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Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

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"One mightier than I is coming after me." — Mk 1:7a

GOSPEL MEDITATION: MK 1:1-8

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens.

We are not totally free. It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying

your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— 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.

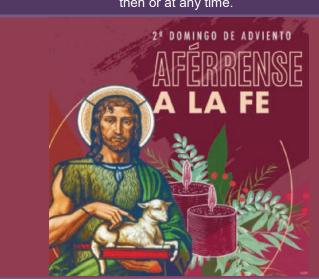
Please complete an online registration form at samcsa.com or a printed one which you can find near the church entrance in the narthex. Return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at your convenience. I hope you feel welcome here!

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Tuesday Dec 12	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
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5:30AM	5:30AM
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7:00PM	7:00PM
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Dec. 2/3 attendance & collection totals Attendance **Regular Collection** \$ 31,978.24 **RE Bldg. Debt Reduction** 9,217.99 **SAMC Pantry** 959.99 **Retired Religious** 690.00 **Candles** 493.25 **Gabriel Project** 415.00 **Capital Campaign** 200.00 **Christmas** 115.00 **Solemnity of Mary** 60.00

Second collection this weekend: Dec. 9/10 - Retired Men and Women Religious Next one: **Dec. 25 – Assumption Seminary** Envelopes marked for these collections may be turned in then or at any time.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Saturday, Dec. 9		
5 PM	Herman & Cora Lee Groff† by Family	
	John Michael De Leon†, Esmeralda	
	Zuniga† & Rudy Uribe† by Family	
Sunday, Dec. 10		
8 AM	BB* for Alexis Macias by Mary Macias	
	James†& Adelina Fritz - Sp. Int.	
	by Adelina Fritz	
10 AM	BB* for Edith Rose Lynne Garcia	
	by Valerie Garcia	
12 PM	BB* for Nate Olech by Olech Family	
3 PM	For the Parish	
6 PM	Margaret Martinez by Family	
Monday, Dec. 11		
8 AM	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Curren	
	& Future Descendants of Daniel R.† &	
	Manuela M. Gonzales† by Y. Gonzales	
6:30 PM	Holy Hour	
7:30 PM	BB* for Daniel Ramirez by Ramirez Fami	

Tuesday, Dec. 12

8 AM

7 PM

BB* for Daniel Ramirez by Ramirez Family

Edward Majchowicz† by Mendoza Family

Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family

Nizza DeGuzman by Lagura Family

8 AM	Raymond Bendele† BB* for Dennis Friedrichs by Bea Peterson BB* for Frank Quintana by Wife	
Thursday, Dec		
8 AM	BB* for Alana Smith by Jeanette Erickson	
Friday, Dec. 15	5	
8 AM	Dolores Cain† by Patricia Smalley	
	BB* for Tim Langas by Langas Family	
Saturday, Dec. 16		
5 PM	Arnulfo & Reyes Farias† by Adelina Fritz	
Sunday, Dec. 17		
8 AM	Marichuy Munoz† by Renfro Family	
10 AM	Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†,	
	Sebastiano†, & Giovanni† by Sal Spataro	
12 PM	Members of Zaiontz, Moravits & Lyssy	
	Families; Souls in Purgatory† by Family	
3 PM	For the Parish	
6 PM	BB* for Marie Garcia by Luna Family	

*BB = Birthday Blessings

RESPECT LIFE

Intercessions for Life

For women who are unexpectedly pregnant: may they be filled with trust in God's providence and lovingly welcome the gift of their child. We pray to the Lord.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por las mujeres que quedan embarazadas sin esperarlo: para que sientan plena confianza en la providencia de Dios y acojan amorosamente el don de su hijo. Roguemos al Señor.

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life.

Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son.

Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

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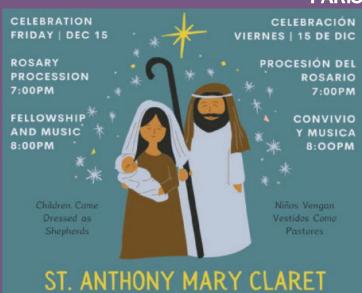


Image: Virgin of Guadalupe (Spanish Virgen de Guadalupe), oil on canvas by Antonio de Torres, c. 1720; in the collection of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, California.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS MASSES SUNDAY, DEC. 24: 5 PM. 7 PM. 12 MIDNIGHT MONDAY, DEC. 25: 10.AM, 12 PM, 3 PM (SPANISH) IMPORTANT: ALL DAYTIME MASSES ON DEC. 24—8 AM, 10 AM. 12 PM. & 2 PM (SPANISH)—SATISFY THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION. NOT THE CHRISTMAS ONE, WHICH IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Therefore, the faithful will need to attend a fourth Sunday of Advent Mass on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 23 or during the day on Sunday, Dec. 24 at the times listed above in yellow. They will ALSO need to attend a Christmas Mass either on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 25 at the times listed above in white.

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PARISH NEWS



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2024 Women's **English ACTS** Retreat

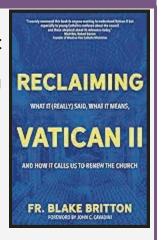
Jan 11, 6 PM -Jan 14, 12 PM Mass Cordi Marian Retreat Center Cost: \$225



For info or to register, scan this QR code above or contact Cynthia Luna at 210-415-1399. Marie Garcia at 210-389-8996 or Catherine Esquivel at 210-317-8418.

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.

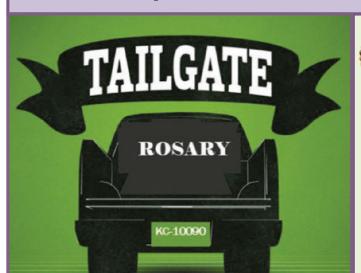
This Week in Our Parish Weddings:

James Linn Summers & Monica Lizette Ochoa

Cli Martin Calderon & Ginneth Patricia Jelambi







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Tuesday, Dec. 19 7 PM followed by fellowship hour

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



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 mandatory 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.



Wed., Dec. 13 Msgr. Hubertus Hall Doors open at 11:30 AM





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



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 outside church exits.

Cash, checks & credit cards accepted.



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.







Important Religious Education Dates

First Communion Parent Class: Sunday, Dec. 10, 1:30-2:30 PM, Msar. Hubertus Hall

Confirmation Parent Class: Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6:45-7:45 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall

RE classes will be held Sunday, Dec. 17 and Wednesday, Dec. 20.

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- Online giving: samcsa.com/home/welcome/donate/
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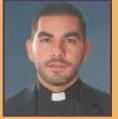
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FAITH & PRAYER

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.







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)

COMMUNITY NEWS



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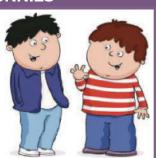
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THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

"It amazes me how much 'exercise' and 'extra fries' sound alike!"



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



Mary Lou & Baby Lopez Anita Ramirez Joe B. Cruz 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 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 . Rosa Huerta Barbara Vanegas A.C. Garza Gilbert Niedenthal Javier & Mary Bautista SJS Olga Faz Jim Šouhrada 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 which will usually run for four weeks.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 10: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 Monday 11: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 Tuesday 12: Sir 24:1-2, 3-4,8-12, 18-21/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday 13: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 Thursday 14: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 Friday 15: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 Saturday 16: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Sunday 17: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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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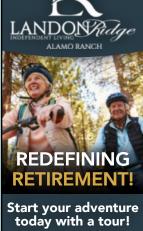
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