

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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February 27, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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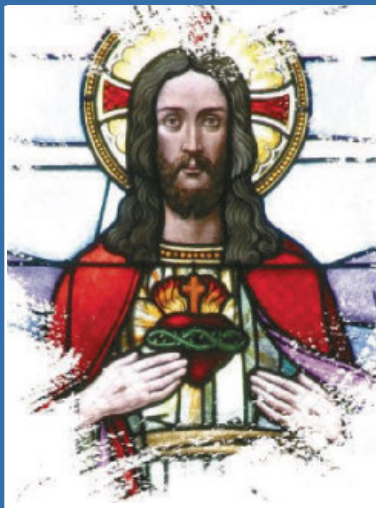
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## Parish Mission Statement

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.



### GOSPEL MEDITATION:

LK 6:39-45

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

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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:

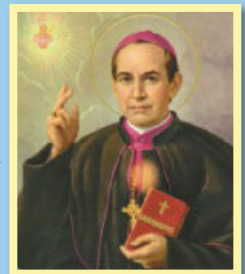
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

**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](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



### St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass & Devotions

Saturday, Mar. 5, Mass: 8 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayer

**Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones**  
el jueves, 3 de marzo, 6:30 p.m.; misa: 7:30 p.m.  
(Cada primer jueves del mes)

**Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations**

Thursday, Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m.

Mass: 7:30 p.m.

(Every first Thursday of the month)

### Feb. 19/20 attendance & collection totals

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>2,634</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 28,684.83</b>
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 6,386.99</b>
<b>SAMC Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 1,695.00</b>
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	<b>\$ 390.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 230.93</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Church in Latin America</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>

### MASS TIMES

**MARCH 2**

**ASH**  
WEDNESDAY

**6:30 AM, 8 AM, 5 PM, 7 PM**

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

#### Saturday, Feb. 26

**5 P.M.** Michelle Reynolds† by Rick & Sandy Salinas  
Living & Deceased Members of Houston & Karpovage Families by Houston Family

#### Sunday, Feb. 27

**8 A.M.** BB\* for Emmett Philip Peterson  
by Bea Peterson  
For Conversion of Sinners by Emma Ortiz

**10 A.M.** Healing for Monica Gomez  
by Sanders Family

**12 P.M.** BB\* for Edward Alcantar by Family

**3 P.M.** For the Parish

**6 P.M.** BB\* for Jean & Emma Olech  
by Olech Family

#### Monday, Feb. 28

**8 A.M.** Anniversary Blessings for Richard & Maria Poissonnier by Poissonnier Family

**6:30 P.M.** Holy Hour

**7:30 P.M.** For an End to Abortion

#### Tuesday, Mar. 1

**8 A.M.** Edmundo Villanueva† by Henson & Villanueva Families

#### Wednesday, Mar. 2 \*\*\* ASH WEDNESDAY \*\*\*

**6:30 A.M.** Bunny Carpenter† by Rick & Sandy Salinas

**8 A.M.** Elvira A. Gonzales† by Jo Ann Gonzales

**5 P.M.** Souls in Purgatory† by Louis Martinez & Family

**7 P.M.** Shelby Jones† by Cheryl Jones

#### Thursday, Mar. 3

**8 A.M.** Deceased Members of Chaffin & Rivas Families† by Mary & Jerry

**6:30 P.M.** Bilingual Holy Hour

**7:30 P.M.** For Vocations to Priestly & Religious Life

#### Friday, Mar. 4

\*\*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*\*

**5:30 P.M.** Stations of the Cross - Spanish

**7 P.M.** Stations of the Cross - English

**7:30 P.M.** Rodney & Ronald Villarreal†  
by Espinoza Family

#### Saturday, Mar. 5

**8 A.M.** Good Health for Lydia Castillo by Family

**5 P.M.** Joseph† & Ella Kopech†; Joseph L. Stein†; Robert† & Floranna Stein†; Richard Caldwell, Jr.† by Blanchard Family

#### Sunday, Mar. 6

**8 A.M.** Jacob Chacon† by Sonia Cantu

**10 A.M.** Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro

**12 P.M.** Spec. Int.: James & Henry Pawelek; Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family

**3 P.M.** For the Parish

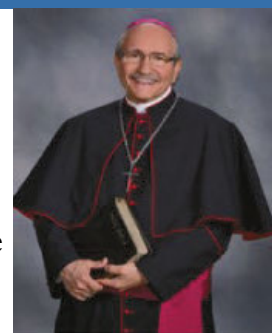
**6 P.M.** BB\* for Jonas Xavier Wessel  
by Bea Peterson  
BB\* for Rebecca G. Guerrero  
by Guerrero Family

\* BB = Birthday Blessings



## LENT 2022

**ST. ANTHONY CLARET LENTEN MISSION**  
**A Lenten Journey in the Gospel of Luke**  
**The Church: Praying, Fasting and Giving Alms**  
**Presenter: Most Reverend Michael J. Boulette, D.Min.**



**Monday, March 7, 7 PM** - *"Lord, teach us to pray..."* — Luke 11:1

It is a serious question why the disciples, faithful Jewish folks, needed to be taught to pray at all. Indeed they did, for there is a distinct way of prayer for the Christian disciple. We will first explore material from the Old Testament book of Nehemiah on Old Testament prayer and then move to a discussion of the meaning of the Lord's Prayer.

**Tuesday, March 8, 7 PM** - *"I will break away and return to my father..."* — Luke 15:18a

This night we will examine in depth the story of the "Prodigal Son" and the nature of true reconciliation. It will reveal to us the desire of our God to forgive us and will enlighten us about just who is the real "prodigal" One. We will explore in detail the path of reconciliation.

**Wednesday, March 9, 7 PM** - *"Do this in remembrance of me."* — Luke 22:19b

The stories of the origins of the Eucharist are truly important to us. The Eucharist is the place of reconciliation and nourishment for Luke. We will examine various meals at which Jesus ate in order to understand something of the fullness of this great sacrament for the Church.

**BRING YOUR BIBLE! All presentations to be held in the church.**

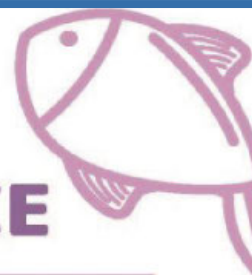
### About Bishop Boulette

Born in Hudson Falls, New York, to French Canadian and Italian parents, Bishop Mike Boulette moved with his family to Fredericksburg, Texas at the age of nine. Called to the priesthood, he took his formation through Roman Catholic seminaries in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. He subsequently completed a Master of Theology degree at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. He also received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Psychology from St. Mary and Trinity Universities in San Antonio, and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Preaching and Worship from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas.

He has served in pastoral ministry since 1976, with nine years as Director of Spiritual Formation at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, and a total of 18 years as Pastor and Administrator at Notre Dame Catholic Church and School in Kerrville.

In 2004, he was commissioned to begin a new ministry for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, which was named St. Peter Upon the Water: A Center for Spiritual Direction and Formation. It is a place where people may find spiritual direction and a formation program for spiritual directors, also providing writings about spiritual issues and speakers for parish retreats and missions. In 2017, he accepted the call to become Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. He presently serves as Vicar General to the Archbishop and Moderator of the Curia to the Archbishop's staff.

## LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



### Fasting

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

### Abstinence

Every Friday  
during Lent

Ages 14+

### How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

### Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org).



## A REFLECTION ON LENTEN FASTING by Rev. Daniel Merz

In the early Church and, to a lesser extent still today, there were two fasts. There was the "total fast" that preceded all major feasts or sacramental events. The ancient name for this fast was "statio" from the verb "sto, stare" to stand watch, on guard or in vigil. The second fast was a fast of abstinence from certain foods, e.g., meats or fats. This was more an act of self-discipline and self-control. The *statio* fast was total and a means of watching and waiting...i.e. *for* something. The fast of abstinence was more general and personal, to help oneself be more disciplined or self-controlled. The total fast is still kept today prior to reception of Holy Communion. Following Holy Communion, the total fast ceases because Jesus had explicitly stated that we don't fast when the bridegroom is here, in other words, what we're keeping vigil for has arrived, the wait is over. On the other hand, the fast of abstinence was allowed on Sundays because the continuity of abstinence can be important for it to be effective.

These initial observations, then, teach us that the Eucharist is always the end of a preparation. It is always the fulfillment of an expectation. In the Orthodox Church during Lent, they have Eucharist only on Saturday and Sunday. But because Wednesdays and Fridays are total fast days, those two days are also days for the Communion service (Liturgy of the PreSanctified) which are held in the evening, i.e., after the day of preparation. Fasting is always *preparatory*.

But how did *fasting* become such an important means of preparing for the Eucharist and of learning virtue through self-discipline? Christian fasting is revealed in an interdependence between two events in the Bible: the "breaking of the fast" by Adam and Eve; and the "keeping of the fast" by Christ at the beginning of his ministry.

Humanity's "Fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation. Food perpetuates life in this physical world, which is subject to decay and death. But God "created no death" (Wis. 1:13). Humanity, in Adam and Eve, rejected a life dependent on God alone for one that was dependent rather on "bread alone" (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4). The whole world was given to man as a kind of food, as a means to life, but "life" is meant as communion with God, not as food. ("Their god is their belly." Phil. 3:19) The tragedy is not so much that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake, "apart" from God and to be independent of Him. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God." And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone."



Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: "Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food." Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone" (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4). This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity and the restraining of the appetites.

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [usccb.org](https://www.usccb.org). Available in Spanish here:

<https://www.usccb.org/es/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/catholic-reflection-on-lenten-fasting>.



## PARISH NEWS

## Join the St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish Choir!

We need singers for Lent, Holy Week and Easter seasons. All voice parts needed. Rehearsals: Thursday evenings, 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the church.



Interested? Contact Paul Rauschhuber, music director, at 210-865-4717 or [prauschhuber@yahoo.com](mailto:prauschhuber@yahoo.com).

## Silver Seniors Luncheon

Wed., Mar. 16, 12-2:30 p.m.  
(Doors open at 11:30 a.m.)  
Msgr. Hubertus Hall  
Open to ages 55 & over.

We will tour the church, conduct a Lenten prayer exercise and commemorate the feasts of Sts. Joseph & Patrick.

**RSVP NO LATER THAN Friday, Mar. 11.**  
**To RSVP or for more info,**  
**contact Larry Lucido at 210-473-4813.**



## BAPTISM CLASS

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



## Altar Server Training

Saturday, Mar. 19,  
9 a.m. in the church

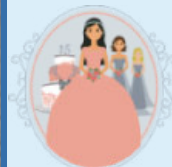
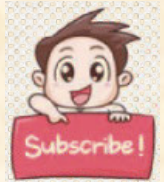
This event is mandatory for new servers; optional for current servers.

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This Week in our Parish

Quinceañera:  
Anahi Martinez

## St. Anthony Claret Respect Life Ministry News

*Promoting the sanctity of life from womb to tomb*

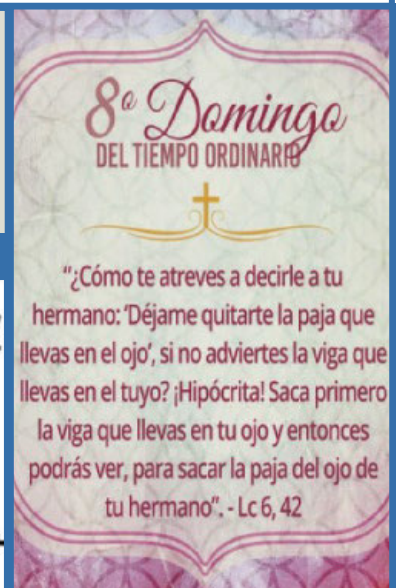


- ♥ Visit our information table in the narthex after all Masses this weekend. Learn how to support and promote life from conception to natural death.
- ♥ Sign up for our parish's day at 40 Days for Life (Mar. 2- Apr. 10). More information coming soon.
- ♥ Join us to pray for an end to abortion this Monday, Feb. 28, and each last Monday of the month. Holy hour is 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. followed by Mass.



The parish community extends its condolences to parishioner Rudy Garcia whose mother, Nelda Garcia, recently passed away. *Heavenly Father, welcome Nelda into your presence and grant her loved ones comfort, love and peace. Amen.*

## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



## 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:



Joseph Duque



Rafael Lopez-Negroni

## Prayer to Offer Communion for Priests

Heavenly Father, for the glory of Your Holy Name, we offer You Jesus, the Incarnate Word, whom we have received in the Sacrament of His love, and in whom You are well pleased. Through Mary Immaculate, we offer ourselves, united with Christ, for the sanctification and increase of Your priests. Pour Your Divine Spirit upon them, grant them a great love for the Cross, and make fruitful their pastoral work. Amen.

— By Blessed Concepcion Cabrera

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

## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Jim Souhrada  
Christella James  
George Vasquez  
Maurice Flores  
Tracey Kollmansberger  
Yolanda Barron  
Tony Salinas  
Alejandro De Luna  
Deacon Jerry Kozar  
Maggie Reyna  
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 27: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday 28: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday 1: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 2: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 3: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday 4: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday 5: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday 6: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

## WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in *this reflection on page 4 of this bulletin*. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, usccb.org.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

## A Woman's Haven

Pregnancy Crisis Center

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FIRST THURSDAY  
OF THE MONTH

August 2021—April 2022  
6:00pm—8:00pm



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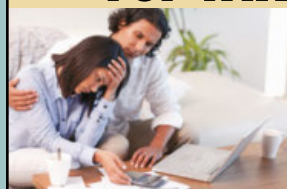
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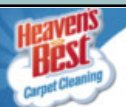
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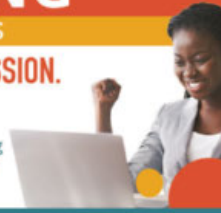
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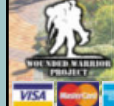
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