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December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

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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 11:2-11

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this? ©LPi



### 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:

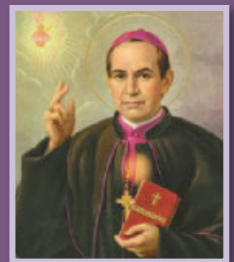
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm. Call parish office to register.

**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](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



### *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.**

**Dec. 3/4 attendance & collection totals  
unavailable at press time.**



**(Confession)**

**Sunday, Dec. 18, 7:15 PM**

**Several priests will be available  
to hear your confessions.**

*Prepare your heart & soul for Jesus.*



## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, Dec. 10**

**5 PM** BB\* for Alexis Macias by Mary Macias

**Sunday, Dec. 11**

**8 AM** Nizza Deguzman† by Lagura Family

**10 AM** Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,  
Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro

**12 PM** For the Parish

**3 PM** Conversion: Emma Ortiz by Emma Ortiz

**6 PM** Mike Swierc† by Karl & Janice Kotara

**Monday, Dec. 12**

**8 AM** Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family  
Edward Majchrowicz† by Mendoza Family

**7 PM** Jose Guadalupe Garcia† by Family

**Tuesday, Dec. 13**

**8 AM** Raymond Bendele† & BB\* for Dennis  
Friedrichs by Bea Peterson

**Wednesday, Dec. 14**

**8 AM** BB\* for Alana Smith by Jeanette Erickson

**Thursday, Dec. 15**

**8 AM**

**Mercy & Healing for Ramon Cruz**  
by Concha Cruz

**Friday, Dec. 16**

**8 AM**

**Deceased Members of the Friends of the  
Suffering Souls† by Norma Gonzales**

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

**5 PM**

**William Lisko† by Betsy Popham**

**Sunday, Dec. 18**

**8 AM**

**Pedro Coronel† by Diana & Valdo Soliz**  
**Alan J. Ponce†; Margaret† & Albert**  
**Suarez†; Healing for Anthony Ponce**  
by Alma Ponce

**10 AM**

**12 PM**

**Jesus & Natalia Elizondo† by Family**

**3 PM**

**For the Parish**

**6 PM**

**Healing for Tony & Rachel Delgado**  
**& SJS by Rick & Sandy Salinas**

**7:15 PM**

**Advent Reconciliation (Confession)**

\*BB = Birthday Blessings



## FAMILY LIFE

**How To Take Young Children to Mass - Part 2 of 2**

by Josh and Stacey Noem

**At Church**

- Sit up front. Yes, sit even in the first pew if it is appropriate at your parish. It can feel scary and even a little out of control the first few times, but it makes a world of difference for little ones to be able to see the action. Over time it also helps them to understand what is most essential about Mass without the distraction of rows and rows of backsides between them and the altar.
- We physically hold our children in our arms during Mass. In fact, we adopted the position that our children's feet do not touch the ground during Mass until they are three years old. This helps in many ways. The children get a better view; as they grow and mature we can talk them through the stories and the actions; and we have a bit more control over their behavior. If an infant or toddler gets squirmy, often switching who is holding them is enough to calm them down. Otherwise we might play a quiet game of "point to the...candles, priest, altar, cross, etc."
- During their two-year-old year, we begin to let our children stand for a portion of Mass or try sitting next to us quietly, instead of on our laps. Then when they turn three it is a special milestone to be big enough to stand, sit and kneel all on their own (although if they can't see over the pew we have them stand during the kneeling portions of the Eucharistic Prayer).
- If an infant or toddler makes a little noise during Mass and settles down right away, try not to feel self-conscious. Most folks except for those closest to you do not even notice. And even if they do notice, give your fellow parishioners credit for being adults who can focus through a small distraction.
- If a child cries or makes continual noise, it is best to calmly step out of the pew and take the child out of the main assembly until they have calmed down or are quiet. However, it is important to return to the worship space as soon as they are quiet, so that children do not begin to associate poor or disruptive behavior with a pass to get out of Mass. Just stand against the wall until it is appropriate to return to the pew. Our experience is that stepping out and returning even a few times is not nearly as disruptive as a crying baby and parishioners appreciate your consideration of their attempt to pray. Those that are parents understand completely.

**After Mass**

- Praise your children abundantly for their good behavior.
- If they need some improvement, mention briefly how they might do better next week and explain why. Let them know that you will help them by trying to remind them before the next Mass.
- Answer questions children have about Mass and encourage them to understand the liturgy and its place in our lives.
- For older children consider taking time to discuss the readings and the homily.

In taking our children to Mass we operate on the principle that we need to teach our children how to be in church as long as it does not distract others around us from their prayer. Some days are better than others, but the gift of passing on how we pray as Catholics is worth all of the challenges.

As parents, and leaders of our domestic church, we are responsible for forming our children in our Catholic faith. There is no more important experience to Catholics than the Mass, so it is crucial to help children understand and participate in liturgy as much as they are able. At times, it has seemed as though the only thing we accomplished at Mass was the exercise of standing and walking with a grumpy baby. But we also know that children do not remain little for long and they rise to our expectations. We will have plenty of opportunities to experience transcendent prayer at Mass when our children are teenagers or out of the house. For now, though, our primary job is to make sure they "get" what happens at Mass. We find that God has found ways to feed us, even on the most difficult of days with a teething toddler.

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**Read Part 1 of this article in the Dec. 3/4 bulletin available at [www.samcsa.com](http://www.samcsa.com).**

## PARISH NEWS

LAS  
POSADAS6th 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 or email - [francesbjohnson0122@gmail.com](mailto:francesbjohnson0122@gmail.com)

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Cynthia Luna at 210-415-1399 or  
Valerie Galindo at 210-508-0485.

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Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do  
your will.

Psalm 40:8-9

Silver Seniors  
Christmas Luncheon

Wed., Dec. 14

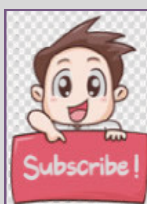
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and protector of expectant  
mothers, pray for us.

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## PARISH NEWS



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Feb. 7, 14, 21:  
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To register, contact  
Tony Bretzke  
at 210-219-8486  
or [tsbret@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsbret@sbcglobal.net).

Registration deadline:  
Dec. 16.

Class size limited to 25.  
First come, first served.

## THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



It was just before Christmas and the magistrate was in a happy mood. He asked the prisoner who was in the dock, "What are you charged with?"

The prisoner replied, "Doing my Christmas shopping too early."

"That's no crime," said the magistrate. "Just how early were you doing this shopping?"

"Before the shop opened," answered the prisoner.





## 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:

**Robert Shelton****Joseph Duque****St. John Vianney's Prayer for Priests**

God, please give to your Church today many more priests after your own heart. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments. May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Congregation of the Congregation of Maronite Lebanese Missionaries



"There is another reason also why the soul has traveled safely in this obscurity; it has suffered: for the way of suffering is safer, and also more profitable, than that of rejoicing and of action. In suffering God gives strength, but in action

and in joy the soul does but show its own weakness and imperfections. And in suffering, the soul practices and acquires virtue, and becomes pure, wiser, and more cautious."

—St. John of the Cross, 1542-1591,  
Priest & Doctor of the Church, feast day: Dec. 14



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

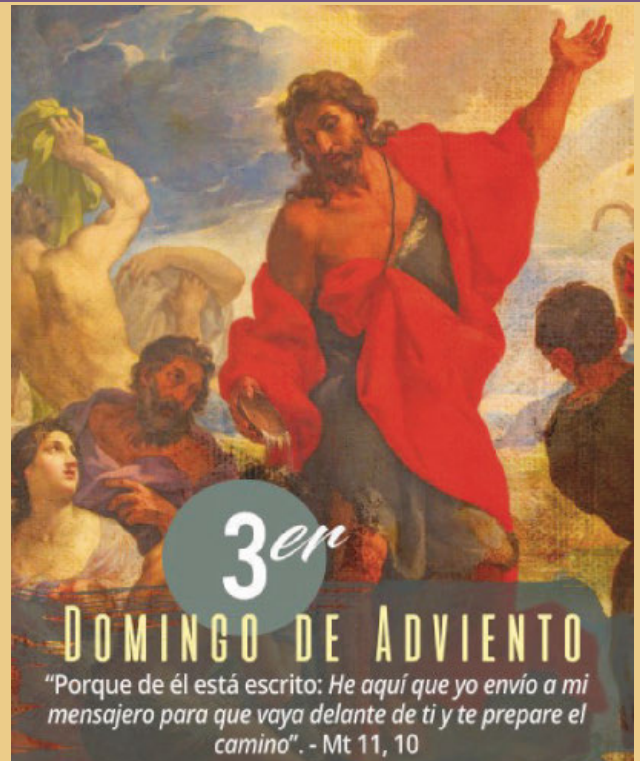
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List is reserved for *names of parishioners and immediate family only*.  
You may submit up to **FOUR** names at a time.  
Names usually run for four weeks.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**Sunday 11:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
**Monday 12:** Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:39-47  
**Tuesday 13:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday 14:** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday 15:** Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30  
**Friday 16:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36  
**Saturday 17:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17  
**Sunday 18:** Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



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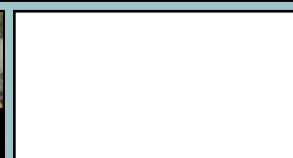
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