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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

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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: JN 2:1-11

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every

day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The

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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:

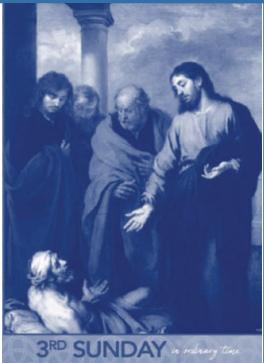
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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.



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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

promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



Jan. 15/16 attendance & collection totals **Attendance** 1.980 \$ 23,201.59 **Regular Collection RE Bldg. Debt Reduction \$** 4.768.49 SAMC Pantry 585.00 **Gabriel Project** 390.00 Candles 214.47 Capital Campaign 200.00 **Solemnity of Mary** 35.00 **Rosary Makers** 30.00 **Initial Offering** 10.00 Campaign for Human Dev. \$ 10.00 Church in Latin America \$ 5.00



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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Jan. 22

5 P.M. Yolanda Virginia Torres Balboa† by Torres, Balboa & Quiroz Families

Sunday, Jan. 23

8 A.M. Elvira Bendele† & Philip Helner†

by Bea Peterson

10 A.M. Scott Robert Shafer†; Healing for Olivia

Grenardo by Helena & Stephen Thomas

12 P.M. Aurora Dyer† by Family

3 P.M. For the Parish

6 P.M. Larry Dunne† by Anne Marie Cerwin

Monday, Jan. 24

8 A.M. All Priests by Emma Ortiz

6:30 P.M. Holy Hour

7:30 P.M. Stephen Paul Sanders†

by Art & Doris Jackson

Tuesday, Jan. 25

8 A.M. Marcelino & Louisa Armendariz†

by Teresa Revilla

Henrietta Kempf† by Mary Kossaeth

Wednesday, Jan. 26

8 A.M. BB* for Amelia Macias by Mary Macias

John Schoellman† by Wife

Thursday, Jan. 27

8 A.M. BB* for Minerva Renfro by Family

Crisostomo De Guzman† by Daughter & Taliman Family

Friday, Jan. 28

8 A.M. Anniversary Blessings for Merle & Joel

Belisario by Family

Saturday, Jan. 29

5 P.M. Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family

Souls in Purgatory† by Emma Ortiz

Sunday, Jan. 30

8 A.M. Dolores G. Adeva† by Priscilla Velazquez

10 A.M. Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert

Suarez†; Healing for Anthony Ponce

by Alma Ponce

12 P.M. Eulalio Trevino† by Family

3 P.M. Ascension Martinez† & Gumersindo

Izquierdo† by Daughter

6 P.M. Andrew E. Kozar† by Dcn. Jerry & Pat Kozar

* BB = Birthday Blessings

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 19-27 — YOU CAN STILL JOIN!



9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in this Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Wednesday, January 19–Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections and more.

Download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message at **9daysforlife.com!**



JANUARY 19-27, 2022

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Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

3 WAYS TO JOIN

9DaysforLife.com



Interested in the Catholic Church's teaching on the sanctity of life from womb to tomb?

Our parish's Respect Life Ministry is looking to grow!

We welcome those interested in active involvement, whether as a member or a leader. For more info, visit https://samcsa.com/ministries/outreach-ministries/respect-life/ or contact Paul Comeaux at (210) 382-7511 or picomeaux@satx.rr.com.

Word of Life

A society is truly human when without reservations it protects and respects the dignity of every person from conception until the moment of his or her natural death. However, should it decide to "get rid" of its members in the greatest need of protection, ... it would be behaving in a profoundly inhuman and also distorted manner with regard to the equality — obvious to every person of good will — of the dignity of all people, in all the stages of life.

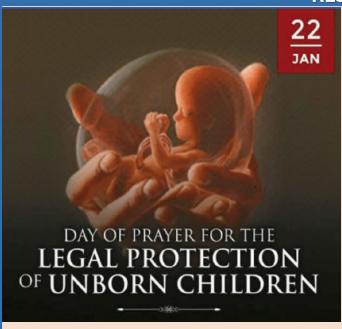
— Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Hon. Reinhard Schweppe, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Holy See, November 7, 2011

Palabra De Vida

Una sociedad solo es verdaderamente humana cuando protege sin reservas y respeta la dignidad de cada persona desde su concepción hasta el momento de su muerte natural. Sin embargo, si decidiera «descartar» a sus miembros más necesitados de protección,... se comportaría de un modo profundamente inhumano y también de un modo no verdadero respecto de la igualdad —evidente para toda persona de buena voluntad— de la dignidad de todas las personas, en todas las fases de la vida.

 Benedicto XVI, Discurso al honorable Reinhard Schweppe, embajador de Alemania ante la Santa Sede, 7 de noviembre 7 de 2011 Page 4 January 23, 2022

RESPECT LIFE



The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.*

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/ or almsgiving. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides resources to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics participate in this important day of prayer and penance.

"A GREAT PRAYER FOR LIFE IS URGENTLY NEEDED, A PRAYER WHICH WILL RISE UP THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THROUGH SPECIAL INITIATIVES AND IN DAILY PRAYER, MAY AN IMPASSIONED PLEA RISE TO GOD, THE CREATOR AND LOVER OF LIFE, FROM EVERY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, FROM EVERY GROUP AND ASSOCIATION, FROM EVERY FAMILY AND FROM THE HEART OF EVERY BELIEVER."

—Evangelium vitae, 100



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San Antonio Right to Life Foundation Commemoration of the Unborn

to remember the 60 million babies lost to abortion since Roe v. Wade

Sunday, Jan. 30, 2-3:30 p.m. Schertz City Hall 1400 Schertz Pkwy, 78154 Parking available on-site

Featured speakers include Bishop Gary Janak, auxiliary bishop of San Antonio; Galaxy Acton, president of Students for Life at UTSA; and Brianna Dashnea of Guadalupe County Young Republicans

For more info, contact Mary Thomas at 210-690-9801 or 210-601-9719.

The Consequences of Roe v. Wade

63,459,781

Total abortions since 1973

Based on numbers reported by the Guttmacher Institute (GI) 1973-2017, with 3% added for GI estimated possible 3-5% undercount for 1973-2014. Another 12,000 per year added for 2015-2021 for abortions from "providers" GI says it may have missed in 2015-2017 counts.



Source: National Right to Life Committee, https://www.nrlc.org/

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BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. RE Bldg., 1st floor

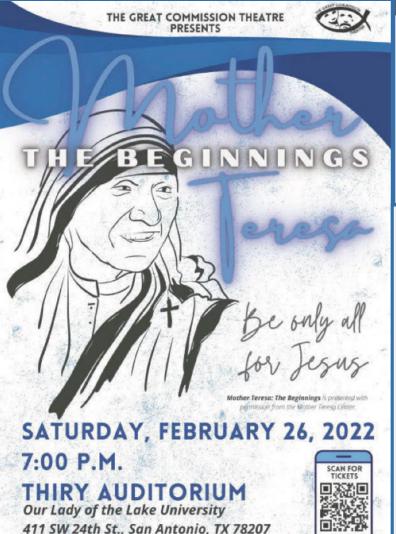


THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

I got an email the other day telling me how to read maps backwards. Turns out it was just spam.



COMMUNITY NEWS





Catholic Men's Conference

(CMC)

For men of all faith journeys Sat., Feb. 26 St. Matthew's Athletic Center

Speakers include:

Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio Most Rev. Gary Janak, Mark Houck & John Sablan.

Register at the early bird rate of \$45 (through 12/31) which includes lunch, conference packet, plus Men of Hope video series delivered to your personal email after the Conference. For more info.

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Party Primaries in Texas occur on March 1.

Deadline to register to vote in the primaries is Monday, Jan. 31. For more info, visit:

https://www.bexar.org/1568/Elections-Department or https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/current-electionsinformation.shtml

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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:







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

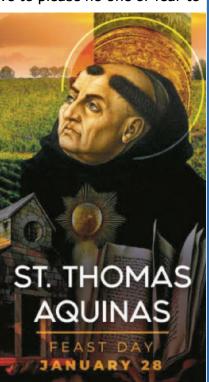
We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:

Houston Dominican Sisters

"Grant, O Lord my God, that I may never fall away in success or in failure; that I may not be prideful in prosperity nor dejected in adversity. Let me rejoice only in what unites us and sorrow only in what separates us. May I strive to please no one or fear to

displease anvone except Yourself. May I see always the things that are eternal and never those that are only temporal. May I shun any joy that is without You and never seek any that is beside You. O Lord, may I delight in any work I do for You and tire of any rest that is apart from You. My God, let me direct my heart towards You, and in my failings, always repent with a purpose of amendment."

- St. Thomas Aquinas



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

J. W. Kimbro Ray Cole Mary Flora Nellie Coronado Juanita & Francisco Rosas Stoltz Family George Vasquez **Maurice Flores** Tracey Kollmansberger Yolanda Barron Tony Salinas Alejandro De Luna Deacon Jerry Kozar Maggie Reyna Rocio Gibbs Fr. Patrick Martin Karina Hernandez

Kelton Sweet, Jr. Joanna Sweet Javier Calderon George Aldaya Mary Helen Peterson 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.

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 23: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday 24: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday 25: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18 Wednesday 26: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:1-20 Thursday 26: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25 Friday 28: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34 Saturday 26: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 Sunday 30: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13/ Lk 4:21-30

"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary."

-Saint Thomas Aquinas



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