

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church

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January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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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: LK 2:16-21

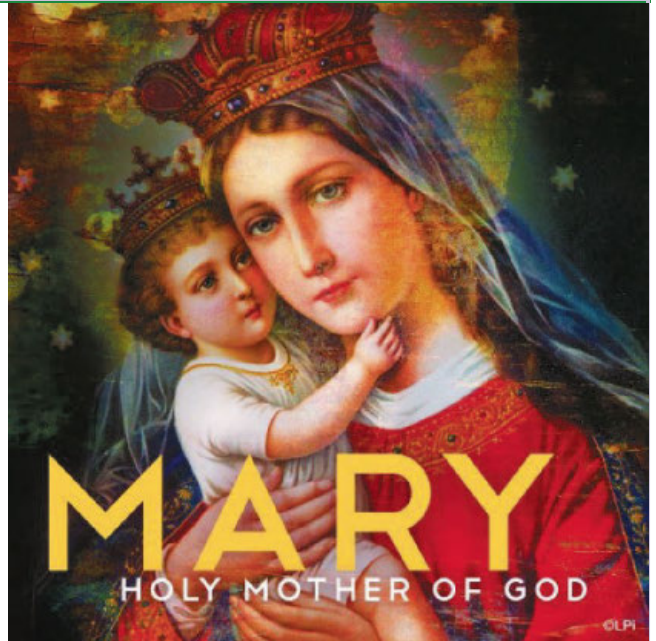
We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said,

"Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

— Father John Muir ©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:

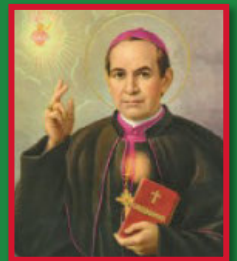
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm. Call parish office to register.

**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.

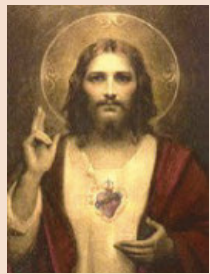
I hope you feel welcome here!

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak

**Dec. 17/18 attendance & collection totals**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>2,829</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 28,640.88</b>
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 5,300.99</b>
<b>Retired Men &amp; Women Religious</b>	<b>\$ 1,330.00</b>
<b>SAMC Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 976.00</b>
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	<b>\$ 620.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 427.43</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
<b>Misc. Collections</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>

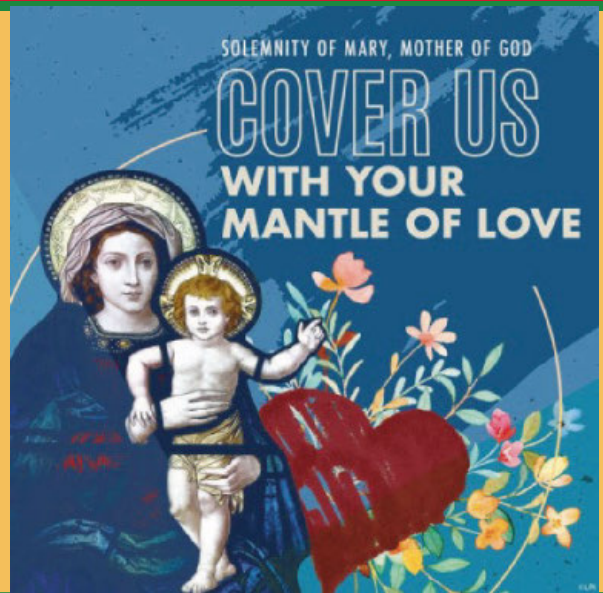
**Dec. 24/25 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.**



**St. Anthony Mary Claret  
First Friday Mass  
dedicated to the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
Friday, Jan. 6, 8 AM



**St. Anthony Mary Claret  
First Saturday Mass dedicated to  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
Saturday, Jan. 7  
Mass: 8 AM followed by  
exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
rosary & consecration prayers



**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, Dec. 31**  
5 PM **Living & Deceased† Members of Houston & Karpovage Families** by Houston Family

**Sunday, Jan. 1**  
8 AM **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessings for Derek & Sylvia Rumsey** by Donna Crary  
10 AM **Robert Kunding†** by Bill & Darrelyn Kunding  
12 PM **Deceased Members of St. Anthony Claret Pantry†** by St. Anthony Claret Pantry  
3 PM **For the Parish**  
6 PM **Living & Deceased† Members of Menchaca & Villegas Families** by Family

**Monday, Jan. 2\*\*\* PARISH OFFICE CLOSED \*\*\***  
8 AM **In Thanksgiving/BB\* for Rosalee Moczygamba** by Greg & Mary Wiatrek  
6:30 PM Holy Hour  
7:30 PM **Mike Swierc†** by Margie Knublick

**Tuesday, Jan. 3**  
8 AM **Souls in Purgatory†** by Mary Macias

**Wednesday, Jan. 4**  
8 AM **Sp. Int. for Emma Ortiz Cortez**

by Emma Ortiz  
**Walderico Elvena†** by Chiapoco Family

**Thursday, Jan. 5**  
8 AM **Juanita C. Perez†** by Daughter  
6:30 PM Holy Hour  
7:30 PM **For Vocations to Religious Life**

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

**Saturday, Jan. 7**  
8 AM **Mary Yolande†** by Amah Amedzrovi  
5 PM **Eva Valdez†** by Serna Family

**Sunday, Jan. 8**  
8 AM **For the Parish**  
10 AM **Constanza Hernandez†** by Son Guadalupe Ortega  
12 PM **Alonzo Gonzalez†** by Gonzalez & Carpenter Families  
3 PM **Elida Ampara Segovia†** by Family  
6 PM **BB\* for Lily Olech** by Olech Family

\*BB = Birthday Blessings



## 2023 EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

### Blessing Your Home For The Feast Of The Epiphany

Source: [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

Traditionally, Catholics bless their home and those who live in their household on the Feast of the Epiphany each year. It's not difficult to do. Here's what you'll need.

1. Prayers – Found below. Another version can be found here: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany>
2. Blessed chalk – You can bless it yourself. Ours parish will have some available. See details at bottom of page.
3. A doorway and a ladder or chair

Prayer:

On entering the home,

Leader (priest, if present, or spiritual leader of the family): Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All pray the Magnificat. (Find it here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/the-magnificat.html>) During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water and incensed. After this is completed, continue.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father. . .and lead us not into temptation.

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come.

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar—are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. The initials, C, M, and B can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house."



**For 2023 this is what you will write  
above the door in chalk:**

*20 + C + M + B + 23*

**NOTE: Chalk will be blessed and available  
at all Masses next weekend, Jan. 7/8.  
You may also bring water, incense,  
or gold to be blessed.**



PARISH NEWS

**URGENT**

Meeting for **ALL** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**Tuesday, Jan. 3 in the church**

Meeting times are as follows:

If you serve at the 5 PM, 8 AM, 3 & 6 PM Masses, attend at 6:30 PM.

If you serve at the 10 AM & 12 PM Masses, attend at 7:30 PM.



**Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones**  
el jueves, 5 de enero, 6:30 PM  
**Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations**  
Thursday, Jan. 5, 6:30 PM  
Misa/Mass: 7:30 PM



*Let 2023 be the start of something beautiful in your soul!*

**Women's ACTS Retreat**

Jan 12-15

Cordi Marian Retreat Center

For more info or to register, contact

Sonia Garcia at 210-391-1728,  
Cynthia Luna at 210-415-1399 or  
Valerie Galindo at 210-508-0485.

Or, scan this QR code to register!



**BAPTISM CLASS**

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 7:30 PM  
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Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) as taught by The Couple to Couple League.\*

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*New class series begins Sunday, Jan. 15.*

You must register prior to the first class at [ccli.org](http://ccli.org).  
For more info, email Chris or Nicole Glowe at [nfpglowe@yahoo.com](mailto:nfpglowe@yahoo.com).

\* Required course for all couples marrying in our parish.

**This Week in Our Parish**

Weddings:

Jonathan Michael Bustos & Bianca Rochelle Guerrero



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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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**THE SUNDAY FUNNIES**

I made a New Year's resolution to stop procrastinating, but I'm going to wait until next year to start.





PARISH NEWS

# Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition Friday, Jan. 6, 7:30 PM

Free for boys & girls in these brackets:

- Ages 9-11 (boys & girls competition)
- Ages 12-14 (girls competition)
- Ages 12-14 (boys competition)



Participants will need the following:

- Completed "Free Throw Championship Entry Form" (Available in the parish office or on event day.)
- Copy of birth certificate

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Winners may advance to district, regional & state tournaments.

For more info email [council10090@gmail.com](mailto:council10090@gmail.com).

COMMUNITY NEWS

## LIFE AWARENESS

Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend



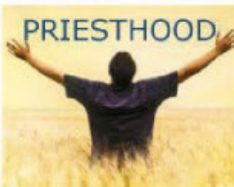
"Loved and Chosen"

"Amados y Elegidos"



February 3-5  
**2023**

**Life**  
AWARENESS



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Word of Life

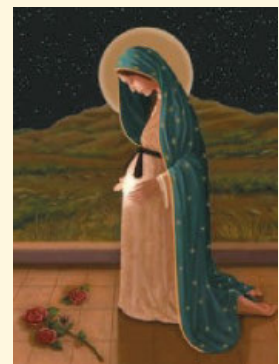
"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion."

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

Palabra De Vida

"Oh Madre Santa, recibiste la buena nueva de la encarnación de Cristo, tu Hijo, con fe y confianza. Concede tu protección a todas las embarazadas que enfrentan dificultades. Guíanos en nuestro esfuerzo por hacer de nuestras comunidades parroquiales lugares de acogida y asistencia para las madres necesitadas. Ayúdanos a convertirnos en instrumentos del amor y la compasión del Dios bondadoso."

— Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB, "Oración por las embarazadas"





**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:



**Ottmar Tovar**



**Rafael Becerra**

*Loving and gracious God, your son Jesus reminded us: "To love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). May we never forget Jesus' words in all that we do.*

*We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit so we can serve you more faithfully in our own vocations of married, single, religious or priestly life. Help us to support one another in our vocations and to work together to build up your kingdom here on earth. Amen.*

**We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Congregation of the Order of Discalced Carmelites**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - January**

**For educators:**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

*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.*



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**Intención del Santo Padre Francisco - Enero**

**Por los educadores:**

Oremos para que los educadores sean testigos creíbles, enseñando la fraternidad en lugar de la competencia y ayudando especialmente a los jóvenes más vulnerables.

*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*

- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| CJ Aboytes            | Fr. Patrick Martin     |
| Roz Voss              | Karina Hernandez       |
| Rudy Barrera          | Kelton Sweet, Jr.      |
| Minerva Bridges       | Joanna Sweet           |
| Nellie Coronado       | Javier Calderon        |
| Vanessa Mehdi         | George Aldaya          |
| Stoltz Family         | Mary Helen Peterson    |
| Diego Garduno         | Maria Morales          |
| Josephine Thornton    | Rosa Huerta            |
| Marge Lucido          | Barbara Vanegas        |
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| Bill Phinizy          | Manuel Salazar         |
| Catherine Smith       | Javier & Mary Bautista |
| Tony & Rachel Delgado | SJS                    |
| Maurice Flores        | Olga Faz               |
| Tracey Kollmansberger | Jim Souhrada           |
| Tony Salinas          | Bill Jennings          |
| Alejandro De Luna     | Dee Hancock            |
| Deacon Jerry Kozar    | Linda Santos           |
| Maggie Reyna          | 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 1: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Monday 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
- Tuesday 3: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
- Wednesday 4: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
- Thursday 5: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
- Friday 6: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11
- Saturday 7: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
- Sunday 8: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



**MARÍA, LA SANTA MADRE DE DIOS**

Después de verlo, contaron lo que se les había dicho de aquel niño y cuantos los oían, quedaban maravillados. María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas y las meditaba en su corazón. - Lc 2, 17-19

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