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December 3, 2023

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 13:33-37

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This diffi-



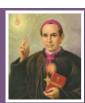
cult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— 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



Valerio Agcopra by Ron & Pat Agcopra

Sp. Int.: James & Henry Pawelek; Alois

8 AM

8 AM

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Nov. 18/19 attendance & collection totals **Attendance** 2.966 **Regular Collection** 29,100.68 RE Bldg. Debt Reduction 4.489.99 SAMC Pantry 7,342.88 **Candles** 461.33 **Gabriel Project** 290.00 Capital Campaign 200.00 **Rosary Makers** 110.00

Nov. 25/26 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,065
Regular Collection	\$ 25,264.10
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 5,301.99
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,990.99
Candles	\$ 418.95
Gabriel Project	\$ 50.00

Upcoming second collections are as follows:

Dec. 9/10 – Retired Men and Women Religious

Dec. 25 – Assumption Seminary

Envelopes marked for these

Collections may be turned in then or at any time.



Healing Mass

Monday, Dec. 4 7:30 PM (after Holy Hour)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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	Saturday, Dec. 8 AM 5 PM	2 *** FIRST SATURDAY *** St. Anthony Mary Claret Ministry Leaders & Staff by Parish Staff BB* for Pearl Rodriguez by Rodriguez Family	Thursday, Dec. 7 PM	& Florence Olenick by Olenick Family 7 *** NO MORNING MASS *** Lupe Lerma† & Mary Keeton† by Rick & Sandy Salinas & Family		
	Sunday, Dec. 3 8 AM	Vincent Carvalho† by Jeremias & Clarissa Fernandes	Friday, Dec. 8 5 8 AM 7 PM	*** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED *** BB* for Julia Conrad by Sandra Hernandez Sp. Int.: Jean Schmidt & Family by Family		
	10 AM	Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J. Ponce†; Healing for Anthony Ponce by Alma Ponce	Saturday, Dec. 5 PM	Herman & Cora Lee Groff† by Family John Michael De Leon†, Esmeralda		
	12 PM 3 PM 6 PM Monday, Dec. 4	Alicia Garces† by Family For the Parish Blas L. Alvarado† by Cameron Family	Sunday, Dec. 10 8 AM	Zuniga† & Rudy Uribe† by Family BB* for Alexis Macias by Mary Macias James†& Sp. Int. for Adelina Fritz		
	8 AM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	BB* for Monica Gibbs by Linda Smith Holy Hour BB* for Maria Barbara Feliciano by Family	10 AM 12 PM	by Adelina Fritz BB* for Edith Rose Lynne Garcia by Valerie Garcia BB* for Nate Olech by Olech Family		
Tuesday, Dec. 5		12 FWI 3 PM	For the Parish			

3 PM

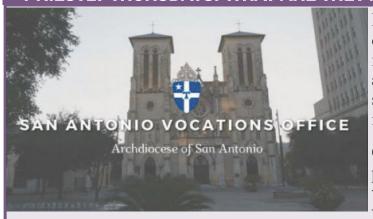
6 PM

For the Parish

Margaret Martinez by Family

*BB = Birthday Blessings

PRIESTLY THURSDAYS: WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Each week the Archdiocese of San Antonio observes Priestly Thursday. This is a day intended to raise awareness, throughout our archdiocese, of our need to pray for the sanctification of our priests and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Our Archdiocese is blessed to have dedicated priests who tirelessly work for the spiritual well-being of our communities. However, as you all know, the number of men discerning the

priesthood has declined in recent years, and we MUST actively promote and encourage this essential vocation to ensure a vibrant future for our Church. Let us be the people that supports and nurture those whom God has chosen to shepherd His flock.

Will you and our family commit to praying for these intentions every Priestly Thursday?

- For the priests in our communities, the men who lead us in our faith, we pray to the Lord.
- For our seminarians, who are undergoing formation and discernment for the San Antonio Presbyterate, we pray to the Lord.
- For families, that they may foster each of their children's vocations, we pray to the Lord.
- For an increase of men answering the call to the Vocation to the Priesthood, we pray to the Lord.

St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests, pray for us.
St. Charles Borromeo, patron saint of seminarians, pray for us.
St. Anthony of Padua, patron of our archdiocese, pray for us.
Mother Mary, comfort of our priests and seminarians, pray for us.
Lord Jesus, Fisher of Men, guide more men to your sacrament of Holy Orders. Amen.

Follow the San Antonio Vocations Office Facebook and Instagram accounts to keep up with the latest on its activities and the latest on our archdiocese's seminarians.



THE SUNDAY FUNNIES





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PARISH NEWS



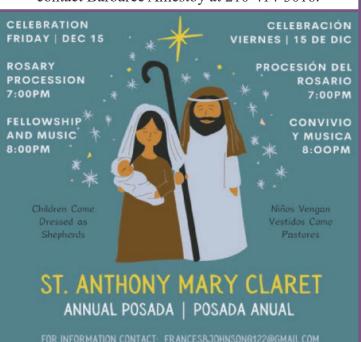
St. Anthony Claret Two Hearts Charismatic **Prayer Group**

Every First Wednesday Next meeting: Dec. 6, 7 PM In the pavilion Stir the gifts of the Holy Spirit that live

within you.

We also invite you to these posada events:

- Friday, Dec. 15, 7 PM, parish-wide event on the parish grounds (see graphic below for details)
- Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6:30-8 PM at Tex & Barbaree's home followed by 3 more neighbors
- Friday, Dec. 22, 7-9 PM at Cordi Marian residence For details or if you need prayers, contact Barbaree Amestoy at 210-414-3016.





St. Anthony Mary Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 16 9 AM - 12 PM \$8/person for pancakes, sausage & drink

Activities for kids 12 & under. Santa arrives at 9:30 AM.

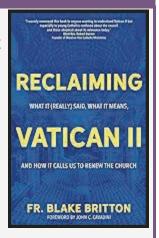
Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Limited number of tickets on sale after Masses this weekend and next outside church exits.

Cash, checks & credit cards accepted.

Do you wonder what Vatican Council II taught -or didn't teach?

Join our upcoming study using Fr. Blake Britton's book Reclaiming Vatican II and the accompanying study guide. Both books may be ordered from Ave Maria Press or Amazon. Order no later than the last week of December to allow time to receive books and prepare for first class.



Four main Council documents will be studied: Sacrosanctum Concilium, Lumen Gentium, Dei Verbum, and Gaudium et Spes. All available free on the Vatican's website: www.vatican.va.

Classes meet via Zoom for 11 Sundays, 6-7 PM, Jan. 7- Mar. 24. Email Marie DeGennaro at mariedeg@hotmail.com when you have ordered your books or if you have any questions.



2024 Women's **English ACTS** Retreat

Jan 11, 6 PM -Ian 14. 12 PM Mass Cordi Marian Retreat Center Cost: \$225 For info or to register, scan this QR code or contact Cynthia Luna at 210-415-1399. Marie Garcia at 210-389-8996 or Catherine Esquivel

at 210-317-8418.

New Altar Server Training Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 AM in the church

This training is **MANDATORY for new servers***; optional for current servers.

*Trainees MUST have received these sacraments: Baptism. First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.



PARISH NEWS



Combined Training for

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training (EMHC) & Pastoral Care Ministers*



Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7 PM in the church

This training is <u>mandatory</u> for new EMHC and Pastoral Care ministers; optional for current ones.



*We compassionately minister to homebound or hospitalized parishioners through visits or by taking them the Eucharist.

Silver Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Wed., Dec. 13 Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Doors open at 11:30 AM





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contact
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BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, Dec 5, 7:30 PM RE Bldg., 1st floor

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St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus #10090 & The Gabriel Project Diaper Drive

During December you may donate new diapers to aid families in need.

Drop them in the large plastic bin in the narthex.

St. Gerard Majella, patron and protector of expectant mothers, pray for us.



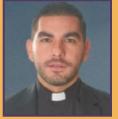


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FAITH & PRAYER

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.





Arturo Naranjo

Hong Nguyen

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and women. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - December

For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.

Intención del Santo Padre Francisco – Diciembre Por las personas con discapacidad: Oremos para que las personas con discapacidad estén en el centro de atención de la sociedad, y que las instituciones promuevan programas de inclusión que potencien su participación activa. Dios,

Padre nuestro, yo te ofrezco toda mi jornada, mis oraciones, pensamientos, afectos y deseos, palabras, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos en unión con el Corazón de tu Hijo Jesucristo que sigue ofreciéndose a Ti en la

Eucaristía para la salvación del mundo. Que el Espíritu Santo, que guió a Jesús, sea mi guía y mi fuerza en este día para que pueda ser testigo de tu amor. Con María, la madre del Señor y de la Iglesia, pido especialmente por las intenciones del Papa y de nuestros obispos para este mes. Amen.



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF **OUR PARISH FAMILY**



Mary Lou & Baby Lopez Anita Ramirez Joe B. Cruz Mary Lee Sloan Jerry Rivas Claire Shields Delfino (Sonny) Ramirez Mary Lee Sloan Diana Martinez Gilbert Niedenthal Rodolfo Salinas San Juana de Lerma Annette D. Navarro Roz Voss Marge Lucido 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 Rosa Huerta Barbara Vanegas A.C. Garza Gilbert Niedenthal Javier & Mary Bautista SJŚ Olga Faz Jim Souhrada Bill Jennings Dee Hancock Tom Calderon Jr.

NOTE: All names that have been running for longer than 4 weeks will run through the end of December 2023 and then be removed. If there is a need tor them to run longer, contact the parish office.

Please remember this list is reserved for names of parishioners and immediate family only. You may submit up to TWO names at a time and they will usually run for four

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 3: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

> Monday 4: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday 5: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday 6: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday 7: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 Friday 8: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/

Lk 1:26-38 Saturday 9: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 Sunday 10: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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"SE ACERCAN LOS DÍAS, DICE EL SEÑOR, EN QUE CUMPLIRÉ LA PROMESA QUE HICE A LA CASA DE ISRAEL Y A LA CASA DE JUDÁ."

JEREMÍAS 33,14

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.

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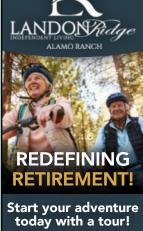
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