

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church

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April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak, Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Tu Nguyen

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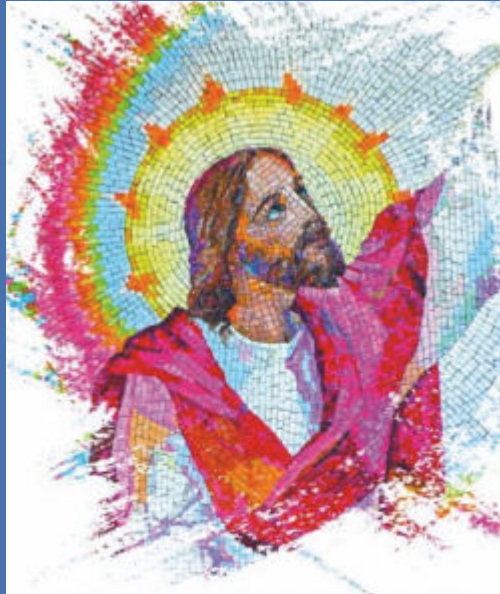
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Parish Mission Statement

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.



"EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED." —LK 24:44

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

LK 24:35-48

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

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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.

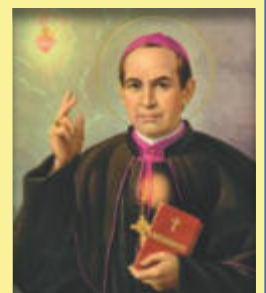
Visitation of the Sick: Call parish office to schedule visit.

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 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

April 10/11 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	1,839
Regular Collection	\$ 24,057.58
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 6,037.00
Church in the Holy Land	\$ 506.00
Easter	\$ 495.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 445.00
Archbishop's Appeal	\$ 300.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 250.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 200.00
Home Missions	\$ 205.00
Candles	\$ 72.00

April 3/4 Attendance Total 3,134*

***Correction from total in last week's bulletin**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Code of Canon Law prescribes that public announcement of the intent to promote an individual to Orders may be used as part of the pre-ordination inquiry. This Office has chosen to use publication in the ordinand's parish bulletin for the public announcement. The announcement should be included in your parish bulletin, stating that if anyone is aware of any reason why this individual should not be ordained, to contact the Director, Diaconate Program at 210-734-1678. Accordingly, we are providing the Parish with this public announcement as prescribed by Canon 1051, 2.

You are hereby officially notified that on Saturday, June 5, 2021, Antonio Valdez from your parish should be promoted to the Sacred Order of Deacon. The Diaconate Ordination will be held at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish at 10 a.m.

If anyone is aware of any reason why this individual should not be ordained, contact the Director of the Diaconate Program at 210-734-1678.

GOSPEL MEDITATION, Cont'd from page 1

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p>Saturday, Apr. 17 5 P.M. 60th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Bernice & Sam Houston by Houston Family Victor Cambana† by Mom & Family</p> <p>Sunday, Apr. 18 8 A.M. In Thanksgiving: Henson Family; Faustino Villanueva† by Danny & Bessie Henson 10A.M. Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Healing for Anthony Ponce by Alma Ponce 12 P.M. Birthday Blessings for Joseph Langas by Langas Family 3 P.M. Sylvia C. Vela† by Gloria Casanova 6 P.M. Bill Tricksey† by Darlene Belanger</p> <p>Monday, Apr. 19 8 A.M. For the Parish 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour 7:30 P.M. Manuel Lemus† by Mary Macias</p> <p>Tuesday, Apr. 20 8 A.M. Joe Luis Coronel† by Diana Soliz Birthday Blessings for Fr. Tu Nguyen</p>	<p>by Lopez Family</p> <p>Wednesday, Apr. 21 8 A.M. Jovita F. Cardenas† by Sandra Hernandez</p> <p>Thursday, Apr. 22 8 A.M. Crisostomo De Guzman† by Daughter & Taliman Family</p> <p>Friday, Apr. 23 8 A.M. Daniel R.† & Manuela M. Gonzales†; Tomasa N. Cabezuela†; Sr. Victoria Hernandez†; Souls in Purgatory† by F. Gonzales</p> <p>Saturday, Apr. 24 5 P.M. Teresa Ortiz† by Bea Alvarez</p> <p>Sunday, Apr. 25 8 A.M. Albert Kossaeth† by Mary Kossaeth 10A.M. Birthday Blessings for Jason Belisario by Family 12 P.M. Marcelino Armendariz, Jr.† by Teresa Revilla 3 P.M. For the Parish 6 P.M. Jason & Jacob Serna† by Family</p>
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RESPECT LIFE

Planned Parenthood: Setting the Record Straight

In 2015, a series of undercover videos showed officials of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) discussing how they perform abortions and traffic in the tissues and organs of abortion victims. The officials' matter-of-fact comments on destroying unborn human life, and on altering abortion methods to obtain more "intact" organs, led to a public debate on Planned Parenthood's role as a "women's health" organization receiving large government subsidies. That debate intensified in 2019 with release of the film *Unplanned*, based on a memoir of the same name by former Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson. Here are key facts.



1. PPFA is by far the largest abortion provider in the U.S.
2. Every Planned Parenthood affiliate must perform abortions.
3. Planned Parenthood provides 30 times more abortions than birth-oriented services or referrals.
4. Planned Parenthood promotes risky RU-486 abortions that have killed young women.
5. Planned Parenthood is a leader in offering problematic "gender transition" services to minors.
6. Planned Parenthood is being called to task for its past and present connection with racism.
7. Planned Parenthood fights even modest laws to reduce or regulate abortions.
8. Planned Parenthood doesn't believe in a "right to choose" against abortion.
9. Planned Parenthood is not "pro-choice" for women.
10. Planned Parenthood's role in serving women's health is compromised at best, and is better taken over by others.
11. "Nonprofit" Planned Parenthood reaps enormous revenues, including tax revenues.
12. Even as Planned Parenthood's government funding has increased, the number of medical services it provides has decreased—but not abortions.
13. Planned Parenthood promotes risky "emergency contraception" to minors.
14. Planned Parenthood has promoted abortions worldwide, even where it is illegal.



Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Read the entire document in its entirety here:

www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/upload/Planned-Parenthood-fact-sheet.pdf

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.*

For info or to register, visit
CWCSanAntonio.com or call Pilgrim Center of
 Hope at 210-521-3377.

Here's a peek at two
 of our speakers:



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 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.

A Woman's Haven Pregnancy Crisis Center Benefit Dinner
Keynote speaker: Sarah Palin



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 Cost: free Dress code: semi-formal
 Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.,
 program at 7 p.m.

Select one of these evenings:

Thurs., April 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/a-womans-haven-benefit-dinner-wsarah-palin-thursday-april-22nd-2021-tickets-140116362813

Fri, April 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/a-womans-haven-benefit-dinner-wsarah-palin-friday-april-23rd-2021-tickets-140118013751

Once you register, your ticket will be sent to you. Print and bring to the event as this will be required to enter. **Any state mandated COVID-19 guidelines that are in place on the date of the event will be followed.**

These events help our organization serve over 3,000 women a year who are in need of our services.

PARISH NEWS

Support Our Boy Scouts!

St. Anthony Mary Claret Boy Scout Troop 1988 will be selling Camp Cards at Las Palapas–Alamo Ranch on these dates:

Saturdays, April 24, May 1, 8, & 15; 8-10 a.m.

Sundays: April 25, May 2, 9, & 16; 8-10 a.m. & 2-6 p.m.

The cards offer discounts at various local businesses. 

Cost is \$5; \$2.50 is returned to the Scouts.

Funds are used to pay for summer camp and other trips.

2021 CAMP CARD PARTNERS

Valid at participating locations until December 31, 2021 unless otherwise stated:

 <p>Dick's Sporting Goods - \$10 off purchase of \$50 or more. Valid at participating locations. (one-time use)</p>  <p>Church's Chicken - 5pc. legs & thighs or tenders with large mashed potatoes for \$7.99. Valid at participating locations only. (one-time use)</p>  <p>Jiffy Lube - \$15 off 30y Lube signature service oil change. Valid at Allied Lube locations. (one-time use)</p>  <p>Jersey Mike's - FREE drink & chip with any sub purchase. (one-time use)</p>	 <p>Witte Museum - \$2 off a full priced admission ticket. (Limit 6 per transaction)</p>  <p>Dairy Queen - 10% off any full priced purchase. Valid at R&S Locations only. No online or delivery.</p>  <p>Las Palapas - 15% off breakfast, lunch and dinner plates. Valid at Alamo Ranch, TPC, Legacy Trail, SE Military Locations & participating locations.</p>  <p>San Antonio ZOO - 20% off single day admission ticket.</p>	 <p>Pizza Hut - \$1 medium w/ purchase of Large. Valid at Greater San Antonio locations.</p>  <p>Natural Bridge Caverns - 15% off Discovery Tour & Twisted Trails when presented at ticket booth. (Valid April 1 - December 31)</p>  <p>Andretti Indoor Karting & Games - BUY one race, GET one laser tag FREE. (Valid Monday-Friday)</p>  <p>Church's Chicken - FREE 5pc tender & biscuit w/ purchase of regular priced Combo 1-6. Valid at participating locations only.</p>
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Questions? Contact Scoutmaster Matthew Wetter at mw3809@gmail.com.



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



This Week in Our Parish Weddings:
Paulo Esteban Vasquez & Miranda Aziel Rodriguez

COVID-19 VACCINES



ETHICAL CONCERNS?

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-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/>

MASS ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES*

Archbishop Gustavo's dispensation of Catholics from the obligation to participate in Sunday/Holy Days of Obligation Masses within the Archdiocese of San Antonio granted on Mar. 13, 2020 is in effect until repealed.

Mass Participation/Seating

- Masks required for all persons over age 10.
- Sit at least 3 ft. from others. All pews are now open.
- Leave immediately after Mass.

Communion

- The Sacred Body of Christ will be distributed in the hand only. The Precious Blood of Christ will not be distributed.
- After receiving the Sacred Body of Christ in your hand, lower your mask, consume, re-mask and return to your seat.

*subject to change without notice

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



Moses is up on Mount Sinai and he says to God, "God, do I have a pounding headache!"

God replies, "Here, take these two tablets."

COMMUNITY NEWS



NURSES NEEDED!

A Woman's Haven Pregnancy Crisis Center is hiring entry-level staff and nurses.

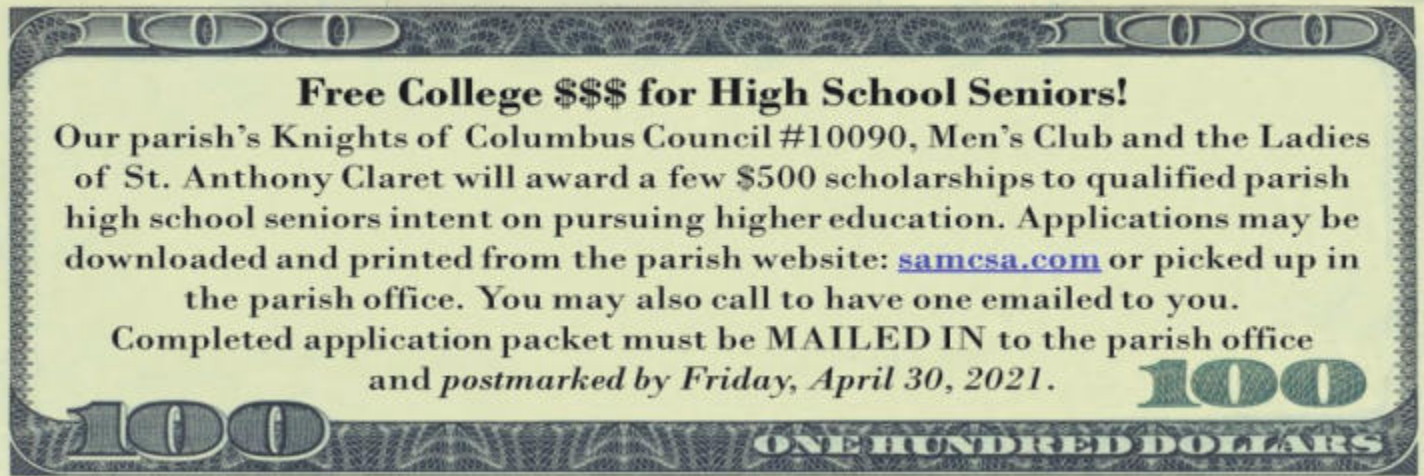
Interested? Contact Susan Perez at susan.perez@awomanshaven.org.

PARISH NEWS

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.



Bible Studies

Bible Study Online Summer Classes

Bible Studies

Journey Through Scripture Series:**“The Bible and the Blessed Virgin Mary” - Online, English***

Based on Scott Hahn's book, *Hail Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God*, this 12-week Bible study unveils the mystery of Our Lady. "What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ" (CCC 487). Classes held via Zoom and feature videos, group discussion and fellowship. Led by Charolette (CJ) Aboytes. Open to 15 & up. Cost: \$30.

Sunday evening classes: Apr. 18-Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday morning classes: Apr. 20-Aug. 3, 10 a.m.

Ascension Press Bible Study**Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother - Online, English***

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this 8-session extraordinary pilgrimage reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ. The better we know Mary, the better we will know her Son.

Classes held via Zoom and feature presentations by Edward Sri, group discussion and fellowship.

Wednesday morning classes: Apr. 28-June 16, 10 a.m.

Thursday evening classes: Apr. 29-June 17, 8:30 p.m.

*For info or to register, contact Charolette J. (CJ) Garcia-Aboytes at (210) 843-1198 or cjaboytes@gmail.com.

Ascension Press Bible Study**Mary: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass - Online, English**

Know and understand the Mass as never before. In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. Five sessions held via Zoom. Register at <https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/55433/registrations/new>. Then contact Marie DeGennaro at mariedeg@hotmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

Sunday evenings classes begin May 16, 6-7 p.m.

Journey Through Scripture Series - Spanish: For info on our Spanish Bible study or to add your name to our wait-list for when in-person classes resume, contact Felipe Forero at (210) 833-8552.

St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: March 2021

Utility assistance:	\$5,330.23
Restock food pantry:	\$3,687.59
Other client assistance:	\$1,532.75
Office expenses:	\$1,061.67
# Food bags distributed:	224
# People served:	687
# of home deliveries	40

Hours: Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.co.

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:
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PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
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| Irene Lemus | Mary Helen Peterson |
| Riley & Ellen Robertson | Sandy Salinas |
| Tarah Colleta | 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 18: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- Monday 19: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday 20: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday 21: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday 22: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday 23: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday 24: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday 25: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



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 - ◆ For help: 210-688-9033.
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 - ◆ Dando durante misa, dejándolo en la oficina parroquia o en línea: <http://samcsa.com/>
 - ◆ Para ayuda: 210-688-9033.
- ◆ Correo: 6150 Roft Rd., San Antonio, TX 78253



Saint Bernadette Soubirous

Feast Day—April 16

As a child in a poor French family in the Hautes-Pyrenees town of Lourdes, Bernadette suffered both asthma and cholera. Uneducated, she had not made her first Communion by 1858, the year she experienced 18 visions of a beautiful

lady calling herself the Immaculate Conception and calling for penance and pilgrimage. Bernadette was unchanged by this extraordinary experience, and in 1866 became a member of the Sisters of Charity, taking the name Maria-Bernarda.

Chronically ill after 1875 with worsening asthma and tuberculosis of the bones, she died at age 35. When she was canonized in 1933, it was not for being the Lourdes visionary, but for her simple life of prayer, devotion and obedience.





Debra Bachleda
CPA, PC, Parishioner

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