

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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**December 19, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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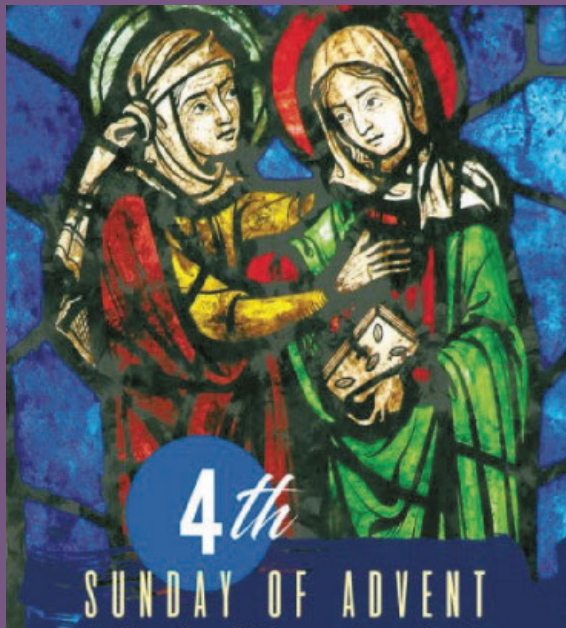
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### **GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 1:39-45**

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this

world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so

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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:**

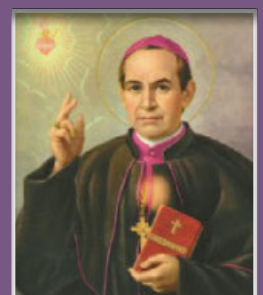
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

**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.



### **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.

## 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

## Dec. 4/5 attendance &amp; collection totals

Attendance	2,441
Regular Collection	\$ 30,088.54
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 6,730.50
Gabriel Project	\$ 700.00
Retired Religious	\$ 700.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 470.00
Candles	\$ 294.07
Christmas	\$ 220.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 150.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 5.00

Dec. 11/12 attendance and collection totals unavailable at press time.

GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1*

that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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## 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) & 6 P.M.**

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**.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, Dec. 18**

**5 P.M.** Richard Keller† by Keller & Rankin Families

**Sunday, Dec. 19**

**8 A.M.** Msgr. Lucian Brasley† by Bea Alvarez  
**10 A.M.** Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastian†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro  
**12 P.M.** Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Elizondo† by Family  
**3 P.M.** BB\* for Irma Rodriguez by Gibbs Family  
**6 P.M.** Luis, Lucia & Vicente Feliciano†; Angela Gutierrez† by Nita Feliciano

**Monday, Dec. 20**

**8 A.M.** Natalia Ortiz† by Emma Ortiz  
**6:30 P.M.** Holy Hour  
**7:30 P.M.** Spec. Int. for Ray Chacon by Coss Family

**Tuesday, Dec. 21**

**8 A.M.** Catholic Priests & Deacons by Alicia & Mauro Longoria

**Wednesday, Dec. 22**

**8 A.M.** Telesfora Elvena† by Chiapoco Family

**Thursday, Dec. 23 \*\*PARISH OFFICE CLOSING 12 P.M.\*\***

**8 A.M.** For the Parish

**Friday, Dec. 24 \*\*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*\***

**\*\*\*PARISH OFFICE CLOSED\*\*\***

**5 P.M.**

Robert Reynolds† by Lydia Reynolds

**7 P.M.**

Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†;

Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard

Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family

**12 Midnight**

Bill Tricksey† by Etta Tricksey

**Saturday, Dec. 25**

**10 A.M.**

John & Mary Krawczynski†

by Martha Bednarz

**12 P.M.**

Spiritual Healing/Strength for Humanity;

Souls in Purgatory† by M. Gonzales

**3 P.M.**

Rudy & Selia Garcia†; Manuel &

Concepcion Espinoza† by Espinoza Family

**5 P.M.**

BB\* for Ashley Salazar & Nicolas Corrales

by Teresa Revilla

**Sunday, Dec. 26**

**8 A.M.**

Anniversary Blessings for James &

Adelina Fritz by Adelina Fritz

**10 A.M.**

BB\* for Terry Armendariz by Teresa Revilla

**12 P.M.**

BB\* for Ashley Salazar by Teresa Revilla

**3 P.M.**

Ignacio Moroles by Wife Veronica & Children

**6 P.M.**

Larry Joe Hartman† by Bea Peterson

\* BB = Birthday Blessings



## BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS MANGER

In its present form the custom of displaying -figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

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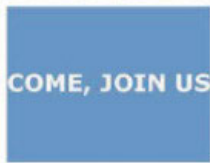
## COMMUNITY NEWS

### LIFE AWARENESS

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email after the Conference. For more info,  
visit [CMCSanAntonio.com](http://CMCSanAntonio.com)  
or call Pilgrim Center of Hope  
at 210-521-3377.

## 2022 PARISH BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



**In-person classes:** For info or to register, contact Charolette "CJ" Aboytes, co-director, at [cjaboytes@gmail.com](mailto:cjaboytes@gmail.com).

- ♦ **The Bible Book of Acts**, Sundays, Jan. 16 – Dec. 10, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall, meets every two weeks. Cost approx. \$15 for text. Self-order book *The Acts of the Apostles (2nd Edition) Ignatius Catholic Study*. Check online for best price. Instructor: Jaime Carrillo.
- ♦ **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation Bible Study Program**, Tuesdays, 12 - 1:30 p.m., Jan. 4 – June 14, RE building, room 2002, meets weekly. Cost \$45. Self-order materials at [www.ascensionpress.com](http://www.ascensionpress.com). Instructor: Marie DeGennaro. After ordering, contact her at [mariedeg@hotmail.com](mailto:mariedeg@hotmail.com).
- ♦ **"Genesis to Jesus" Video Study**, Wednesdays, Jan. 12 – Mar. 30, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall, meets weekly for 8 sessions. What is the Bible, where does it come from, and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell? Workbook cost will be provided first session. Instructor: Rebecca Shingledecker.
- ♦ **"Genesis to Jesus" Video Study FastTrack series**, 2 Saturdays, Feb. 5 & 19, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall. Covers all 8 sessions listed above. Instructor: Charolette "CJ" Aboytes, [cjaboytes@gmail.com](mailto:cjaboytes@gmail.com).
- ♦ **"Genesis to Jesus" in Spanish**, Sundays starting Jan. 9, 1 – 2:30 p.m., meets weekly. Instructor: Felipe Forero, [forhuemer97@yahoo.com](mailto:forhuemer97@yahoo.com).
- ♦ **"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" video in Spanish**, Sundays, 1 – 2:30 p.m., meets weekly. Contact: Felipe Forero, [forhuemer97@yahoo.com](mailto:forhuemer97@yahoo.com).

**Online Zoom classes:** To register, email the instructor listed for each courses.

- ♦ **Epic: Journey Through Church History**, Sundays via Zoom, 6 – 7 p.m. Cost \$29.95. Self-order online at <https://ascensionpress.com/products/epic-a-journey-through-church-history-study-set?variant=7553709572132>. Instructor: Marie DeGennaro. After ordering, contact her at [mariedeg@hotmail.com](mailto:mariedeg@hotmail.com).
- ♦ **"Genesis to Jesus" Video Study**, Sundays via Zoom, 7 - 7:30 p.m., Jan. 9 – Mar. 27 for 8 sessions OR Tuesdays, 9 – 10:30 a.m., Jan. 11 – Mar. 29 for 8 sessions. What is the Bible, where does it come from, and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell? Instructor Charolette "CJ" Aboytes. Register, then pick up workbooks from her before Jan. 9. Email: [cjaboytes@gmail.com](mailto:cjaboytes@gmail.com).
- ♦ **United States Catholic Catechism for Adults by U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**, Wednesdays via Zoom, 10 – 11 a.m., Jan. 12 – Nov. 16. OR Thursdays, 8 – 9 p.m., Jan. 13 – Nov. 17. One chapter per session for a total of 36. Breaks given monthly. Self-order book. Check online or Half Price Books for best price (\$5-\$30). Red cover book ISBN 978-1-57455-450-2; white cover book ISBN 978-1601376503 ([www.USCCB.org](http://www.USCCB.org)). Instructor: Charolette "CJ" Aboytes, [cjaboytes@gmail.com](mailto:cjaboytes@gmail.com).



### RESPECT LIFE

#### Intercessions for Life

For all parents awaiting the birth of their child: may they look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life. Let us pray to the Lord.

#### Intercesiones por la Vida

Por todos los padres que esperan el nacimiento de sus hijos: que miren hacia la Santísima Madre y San José y sigan su ejemplo de atesorar y proteger la vida human. Roguemos al Señor.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### AM5 (Archdiocese for the Military Services) Young Adult Ministry Symposium

For military young adults, married & single, active duty members & spouses, ages 18-29  
Jan. 20-23, Washington, DC

Hilton Crystal City at Reagan National Airport Arlington, VA  
Participants will listen to panels as well as participate in breakout sessions to discuss evangelization and missionary discipleship, be provided food and lodging, along with a \$200 travel stipend. Child care will also be available if needed. Questions? Contact Casey Lee, AM5 Associate Director for Young Adult Ministry, at [youngadultministry@milarch.org](mailto:youngadultministry@milarch.org) or 202-719-3653.  
NOTE: These dates include the March for Life for which time will be allotted in the schedule. <https://www.milarch.org/symposium/>



## PARISH NEWS

### St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: November 2021

Utility assistance: \$ 3,269.47  
 Restock food pantry: \$ 4,440.10  
 Other client assistance: \$ 394.41  
 Office expenses: \$ 297.01  
 # Food bags distributed: 223  
 # People served: 672  
 # of home deliveries: 28



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### St. Anthony Mary Claret Super Seniors &



present an online series

## DASH: Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension

Thursdays, Jan. 13 - Feb. 17 via Zoom

### TOPICS

Jan. 13: DASHing your way to improved health

Jan. 20: Making a date with DASH

Jan. 27: Be DASHing with fruits & vegetables

Feb. 3: Make a DASH to shake your salty habit

Feb. 10: DASHing with dairy

Feb. 17: Uncovering added sugars

For info or to register:

Lawrence Lucido at  
mrlaredo33@aol.com  
or Grace

Guerra-Gonzalez at  
rguerra@pvamu.edu.



### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

One Christmas, a mother asked her young daughter if she could name two of Santa's reindeer.

"Rudolph and Olive," replied the girl confidently.

"Are you sure?" said the mother, quizzically.

"Yes, mommy, Rudolph and Olive. Like in the song."

"The song?" asked the mother. "What song?"

The girl sang, "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose.

And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows.

Olive the other reindeer...."



### St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090 &



## Christmas Diaper Drive

Donate infant diapers now through Jan. 9.

All sizes needed!

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Weddings This Week  
in Our Parish

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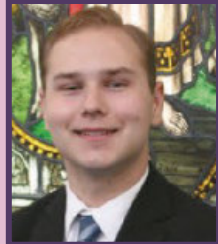
## FAITH &amp; PRAYER

## 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:



Guillermo Cruz Hernández

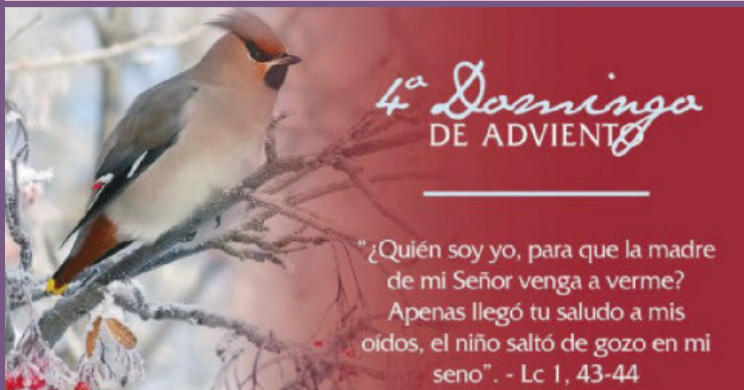


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O loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless Your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through Your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of Your sons and daughters to listen to Your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern Your invitation to serve You and Your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow Your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to You, "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

— Most Rev. Joseph A. Fiorenza, Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:  
**Cordi-Marian Missionary Sisters**



## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Joe B. Cruz	Karina Hernandez
Peggy McPherson	Kelton Sweet, Jr.
Yolanda Barron	Joanna Sweet
Margaret Mary Lucido	Javier Calderon
Michael Gene Roberson	George Aldaya
Garry	Mary Helen Peterson
Juanita & Francisco Rosas	Éloise Salazar
Stoltz Family	Maria Morales
Mary Flora	Rosa Huerta
Nellie Coronado	Barbara Vanegas
Marilu Merlo	A.C. Garza
Joe Borunda	Manuel & Eloise Salazar
Nelson Tamondong	Javier & Mary Bautista
Tony Salinas	Olga Faz
Alejandro De Luna	Bishop Yanta
Deacon Jerry Kozar	Nancy Souhrada
Maggie Reyna	Bill Jennings
Rocio Gibbs	Dee Hancock
Fr. Patrick Martin	Linda Santos
Cheryl Ferrell	Tom Calderon Jr.
Tracey Kollmansberger	Sandy Salinas
Bridget Dunlap	

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 19: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
Monday 20: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday 21: Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45  
Wednesday 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
Thursday 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
Friday 24: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25  
*Night*: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Saturday 25: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18  
Sunday 26: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

## SAINTLY WISDOM

"The Lord manifests Himself to those who stop for some time in peace and humility of heart. If you look in murky and turbulent waters, you cannot see the reflection of your face. If you want to see the face of Christ, stop and collect your thoughts in silence, and close the door of your soul to the noise of external things."

— St. Anthony of Padua

**MASS TIMES FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:  
JAN. 1 (NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR.)**

FRIDAY, DEC. 31, VIGIL MASS, 5 P.M. (NO MORNING MASS)  
SATURDAY, JAN. 1: 10 A.M. (NO FIRST SATURDAY MASS)

**MASS TIMES TO FULFILL THE SUNDAY, JAN. 2 OBLIGATION**

SATURDAY, JAN. 1: 5 P.M.  
SUNDAY, JAN. 2: 8 & 10 A.M., 12, 3 (SPANISH) & 6 P.M.







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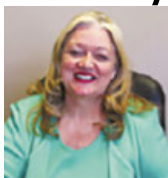
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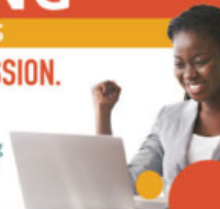
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