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March 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: JN 11:1-45

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

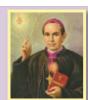
The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets

right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive. -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.



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25



Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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



Mar. 18/19 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,292
Regular Collection	\$ 30,507.90
SAMC Pantry	\$ 6,119.17
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 5,623.99
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,849.25
Gabriel Project	\$ 390.00
Candles	\$ 385.80
Capital Campaign	\$ 200.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 65.00
Church in the Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 5.00

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

Saturday, Apr. 1 Mass: 8 AM followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayers

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LENTEN RECONCILIATION Sunday, Apr. 2 7:15 PM Prepare your soul for HIMI

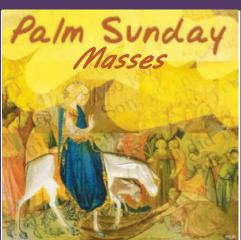


MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Mar	. 25	
5 PM	Carolina Mireles† by Rose Valdez, sister	
Sunday, Mar. 26		
8 AM	Barbara Collins [†] by Jo Ann Bolton	
10 AM	For the Parish	
12 PM	Alonzo Gonzalez† by Gonzalez &	
	Carpenter Families	
3 PM	Constanza Hernandez† by son Guadalupe	
	Ortega	
6 PM	Santos Serna, Jr.† by Family	
	BB* for Sylvia Astorga by Family	
Monday, Mar. 27		
8 AM	BB* for Candace Macias by Mary Macias	
	BB* for Stephen Thomas/Anniv. Blessings	
	for Helena & Stephen by Thomas Family	
6:30 PM	Holy Hour	
7:30 PM	For and End to Abortion	
Tuesday, Mar. 28		
8 AM	Lucy Martinez† by Zagrocki Family	
Wednesday, Mar. 29		
8 AM	Blessings for Fr. Francis by Alice Lopez	

Thursday, Mai 8 AM	r. 30 Constanza Hernandez† by son Guadalupe Ortega		
Friday, Mar. 31 *** NO MORNING MASS ***			
5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross—Spanish		
7 PM	Stations of the Cross—English		
7:30 PM	BB* for Angelica Trevino by Family		
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Saturday, Apr.	ırday, Apr. 1		
8 AM	Baby Rowan Fernandez ⁺ by Family		
5 PM	Hillario Alaniz Ortiz† by Patricia, Asusena		
	& Ortiz Family		
Sunday, Apr. 2			
8 AM	For the Parish		
10 AM	Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J.		
	Ponce [†] ; Healing for Anthony Ponce		
	by Alma Ponce		
12 PM	Jesus Menchaca ⁺ by Suttles Family		
3 PM	Constanza Hernandez [†] by son Guadalupe		
··-	Ortega		
6 PM	Stephen Sanders† by Family		
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7:15 PM Lenten Reconciliation



Saturday, April 1: 5 PM **Sunday, April 2**: 8, & 10 AM; 12, 3 (Sp.), & 6 PM

Gather in front of Msgr. Hubertus Hall 10 minutes before Mass time. (This DOES NOT apply to the Sunday, 6 PM Mass.)

PARISH NEWS



Holy Thursday, April 6 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8 PM - 12 AM in Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Good Friday, April 7 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8 AM – 3 PM in Msgr. Hubertus Hall Good Friday Liturgies: 3 PM & 7 PM (bilingual) Divine Mercy Novena begins

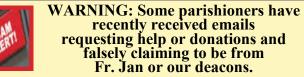
> Holy Saturday, April 8 Easter Vigil Mass: 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 9 Holy Masses at 6:30, 8, & 10 AM; 12, 3 (Spanish), & 6 PM

St. Anthony Mary Claret Via Crucis/Living Way of the Cross Viernes Santo, 7 de abril/Good Friday, April 7, 12 PM Terrenos de la parroquia/Parish grounds

- Está conformada por familias de nuestra parroquia. *Made up of parish families*.
- Nuestra misión es evangelizar por medio del viacrucis viviente para que las personas se identifiquen y experimenten la pasión de Cristo el viernes Santo. *Our mission is to evangelize through the living way of the cross, so that people can identify with and experience the passion of Christ on Good Friday.*
- Para mas más información, póngase en contacto con/for more information, contact: director Samuel Zamora @210-388-4441 or secretary Frances Johnson @ 956-337-4184.





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Fifth Sunday of Lent

RESPECT LIFE

He Made His Dwelling Among Us: The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life



The Annunciation (March 25) celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.

Luke's Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy

Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother's loving heart. Through Christ's Incarnation, God chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together.

The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man."[1] God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God… but also the incomparable value of every human person."[2]

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life."[3] The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory."[4] Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God."[5] By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."[6] Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who *made his dwelling among us*.

- [2] Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 2. [3] Ibid.
- [4] Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 34.
- [5] Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 35.
- [6] Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 2.

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^{1]} Pope Paul VI, *Gaudium et spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1965), 22.

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:





Deacon David Chacko

Luis De La Cruz

Lord Jesus, Eternal High Priest, grant these seminarians the wisdom and grace they need in their formation. Help them to grow in holiness and integrity for service to your people as their future priests. Guide them in their studies, deepen their life of prayer, and sustain them in the difficult moments they face. Through the intercession of our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Anthony of Padua, we entrust these men to You, who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. - Vocation Office Archdiocese of San Antonio

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Sisters of Sts. Cyril & Methodius

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Regina Caeli Academy is hiring for the 2023-24 academic year. Send resume to rcahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



I just finished a book about atheism. It was written by a non-prophet organization.



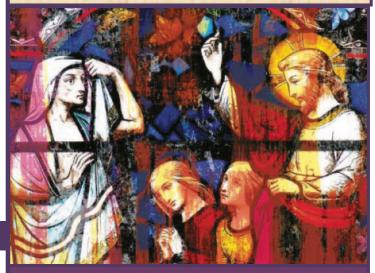
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PRAY FOR THE SICK

MEMB

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: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 Monday 27: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11 Tuesday 28: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30 Wednesday 29: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 Thursday 30: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 Friday 31: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 Saturday 1: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 Sunday 2: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14-27:66



5° DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Jesús le dijo: "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque haya muerto, vivirá". - Jn 11, 25



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