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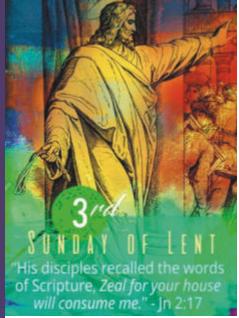
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Parish Mission Statement

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.





Third Sunday of Lent

GOSPEL MEDITATION: JN 2:13-25

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm"

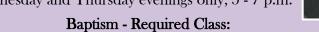
may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love-centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic (Cont d on p. 2 \rightarrow)

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.

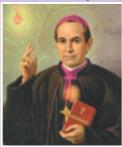


First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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 samesa.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

GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost. ©LPi

Feb. 27/28 attendance & collection totals				
Attendance		1,443		
Regular Collection	\$ 2	28,377.24		
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$	5,612.42		
Black & Native American Missions	\$	647.00		
Church in Eastern/Central Europe	\$	325.00		
SAMC Pantry	\$	285.00		
Gabriel Project	\$	150.00		
Candles	\$	50.00		
Church in Latin America	\$	30.00		
Catholic Relief Services	\$	15.00		



This Week in Our Parish Weddings: Christopher Avina & Anjelica Apolinar



3^{ER} DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Cuando se acercaba la Pascua de los judios, Jesús llegó a Jerusalén y encontró en el templo a los vendedores de bueyes, ovejas y palomas, y a los cambistas con sus mesas. Entonces hizo un látigo de cordeles y los echó del templo.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, M	ar. 6	Wednes
8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Jonas Xavier Wessel	8 A.M.
	by Bea Peterson	
7 D 14	Socorro Comparan [†] by Elizabeth Comparan	Thursda
5 P.M.	Spec. Intention: James & Henry Pawelek;	8 A.M.
	Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family	
Sunday, Mai	r. 7	F · 1 · 1
8 A.M.	Healing for Thalia Gonzales	Friday, 1
	by Gonzales Family	5:30 P.N
10 A.M.	Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,	7 P.M.
	Sebastiano [†] , & Giovanni [†] by Sal Spataro	7:30 P.N
12 P.M.	Eloy Alvarado [†] by Margie Pilapil & Family	
3 P.M.	Maria de Jesus Munoz ⁺ by Family	Saturday
6 P.M.	Spec. Intention: Healing & Mercy for	5 P.M.
	Joel Rivera by Mary Epstein	
Monday, Ma	ır. 8	Sunday,
8 A.M.	Jesse Rodriguez [†] by Mendoza Family	8 A.M.
6:30 P.M.	Holy Hour	
7:30 P.M.	For the Parish	10 A.M.
Tuesday, Ma	ur. 9	10 D M
8 A.M.	John F. Harris, Jr. [†] by Bea Peterson	12 P.M.
	Birthday Blessings for Albert Lemus	3 P.M.

by Mary Macias

Wednesday, Ma	ar. 10
8 A.M.	Bert† & Michael Bednarz†
	by Martha Bednarz
Thursday, Mar	. 11
8 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for Myrna Manzer
	by Jeanette Erickson
Friday, Mar. 12	2*** NO MORNING MASS ***
5:30 P.M.	Spanish Stations of the Cross
7 P.M.	English Stations of the Cross
7:30 P.M.	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity; Souls in Purgatory† by M. Gonzales
Saturday, Mar.	. 13
5 P.M.	Rudy & Selia Garcia†; Manuel &
	Concepcion Espinoza † by Espinoza Family
Sunday, Mar. 1	4
8 A.M.	Spec. Intention: Stan & Monica Swafford
	by Delia Dominguez
10 A.M.	Leonora Lagura [†] by Lagura-Francisco
	Family
12 P.M.	Matilde Alcantar† by Family
3 P.M.	For the Parish

6 P.M. Jaime Figueroa[†] by Dora Lopez & Family

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

How to Goto

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, whatever good you do and suffering you endure, heal your sins, help you grow in holiness, and reward you with eternal life. Go in peace. -Rite of Penance, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION: Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you-in your thoughts, words, and actionsneglected to live Christ's commands to "love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this "examination of conscience," you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING: The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [give days, months, or years] since my last confession."
- 4 CONFESSION: Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: "I am sorry for these and all my sins."
- 5 PENANCE: The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

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THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Woman at confession: "Is pride a sin?" 🗂 Priest: "What is it that you are proud of?" Woman: My beauty, of course." Priest: "Don't worry, my child. Misunderstanding is not a sin."

6 ACT OF CONTRITION: After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,

I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. (Rite of Penance, no. 45)

- 7 ABSOLUTION: The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, "Amen."
- 8 PRAISE: The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." And your response would be, "His mercy endures for ever" (Rite of Penance, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL: The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, "Go in peace."

f it has been a while since your last confession, remember, "Do not fear" (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this howto guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON COVID-19 VACCINES



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

usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines

Also available in Spanish at usccb.org.

Regarding the new Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine:

usccb.org/news/2021/us-bishop-chairmen-doctrine-and-pro-life-address-use-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine Additional info can be found here:

https://www.ncregister.com/interview/archbishop-naumann-on-the-ethics-of-covid-19-vaccines and 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.
- 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS





HELP SAVE LIVES IN SAN ANTONIO!

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:

- 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



• Give at Mass, in the parish office or online at http://samcsa.com/ + For help: 210-688-9033.

HOW TO WEAR A MASK

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



WARNING: Some parishioners have received emails requesting help or donations and falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan. OT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!



Third Sunday of Lent

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



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.





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.







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 Toma Salm SOUP RUSE

Weather Damage to RE building & Msgr. Hubertus Hall

- Friday, Feb. 19: It was discovered that a ٠ water pipe burst in an interior wall of the religious education building causing extensive damage to the entire first floor.
- Sunday, Feb. 21: The parish began working with the archdiocesan risk management office to commence repairs.
- Monday, Feb. 22: A flood damage repair, ٠ restoration, and mold clean up company installed a large water extraction machine that would be in use for about 7 days. Damage assessment was conducted by insurance and construction company reps.
- Tuesday, Feb. 23: Flooring company ٠ measured the entire first floor to order replacement tiles. Cabinet and door companies followed, determining that all cabinets and possibly all doors need replacing. Final decision on doors is pending.
- When water extraction is completed, ٠ mold abatement will begin.
- Demolition of first floor walls will follow. ٠ Reconstruction will begin. New floor and cabinets will be installed.
- Entire process is projected to take ٠ 2-3 months.
- Currently, Msgr. Hubertus Hall is without water as are other buildings due to damage caused by the 100+ hours of freezing temperatures and rolling power outages experienced that week. We are working closely with the archdiocese to get water restored.

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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.





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

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PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Tarah Colleta Sam Olech Frances Gentry 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 7: Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Monday 8: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30 Tuesday 9: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday 10: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 Thursday 11: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 Friday 12: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 Saturday 13: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 Sunday 14: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - March Sacrament of reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconcilia-

tion with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God. 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 - Marzo

Sacramento de la reconciliación: Recemos para que vivamos el sacramento de la reconciliación con renovada profundidad, para saborear la infinita misericordia de Dios. Dios, Padre nuestro, vo 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.

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