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November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

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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:

LK 21:25-28, 34-36

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and

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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)

Saturdays: 4 p.m., Sundays: 4 p.m.

Baptism - Required Class:

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

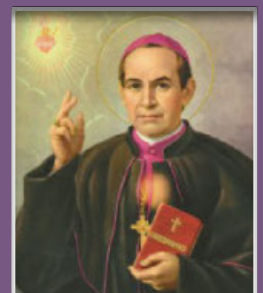
Visitation of the Sick: Call parish office to schedule visit.

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 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*

have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

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Nov. 13/14 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	2,433
Regular Collection	\$ 25,177.64
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 4,225.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 370.00
Candles	\$ 265.05
SAMC Pantry	\$ 260.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 100.00
Retired Religious	\$ 5.00

Nov. 20/21 attendance and collection totals unavailable at press time.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 27

5 P.M. Deceased Members of Chaffin & Rivas Families by Mary & Jerry

Sunday, Nov. 28

8 A.M. BB* for Merle Belisario by Family
 10 A.M. Healing for David Dydasco, Tommy Reyes, Margaret Gogue & Lee Sanders by Jackson Family
 12 P.M. Spec. Int. for Monica Thompson & John Gonzales by Family
 3 P.M. For the Parish
 6 P.M. Good Health for Emilio Pina by Family

Monday, Nov. 29

8 A.M. Anniversary Blessings for George & Minerva Renfro by Family
 6:30 P.M. Holy Hour
 7 P.M. For an End to Abortion

Tuesday, Nov. 30

8 A.M. BB* for Joaquin Rodriguez by Rodriguez Family

Wednesday, Dec. 1

8 A.M. BB* for Pearl Rodriguez by Rodriguez Family

Thursday, Dec. 2

8 A.M. BB* for Monica Gibbs by Gibbs Family
 7 P.M. Bilingual Holy Hour

Friday, Dec. 3

8 A.M. Spec. Int. for Charlene Medina by Coss Family

Saturday, Dec. 4

5 P.M. Jesse Armendariz† by Teresa Revilla
 For St. Anthony Mary Claret Priests, Staff & Ministry Leaders by Staff

Sunday, Dec. 5

8 A.M. Vincent Carvalho† by Jeremias & Clarissa Fernandes
 10 A.M. Andrew F. Kozar† by Dcn. Jerry & Pat Kozar
 12 P.M. Blas. L. Alvarado† by Daughter Debra
 3 P.M. For the Parish
 6 P.M. Kelly Joseph Khattar† by Rankin Family

* BB = Birthday Blessings

ADVENT

The First Sunday of Advent



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Advent Begins!

November 28 – December 24

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest will wear violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose is worn (GIRM, no. 316). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season.

An Advent calendar can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

RESPECT LIFE

Word of Life



"Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign... you must weep that your own government, at present, seems blind to this truth."

— Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Palabra De Vida

"Los derechos humanos no son un privilegio concedido por el gobierno. Son un claro derecho por virtud de su humanidad. El derecho a la vida no depende, ni debe ser contingente, al placer de nadie, ni siquiera de los padres ni de un monarca....ustedes deben llorar que vuestro propio gobierno, por el momento, sea ciego a esta verdad."

— Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Intercessions for Life

For all the faithful: may the Lord help us build a culture of life in vigilant expectation of His return.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por todos los fieles: que Dios nos ayude a construir una cultura de la vida esperando vigilantes Su regreso.
Roguemos al Señor.

"Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary



THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

What did the Lion King tell Simba when he was walking too slow?



Mufasa!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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PARISH NEWS

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Knights of Columbus Council #10090



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 11
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$8/person
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Activities for kids 12 & under.

Santa arrives at 9:30 a.m.

Children must be accompanied
by an adult at all times.

Tickets on sale after all Masses
Nov. 27/28 and Dec. 4/5.

SAINTLY WISDOM

"For a Son of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a man on fire with love, who spreads its flames wherever he goes. He desires mightily and strives by all means possible to set the whole world on fire with God's love. Nothing daunts him;

he delights in privations, welcomes work, embraces sacrifices, smiles at slander, and rejoices in

suffering. His only concern is how he can best follow Jesus Christ and imitate Him in working, suffering, and striving constantly and single-mindedly for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls."

— St. Anthony Mary Claret



SINGERS NEEDED!

Our parish choir is recruiting singers for Advent and Christmas seasons. All voice parts needed. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. To sign up, contact music director Paul Rauschhuber at 210-865-4717 or prauschhuber@yahoo.com.



BAPTISM CLASS
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.
RE Bldg., 1st floor



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through artwork!

- ♦ Open to kids ages 5-14.
- ♦ Pick up entry form at the parish office. Turn in form with poster to the parish office **no later than Dec. 4.**
- ♦ Contestants will compete in their age group:
 - * Ages 5-7 (grades K-2)
 - * Ages 8-10 (grades 3-5)
 - * Ages 11-14 (grades 6-8)
- ♦ 1st, 2nd & 3rd place certificates will be awarded.
- ♦ Winner to be announced at this year's Breakfast with Santa.

Rules:

- ♦ Poster must reflect theme of Keep Christ in Christmas.
- ♦ Poster must be original work of a single person.
- ♦ Poster dimensions should be approximately 11x17 inches.

All entries become property of
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Supreme Council.



Weddings This Week in Our Parish

Phillip Pina
& Jillian Navarro

FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Pray for our local seminarians and for an increase in vocations to religious life. This month we especially pray for these two seminarians:

**Jordan Milligan****Luis Horacio Gómez***St. John Vianney's Prayer for Priests*

God, please give to your Church today many more priests after your own heart.

May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments. May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:
Heralds of the Good News

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Marilu Merlo
Joe Borunda
Nelson Tamondong
Carolyn Cole
Eugene Lovato
Merida Garcia
Eva Cruz & Husband
Margaret Mary Lucido
Tony Salinas
Alejandro De Luna
Deacon Jerry Kozar
Maggie Reyna
Rocio Gibbs
Fr. Patrick Martin
Cheryl Ferrell
Tracey Kollmansberger
Bridget Dunlap
Karina Hernandez
Kelton Sweet, Jr.

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Javier Calderon
George Aldaya
Mary Helen Peterson
Eloise Salazar
Maria Morales
Rosa Huerta
Barbara Vanegas
A.C. Garza
Manuel & Eloise Salazar
Javier & Mary Bautista
Olga Faz
Bishop Yanta
Nancy Souhrada
Bill Jennings
Dee Hancock
Linda Santos
Tom Calderon Jr.
Sandy Salinas

List is reserved for names of parishioners and 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: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday 29: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday 30: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday 1: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday 2: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday 3: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday 4: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday 5: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Hora Santa Bilingüe
para Las Vocaciones
el jueves, 2 de diciembre, 7 p.m.

Bilingual Holy Hour
for Vocations
Thursday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

FRIDAY, DEC. 24 (NO MORNING MASS):

5 P.M., 7 P.M. & 12 MIDNIGHT

SATURDAY, DEC. 25:

10 A.M., 12 NOON, & 3 P.M. (SPANISH)

MASS TIMES TO FULFILL SUNDAY, DEC. 26 OBLIGATION

SATURDAY, DEC. 25: 5 P.M.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26: 8 & 10 A.M., 12 NOON, & 3 P.M. (SPANISH)



This year Christmas falls on a Saturday. As always, it is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. You may choose to attend Mass on **Friday, Dec. 24** or **Saturday, Dec. 25** at the times listed above in **red** to fulfill the Christmas requirement. The **regular Sunday Mass obligation still remains** for **Dec. 26** and you may choose to attend Mass at any of the times listed above in **blue**.



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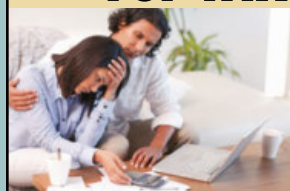
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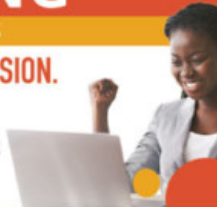
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