

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

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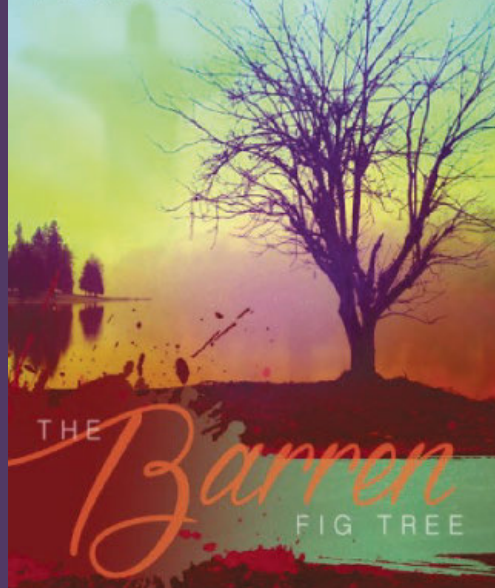
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## Parish Mission Statement

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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

LK 13:1-9

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be

hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear

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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:

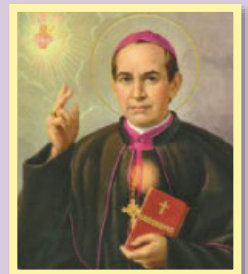
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

**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

**GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1***

some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course. ©LPi



"For the church, the many abuses of human life, liberty, and dignity are a heartfelt suffering. The Church, entrusted with the earth's glory, believes that in each person is the Creator's image and that everyone who tramples it offends God. As holy defender of God's rights and of his images, the Church must cry out. It takes as spittle in its face, as lashes on its back, as the cross in its passion, all that human beings suffer, even though they be unbelievers. They suffer as God's images. There is no dichotomy between man and God's image. Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being abuses God's image, and the church takes as its own that cross, that martyrdom."

— St. Oscar Romero, feast day: March 24

**March 12/13 Attendance & Collection Totals**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>Attendance</b>                       | <b>2,264</b>        |
| <b>Regular Collection</b>               | <b>\$ 26,852.41</b> |
| <b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>          | <b>\$ 5,886.57</b>  |
| <b>SAMC Pantry</b>                      | <b>\$ 1,390.00</b>  |
| <b>Black/Native Am. Missions</b>        | <b>\$ 395.00</b>    |
| <b>Church in Eastern/Central Europe</b> | <b>\$ 350.00</b>    |
| <b>Candles</b>                          | <b>\$ 321.00</b>    |
| <b>Catholic Relief Services</b>         | <b>\$ 270.00</b>    |
| <b>Catholic Charities</b>               | <b>\$ 180.00</b>    |
| <b>Rosary Makers</b>                    | <b>\$ 120.00</b>    |
| <b>Gabriel Project</b>                  | <b>\$ 70.00</b>     |
| <b>Capital Campaign</b>                 | <b>\$ 50.00</b>     |
| <b>Church in Latin America</b>          | <b>\$ 5.00</b>      |



**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, Mar. 19**

**5 P.M. BB for Jerry Rivas by Mary Chaffin**

**Sunday, Mar. 20**

**8 A.M. Carlos Hinojosa, Sr.† by Son - Carlos**  
**10 A.M. Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J. Ponce†; Healing for Anthony Ponce by Alma Ponce**  
**12 P.M. Roberto Trevino† by Family**  
**3 P.M. Margaret Rendon† by Alice Russell**  
**6 P.M. For the Parish**

**Monday, Mar. 21**

**8 A.M. Cruz Maria Villanova by Family**  
**6:30 P.M. Holy Hour**  
**7:30 P.M. Nedra Langas† by Langas Family**

**Tuesday, Mar. 22**

**8 A.M. Arturo Gomez† by Espinoza Family**

**Wednesday, Mar. 23**

**8 A.M. Spec. Int. for Jim & Jean Foster by Saathoff Family**

**Thursday, Mar. 24**

**8 A.M. BB for Nat Paul Gibbs by Gibbs Family**

**Friday, Mar. 25 \*\*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*\***

**5:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross - Spanish**  
**7 P.M. Stations of the Cross - English**  
**7:30 P.M. BB for Candace Macias by Mary Macias**

**Saturday, Mar. 26**

**5 P.M. Irene Rodriguez† & Manuel De La Cruz† by Daughter Riley H. Robertson† by Family**

**Sunday, Mar. 27**

**8 A.M. For the Parish**  
**10 A.M. Santos Serna, Jr† by Serna Family**  
**12 P.M. Spec. Int. for All the Unbaptized by Emma Ortiz Billy Jones† by Family**  
**3 P.M. Alfonso Escarpita† by Vargas Family**  
**6 P.M. Michelle Reynolds† & Family by Connie Jones**

\* BB = Birthday Blessings



## RESPECT LIFE

## He Made His Dwelling Among Us *The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life*

The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.

Luke's Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother's loving heart. Through Christ's Incarnation, God chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together.

The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man."<sup>1</sup> God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God... but also the incomparable value of every human person."<sup>2</sup>

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life."<sup>3</sup> The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory."<sup>4</sup> Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God."<sup>5</sup> By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."<sup>6</sup> Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who *made his dwelling among us*.



<sup>1</sup> Pope Paul VI, *Gaudium et spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1965), 22.

<sup>2</sup> Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 2.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 34.

<sup>5</sup> Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 35.

<sup>6</sup> Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 2.

PARISH NEWS



Planning a quinceañera at our parish?  
¿Estás planeando una quinceañera en nuestra parroquia?



MANDATORY Quinceañera Orientation for Parents & Daughters  
Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Orientación de quinceañera OBLIGATORIA para padres y niñas  
El jueves 24 de marzo, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Call the parish office to register/Llamar a la oficina parroquial para registrarse: 210-688-9033.

St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report:  
February 2022

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Utility assistance:      | \$ 5,690.67 |
| Restock food pantry:     | \$ 3,113.54 |
| Other client assistance: | \$ 1,544.63 |
| Office expenses:         | \$ 909.46   |
| # Food bags distributed: | 174         |
| # People served:         | 549         |
| # of home deliveries     | 36          |



Hours: Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
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This Week in Our Parish  
Weddings:

Christopher Michael Coignet  
& Leticia Mendiola  
Daniel Bernal & Cristina Isabel Ballestero  
John Pantuso III & Christina Isabel Sanchez



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SATURDAY, APRIL 2  
9-11 A.M.

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of your Lenten journey.

Simply donate a can of food or  
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40 days of Lent. Drop off donations in the  
large bin by the front doors of the church.

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do  
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks  
to God the Father through him." - Col 3:17





PARISH NEWS

**St. Anthony Mary Claret  
Via Crucis/Way of the Cross**

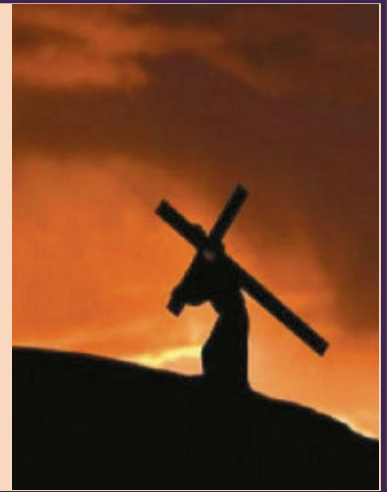
Una recreación en vivo de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo  
en español e inglés

*Camina el camino del sufrimiento de Cristo de una manera  
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Viernes Santo, 15 de abril a las 12 p.m., terrenos de la parroquia

A live re-enactment of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
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Good Friday, April 15, 12 p.m., parish grounds



St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090 presents

**“St. Anthony’s Got Talent”  
EVENT**



**Saturday, March 26, 5:30 - 9 p.m.**

**Msgr. Hubertus Hall**

**FREE ADMISSION**

Age categories: 0-12; 13-17; 18+

Contestant registration fee: \$5

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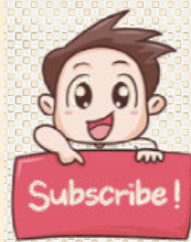
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**STATIONS OF  
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AT ST. ANTHONY CLARET

Fridays during Lent

5:30 P.M. IN SPANISH

7 P.M. IN ENGLISH

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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:



**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)

## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mary Flora                | Karina Hernandez        |
| Nellie Coronado           | Kelton Sweet, Jr.       |
| Juanita & Francisco Rosas | Joanna Sweet            |
| Stoltz Family             | Javier Calderon         |
| Raquel Dinsay             | George Aldaya           |
| Eva Moon                  | Mary Helen Peterson     |
| Hank Ramos                | Maria Morales           |
| J. W. Kimbro              | Rosa Huerta             |
| Rachel Delgado            | Barbara Vanegas         |
| George Vasquez            | A.C. Garza              |
| Maurice Flores            | Manuel & Eloise Salazar |
| Tracey Kollmansberger     | Javier & Mary Bautista  |
| Yolanda Barron            | Olga Faz                |
| Tony Salinas              | Bishop Yanta            |
| Alejandro De Luna         | Jim & Nancy Souhrada    |
| Deacon Jerry Kozar        | Bill Jennings           |
| Maggie Reyna              | Dee Hancock             |
| Fr. Patrick Martin        | 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.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- Sunday 20: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/  
Lk 13:1-9
- Monday 21: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday 22: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday 23: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday 24: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday 25: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday 26: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2` Cor 5:17-21/  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



"I don't understand why so many grown men think they're too young for marriage. Adam was only seven days old when he married Eve!"





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