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March 27, 2022

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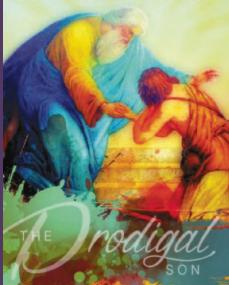
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Parish Mission Statement

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT





Fourth Sunday of Lent

GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 15:1-3, 11-32

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sown our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong.

We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get some-

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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.

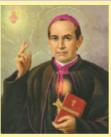
Baptism - Required Class: First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

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



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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

thing that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors. ©LPi



"Prayer is the best preparation for Holy Communion. Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. When we pray we go to meet Christ Who is coming to us. If our Creator and Savior comes from heaven with such great love, it is only fitting that we should go to meet Him. And this is what we do when we spend some time in prayer."

-St. Bernardine of Siena

March 19/20 Attendance & Collection Totals

Attendance		2,680
Regular Collection	\$	26,165.07
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$	7,333.00
SAMC Pantry	\$	870.00
Gabriel Project	\$	415.00
Candles	\$	379.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	325.00
Capital Campaign	\$	200.00
Black/Native Am. Missions	\$	90.00
Church in Eastern/Central Europe	e\$	87.00
Rosary Makers	\$	30.00



Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones

Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations

(Every first Thursday/ Cada primer jueves) el jueves, 7 de abril, 6:30 p.m. misa: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Apr. 7,

6:30 p.m. Mass: 7:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass & Devotions

Saturday, Apr. 2, Mass: 8 am followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayer



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, M	lar. 26	Wednesday, M	lar. 30
5 P.M.	Irene Rodriguez† & Manuel De La Cruz†	8 A.M.	Vocations to the Priesthood by Family
Sunday, Ma	by Daughter Riley H. Robertson † by Family r 27	Thursday, Mar 8 A.M.	r. 31 Stephanie Nicole Martinez† by Mother - Elsa Martinez
8 A.M. 10 A.M. 12 P.M.	For the Parish Santos Serna, Jr [†] by Serna Family Spec. Int. for All the Unbaptized by Emma Ortiz	Friday, Apr. 1 5:30 P.M. 7 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	*** NO MORNING MASS *** Stations of the Cross - Spanish Stations of the Cross - English Bobby Jones† by Family
3 P.M. 6 P.M.	Billy Jones [†] by Family Alfonso Escarpita [†] by Vargas Family Michelle Reynolds [†] & Family by Connie Jones	Saturday, Apr 8 A.M.	. 2 Bunny Carpenter† & Louis Rubio† by Rick & Sandy Salinas
Monday, Ma 8 A.M.		5 P.M.	Masarra Fanous† & Maher Mayez† by Rita Rodriguez
6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	by Belisario Family Holy Hour For an End to Abortion	Sunday, Apr. 3 8 A.M. 10 A.M.	For an End to Abortion by Emma Ortiz Jean Macecevic [†] by Bill Macecevic
Tuesday, Ma 8 A.M.	ar. 29 Souls in Purgatory† by Family	12 P.M. 3 P.M. 6 P.M.	BB for Dave Dumont by Jenny Dumont For the Parish Baby Saathoff [†] by Saathoff Family
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* BB = Birthday Blessings

RESPECT LIFE

Word of Life

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of

life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for

the sacrifice of your life" (The Gospel of Life 86). — Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

Palabra De Vida

"Está el heroísmo cotidiano, hecho de pequeños o grandes gestos de solidaridad que alimentan una auténtica cultura de la vida. ... A este heroísmo cotidiano pertenece el testimonio

silencioso, pero a la vez fecundo y elocuente, de 'todas las madres valientes, que se dedican sin reservas a su familia, que sufren al dar a luz a sus hijos, y luego están dispuestas a soportar cualquier esfuerzo, a afrontar cualquier sacrificio, para transmitirles lo mejor de sí mismas'. ... Os damos las gracias, madres heroicas, por vuestro amor invencible. Os damos las gracias por la intrépida confianza en Dios y en su amor. Os damos las gracias por el sacrificio de vuestra vida" (El Evangelio de la Vida 86).

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Intercessions for Life

May all mothers facing difficult pregnancies be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children. We pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Que todas las madres que enfrentan un embarazo difícil reciban la compañía amorosa mientras se preparan para encontrar de nuevo a Jesús por medio del don de sus hijos. Roguemos al Señor.



A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,

at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

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PARISH NEWS

Our world needs prayer! Pray with the Legion of Mary at St. Anthony Claret! Meetings held each Tuesday at 9:30 am or Thursday at 7 pm in building E.



For info, call Maria Herrera at 210-215-5250 or Anne Merlo at 210-394-9212.

Our Legion of Mary recently donated 8,000 rosaries which were blessed by the archbishop and are being sent to Ukraine!

and am ag E. This Week in Our Parish Weddings:

Enrique Martinez & Mary Esther Mares Mark Alan Johnson & Meredith Ann Elsner Christopher Rodriguez & Melissa Smith Luke Christopher Bush & Chanel Desiree Cox Michael Andrew Vargo & Hunter Lynn Bodle

BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday Apr. 5, 7:30 p.m. RE Bldg., 1st floor



Lent provides opportunity to show gratitude for God's gifts and to share those gifts with others.

Our parish's Knights of Columbus invite you to help needy families by making "40 Cans for Lent" part of your Lenten journey.

Simply donate a can of food or non-perishable food item for each of the 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





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





Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 profunda y significativa.

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 in Spanish & English

Walk the path of Christ's suffering in a profound and meaningful way. Good Friday, April 15, 12 p.m., parish grounds



Homeschooling Families: Do you have a

graduating senior? SAMC Homeschool Ministry is planning a Mass and recognition for our 2022 high school graduates.

For info, contact Margaret Ranalli at 850-499-6329 or ranallim@gmail.com.

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LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT ST. ANTHONY CLARET

Fridays during Lent 5:30 P.M. IN SPANISH 7 P.M. IN ENGLISH FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 7:30 P.M.

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO THIS BEAUTIFUL DEVOTION!

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LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

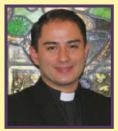
Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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

TOURING

DAY

Come find out more!

RSVP to attend

Time: 10am

Children Welcome!

Enrolling PreK3-12th

RCA SAT CENTER

303 W Ramsey Rd

San Antonio, TX 78216

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)**

COMMUNITY NEWS

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A Woman's Haven Catholic **Pregnancy Crisis Center Fundraiser**

Keynote speaker: Tim Tebow

Thursday, Apr. 7 or Friday, Apr. 8 For info. visit http://AWomansHaven.eventbrite.com

To host a table of 10, contact Eddie Perez at eddie.perez@AWomansHaven.org.



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Eduardo Martinez Mary Flora Nellie Coronado Juanita & Francisco Rosas Stoltz Family **Raquel Dinsay** Éva Moon Hank Ramos J. W. Kimbro Rachel Delgado George Vasquez **Maurice Flores** Tracev 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 Faz **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 26: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2` Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Monday 28: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 Tuesday 29: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday 30: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 Thursday 31: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 Friday 1: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 Saturday 2: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 Sunday 3: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



A woman gets the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is another argument.



4° DOMINGO

'El muchacho le diio: 'Padre.

contra ti; ya no merezco Ilamarme hijo tuyo'.





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