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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

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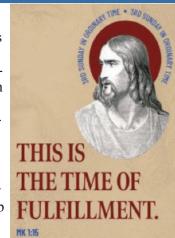
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GOSPEL MEDITATION: MK 1:14-20

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's



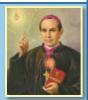
painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— 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 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



Wednesday, Jan. 24

8 AM

On behalf of our pastor, Fr. Jan Klak and all of our staff, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity you, our wonderful parishioners. have demonstrated this past year. From your

weekly donations, to giving freely of your time and talent to keep things like our ministries, religious education and special events going, we could not do it without you. May God greatly bless you and your family with health, happiness and holiness in the coming year.

Corazon Marquez† by Liz Dumanjog

Jan. 13/14 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.

Our next 2nd collection will be on Jan. 27/28 and will benefit the Church in Latin America.

From Mexico's border with Texas, to the last outpost before Antarctica, the USCCB Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) is helping people living in poverty to grow rich in their faith, while building better lives for their families. Through our generous supporters. CLA has provided a variety of grant funding that significantly changed the lives of those fighting poverty, inhumane treatment, natural disasters, and adversity to their religious devotion.

The support CLA offers reflects the unique and diverse cultural landscape in Latin America. This includes building vocational paths for those following a calling to serve God and his Church. providing spiritual guidance to communities in the Catholic faith; rebuilding communities and religious centers devastated by natural disasters, poverty, and political strife; and assisting communities and their members with education and support programs to strengthen faith, family, and the dignity of life. It is because of the generosity of our Catholic supporters in the United States to the annual collection that we are making a difference.

*BB = Birthday Blessings

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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, J	an. 20	Thursday, J	an. 25
5 PM	Daniel† & Manuela Gonzales†; Tomasa Cabezuela†; Sr. Victoria Hernandez†; Souls in Purgatory† by F. Gonzales	8 AM	Marcelino & Louisa Armendariz, Jr.† by Teresa Revilla BB* for Amelia Macias by Mary Macias
	Yolanda Torres Balboa† & Guadalupe Rivera† by Balboa, Rivera & Quiroz Family	Friday, Jan. 8 AM	. 26 BB* for Crisostomo De Guzman
Sunday, Jan. 21			by Daughter & Taliman Family
8 AM 10 AM 12 PM	Elvira Bendele† & Philip Helner† by Bea Peterson Joe Borunda† by Justin Monarez Aurora Dyer† by Family	Saturday, Ja 5 PM	an. 27 Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family Andrew Emil Kozar† by Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar
3 PM 6 PM	For the Parish In Thanksgiving: Legion of Mary	Sunday, Jan. 28	
O F IVI	by Vivian Stoltz	8 AM	40th Anniversary Blessings for
Monday, Ja 8 AM	Justin Murphy† by Mom	10 AM	Joel & Merle Belisario by Family Conversion of Louis Gonzales, Jr. by Family
6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Holy Hour Nancy Gregorio† by Carlos & Kathy Santana	12 PM 3 PM	Eulalio Trevino† by Family Souls in Purgatory† by Family
Tuesday, Jan. 23 8 AM Nancy Otto† by Kathy Holzhaus		6 PM	For the Parish

RESPECT LIFE

Beginning on January 22, 1973 with Roe v. Wade, and during the nearly 50-year period following the Supreme Court decision, nearly 64 million children have been killed—and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath. Even with the overturning of Roe v. Wade in June 2022, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons warranting protection, and federal laws fail to protect the lives of unborn children.

The Truth About **Abortion**en's lives. & **Women's Health**

Abortion does not save women's lives.

Abortion is the direct and intentional killing of a child in the womb.

Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has already died.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a *living* child with the intention of ending his or her life.

Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.¹

Ectopic pregnancies

result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.²

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit www.hopeafterabortion.org for more information.

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1 Buskmiller, C. 2018. "The ethics of interstitial and cesarean scar ectopic pregnancies: four case studies and a review of the literature". The Linacre Quarterly 85(3): 252-269.

2 For further information on these topics, reference: [1] National Catholic Bioethics Center, "Medical Interventions During Pregnancy in Light of Dobbs," https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-ne-ws/bioethics-public-policy-report-august-12-2022-ezgx2. [2] American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Myth vs. Fact Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care," https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-v-Fact-v5-pdf.

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SCHEDULE

Friday, January 26 5:30pm - 9:30pm

Saturday, January 27 9am - 9pm

PARISH NEWS





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THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

I tried to catch fog yesterday.

I mist.

PARISH NEWS



Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 21, 12 PM Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Women 18 years & up invited. For info, contact Darrelyn Kundinger at 661-619-5101.

Celebrate a new year of faith, fellowship and food. Let us be joyful for all God has given to us and our parish.

St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: November 2023

Utility assistance: \$ 5,294.07
Restock food pantry: \$ 3,721.32
Other client assistance: \$ 479.22
Office expenses: \$ 409.32
Food bags distributed: 225
People served: 1,049
of home deliveries 26

Our pantry's Thanksgiving program provided 84 families with a meal and a \$30 HEB gift card. Much gratitude to you, our generous parishioners, for your continued donations and support which keeps the pantry viable and of service to our community.



Hours: Thursdays, 9 AM – 12 PM Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.com. Thank you for supporting our mission.



This Week in Our Parish

Quinceañera:

Clisa Adriana Veliz



CALLING ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!



YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

THIS SUNDAY, JAN. 21

MIDDLE SCHOOL: 4-5:45 PM

HIGH SCHOOL: 7-9 PM

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JOIN US FOR FOOD, GAMES & FELLOWSHIP!

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT NITA FELICIANO AT <u>YOUTHGROUP@SACLARET.COM</u>

OR 210-688-9033, X209.



Sweetheart Mass

Saturday, Feb. 10, 7 PM Vígíl Mass & Renewal of Wedding Vows followed by a

Sweetheart Reception

An evening of enrichment, fine dining, dancing & fellowship Photo booth available. Msgr. Hubertus Hall; \$100/couple

Tickets will be sold after every Mass this weekend. Cash or check accepted. To pay online with a credit card, go to the parish website https://samcsa.com, click on "donate" and type "Sweetheart Dance" in the "description" field. After purchasing your tickets, contact Roland & Sonia Garcia at marriageministrysamc@gmail.com so that you may select your table.

Looking for healthy fun? Enjoy a variety of music & make new friends!



St. Anthony Mary Claret Line DancersTuesdays, 10-11:30 AM (with 2 breaks)
Msgr. Hubertus Hall - Beginners welcome.



The Ladies of St. Anthony Claret will be selling candles on Jan. 27/28 after all Masses.

This is in preparation for the Candlemas at 7 PM, Friday, Feb.2. Also known as the Presentation of the Lord, candles will be blessed at that Mass. (No 8 AM Mass that day.) Thank you for your support.

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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.





Daniel Delgado

Luis Martinez

Padre Nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas. Manda tu Santo Espíritu para ayudar a que otros respondan con generosidad y valentía a tu llamado. Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye las vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo quien vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:

Hermanas Catequistas Guadalupanas

January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.

Embolden us to speak the truth
about protecting the child, the elderly,
and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.





PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



Anne Johnson
Claire Shields
Delfino (Sonny) Ramirez
Mary Lee Sloan
Diana Martinez
Gilbert Niedenthal
Rodolfo Salinas
San Juana de Lerma
Annette D. Navarro
Maurice Flores
Tony Salinas

Fr. Patrick Martin
George Aldaya
Mary Helen Peterson
Barbara Vanegas
A.C. Garza
Gilbert Niedenthal
Javier & Mary Bautista
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Jim Souhrada
Tom Calderon Jr.

NOTE: All names that ran for longer than

4 weeks last year were removed at the end of December 2023.

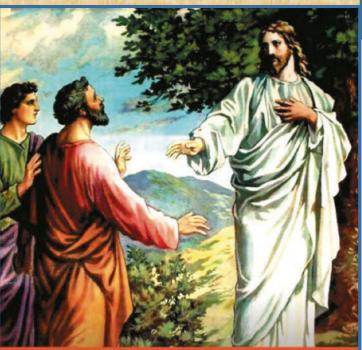
If there is a need tor them to run longer,

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 21: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20 Monday 22: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday 23: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35 Wednesday 24: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20 Thursday 25: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18 Friday 26: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:26-34 Saturday 27: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 Sunday 28: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



3^{ER} DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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Un poco más adelante, vio a Santiago y a Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, que estaban en una barca, remendando sus redes. Los llamó, y ellos, dejando en la barca a su padre con los trabajadores, se fueron con Jesús. - Mc 1, 19-20

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