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January 22, 2023

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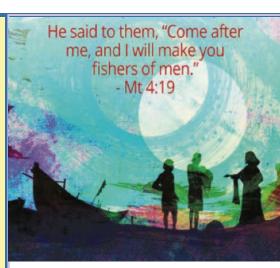
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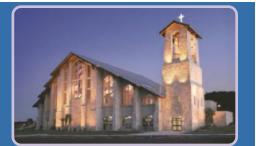
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Parish Mission Statement

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.





Third Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION: Mt 4:12-23

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon

and Naphtali..." This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

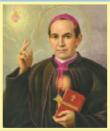
When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He relocates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

- 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



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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

Jan. 14/15 attendance & collection totals				
Attendance		3,183		
Regular Collection	\$	28,420.65		
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$	4,439.99		
SAMC Pantry	\$	620.00		
Candles	\$	418.86		
Gabriel Project	\$	390.00		
Capital Campaign	\$	200.00		
Initial Offering	\$	70.00		
Rosary Makers	\$	30.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$	10.00		
Church in Latin America	\$	10.00		
Christmas Offering	\$	5.00		

Según va la familia, así va la nación, y el mundo entero

> en que vivimos. san juan pablo II

Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de los Niños no Nacidos

El Lunes, 23 de Enero

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

ORDINARIO

MPO

"Síganme y los haré pescadores de hombres". - Mt 4, 19

Saturday, J		Wednesday,		
5 PM	Elvira Bendele [†] & Philip Helner [†]	8 AM	BB* for Amelia Macias by Mary Macias	
	by Bea Peterson	Thursday, Ja	an. 26	
Sunday, Jar	n. 22	8 AM	BB* for Manuel Lemus by Mary Macias	
8 AM	Dwight Goldstrom [†] by Thelma Golstrom	•	Riley H. Robertson [†] by Ellen Robertson	
10 AM	Constanza Hernandez†	Б.1 Т		
	by Son: Guadalupe Ortega	Friday, Jan.		
	Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,	8 AM	BB* for Crisostomo De Guzman	
	Sebastiano [†] , & Giovanni [†] by Sal Spataro		by daughter & Taliman Family	
12 PM	Aurora Dyer† by Family	Saturday, Jan. 28		
3 PM	Alfonso Escarpita-Corral†	5 PM	Billie Sievers [†] by Charlie Sievers & Family	
5111	by Escarpita Family	C L L		
6 PM	For the Parish	Sunday, Jan. 29		
		8 AM	39 th Anniversary Blessings for Joel &	
Monday, Ja		10 434	Merle Belisario by Children	
8 AM	Good Health for Henry J. Canale	10 AM	Yolanda Torres-Balboa	
	by Marianne Phillips	44 D1 6	by Torres, Quiroz & Balboa Families	
6:30 PM	Holy Hour	12 PM	Eulalio Trevino† by Family	
7:30 PM	Marcelino & Louisa Armendariz†	3 PM	Constanza Hernandez†	
	by Teresa Revilla	(by son Guadalupe Ortega	
Tuesday, Ja	un 24	6 PM	For the Parish	
8 AM				
O AIVI	Mercy & Healing for Ramon Cruz		*BB = Birthday Blessings	
	by Concha Cruz		DD Draidy Diostings	

JANUARY 22: AN UNHAPPY ANNIVERSARY

God loves each human life from the instant of his or her conception and entrusts this gift to the protection of a mother and father. Abortion ends the life of a child and offends God. It also deeply wounds the women and men involved.



On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect preborn children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children.

So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." The Church directs:

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides resources to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics participate in this important day of prayer and penance.

In addition, the USCCB also sponsors an annual, nationwide novena called 9 Days for Life, which encompasses the liturgical observance of the Day of Prayer. Each day for nine days, a different intention is featured, accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information as we pray for the respect and protection of every human life. Visit respectlife.org/9-days-for-life for more information on the annual campaign. ©2023 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord's boundless mercy.

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE STATEWIDE RALLY AT THE CAPITOL IN AUSTIN SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 1–4 PM



The Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* returning the power to legislate abortion to the people and their elected representatives. It is as important now as ever before for YOU to attend the Texas Rally for Life!

Join thousands of Texans from across the state at this event. Show our elected officials, the media and the Supreme Court that Texas is pro-life! Bring yourself, your family and others. Spread the word. This is an excellent opportunity for networking in support of the Culture of Life.

This event commemorates the Supreme Court's tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision that imposed legal abortion on Texas and the entire nation throughout all nine months of pregnancy and celebrates the

overturning of the terrible precedent set in 1973.

Let's continue the work of turning the tide against this injustice. The 2023 legislative session has already begun and pro-abortion forces are trying hard to liberalize and undo current Texas abortion laws.

To learn more, visit <u>www.TexasRallyforLife.org</u> or contact Paul Comeaux at (210) 382-7511.

PARISH NEWS

Parish women 18 & up: the Ladies of St. Anthony Claret you to their monthly meeting.



Sunday, Jan. 22, 12 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall Enjoy fellowship, spiritual activities, and service to parish and members. Lunch provided. Ouestions? Contact Darrelyn Kundinger at 661-619-5101.

The Ladies will be selling candles after Masses next weekend, Jan. 28/29 and before Mass on Feb. 2 in honor of the feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: December 2022

Utility assistance: Restock food pantry: Other client assistance: Office expenses: # Food bags distributed: # People served: # of home deliveries \$ 3,435.75 \$ 5,678.06 \$ 576.51 \$ 163.82 366 1,040 60



Hours: Thursdays, 9 AM–12 PM Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.co. Thank you for supporting our mission.



Looking for healthy fun? Enjoy a variety of music & make new friends!



St. Anthony Mary Claret Line Dancers Tuesdays, 10-11:30 AM (with 2 breaks) Msgr. Hubertus Hall Beginners welcome. For info, contact Helen Coignet at 210-865-1214.

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN! View the bulletin any time on our website: <u>http://samcsa.com/</u> or have it emailed directly to your inbox. Go to <u>parishesonline.com</u>, locate our parish with the search tool and click on "subscribe."



WARNING:

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

DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!

Reprint Marriage

Sweetheart Mass

Saturday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. Vígíl Mass & Renewal of Weddíng Vows followed by a

Sweetheart Reception

An evening of enrichment, fine dining, dancing & fellowship \$90/couple Photo booth available.

To purchase tickets by cash, check or credit card, email Roland & Sonia Garcia at <u>marriageministrysamc@gmail.com</u>. Directions will follow.

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Shroud of Turin is the most studied relic in the history of Christianity. Mysteriously imprinted on the cloth is an image of a man who has been severely beaten and crucified in the manner described in the Gospels. Pilgrim Center of Hope (PCH), a Catholic Evangelization Ministry, led pilgrimages to Turin, Italy to view this remarkable relic during its rare public exhibition in 2010 & 2015. This special exhibition will include our item replicas, like those in Jerusalem and Rome. Mary Jane Fox, PCH Co-Director & representatives will provide presentations on the Shroud. Come on this intriguing journey leading us to wonder: Who is the Man of the Shroud? For info, contact Judy Gleason at 830-816-2233.

WE IIVE. ST. JOHN PAUL II Monday, Jan. 23

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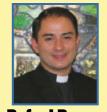
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

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



SAINTLY WISDOM

St. Francis de Sales, 1567-1622, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Feast day: Jan. 24

 "Many men keep the commandments in the way sick men take medicine: more from fear of dying in damnation than for joy of living according to our Savior's will. Just as some persons dis-

like taking medicine, no matter how pleasant it is, simply because it is called medicine, so there are some souls who hold in horror things commanded simply because they are commanded . . . On the contrary, a loving heart loves the commandments. The more difficult they are, the sweeter and more agreeable it finds them, since this more perfectly pleases the Beloved and gives Him greater honor."

- "Temptation to a certain sin, to any sin whatsoever, might last throughout our whole life, yet it can never make us displeasing to God's Majesty provided we do not take pleasure in it and give consent to it. You must have great courage in the midst of temptation. Never think yourself overcome as long as they are displeasing to you, keeping clearly in mind the difference between feeling temptation and consenting to it."
- Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever even if your whole world seems upset.

PRAY FOR THE SICK REMEMBER in your prayers

Rosalia Ruiz Annette D. Navarro Vanessa De Leon **CJ** Abovtes CS Roz Voss Diego Garduno Josephine Thornton Marge Lucido Dennis Bergkamp Bill Phinizy Catherine Smith Tony & Rachel Delgado **Maurice Flores** Tracey Kollmansberger Ťony Salinas Alejandro De Luna Deacon Jerry Kozar Maggie Reyna Fr. Patrick Martin

Karina Hernandez Kelton Sweet, Jr. Joanna Sweet Javier Calderon George Aldaya Mary Helen Peterson Maria Morales Rosa Huerta Barbara Vanegas A.C. Garza Manuel Salazar Javier & Mary Bautista SJS Olga Faz Jim Šouhrada **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 22: Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/ Mt 4:12-23 Monday 23: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday 24: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35 Wednesday 25: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18 Thursday 26: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:21-25 Friday 27: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34 Saturday 28: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41 Sunday 29: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's home. After eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two men were talking. One said, "Last night we went to a new restaurant and it was really great. I recommend it very highly." His friend asked, "What's the name of it?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Hey, Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"







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