

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

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Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak,  
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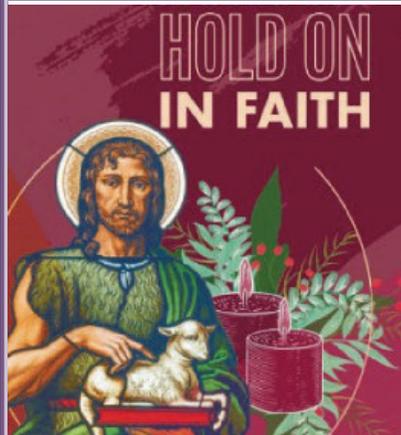
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## Parish Mission Statement

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.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 3:1-12

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her. ©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:

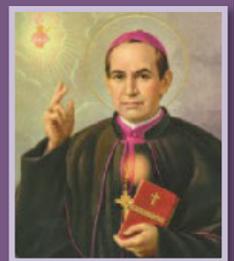
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm. Call parish office to register.

**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

### Nov. 19/20 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	2,598
Regular Collection	\$ 27,861.48
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 5,834.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 715.00
Candles	\$ 509.27
Gabriel Project	\$ 390.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 200.00
Retired Men & Women Religious	\$ 25.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00

### Nov. 23/24 attendance total: 440

### Nov. 26/27 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,057
Regular Collection	\$ 23,711.75
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 4,963.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,511.00
Candles	\$ 337.55
Gabriel Project	\$ 150.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 30.00
Retired Men & Women Religious	\$ 20.00

A Holy Day  
of Obligation

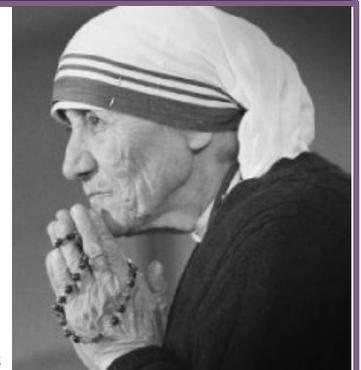
Thursday,  
Dec. 8

Feast of the  
**Immaculate  
Conception**

**MASS TIMES:**  
Wed., Dec. 7: 7 PM  
Thurs., Dec. 8:  
8 AM & 7 PM



"Are we ready to receive Him? Before the birth of Jesus, His parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose ... your heart, and all it holds? Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas..." — St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)



## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**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

**Monday, Dec. 5**  
**8 AM** Holly Pauly† by Kasischke Family  
**6:30 PM** Holy Hour  
**7:30 PM** Blas L. Alvarado† by Cameron Family

**Tuesday, Dec. 6**  
**8 AM** Spec. Int.: James & Henry Pawelek; Alois & Florence Olenick by Olenick Family

**Wednesday, Dec. 7 \*\*\* NO MORNING MASS**  
**7 PM** Tina Reyes Falcon† by Richard Reyes

**Thursday, Dec. 8 \*\*\* PARISH OFFICE CLOSED \*\*\***  
**8 AM** Francine Muenster† by Charlie & Staetta Connor  
**7 PM** Phillip & Dorothy Lane† by Teresa Revilla

**Friday, Dec. 9**  
**8 AM** BB\* for Nate Olech by Olech Family

**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 Swiere† by Karl & Janice Kotara

\*BB = Birthday Blessings

## FAMILY LIFE

**How To Take Young Children to Mass - Part 1**

by Josh and Stacey Noem

Sometimes at the end of Mass a parishioner comes up to us and says “Your three children are SO well behaved!” Our standard response is either, “Thank you. We work at it” or “Thank you, some days are better than others.” The “better” days are the product of years of articles and brochures we read on taking children to Mass. Here is the distilled wisdom we rely upon.

**Before Church**

Make sure children are well-fed right before Mass. They do not need to fast, nor will fasting help them to be on their best behavior during Mass. We personally do not think it is appropriate to take snacks into the pew. Our exception to this is a non-spill drink cup that bought us enough time to hear the homily once in a while.

Beginning even with the smallest infants, dress them in some special clothing that they wear only for church or other special events. This does not have to be expensive and can be as simple as a nice pair of shoes. It helps them to identify what we do at Mass as different from everyday activity.

Check your diaper bag to make sure it is stocked for any possible needs. Consider including a small toy or book that your child sees only on Sunday at Mass. These should be quiet and made of soft material so that they do not distract those around you from their prayer while they are being played with or in case they are dropped.

Put on a fresh diaper or visit the bathroom right before walking out the door of your home or into the church.

**For Toddlers or Older Children**

You might read the readings in the car on the way to church. This could even be the job of an older child. Then everyone hears them at least once in case someone has to step out during a portion of the Mass.

Before going into the church take a moment to remind children what you are about to do. Make sure they know what their job is at Mass. For us, we say that their job is to be quiet/still, to participate by sharing their voices and to pray. Their job is also not to distract those around them from praying.

... to be continued ...

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## PARISH NEWS

**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?*

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PARISH NEWS



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

For info, contact parish music director Paul Rauschhuber at 210-865-4717 or [prauschhuber@yahoo.com](mailto:prauschhuber@yahoo.com).

**Silver Seniors Christmas Luncheon**  
**Wed., Dec. 14**  
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Or, scan this QR code to register!



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

*Psalms 40:8-9*



**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 Masses THIS weekend! Cash, checks & credit cards accepted.



**BAPTISM CLASS**

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

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Weddings:**  
David Robert Grams  
& Jacqueline Grace Reyes



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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.



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**Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 PM**  
**followed by fellowship hour**

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Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31:

7 - 8:30 PM

Feb. 7, 14, 21:

7 - 8:30 PM

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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.  
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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:



**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

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - December**

**For volunteer not-for-profit organizations.**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.*

**Intención del Santo Padre Francisco - Diciembre**

**Por organizaciones de voluntariado.**

Recemos para que las organizaciones de voluntariado y de promoción humana encuentren personas que estén deseosas de comprometerse con el bien común y buscar nuevas vías de colaboración a nivel internacional.

*Dios, Padre nuestro, yo te ofrezco toda mi jornada, mis oraciones, pensamientos, afectos y deseos, palabras, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos en unión con el Corazón de tu Hijo Jesucristo que sigue ofreciéndose a Ti en la Eucaristía para la salvación del mundo. Que el Espíritu Santo, que guió a Jesús, sea mi guía y mi fuerza en este día para que pueda ser testigo de tu amor. Con María, la madre del Señor y de la Iglesia, pido especialmente por las intenciones del Papa y de nuestros obispos para este mes. Amen.*



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Diego Garduno         | Joanna Sweet           |
| Josephine Thornton    | Javier Calderon        |
| K. Hernandez          | George Aldaya          |
| Bill Hicklin          | Mary Helen Peterson    |
| Juan Lozano           | Maria Morales          |
| Marge Lucido          | Rosa Huerta            |
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| Tony Salinas          | Olga Faz               |
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| Deacon Jerry Kozar    | Bill Jennings          |
| Maggie Reyna          | Dee Hancock            |
| Fr. Patrick Martin    | Linda Santos           |
| Karina Hernandez      | Tom Calderon Jr.       |
| Kelton Sweet, 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 4: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
- Monday 5: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday 6: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday 7: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday 8: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday 9: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday 10: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday 11: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



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