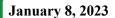
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Parish Mission Statement

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.



The Epiphany of the Lord GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 2:1-12

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discover-

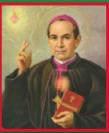
ing dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus. — 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** 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

Prayer for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Benedict XVI

Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayer of your people for your servant, Benedict, who governed your Church with love.

In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.

May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you forever in heaven.

Dec. 24/25 attendance & collection totals

Attendance		4,059			
Regular Collection	\$	45,111.11			
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$	18,082.81			
SAMC Pantry	\$	2,017.00			
Assumption Seminary	\$	1,192.00			
Christmas Offering	\$	1,730.00			
Gabriel Project	\$	920.00			
Candles	\$	493.77			
Retired Men & Women Religious	\$	250.00			
Capital Campaign	\$	200.00			
Dec. 21/lon 1 attendance 8 collection totals					

Dec. 31/Jan. 1 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 1927-2022

In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church. He did the work of Christ on earth. May your son welcome him into eternal glory.

> May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom.

Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love.

May he rejoice in those gifts forever with your saints. Amen.

CREDIT: Vatican News Service

	MASS INTENT	IUNS IHIS	WEEN	
Saturday, Jan. 7		Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 11	
8 AM	Mary Yolande† by Amah Amedzrovi	8 AM	BB* for Betty Nava by Bea Alvarez	
5 PM	Eva Valdez† by Serna Family	Thursday,	Jan. 12	
Sunday, Jan	1. 8	8 AM	Marge Graf [†] by Mary Campa	
8 AM	For the Parish			
10 AM	Constanza Hernandez† by Son Guadalupe	Friday, Jar 8 AM	Costanza Hernandez†	
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12 PM	Alonzo Gonzalez† by Gonzalez &		, i c	
	Carpenter Families	Saturday, Jan. 14		
3 PM	Elida Ampara Segovia† by Family	5 PM	BB* for Elyse, Emilea & Evelyn Fuentes	
6 PM	BB* for Lily Olech by Olech Family		by Family	
Monday, Jan. 9		Sunday, Ja	in. 15	
8 AM	BB* for Natalia Banda & Lillianna	8 AM	Jane Kiolbassa† by Kasischke Family	
	Sanchez by Family	10 AM	For the Parish	
6:30 PM	Holy Hour	12 PM	Healing for Janie Lamm & Family	
7:30 PM	Dolores Cain [†] by Patricia Smalley		by Anne Marie Cerwin	
Tuesday, Ja	m 10	3 PM	Humberto Torres Flores† by Family	
8 AM	Bill Epling [†] & Joe Smith [†]	6 PM	William & Jean Macecevic† by Family	
	by Walter Fredericks			
			*BB = Birthday Blessings	

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

2023 EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Blessing Your Home For The Feast Of The Epiphany

Source: 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. Our parish will have some available. See details at bottom of page.
- 2. 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.

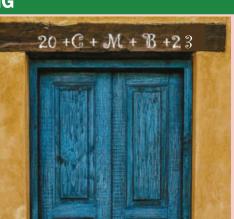
All: Amen.

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—<u>C</u>aspar, <u>M</u>elchior and <u>B</u>althasar—are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. The initials, C, M, and B can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "<u>C</u>hristus <u>M</u>ansionem <u>B</u>enedicat" 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 THIS weekend. You may also bring water, incense, or gold to be blessed.



PARISH NEWS



Friday, Jan. 20, 7 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall Bring your favorite food or appetizer to share.

> We will feature a guest speaker from The Alexander House.

To attend, RSVP to Roland & Sonia Garcia at marriageministrysamc@gmail.com no later than Jan. 18.



For free childcare, RSVP to Rene & Liz Quintanilla at liz.straq@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) as taught by The Couple to Couple League.*

99% effective! NFP is <u>not</u> the old Calendar Rhythm method!



Learn about the beauty of fertility through the eyes of JPII's Theology of the Body. Couples will learn to track their natural cycle without harmful artificial hormones.

New class series begins Sunday, Jan. 15. You must register prior to the first class at **ccli.org.** For more info, email Chris or Nicole Glowe at <u>nfpglowe@yahoo.com</u>.

* Required course for all couples marrying in our parish.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?"



One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray."

"Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets — we're one short." 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!





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



deacons. <u>DO NOT RESPOND</u> <u>OR SEND DONATIONS</u>!

Altar Server Training MANDATORY for ALL Servers

Saturday, Jan. 14 9 AM in the church



PARISH NEWS



Presented by SAC Knights of Columbus Council 10090

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7 PM followed by fellowship hour

Parking lot by the pavilion

Bring your family, rosaries & lawn chairs. We'll bring the hot dogs!



THE "CHRISTMAS MIRACLE" OF 1950



Leonard LaRue, or, Benedictine Brother Marinus LaRue O.S.B., had his cause officially opened for sainthood in June 2021. This incredible man was born in Philadelphia on January 14, 1914, and died on October 14, 2001, at the age of 87.

While captaining the 7,600-ton U.S. Merchant Marine ship, the SS Meredith Victory, during the Korean war, Leonard led the largest humanitarian rescue operation by a single vessel in history, whether during war or civilian conditions. The rescue operation in 1950 began on Dec. 23 and ended on Christmas Day, so it became known as the "Christmas Miracle." Under his leadership, his crew and he evacuated 14,000 Korean refugees, including women and children, to safety. Captain LaRue was a deeply religious man and willing to do anything to rescue the beleaguered Korean refugees. To accomplish this, he swiftly unloaded all cargo from the freighter and allowed as many refugees as could possibly fit into the five empty cargo spaces and onto the deck. Despite the extreme cold, lack of adequate food and water, the fact that the crew didn't know Korean, and the refugees didn't know English, communist submarines hunting for them, and

constant shelling and fighting nearby, he managed to transport all 14,000 refugees 490 miles southeast to safety. They arrived at Geoje Island on Christmas day with no injuries along with 5 additional people added to their numbers as 5 women gave birth during the treacherous two-day ordeal. Among the rescued refugees were the parents of Timothy Moon Jae-in, president of South Korea from 2017-2022.

LaRue's successful deliverance of those under his protection spoke volumes of his bravery and love of those who were victims of war and violence. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration, his mission is remembered as a Christmas miracle and "One of the greatest marine rescues in the history of the world." Captain LaRue remained in command of the Meredith Victory until it was decommissioned in 1952.

Inspired by the Benedictine monks, Leonard entered St. Paul Benedictine Abbey in New Jersey as a monk in 1954 shortly after the decommissioning of his ship. There, he lived out the rest of his life as Brother Marinus LaRue in prayer among the brothers of his religious community. He was the Abbey's dishwasher, bell ringer, and gift shop attendant.

Today, the descendants of the rescued refugees are estimated to be one million, reported Catholic Times of Korea.

Prayer for the Cause of Capt. LaRue/Brother Marinus, O.S.B.

God, our Father, Creator of the seas, Protector of refugees, and all those in need, You called Captain Leonard LaRue to recognize Your Son Jesus Christ in the faces of the Korean refugees, and led him as Brother Marinus to a life of prayer and service in the tradition of St. Benedict. May his life be an inspiration to us and lead us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the people of the sea, welcoming those who are refugees from war, and deepening all the faithful in their prayer and work of service. We humbly ask that You glorify Your servant Captain Leonard LaRue/Brother Marinus, O.S.B. on earth according to the design of Your holy will, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Source:

http://www.aos-usa.org/pdf/Capt.-LaRue-Bro.-Marinus-O.S.B.-Prayer-for-the-Cause.pdf

Read more about LaRue here: https://www.ucanews.com/news/korean-war-hero-ofchristmas-miracle-advances-toward-sainthood/93094



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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:





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, sinale, reliaious 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

VOCATION NEWS

Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend

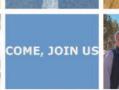
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February 3-5

2023

Don't spend your life wondering if you are called to the Priesthood or Religious Life. Come Join us at Cordi-Marian Retreat Center

Registration Required

Ages 18-40

For more information contact: **Archdiocesan Vocation Office** vocations@archsa.org • 210-735-0553



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MINISTRIES

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PRAY FOR THE SICK REMEMBER **CJ** Abovtes CS

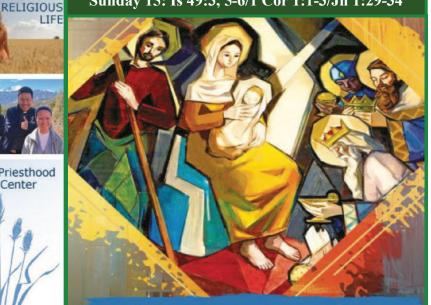
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List is reserved for *names of parishioners and immediate family only.* You may submit up to FOUR names at a time. Names usually run for four weeks.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 8: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Monday 9: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mt 3:13-17 Tuesday 10: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday 11: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday 12: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45 Friday 13: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday 14: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17 Sunday 15: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



DÍA DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

"¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo". - Mt 2, 2





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