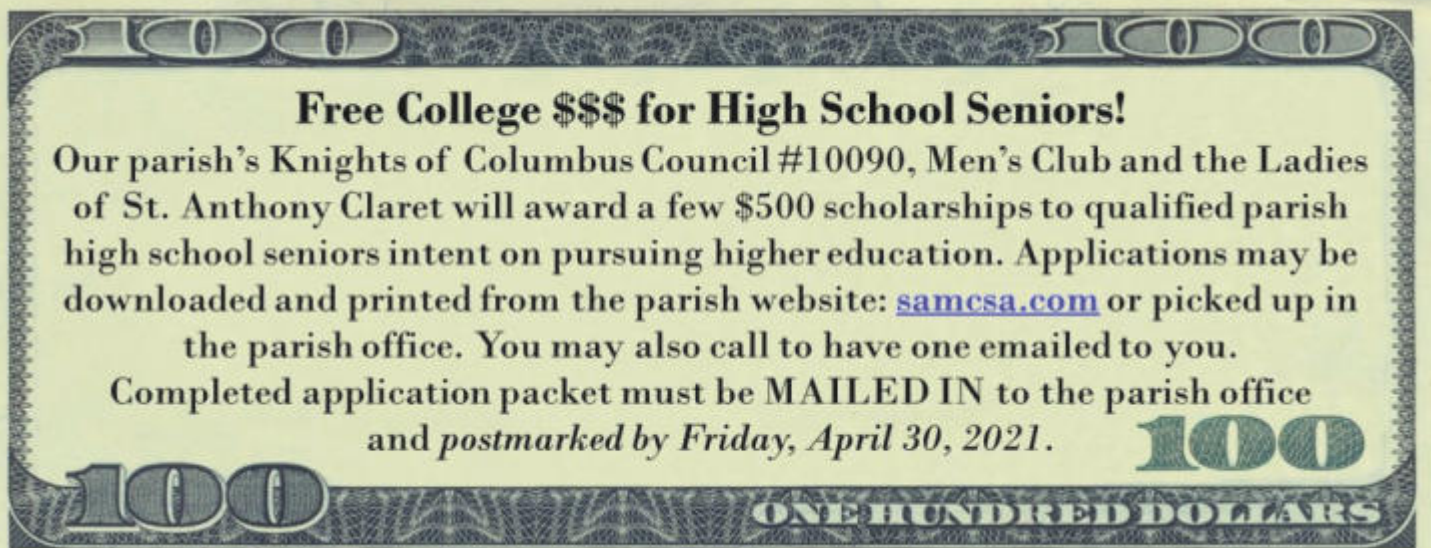
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**Free College \$\$\$ for High School Seniors!**

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](http://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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GOOD NEWS! In-person RE classes have resumed and will be held in Msgr. Hubertus Hall and in the trailers. The RE building is still undergoing water damage repair and will not be available the remainder of this school year. **Masks still required** and all previous safety measures are still be in effect. Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation.





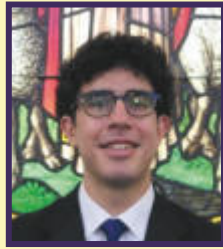
**FAITH & PRAYER**

**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.



**Erick Cruz**

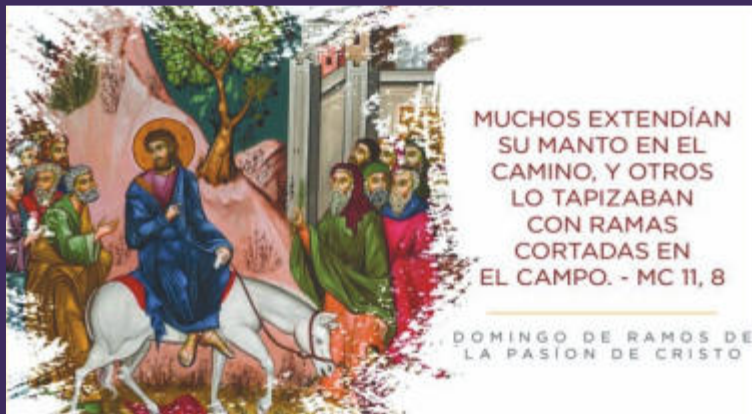


**Joseph Duque**

*Lord, we thank you for giving us the gift of the priesthood, a "gift and mystery," a call to follow and imitate Christ, your Son. We pray, Lord, as you continue to place the call to serve our people as priests in the hearts of many, that they will hear your voice and respond with joy and generosity to your great grace of love. We pray that through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, you grant us many more vocations to the priesthood and that each family and parish be a place where we can all nurture and encourage the young men of today to hear and follow your call. Amen.*

(Prayer by Archbishop José Gómez, Archbishop of Los Angeles)

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:  
**Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**



**THE SUNDAY FUNNIES**

On Palm Sunday, a little boy had a sore throat and stayed home from church with a sitter. When the rest of the family came home, they were carrying palm branches. The little boy asked what they were for. His father told him that people held them over Jesus' head when he walked by.

In a sad, disappointed voice, the little boy said, "Wouldn't you know it? The one Sunday I miss, Jesus shows up!"



**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY**

- |                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Riley & Ellen Robertson | George Aldaya       |
| Tarah Colleta           | Mary Helen Peterson |
| Sam Olech               | Sandy Salinas       |
| Frances Gentry          | Eloise Salazar      |
| Tracey Kollmansberger   | Maria Morales       |
| Teresa Santellanes      | Rosa Huerta         |
| Patricia Gonzales       | Barbara Vanegas     |
| Jo Ann Niedenthal       | A.C. Garza          |
| Bridget Dunlap          | Olga Faz            |
| Diego Garduno           | Bishop Yanta        |
| Michelle Reynolds       | Nancy Souhrada      |
| Karina Hernandez        | Bill Jennings       |
| Kelton Sweet, Jr.       | Dee Hancock         |
| Joanna Sweet            | Linda Santos        |
| Javier Calderon         | 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: Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/  
Mk 14:1—15:47
- Monday 29: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday 30: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday 31: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday 1: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/  
Jn 13:1-15
- Friday 2: Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday 3: Gn 1:1—2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15—  
15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15,  
32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/  
Mk 16:1-7
- Sunday 4: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

**COVID-19 VACCINES**



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

[uscbb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines](https://uscbb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines)  
**Also available in Spanish at [uscbb.org](https://uscbb.org).**

**Regarding Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine:**  
[uscbb.org/news/2021/us-bishop-chairmen-doctrine-and-pro-life-address-use-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine](https://uscbb.org/news/2021/us-bishop-chairmen-doctrine-and-pro-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-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/>



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