# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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#### January 2, 2022

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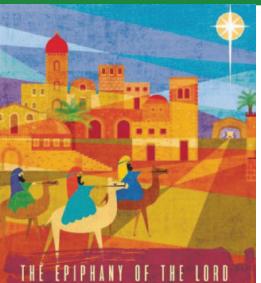
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#### Parish Mission Statement

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.



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 2:1-12

In his Apostolic Exhortation. The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching

friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

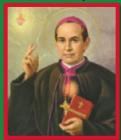
Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind 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 & 10 a.m.; 12, 3 (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. Attend mandatory orientation third Thurs. 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. Attend mandatory orientation fourth Thurs. 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

heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi

#### Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones el jueves, 6 de enero, 7 p.m. Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations

Thursday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m.



#### Dec. 18/19 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	2,240
Regular Collection	\$ 30,580.84
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	\$ 17,927.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 6,020.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 450.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 390.00
Candles	\$ 268.05
Retired Religious	\$ 235.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 25.00

Dec. 25/26 attendance and collection totals unavailable at press time.



THIS WEEKEND you may bring water, incense or chalk to be blessed for use in your home. Some chalk will be available at the church.

Spec. Int. for Chacon Family by Coss Family

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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8 A.M.

Wednesday, Jan. 5

#### Saturday, Jan. 1

Saturuay, Jan.	1
10 A.M.	God's Heavenly Peace Upon Our Dark &
	Suffering World by Parish Staff
5 P.M.	Telesfora Elvena† by Elvena &
	Chiapoco Families
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Sunday, Jan. 2	
8 A.M.	Good Health/In Thanksgiving for Wendy
	Corona by Semas Family
10 A.M.	Teresa Cholowinski† by Rankin Family
12 P.M.	Alfred Elizondo <sup>†</sup> by Family
3 P.M.	Aurea G. <sup>†</sup> ; Elisa M. <sup>†</sup> ; Ofelia <sup>†</sup> ; Thomas <sup>†</sup> ;
	Maria Luisa S. <sup>†</sup> ; Ernesto R. <sup>†</sup> ; Souls in
	<b>Purgatory</b> <sup>†</sup> by Velasco Family
6 P.M.	Bunny Carpenter <sup>†</sup> ; Enrique Ferreiro
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	Wiena j by Rick & Sandy Sannas
Monday, Jan. 3	***PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ***
8 A.M.	Souls in Purgatory <sup>†</sup> by Mary Macias
	Rodney & Ronald Villarreal <sup>†</sup>
	by Espinoza Family
6:30 P.M.	Holy Hour
	For the Parish

#### Thursday, Jan. 6 8 A.M. Spec. Int.: James & Henry Pawelek; Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family 7 P.M. **Bilingual Holy Hour** Friday, Jan. 7 8 A.M. Michelle Reynolds<sup>†</sup> by Rick & Sandy Salinas Saturday, Jan. 8 5 P.M. Joseph<sup>†</sup> & Ella Kopech<sup>†</sup>; Joseph L. Stein<sup>†</sup>; Robert<sup>†</sup> & Floranna Stein<sup>†</sup>; Richard Caldwell, Jr.<sup>+</sup> by Blanchard Family Sunday, Jan. 9 8 A.M. **Good Health for Thalia Gonzales** by Family 10 A.M. Estelito G. Patacsil<sup>†</sup> by Victor & Maribel Negron 12 P.M. Lolita Jacobs<sup>†</sup> by Stephen Thomas 3 P.M. For the Parish 6 P.M.

P.M. Souls in Purgatory† by Mary Macias Edelina C. Meneses† by Family

Tuesday, Jan. 4

8 A.M. Eva Valdez<sup>†</sup> by Serna Family

### **EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING**

### **Blessing Your Home For The Feast Of The Epiphany**

Source: www.catholicculture.org

Traditionally, Catholics bless their home and those who live in their household on the Feast of the Epiphany each year. It's not difficult to do. Here's what you'll need.

1. Prayers – Found below. Another version can be found here:

https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany

2. Blessed chalk – You can bless it yourself or your parish may offer it. (Ours will.)

- 3. A doorway
- 4. A ladder or chair

Prayer:

On entering the home,

Leader (priest, if present, or spiritual leader of the family): Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God and myrrh in symbol of His burial. All pray the Magnificat. (Find it here: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/the-magnificat.html) During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water and incensed. After this is completed, continue. All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father. . . and lead us not into temptation.

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come.

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi—<u>C</u>aspar, <u>M</u>elchior and <u>B</u>althasar—are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. The initials, C, M, and B can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "<u>C</u>hristus <u>M</u>ansionem <u>B</u>enedicat" which means "Christ bless this house."

#### For 2022 this is what you will write above the door in chalk: 20 + C + M + B + 22





### **2022 PARISH BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**



### In-person classes: For info or to register, contact Charolette "CJ" Aboytes, co-director, at 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* (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>www.ascensionpress.com</u>. Instructor: Marie DeGennaro. After ordering, contact her at <u>mariedeg@hotmail.com</u>.
- "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, <u>cjaboytes@gmail.com</u>.
- "Genesis to Jesus" in Spanish, Sundays starting Jan. 9, 1 2:30 p.m., meets weekly. Instructor: Felipe Forero, <u>forhuemer97@yahoo.com</u>.
- "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" video in Spanish, Sundays, 1 2:30 p.m., meets weekly. Contact: Felipe Forero, <u>forhuemer97@yahoo.com</u>.

### 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 <a href="https://ascensionpress.com/products/epic-a-journey-through-church-history-study-set?variant=7553709572132">https://ascensionpress.com/products/epic-a-journey-through-church-history-study-set?variant=7553709572132</a>. Instructor: Marie DeGennaro. After ordering, contact her at <a href="mailto:mailt
- "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: <u>cjaboytes@gmail.com</u>.
- <u>United States Catholic Catechism for Adults by U.S. Conference of Catholic</u> 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). Instructor: Charolette "CJ" Aboytes, <u>cjaboytes@gmail.com</u>.

Registration will remain open by email until Jan. 2! <u>\*IMPORTANT</u>: If you already registered this month in person, you MUSTconfirm by emailing Charolette "CJ" at <u>cjaboytes@gmail.com</u> to ensure correctness.

### **PARISH NEWS**

# Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition Friday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m.

Free for boys & girls in the following brackets:

- Ages 9 11 (boys & girls competition)
- Ages 12 14 (girls competition)
- Ages 12 14 (boys competition)

St. Paul Community Center 350 Sutton Dr.



- Participants will need the following:
- Completed "Free Throw Championship Entry Form" Available online or on event day.
- A copy of birth certificate

Winners advance to district, regional & state tournaments.

Learn more at https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/community/free-throw-championship.html#/ Questions? Email: council10090@gmail.com

### **PARISH NEWS**



### 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 salt y 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 grguerra@pvamu.edu.









## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see flowers with the inscription:



"Rest in peace." He stopped at the florist to complain. 'It could be worse," the florist said. "Imagine—today someone

was buried beneath an arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on your new location!"



- Ages 18-40 For more information contact: Archdiocesan Vocation Office vocations@archsa.org • 210-735-0553

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Today!

Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS Archbishop of San Antonio







### **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:





**Erick Cruz** 

Moses Castro

O God, throughout the ages You have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. We give You thanks for these courageous witnesses of faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to You. Continue to enrich Your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

– United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Houston Dominican Sisters

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

Maurice Flores Tracey Kollmansberger Joe B. Cruz Yolanda Barron Margaret Mary Lucido Tony Salinas Alejandro De Luna Deacon Jerry Kozar Maggie Reyna Rocio Gibbs Fr. Patrick Martin Tracey Kollmansberger Karina Hernandez Kelton Sweet, Jr. Joanna Sweet Javier Calderon George Aldaya

Mary Helen Peterson **Éloise 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 2: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Monday 3: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday 4: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday 5: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday 6: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a Friday 7: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday 8: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 Sunday 9: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

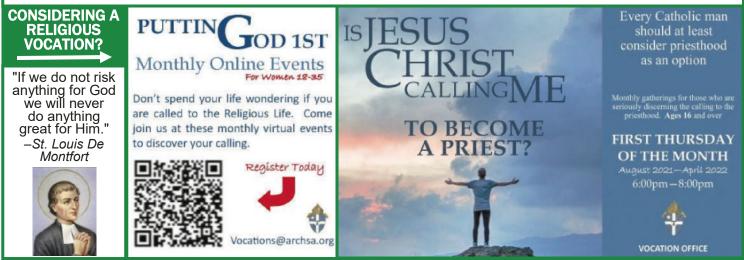
#### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - January**

For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. 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 del Santo Padre Francisco - Enero

Educar para la fraternidad Recemos para que todas las personas que sufren discriminación y persecución religiosa encuentren en las sociedades en las que viven el reconocimiento de sus derechos y la dignidad que proviene de ser hermanos y hermanas. Dios, Padre nuestro, yo 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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