# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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### March 13, 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: LK 9:28b-36

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we

leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation

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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.

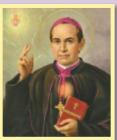
**Baptism - Required Class:** First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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

Funerals: Call parish office prior to making arrangements.

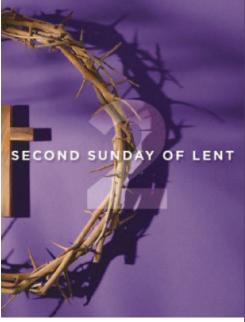
**Marriage Prep:** Call parish office at least one year prior to wedding. Attend mandatory orientation third Thurs. of March or September at 7 p.m.

**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.





Second Sunday of Lent



GOSPEL MEDITATION:

# **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 samesa.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

in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly. ©LPi



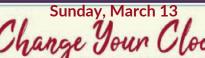
#### March 2 Attendance & Collection Totals Attendance 2,632

	Catholic Charities	<b>Þ</b>	6,507.45
Church in Eastern/Central Europe\$ 1,541.99	Church in Eastern/Central	Europe\$	1,541.99

March 5/6 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance	2,489
Regular Collection	\$ 31,418.82
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 7,183.99
Black/Native Am. Missions	\$ 2,127.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,085.00
Church in Eastern/Central Europe	\$ 749.00
Candles	\$ 659.20
Gabriel Project	\$ 150.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 115.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 70.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 25.00





# MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Ma	ar. 12	Wednesday, Mar. 16	
5 P.M.	Masarra Fanous†; Spec. Int. for Maher	8 A.M.	Good Health for Thalia Gonzales by Family
Sunday, Mar 8 A.M. 10 A.M.	Mayez by Rita Rodriguez . 13 Jesse Rodriguez, Jr.† by Mendoza Family Shelby Jones† by Family Augusto Rico† by Richard & Michelle	Thursday, M 8 A.M.	Iar. 17 Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family Rodney & Ronald Villarreal† by Espinoza Family
10 / 1.1/1.	Ongkiko & Family	Friday, Mar. 18 *** NO MORNING MASS ***	
12 P.M.	Matilde Alcantar <sup>†</sup> by Family	5:30 P.M.	
3 P.M.	Ignacio Moroles <sup>†</sup> by Wife Veronica	7 P.M.	Stations of the Cross - English
	& Children	7:30 P.M.	Richard Keller <sup>†</sup> by Keller & Rankin Families
6 P.M.	Protection of the Unborn by Emma Ortiz	Saturday, Mar. 19	
Monday, Ma	r. 14	5 P.M.	BB for Jerry Rivas by Mary Chaffin
8 A.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Aaron Torrez <sup>†</sup> by Torrez Family Louisa Armendariz <sup>†</sup> by Teresa Revilla Holy Hour Deliverance from Evil for Caleb Clemons by Family	Sunday, Mar 8 A.M. 10 A.M.	r. 20 Carlos Hinojosa, Sr.† by Son - Carlos Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J. Ponce†; Healing for Anthony Ponce by Alma Ponce
Tuesday, Ma	r. 15	12 P.M.	<b>Roberto Trevino</b> <sup>†</sup> by Family
8 A.M.	Jimmy Bautista†; Ernest† & Josie Salinas† by Rick & Sandy Salinas	3 P.M. 6 P.M.	Margaret Rendon <sup>†</sup> by Alice Russell For the Parish

### **RESPECT LIFE**

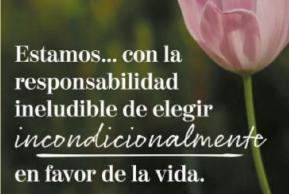
# Word of Life

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life.' We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (The Gospel of Life 28).

> — Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

# Palabra De Vida

"Estamos ante un enorme y dramático choque entre el bien y el mal, la muerte y la vida, la "cultura de la muerte" y la "cultura de la vida". Estamos no sólo "ante", sino necesariamente "en medio" de este



El Evangelio de la Vida, 28

conflicto: todos nos vemos implicados y obligados a participar, con la responsabilidad ineludible de elegir incondicionalmente en favor de la vida. (El Evangelio de la Vida 28).

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### **Intercessions for Life**

For those nearing the end of life: may they be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God, as they prepare in hope for eternity with Christ. We pray to the Lord.

# Intercesiones por la Vida

Por los que se acercan al final de su vida: para que se les conceda la gracia de perseverar en la fe y pongan su confianza en Dios, mientras se preparan para la eternidad con Cristo. Roguemos al Señor.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

A Woman's Haven

### Pregnancy Crisis Center

Are you passionately Pro-Life? A Woman's Haven pregnancy crisis center is hiring! Counselors, Nurses & Receptionists Training Provided Email: Susan.perez@awomanshaven.org

### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



"Remember to turn back your clock this weekend. I'm turning mine back to when I was 20!" CATHOLIC TELEVISION OF SAN ANTONIO 20TH ANNUAL



TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

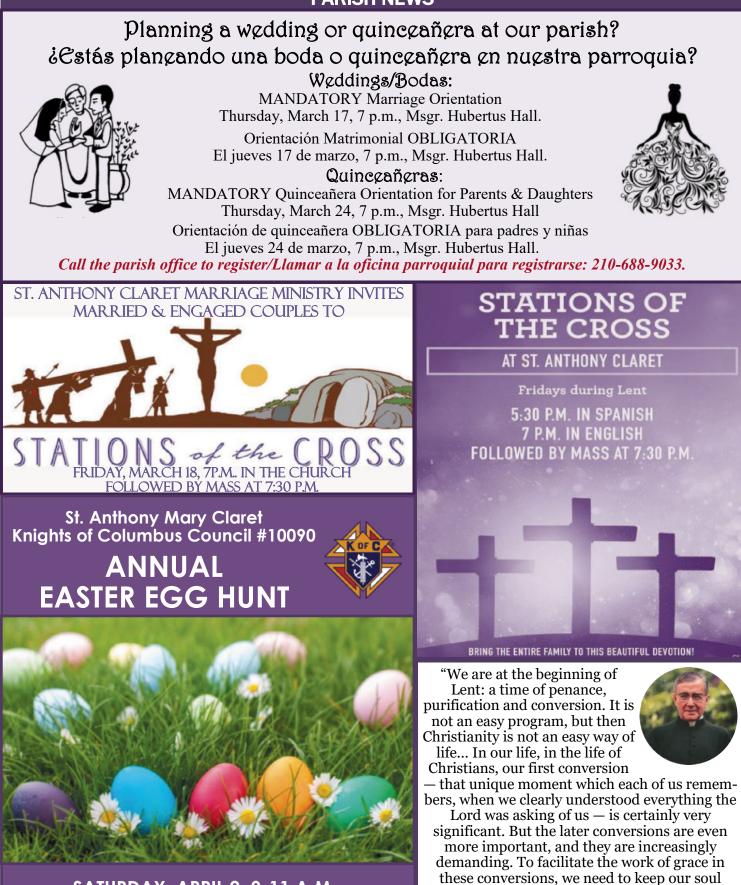
**REGISTRATION 11:30 AM - LUNCHEON NOON** 

REGISTER ONLINE: CTSA.TV

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### **PARISH NEWS**



SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 9-11 A.M. ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE EASTER BUNNY!

to listen to him and, having found out what has gone wrong, know how to ask his pardon." – St. Josemaria Escriva, *Christ is Passing By*, no. 57)

young; we have to call upon our Lord, know how

#### Second Sunday of Lent

### **PARISH NEWS**

**Altar Server** 

Training

Saturday, Mar. 19,

9 a.m. in the church



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.



RUSHS

# 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.

contact Larry Lucido at 210-473-4813.

Knights of Columbus Council 10090



"The Prince of Egypt"

Saturday, Mar. 12 at sunset

**Giant screen behind** the church

FREE movie, hot dogs, popcorn, & drinks

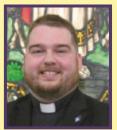
Bring your family, neighbors & lawn chairs!

### **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:



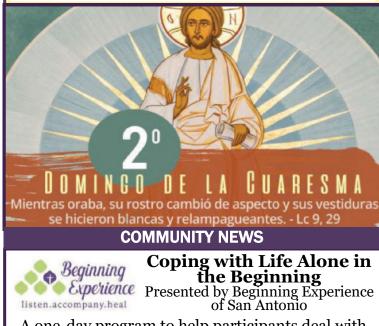


#### **Rafael Becerra**

#### **Robert Shelton**

O, God, You have asked us to pray for vocations; that there might be young men and women willing to give their lives for the sake of souls. Hear our prayer and the prayers of your Church and send us good and holy priests and religious. We offer you this day, all we shall think, do or say for this intention, through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Order of Preachers (Dominicans)



A one-day program to help participants deal with the major loss of a marriage, feeling surrounding that loss and the accompanying changes. Saturday, Apr. 23, 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m. St. Monica Catholic Church 501 North St., Converse, TX 78109 Cost: \$40. Participants should bring a lunch; drinks and snacks provided.

This provides a lead-in to the Beginning Experience Weekend (Oct. 14-16, 2022). However, each program is independent of the other and participants can choose to attend either or both.

For info or to register, contact Barbara at (210)256-2859. (If no answer, please leave message.)

### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Marv Flora Nellie Coronado Juanita & Francisco Rosas Stoltz Family **Raquel** Dinsay Eva Moon Hank Ramos J. W. Kimbro Rachel Delgado 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 Aldava Mary Helen Peterson Maria Morales Rosa Huerta **Barbara Vanegas** A.C. Garza Manuel & Eloise Salazar Javier & Mary Bautista Olga <sup>É</sup>az Bishop Yanta Jim & 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 13: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36 Monday 14: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday 15: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday 16: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 Thursday 17: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 Friday 18: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday 19: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a Sunday 20: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/ Lk 13:1-9

### **ON FASTING**

"Throughout Sacred Scripture, we find that when God's people fast, the power of their prayers is increased, especially when they are engaged in spiritual warfare. In the Old Testament, the Lord told Isaiah that a fast properly undertaken would

'loose the bonds of wickedness ... undo the thongs of the yoke ... let the oppressed go free' (Is. 58:6) ... In the New Testament, we find that Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the wilderness in preparation for His battle with Satan, who came to tempt Him (see Lk 4:1-2) ... If prayer is a spiritual weapon, fasting is the spiritu-

al whetstone on which it is sharpened. It's the spiritual muscle that, when exercised regularly, strengthens the thrust of that weapon to pierce the Enemy and drive him away."

—Paul Thigpen, Manual for Spiritual Warfare





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