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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: MK 1:21-28

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.



The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— 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

Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations

el jueves, 1 de febrero Thursday, Feb. 1, 6:30 PM *Misa/Mass: 7:30 PM*



St. Anthony Mary Claret 1st Saturday Mass dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, Feb. 3 Mass: 8 AM followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayers

8 AM

8 AM

Wednesday, Jan. 31



Jan. 13/14 attendance & collection totals **Attendance Regular Collection** \$ 25.866.73 **RE Bldg. Debt Reduction** \$ 4,377.99 SAMC Pantry 1,080.99 Gabriel Project 981.00 **Candles** 393.77 **Initial Offering** 130.00 **Rosary Makers** 25.00 **Church in Latin America** 20.00 **Retired Religious** 30.00 **Christmas** 20.00

Jan. 20/21 attendance & collection totals 3.412 **Regular Collection** \$ 29,172.60 SAMC Pantry 6,131.02 RE Bldg. Debt Reduction 4,060.89 Candles 377.95 **Gabriel Project** 160.00 **Rosarv Makers** 50.00 **Church in Latin America** 30.00 **Initial Offering** 20.00 Solemnity of Mary 20.00

Today's 2nd collection will benefit the Church in Latin America. This collection 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. It is because of the generosity of our Catholic supporters in the United States to the annual collection that we are making a difference.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Thursday, Feb. 1

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	Saturday, Jan.	27
	5 PM	Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family
		Andrew Emil Kozar†
		by Deacon Jerry & Pat Kozar
	Sunday, Jan. 28	
	8 AM	40th Anniversary Blessings for
		Joel & Merle Belisario by Family
	10 AM	Conversion of Louis Gonzales, Jr.
		by Family
	12 PM	Eulalio Trevino† by Family
	3 PM	Souls in Purgatory† by Family
	6 PM	For the Parish
	Monday, Jan. 29	
	8 AM	BB* for Manuel Lemus† by Mary Macias
	6:30 PM	Holy Hour
	7:30 PM	For an End to Abortion
	Tuesday, Jan.	30

Nancy Williams†

by Bill & Darrelyn Kundinger

Nena Panek† by niece: Susan Monarez

Carmen Campos† by Family Rosalia Ruiz† by Family Bilingual Holy Hour For Religious Vocations *** 1 st FRIDAY *** NO 8 AM MASS *** BB* for Paul Robin Wessel by Bea Peterson Souls in Purgatory† by Mary Macias
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3 *** FIRST SATURDAY ***
Bert† & Michael Bednarz† by Family
Joe Sanchez† & Frank Crow†
by Sanchez Family
Anniversary Blessings for Jeremias &
Clarissa Fernandes by Family
For the Parish
Mr. & Mrs. Enrique Garcia† by Family
James Fritz† by Adelina Fritz
Luis Feliciano Gallosa† & Lucia Ramirez
De Feliciano† by Family
*BB = Birthday Blessings
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RESPECT LIFE

"We remain steadfast in our commitment to work for the legal protection of every human life... At the same time, we recognize that often the most immediate way to protect babies and mothers from abortion is to thoroughly surround mothers in need with loving support, 'walking with' them in their journey of motherhood."

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activitie



WASHINGTON – Human life remains gravely threatened by legalized abortion in most states and it continues to be aggressively promoted at the federal level, said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities. Our prayers, sacrifices, and efforts to protect human life have never been more essential as we mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

The Court overturned the Roe decision in 2022, marking a critical new phase in protecting human life. "We remain steadfast in our commitment to work for the legal protection of every human life from conception to natural death. This is a responsibility that we all must share – especially now when this very protection is being undermined," said Bishop Burbidge, referencing the proposed laws and ballot initiatives at the state level to enshrine abortion-on-demand.

"Each of us is called to <u>radical solidarity</u> with women facing an unexpected or challenging pregnancy," he said, and reminded all that the most immediate way to protect babies and mothers from abortion is to thoroughly surround mothers in need with loving support, 'walking with' them in their journey of motherhood.

Read Bishop Burbidge's statement in its entirety <u>here</u>: https://www.usccb.org/resources/24-roe-anniversary-statement.pdg

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Intercessions for Life

For those suffering after abortion: may they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace.

We pray to the Lord.



Intercesiones por la Vida

Por quienes sufren después de un aborto: para que sepan que el Señor desea sanarlos, y acudan a Él para recibir perdón y paz. Roguemos al Señor.

Word of Life

"Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



Palabra De Vida

Muchas personas conocen a alguien personalmente que sufre a causa de un aborto. Si una amiga mañana te confía que tuvo un aborto, ¿podrías responder de manera tal que la acerque a la sanación? Entérate en "Cómo hablarle a una amiga que ha tenido un aborto" :bit.ly/amiga-aborto — Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

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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COMMUNITY NEWS

Join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics!

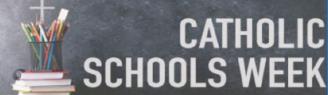
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PARISH NEWS





The Ladies of St. Anthony Claret will sell candles THIS weekend after all Masses.

This is in preparation for Candlemas at 7 PM, Friday,

Feb.2. (No 8 AM Mass that day.) Also known as the Presentation of the Lord, candles will be blessed at that Mass. Thank you for your support.

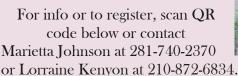
COMMUNITY NEWS

2024 St. Anthony Mary Claret Ladies Retreat: A Day of Hope, Healing and Inspiration

For women 18 & older March 2, 9 AM-6PM

At St. Anthony Claret's Msgr. Hubertus Hall Fee: \$20, incl. lunch

Guest Speaker: Mary Jane Fox, cofounder, Pilgrim Center of Hope Topic - Serenity, Courage & Wisdom: Three Virtues in Living a Life of Hope; A Journey to the Heart of Jesus



Register no later than Feb. 15.

After registering online, contact Marietta Johnson or Lorraine Kenyon to confirm your registration and make your lunch selection.







Sweetheart Mass

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

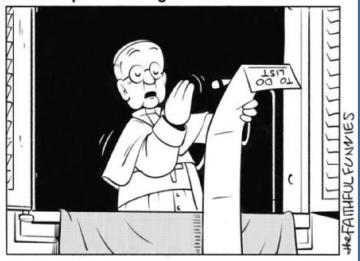
Sweetheart Reception

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.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

"What do you get when you cross a Papal blessing with a to-do list?"



"A Holy Day of Obligation!"



On Holy Days of Obligation,
Catholics are expected to celebrate
something special that God has done
by going to Mass and then feasting!

OLP!

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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*

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Capuchin Franciscans present Pathway to Grace, a prayer service (talk, mass, reconciliation, and adoration) to venerate the Nativity scene

Friday, Feb. 2, 6 PM
El Camino De San Antonio Missions,
263 Felisa St., San Antonio TX 78210
Small reception to follow with free hot chocolate.
For more info, contact Binisa Zentella at (210) 355-1884
or Binisa.Zentella@archsa.org or visit
www.caminosanantonio.org.

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the first nativity scene established by St. Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to all who venerate a Franciscan nativity scene and fulfill the plenary indulgence requirements (Mass, reconciliation, and adoration). Feb. 2 is the last day this indulgence is offered (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord). Requirements for a plenary indulgence (full remission of all temporal punishment—time spent in purgatory—up to that point in a person's life). Individuals can gain plenary indulgences for themselves or for the deceased.





PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



Dee Hancock
Tracey Kollmansberger
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

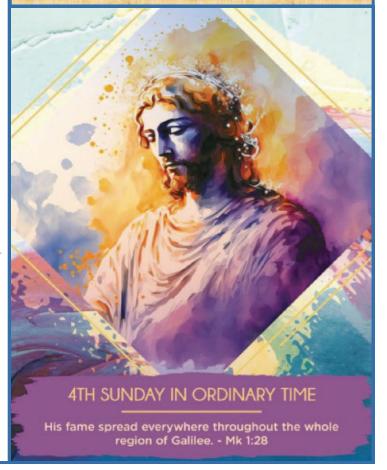
Tony Salinas
Fr. Patrick Martin
George Aldaya
Mary Helen Peterson
Barbara Vanegas
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Gilbert Niedenthal
Javier & Mary Bautista
SJS
Jim Souhrada
Tom Calderon Jr.

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 28: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 Monday 29: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday 30: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/ Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday 31: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6 Thursday 1: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13 Friday 2: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 Saturday 3: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 Sunday 4: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39



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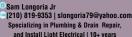
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