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November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

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Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak,
Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

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M.A., B.Ed. MSFS

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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.

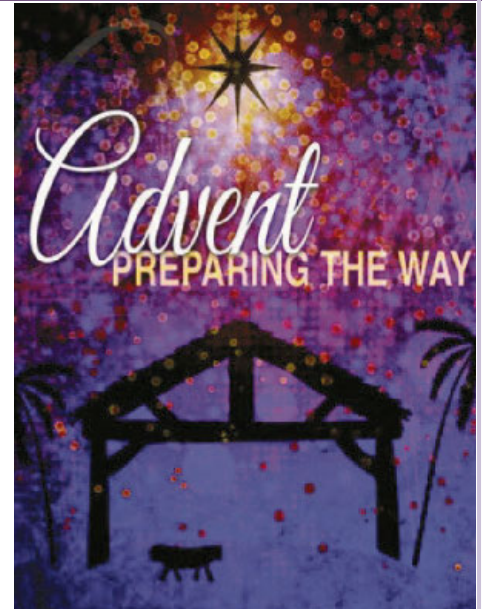
GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 24:37-44

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define

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Celebration of the Mass

Monday: 8 am; 7:30 pm; Holy Hour 6:30 pm

Tuesday - Friday: 8 am; Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 pm

Sunday: 8 & 10 am; 12, 3 (Spanish), & 6 pm

Holy Days of Obligation: Check inside bulletin for times.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays: 4 pm; Sundays: 4 pm

Baptism - Required Class:

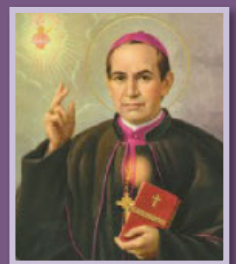
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm. Call parish office to register.

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 Thursday of March or September at 7 pm.

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 Thursday of March or August at 7 pm.



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

Nov. 12/13 attendance & collection totals

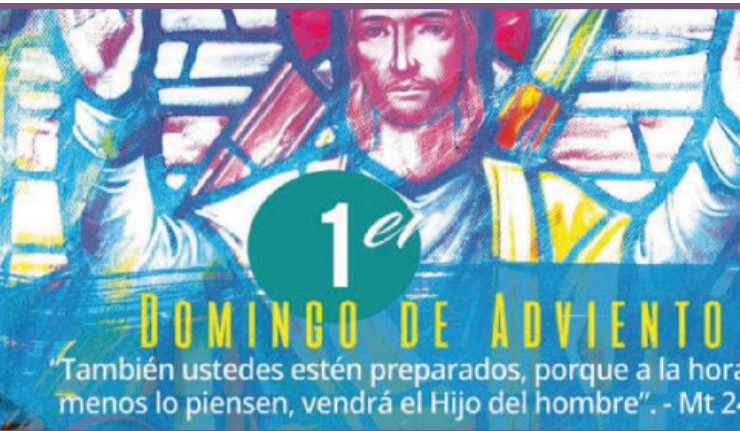
Attendance	3,279
Regular Collection	\$ 20,930.66
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 10,148.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 925.00
Campaign for Hum. Dev.	\$ 766.00
Candles	\$ 340.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 20.00
World Missions	\$ 10.00
Hope for the Future	\$ 5.00

Nov. 19/20 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.

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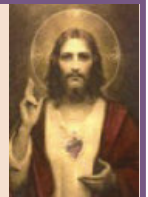
who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.

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Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones
el jueves, 1 de diciembre, 6:30 PM
Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations
Thursday, Dec. 1, 6:30 PM
Misa/Mass: 7:30 PM

St. Anthony Mary Claret
First Friday Mass dedicated to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday, Dec. 2, 8 AM



St. Anthony Mary Claret
First Saturday Mass dedicated to
the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Saturday, Dec. 3
Mass: 8 AM followed by
exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
rosary & consecration prayers

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 26
5 PM **Georgina Cantu†** by Grandfather

Sunday, Nov. 27
8 AM **Souls in Purgatory†** by Robbie Alicea
10 AM **Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastiano†, & Giovanni†** by Sal Spataro
12 PM **Robert Reynolds & Debra Saenz†**
By Lydia Reynolds
3 PM **For the Parish**
6 PM **Conversion of Louis Gonzales, Sr.**
by Louis Gonzales

Monday, Nov. 28
8 AM **BB* for Merle Belisario** by Family
6:30 PM **Holy Hour**
7:30 PM **For an End to Abortion**

Tuesday, Nov. 29
8 AM **Mike Swierc†** by Felix & Patsy Sekula

Wednesday, Nov. 30
8 AM **Pedro Coronel†** by Rose Moravits

Thursday, Dec. 1
8 AM **In Thanksgiving & BB* for Casper Moczygmba** by Greg & Mary Wiatrek
6:30 PM **Bilingual Holy Hour**
7:30 PM **For Religious Vocations**

Friday, Dec. 2
8 AM **Deceased Members of Chaffin & Rivas Families†** by Mary & Jerry

Saturday, Dec. 3
8 AM **St. Anthony Mary Claret Ministry Leaders & Staff** by SAMC Staff
5 PM **Robert Reynolds & Debra Saenz†**
by Lydia Reynolds

Sunday, Dec. 4
8 AM **Vincent Carvalho†** by Jeremias & Clarissa Fernandes
10 AM **Wayne Jones†** by Walter Fredericks
12 PM **Santos & Olga Vasquez†**
by Frank & Cindy Gonzalez
3 PM **For the Parish**
6 PM **Marge Graf†** by Mary Campa

*BB = Birthday Blessings

RESTORATION OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT HOLY COMMUNION

At the Last Supper, Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples his Body, in the form of bread, to eat and his Blood, in the form of wine, to drink. He commanded them to eat his Body and drink his Blood in memory of him. On October 25, Archbishop Gustavo issued a Decree to all the priests, parishes and other institutions within the Archdiocese of San Antonio that, effective on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022, the Distribution of the Precious Blood at Holy Communion is to be restored.

Please read the following article on the proper manner of receiving Holy Communion under both species. Be reminded that it is your choice to receive under both species, or simply under one species, whether it is the Body or the Blood of Christ. Christ is fully present in both sacred species.

How to Properly Receive Communion

The Norms for the Distribution of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds (USCCB, 2002)

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)*, third edition, 2011, no. 160, states that “the norm established for the Dioceses of the United States of America is that Holy Communion is to be received standing, unless an individual member of the faithful wishes to receive Communion while kneeling” (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, 25 March 2004, no. 91).

When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the ministers. The consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant. When Holy Communion is received under both kinds, the sign of reverence is also made before receiving the Precious Blood.

The minister raises the Host slightly and shows it to each, saying, “*The Body of Christ.*” The communicant replies, “*Amen,*” and receives the Sacrament either on the tongue or, where this is allowed, in the hand, the choice lying with the communicant. As soon as the communicant receives the Host, he or she consumes the whole of it (*GIRM*, 161).

When receiving in the hand, the communicant should be guided by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, writing around 400 AD: “When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost.”

The *GIRM* also states that Holy Communion distributed under both species is a fuller sign of the Heavenly banquet (no. 281). “Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form, the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father” (*Eucharisticum Mysterium*, May 25, 1967, no. 32).



No one is required to receive under both species, but the Church does encourage it. If one only partakes in the Host or only in the Precious Blood, they must remember they are receiving the fullness of Christ – Body, Soul, and Divinity. Thus, it is the choice of the communicant, not of the minister, to receive from the chalice (Norms, no 46).

For the reception of the Precious Blood, the *GIRM*, no. 286 states: “Each communicant, after receiving the Body of Christ, moves to the minister of the chalice and stands facing him. The minister says, ‘*The Blood of Christ,*’ the communicant replies, ‘*Amen,*’ and the minister hands over the chalice, which the communicant raises to his or her mouth. Each communicant drinks a little from the chalice, hands it back to the minister, and then withdraws.”

The only ministers who communicate themselves are Bishops and priests. Deacons and lay persons are to be ministered to and are never to communicate themselves. For this reason, it is not proper, at any time, to take the Host to the chalice and dip the Host into the Precious Blood.

PARISH NEWS



Our parish Sunday 10 AM choir is recruiting singers for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

For more info, contact parish music director Paul Rauschhuber at 210-865-4717 or prauschhuber@yahoo.com.

Silver Seniors Christmas Luncheon
Wed., Dec. 14
Msgr. Hubertus Hall
Doors open at 11:30 AM.
For ages 55 & up



For more info or to RSVP, contact Maria Richardson at 210-722-4627.

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Women's ACTS Retreat

Jan 12-15, 2023
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You can also scan this QR code to register!

St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090



THE GABRIEL PROJECT Diaper Drive

Starting in December you can donate diapers to aid families in need. Drop them in the large plastic bin in the narthex.

St. Gerard Majella, patron and protector of expectant mothers, pray for us.



St. Anthony Mary Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090 Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 10
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$8/person
incl. pancakes, sausage & drink

Activities for kids 12 & under.
Santa arrives at 9:30 a.m.



Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Limited number of tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend and next.

Cash, checks & credit cards accepted.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

WHEN JESUS RETURNS, THERE WILL BE NO MORE WAR!



MAYBE NOT, BUT AS LONG AS THERE ARE LAWYERS, THERE WILL STILL BE PLENTY OF BATTLES



PARISH NEWS

Our Lady of Guadalupe Serenade, Mass & Celebration

Monday, Dec. 12

Serenade; 5:30 AM; Mass: 7 PM; Fellowship: 8:30 PM in Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Please bring roses so that children can present them to Our Lady of Guadalupe after the offertory.



Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Serenata, Misa y Celebración

El lunes, 12 de diciembre

Serenata: 5:30 AM; Misa: 7 PM; Convivio: 8:30 PM en Salón Hubertus

Por favor traigan rosas para que los niños puedan presentárselas a Nuestra Señora después del ofertorio.



6th Annual Posada Pilgrimage of Mary, Joseph & Baby Jesus

Friday, Dec. 16, 7 PM

Music, piñatas & celebration in Msgr. Hubertus Hall.

Children are encouraged to dress up as shepherds or angels.

6ª Posada Anual Peregrinación de María, José y el Niño Jesús

El viernes, 16 de diciembre, a las 7 PM

Música, piñatas y celebración en Msgr. Hubertus Hall.

Se anima a los niños a vestirse como pastores o ángeles.

Would you like to participate or help coordinate this celebration? ¿Te gustaría participar o ayudar a coordinar esta celebración?

Contact/contactar Frances B. Johnson:

Text - (956) 337-4184

Email - francesbjohnson0122@gmail.com

This Week in Our Parish

Quinceañeras:

Lorena & Karen Robledo



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through artwork!

- ◆ Open to kids ages 5-14.
- ◆ Pick up entry form at the parish office. Turn in form with poster to the parish office **no later than Dec. 2.**
- ◆ Contestants will compete in their age group:
 - * Ages 5-7 (grades K-2)
 - * Ages 8-10 (grades 3-5)
 - * Ages 11-14 (grades 6-8)
- ◆ 1st, 2nd & 3rd place certificates will be awarded.
- ◆ Winner to be announced at this year's Breakfast with Santa.

Rules:

- ◆ Poster must reflect theme of Keep Christ in Christmas.
- ◆ Poster must be original work of a single person.
- ◆ Poster dimensions should be approximately 11x17 inches.

All entries become property of Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.



WARNING: Some parishioners have recently received emails requesting help or donations and falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan or our deacons.

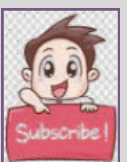
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BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7:30 PM
RE Bldg., 1st floor

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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:



Erick Cruz



Dcn. Rafael Lopez-Negrón

O loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless Your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through Your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of Your sons and daughters to listen to Your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern Your invitation to serve You and Your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow Your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to You, "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

– Most Rev. Joseph A. Fiorenza, Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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November 7, 2022

Rev. Mr. Jose (Joe) Bermea

San Antonio, Texas 78252

Dear Deacon Jose,

This letter is to inform you that Father Jan P. Klak, Pastor of Saint Anthony Claret Parish in San Antonio, has requested that your assignment to his parish be extended indefinitely. Thank you for your service to Father Jan and the people of Saint Anthony Claret Parish.

Asking our Blessed Mother through her intercessory prayers to watch over you, I remain,

Viva Cristo Rey.

Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller M.Sp.S.
Archbishop of San Antonio

Cc: Auxiliary Bishop Gary Janak, Chancellor
Rev. James Fischler, CICM, Vicar for Clergy
Father Jan P. Klak, Pastor of Saint Anthony Claret Parish, San Antonio, Texas



PRAY FOR THE SICK

REMEMBER

in your prayers

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| Josephine Thornton | Karina Hernandez |
| K. Hernandez | Kelton Sweet, Jr. |
| Bill Hicklin | Joanna Sweet |
| Juan Lozano | Javier Calderon |
| Minerva Bridges | George Aldaya |
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| Catherine Smith | Javier & Mary Bautista |
| Rachel Delgado | Rick Salinas |
| Maurice Flores | SJS |
| Tracey Kollmansberger | Olga Faz |
| Tony Salinas | Jim Souhrada |
| Alejandro De Luna | Bill Jennings |
| Deacon Jerry Kozar | Dee Hancock |
| Maggie Reyna | Linda Santos |
| Fr. Patrick Martin | 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: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
- Monday 28: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday 29: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday 30: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday 1: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday 2: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday 3: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday 4: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

VOCATION NEWS

IS JESUS CHRIST CALLING ME TO BECOME A PRIEST?



Malchizedek Project

Monthly gatherings for those who are considering a call to the priesthood. Ages 16 and over

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
September 2022—June 2023
6:00pm – 8:00pm



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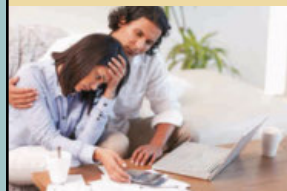
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