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First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

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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.

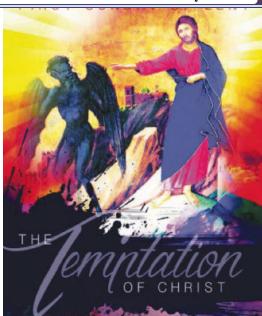
Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist.

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 4:1-11

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: "He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held fast to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have



firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. "Man does not live by bread alone," he says, "But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— 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)

Weekdays: 7:30 AM; 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.

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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 samesa.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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS A BEAUTIFUL LENTEN DEVOTION Fridays during Lent 5:30 PM IN SPANISH 7 PM IN ENGLISH FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 7:30 PM

Lolita Jacobs† by Stephen & Helena Thomas

Feb. 18/19 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	2,979
Regular Collection	\$ 27,557.83
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 4,014.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 710.00
Candles	\$ 562.02
Gabriel Project	\$ 390.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 288.99
Capital Campaign	\$ 200.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 100.00
Black/Native American Missions	\$ 46.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 30.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, Mar. 4
Mass: 8 AM followed by
exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, rosary
& consecration prayers



*BB = Birthday Blessings

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 25		Thursday, Mar. 2			
	5 PM	Mercy & Healing for Ramon Cruz	8 AM	Constanza Hernandez†	
		by Concha Cruz		by son Guadalupe Ortega	
	C J E-b	20	6:30 PM	Bilingual Holy Hour	
	Sunday, Feb.		7:30 PM	For Vocations to Religious Life	
	8 AM	BB* for Emmett Philip Peterson		<u> </u>	
		by Bea Peterson	Friday, Mar. 3 *** NO MORNING MASS ***		
		Norma Jean Mortenson† by Family	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross—Spanish	
	10 AM	For the Parish	7 PM	Stations of the Cross—English	
	12 PM	Ofcr. Justin Garcia† by Suttles Family	7:30 PM	Souls in Purgatory† by Mary Macias	
	3 PM	Rosalva & Mario Guillen† by Varela Family	Saturday, Mar. 4		
	6 PM	Constanza Hernandez†			
		by son Guadalupe Ortega	8 AM	Mike Swierc† by Gene, Blanche & Clay	
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Monday, Feb. 27		5 PM	Charlie Sievers, Jr.† by Cheryl Sievers		
	8 AM	Gloria Camara† by Debbie, Henri & Family	Sunday, Mar.	.5	
	6:30 PM	Holy Hour	8 AM	For the Parish	
	7:30 PM	For an End to Abortion	10 AM	Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,	
Tuesday, Feb. 28		10 71111	Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro		
	8 AM	BB* for Jean & Emma Olech	12 PM	Maria De Jesus Munoz† by Family	
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		by Olech Family	3 PM	Maria Inez Morales† by Family	
Wednesday, Mar. 1		6 PM	Constanza Hernandez†		
	8 AM	Inocensia Serrano† by Daughters		by son Guadalupe Ortega	
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RESPECT LIFE





You can protect mothers and children by

joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- · Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood: 2140 Babcock Rd. SA

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily—no

Sundays

Local contact: Cathy Nix, San Antonio Coalition for Life, 210.668.1993, cathy@sacfl.org or Cindi Serna cindi@sacfl.org

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

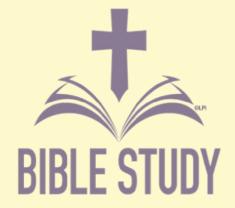
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PARISH NEWS

All-Day Bible Study Retreat: The Bible & the Sacraments

Saturday, Mar. 18, 8 AM – 4:30 PM (doors open 7:30 AM) Msgr. Hubertus Hall

- Investigates the deeper mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture.
- Bring a brown bag lunch or purchase a low-cost one from the Knights of Columbus.
- Confessions: 4:30 PM in the church
- Mass: 5 PM



For more info or to register, contact Charolette CJ Aboytes at <u>CJAboytes@gmail.com</u> or text 210 843-1198 with your name, email and phone number.

AFTER registering with Charolette CJ Aboytes, you will receive a special discount code for 15% off to order your study set, including video access, from the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology at www.StPaulCenter.com or call (740) 283-2880.

Also open to non-parishioners. Don't be deterred by the cost! You may attend free. Simply bring a notebook to take your own notes. Outlines provided.

These all-day Bible study retreats will be offered quarterly and are perfect for the busy person who wants to learn more about their Catholic faith.

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PARISH NEWS

40 CANS FOR LENT

Lent provides opportunity to show gratitude for God's gifts and to share those gifts with others.

Our parish's Knights of Columbus invite you to help needy families by making "40 Cans for Lent" part of your Lenten journey.

Simply donate a can of food or non-perishable food item for each of the 40 days of Lent. Drop off donations in the large bin in the narthex.

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." - Col 3:17





BAPTISM CLASS

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

NOTE: There will be NO April Baptism class.
You are encouraged to attend the March 7 one instead.



WARNING: 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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Orders may be picked up at St. Anthony Mary Claret after all Masses on Apr. 1 & 2.





This Week in Our Parish Quinceañeras: Haven Page

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PARISH NEWS



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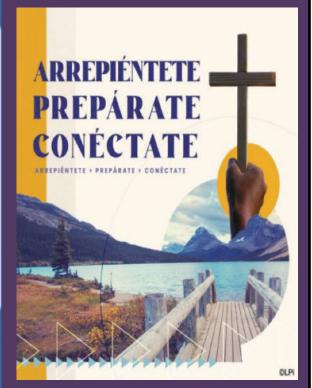


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What is the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries?





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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:





John Michael Bonnin

Prashanth Joseph Kumar

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands.
So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son,
Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted,
to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those
who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love.
We, the baptized, realize our call to serve.
Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests,
sisters, brothers and lay ministers.
With our hearts you continue to love your people.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Congratulations to
Ottmar Tovar, a
seminarian for the
Archdiocese of San
Antonio and
one of our own
parishioners.

Earlier this month he, along with a few other seminarians, participated in a Mass during which the Rite of Candidacy occurred.

What is the rite of candidacy?
The rite is an opportunity for a Seminarian to express publicly his intention to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders as a deacon and later as a priest. The Rite of Admission to Candidacy includes three components:

the call to candidacy, the candidate's scrutiny, and the candidate's blessing.

Keep Ottmar in your prayers as he progresses on his journey to the priesthood.



Carl Buck Clarissa Camarillo James Tellez Nellie Coronado Jack White Stoltz Family Annette D. Navarro CJ Aboytes 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 SJŠ 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 26: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11 Monday 27: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday 28: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday 1: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 Thursday 2: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 Friday 3: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 Saturday 4: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 Sunday 5: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



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