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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

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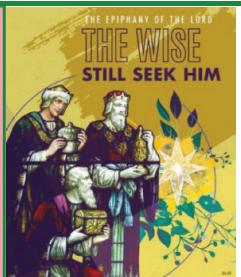
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GOSPEL MEDITATION: MT 2:1-12

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

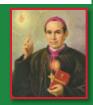
The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done?

Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home. — 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

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.



"The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest." -St. Thomas More, 1478-1535

Dec. 23/24 attendance & collection totals (4th Sunday of Advent Masses) **Attendance Regular Collection** 32,084.18 RE Bldg. Debt Reduction 6,690.79 **SAMC** Pantry 2,553.99 Assumption Seminary 2,258.71 **Christmas** 2,017.50 **Retired Religious** 1.365.00 **Gabriel Project** 650.00 **Candles** 577.31 **Capital Campaign** 200.00 **Initial Offering** 120.00 **Rosary Makers** 50.00 Solemnity of Mary 30.00

Dec. 24/25 attendance/ & collection totals (Christmas Masses) 4.928

Attendance Christmas \$ 19,807.38 Dec. 30/31 attendance & collection totals **Attendance** 2,656 **Regular Collection** 34,552.30 RE Bldg. Debt Reduction 2,810.00 SAMC Pantry 755.99 685.00 **Christmas** Candles 550.06 **Gabriel Project** 150.00 **Solemnity of Mary** 60.00 **Assumption Seminary** 50.00

Church in Latin America 5.00 Dec. 31/Jan. 1 attendance & collection totals **Attendance** Solemnity of Mary 6554.64

30.00

20.00

*BB = Birthday Blessings

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Rosary Makers

Retired Religious

Saturday, Jan. 6		Wednesday, Jan. 10		
	8 AM	Spec. Int.: James & Henry Pawelek; Alois	8 AM	Sp. Int. for Velma J. Crumpler
		& Florence Olenick by Olenick Family		by Robbie Alicea
	5 PM	Eva Valdez† by Daughter & Family	Thursday,	
		BB* for Isidro Luna by Family	8 AM	BB* for Betty Nava by Bea Alvarez
	Sunday, Jan	7		BB* for Lilliana Sanchez by Family
	8 AM	Lady Victoria Mbah† by Patrick	Friday, Jan. 12	
	0 121/2	& Lady Okafor	8 AM	Sp. Int. for Guadalupe & Catalina Orteg
	10 AM	For the Parish	0 121.2	by Family
	12 PM	Alfred Elizondo† by Family		BB* for Natalia Banda by Family
		Alejandro Davila† by Family	G . 1 1	
	3 PM	In Thanksgiving: Guadalupe Ortega	Saturday, J	
	0.00.0	By wife: Catalina	5 PM	Raquel Dinsay† by Rose & John Thorsky
	6 PM	Theresa Schmitt† by Barbara Py		Lori Ann Samaniego† by Family
	, ,		Sunday, Jan. 14	
	Monday, Jan		8 AM	Conversion of Hayden & Andrew Guidry
	8 AM	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current		by Family
		& Future Descendants of Daniel R.† &	10 AM	Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J.
		Manuela M. Gonzales†; Souls in		Ponce†; Healing for Anthony Ponce
	6:30 PM	Purgatory† by Y. Gonzales		by Alma Ponce
		Holy Hour		Diane Salas† by Richard & Cindy Felix
	7:30 PM	Joyce Duffy† by John Debner	12 PM	Members of Zaiontz, Moravits & Lyssy
	Tuesday, Jan. 9			Families; Souls in Purgatory† by Family
	8 AM	Sp. Int. for Caleb Clemens by Family	3 PM	Diana Clavijo † by Family
			6 PM	For the Parish

RESPECT LIFE

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

— Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae*

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the "Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vest-

ments, or the Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.

Pro-Life Prayers

https://www.usccb.org/pro-life-prayer

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Word of Life

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion."

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

Palabra De Vida

"Oh Madre Santa, recibiste la buena nueva de la encarnación de Cristo, tu Hijo, con fe y confianza. Concede tu protección a todas las embarazadas que enfrentan dificultades.

Guíanos en nuestro esfuerzo por hacer de nuestras comunidades parroquiales lugares de acogida y asistencia para las madres necesitadas. Ayúdanos a convertirnos en instrumentos del amor y la compasión del Dios bondadoso.

— Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

- Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB "Oración por las embarazadas"



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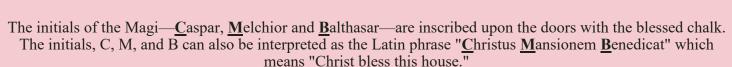
Feast Of The Epiphany Home Blessing

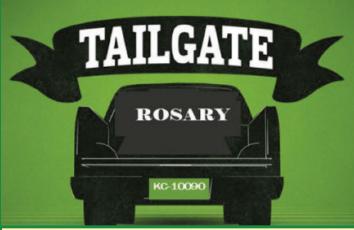
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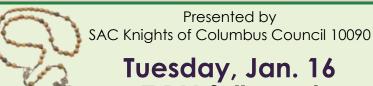
Traditionally, Catholics bless their home and those who live in their household on the Feast of the Epiphany each year. It's not difficult to do. Here's what you'll need.

- 1. Prayers The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops version: https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-Epiphany
- 2. Blessed chalk A limited amount of blessed chalk will be offered at all Masses. You may also bring water, incense, gold or myrrh to be blessed.
- 3. A doorway and a ladder or chair

For 2024 you will write above the door in chalk: 20 + C + M + B + 24







Tuesday, Jan. 16 7 PM followed by fellowship hour

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& lawn chairs.



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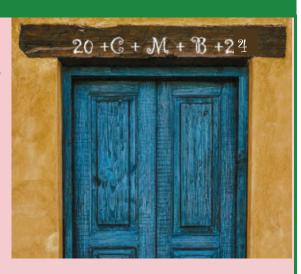


This Week in Our Parish

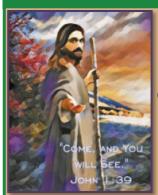
Quinceañera:

Penelope Gamez





PARISH NEWS



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.



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.



Important Religious Education Dates

First Communion Parent Class: Sunday, Jan. 7, 1:30-2:30 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Confirmation Parent Class: Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6:45-7:45 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall

No RE classes will be held Sunday, Jan. 14 or Wednesday, Jan. 17.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

A man walks into lawyer's office and asks, "How much for a consultation?"
"Three questions for \$150 bucks." "Kinda steep, isn't it?"
"Yeah, now what's your last question."





St. Anthony Mary Claret Young Adult Ministry

Next meeting: Thurs., Jan. 11 7-9 PM, RE bldg. room 1006

Open to those 18–33, single or married, who want to cultivate a vibrant community of faith, fellowship and service.

For info, contact Nita Feliciano at youthgroup@saclaret.com or 210-688-9033, x209.

<u>Please note meetings are for adults only. No child-care is available.</u>

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY JAN. 7





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Next live class at our parish: Sunday, Jan. 14.

You must register prior to the first class at **ccli.org.**For more info, email Chris or Nicole Glowe at
nfpglowe@yahoo.com.

* Required course for all couples marrying in our parish.

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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.

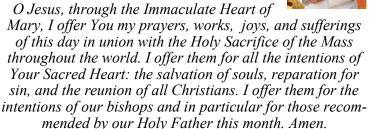
We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - January

For the gift of diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



Intención del Santo Padre Francisco – Enero Por el don de la diversidad en la Iglesia: Oremos al píritu Santo para que nos avude a reconocer el don de la

Espíritu Santo para que nos ayude a reconocer el don de los diferentes carismas dentro de las comunidades cristianas y a descubrir la riqueza de las diferentes tradiciones rituales dentro de la Iglesia Católica.

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



Delfino (Sonny) Ramirez Mary Lee Sloan Diana Martinez Gilbert Niedenthal Rodolfo Salinas San Juana de Lerma Annette D. Navarro CS

Catherine Smith Maurice Flores Tony Salinas Fr. Patrick Martin
George Aldaya
Mary Helen Peterson
Barbara Vanegas
A.C. Garza
Gilbert Niedenthal
Javier & Mary Bautista
SJS
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 7: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Monday 8: Is 55:1-11/Mk 1:7-11 Tuesday 9: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday 10: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday 11: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 Friday 12: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday 13: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17 Sunday 14: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42



LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Gio

Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de Oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo".

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