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**April 16, 2023** 

**Second Sunday of Easter—Sunday of Divine Mercy** 

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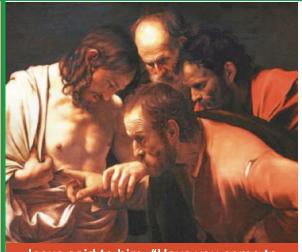
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#### Parish Mission Statement

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.



Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." — Jn 20:29

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION: JN 20:19-31

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St.

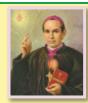
Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe." Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— 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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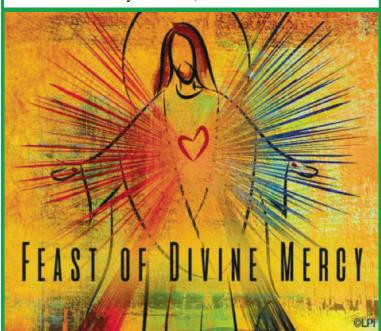
### IN OUR PARISH



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



#### Apr. 1/2 attendance & collection totals **Attendance** 4,182 **Regular Collection** 37,911.38 **RE Bldg. Debt Reduction** 8,983.99 **SAMC Pantry** 1,297.00 Rice Bowl 640.00 \$\$\$\$ Candles 509.52 **Gabriel Project** 445.00 Church in the Holy Land 315.00 **Catholic Relief Services** 255.00 **Catholic Home Missions** 95.00 **Catholic Charities** 5.00

Apr. 6/7 attendance total 1,745

### Apr. 8/9 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	5,090
Regular Collection	\$ 31,328.13
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 4,802.99
Rice Bowl	\$ 3,549.35
Church in the Holy Land	\$ 2,502.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 645.99
Easter	\$ 465.00
Candles	\$ 389.85
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00

His mercy endures forever.

## **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

Saturd	lav. A	nr. 15
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5 PM Healing for Raquel Dinsay; Eva Dinsay

Moon†; Irene Saldivar† by Family

Sunday, Apr. 16

8 AM BB\* for Erica Macias by Mary Macias

Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity

by a Mom

10 AM Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,

Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro

12 PM Matthew Ladorte† by Donna Feerst

3 PM Constanza Hernandez† by son Guadalupe

Ortega

6 PM For the Parish

Monday, Apr. 17

**8 AM Don Baker**† by Legion of Mary

6:30 PM Holy Hour

7:30 PM Dolores Cain† by Patricia Smalley

Tuesday, Apr. 18

**8 AM** Teresa Ortiz† by Bea Alvarez

BB\* for Joseph Langas by Langas Family

Wednesday, Apr. 19

8 AM Mercy& Healing for Ramon Cruz

by Concha Cruz

Thursday, Apr. 20

**8 AM Jovita Cardenas**† by Sandra Hernandez

Manuel Lemus† by Mary Macias

Constanza Hernandez† by son Guadalupe

Ortega

Friday, Apr. 21

8 AM BB\* for Maria Elizabeth Trevino by Family

Saturday, Apr. 22

**5 PM Tony Salinas**† by Salinas Family

Sunday, Apr. 23

8 AM Crisotomo De Guzman† by Daughter &

Taliman Family

10 AM Daniel R.† & Manuela M. Gonzales†;

Tomasa N. Cabezuela†; Sr. Victoria Hernandez†; Souls in Purgatory†

by F. Gonzales

12 PM For the Parish

**3 PM Cristo Forero**† by Family

**6 PM** Constanza Hernandez† by son Guadalupe

Ortega

**BB\*** for Christopher Renfro

by Renfro Family

\*BB = Birthday Blessings

#### **RESPECT LIFE**







# Building a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World—Part 2 of 3

Statement by Archbishop William E. Lori, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

### Speaking and Living the Truth with Compassion

What does this mean concretely? How do we practice radical solidarity and unconditional love in a post-Roe world? First, by speaking the truth that abortion not only unjustly kills a preborn child, but also gravely wounds women, men, families, and the nation as a whole. It degrades the practice of medicine and corrupts the law. We must speak these truths with compassion, and we must live these truths with compassion. We must extend the hand of compassion to all who suffer or are in need in the aftermath of abortion, including those who do not yet see the truth in its fullness. Moreover, the call to love compels us to practice civility and charity when we speak to and about those with whom we disagree.

Words alone are not nearly enough to bring about the revolution of love necessary to create a world where all mothers, children, and families are welcomed and protected. For this we must have the courage to love—to act and bear witness by caring for the least among us, without condition or expectation of recompense. It is only through such radical witness that hearts will be softened such that they can receive the truth of the Gospel of Life.

Concretely, as Saint Pope John Paul II wrote in his letter to the Fourth World Conference on Women of the United Nations, "a radical solidarity with women requires that the underlying causes which make a child unwanted be addressed." Twenty-five years later, Pope Francis echoed the same sentiment in his 2020 address to the United Nations. Abortion is a brutal result of our failure to care for one another. Building a world in which women are esteemed, children are loved and protected, and men are called to their responsibilities as fathers, requires us to understand and address the complex and tragic tangle of affliction and strife that culminates in the violence of abortion. This is a massive and daunting undertaking.

Fortunately, Catholics already have a strong foundation in the Church's centuries-long encouragement of parental and societal duties. Millions of individual Catholics from all walks of life are already personally endeavoring to build the bonds of solidarity and compassion throughout our society. Many are engaged in parish and community initiatives such as pregnancy resource centers, post-abortion counseling, and more recently Walking with Moms in Need.

The Catholic Church is the largest charitable provider of social services to women, children, and families in the United States. Only the federal government through tax dollars does more. Catholics have already done much at both the institutional and personal level to help address the problems of poverty, healthcare, education, housing, employment, addiction, criminal justice, domestic violence, and the like that push women towards abortion. Our Church understands that parents, children, and families need help not just during pregnancy, but throughout the whole of life's journey because millions of Catholics already accompany their neighbors in such circumstances. Additionally, such help involves accompanying parents as they make the courageous choice to make an adoption plan for their child that will provide a place of genuine belonging, grafting them as a son or daughter onto a new family tree. And the Church also extends healing and mercy to those women and men who suffer because of a past abortion. But we must now do even more.

...to be continued...

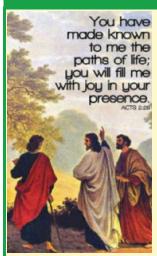
To read part 1, visit our parish website at www.samcsa.com and select the April 9, 2023 bulletin.

At the time of original publication in September 2022, Archbishop Lori was Archbishop of Baltimore and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

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## **PARISH NEWS**



Men of God, you are invited to an encounter with your merciful Lord.

# paths of life; ou will fill me 2023 English Men's **ACTS Retreat**

Apr. 20, 6 PM -Apr. 23, 12 PM Mass

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For info or to register,

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**AGAIN!** 

Our parish is seeking a parttime youth ministry coordinator View the job description at the parish website: https:// samcsa.com. Apply at <a href="https://">https://</a> archsa.org/employment.



**Annual Smoked BBQ Plate Fundraiser** Sunday, Apr. 30, 9 AM — 2 PM \$10 cash, check, or credit card Purchase pre-sale tickets after all Masses Apr. 15/16, 22/23 & day of event. Plate includes delicious smoked quarter chicken, sausage, beans, potato salad & bread.



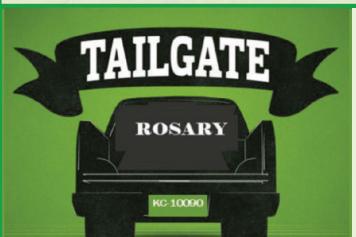
Proceeds benefit the Knights' charitable missions.

# Free College \$\$\$ for High School Seniors!

Our parish's Knights of Columbus Council #10090, Men's Club and the Ladies of St. Anthony Claret will award a few \$500 scholarships to qualified parish high school seniors intent on pursuing higher education. Applications may be downloaded and printed from the parish Facebook page, website (samcsa.com) or picked up in the church narthex. Completed application packet must be MAILED IN to the parish office and

postmarked by Friday, April 28, 2023.







Presented by SAC Knights of Columbus Council 10090

Tuesday, Apr. 18 7 PM followed by fellowship hour

Parking lot by the pavilion Bring your family, rosaries & lawn chairs.



### **PARISH NEWS**

Silver Seniors Luncheon Wed., Apr. 19

Msgr. Hubertus Hall Doors open at 11:30 AM.



For ages 55 & up For more info or to RSVP, contact Maria Richardson at 210-722-4627.



engaged couples

Friday, Apr. 21, 7 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall

We will discuss the following: Marriage: Love, Life, in the Divine Plan, Pastoral Letter from the USCCB; Theme 5: Foundation of Family and Society.



Bring your favorite food or appetizer to share.

For free childcare, RSVP to Rene & Liz Quintanilla at liz.straq@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday, Apr. 19.

Ladies of St. Anthony Claret





Saturday, Apr. 29; doors open at 6 PM Msgr. Hubertus Hall Tickets: \$12 for bunco & dinner Silent auction available. Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend and next.

For info, contact Lizeth Ontiveros: 915-373-4597. \*No tickets sold at the door.

# Weddings This Week in Our Parish

Rudy John Andrew Martinez & Alexa Gabrielle Baca



John-Ray Perez Velasquez & Chriselda Garcia

Cesar Armando Chavarria Flores & Harmoni Alegra Gonzales



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!**

# **New Altar Server Training** Saturday, Apr. 22 9 AM in the church

Trainees MUST have received the following sacraments: **Baptism, First Reconciliation** and First Holy Communion in order to attend.



# Lector Training/ Formación Lector

for anyone interested in becoming a lector/para cualquier persona interesada en convertirse en un lector



For info, contact/para información póngase en contacto con Scott Kollmansberger: 210-273-2297.

# 5th & 8th graders wanted for a Youth Group Social on May 7!

Experience Christ through fun and games with our youth group in Msgr. Hubertus Hall!



**Current 5th graders** entering 6th grade next school year may attend Edge at 4-5:45 PM.

Current 8th graders entering 9th grade next school year may attend Life Teen at 7-8:45 PM.



For info, contact Kimberle Keneally, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at Youthgroup@saclaret.com or 210-688-9033. x 209.



NO BAPTISM CLASS THIS MONTH.

Next class: Tuesday, May 2

# THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

"There should be a calorie refund for things that don't taste as good as you expected."



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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:





Jose Edgar Hernandez

Man Nguyen

O God, our Father, You have called us in Baptism to follow your Son Jesus through lives of loving service to You and to one another. Grant us Your assistance, guided by the Holy Spirit, to live out our vocation in life. We pray especially for those who have answered Your call as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers. Keep them faithful in following Your Son and dedicated in serving their brothers and sisters. Grant that many more men and women will be open to the challenge of dedicating their lives in the ministry of building Your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

— Vocation Office Archdiocese of San Antonio

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Missionaries of the Nativity of Mary





Rodolfo Salinas Rosemary Galvan Carl Buck San Juana de Lerma Annette D. Navarro CJ Abovtes CS Roz Voss Josephine Thornton Marge Lucido Dennis Bergkamp Bill Phinizy Catherine Smith Tony & Rachel Delgado Maurice Flores Tracev Kollmansberger **Tony 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 Souhrada 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 16: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31 Monday 17: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 Tuesday 18: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday 19: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 Thursday 20: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 Friday 21: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 Saturday 22: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 Sunday 23: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



"Only we can come to their aid... I asked the souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God."

- Saint Faustina Kowalska, on the Souls in Purgatory

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