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February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

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Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: MK 1:12-15

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it mean?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— *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

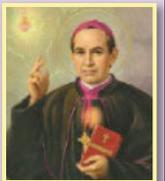
First Tuesday of the month: 7:30 PM. Call parish office to register.

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.



IN OUR PARISH



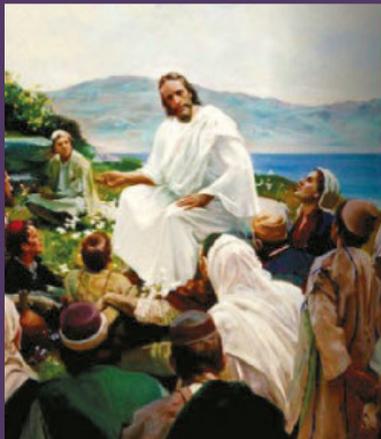
Welcome! As pastor of St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church, I want to express welcome from all of us to you for choosing to become a member of our parish family. We hope you will always feel at home here and that our worship and other parochial services will fulfill your spiritual needs.

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

Feb. 10/11 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,306
Regular Collection	\$ 28,322.62
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 4,715.94
SAMC Pantry	\$ 2,161.00
Candles	\$ 456.68
Catholic Charities	\$ 370.98
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 300.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 50.00
Black & Native Am. Mission	\$ 50.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 50.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 17.99



1^{ER} DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio".
- Mc 1, 14-15

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.

"Lent should suggest to us these basic questions: *Am I advancing in my faithfulness to Christ, in my desire for holiness, in a generous apostolate in my daily life, in my ordinary work among my colleagues? ... What better way to begin than Lent? Let's renew our faith, hope and love.*"



— St. Josemaría Escrivá, 1902-1975



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 17	8 AM	Nancy Otto† by Gregory Otto Margaret Mary Kozar† by Dcn. Jerry & Pat Kozar	
5 PM		Sylvia Lankard† by Family BB for Joaquin Astorga by Family	
Sunday, Feb. 18	Thurs., Feb. 22	8 AM	Spir. Blessings for Virginia Hilton by Family
8 AM			
10 AM		Friday, Feb. 23	***NO MORNING MASS***
12 PM		5:30 PM	Spanish Stations of the Cross
3 PM		7 PM	English Stations of the Cross
6 PM		7:30 PM	Knofel Mattox† by Langas Family
Monday, Feb. 19	Saturday, Feb. 24		
8 AM	5 PM		P. Mendoza, Sr.† by Mendoza Family Israel Anthony Boswell† by Boswell Family
6:30 PM		Sunday, Feb. 25	
7:30 PM		8 AM	Conversion of Hayden & Andrew Guidry by Family
Tuesday, Feb. 20		10 AM	Teresa Robinette† by Friend of Family
8 AM		12 PM	For the Parish
		3 PM	Alicia Hinojosa† by Adelina Fritz
Wed., Feb. 21		6 PM	Souls in Purgatory† by Family
			*BB = Birthday Blessings

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February 14 - March 24

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- Over **100 abortion** centers closed

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Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood 2140 Babcock Rd 78229

Vigil hours: 7am to 7pm Mon-Sat.

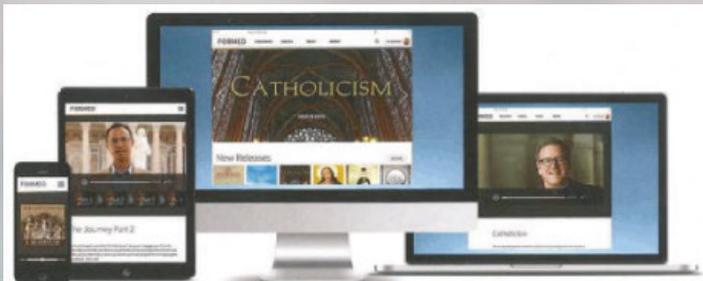
Local contact: Cindi Serna, 40DFL Coord. for San Antonio Coalition for Life 210-410-9424 or Cindi@SACFL.org

To learn more, get involved and sign up for prayer times, visit 40daysforlife.com/sanantonio

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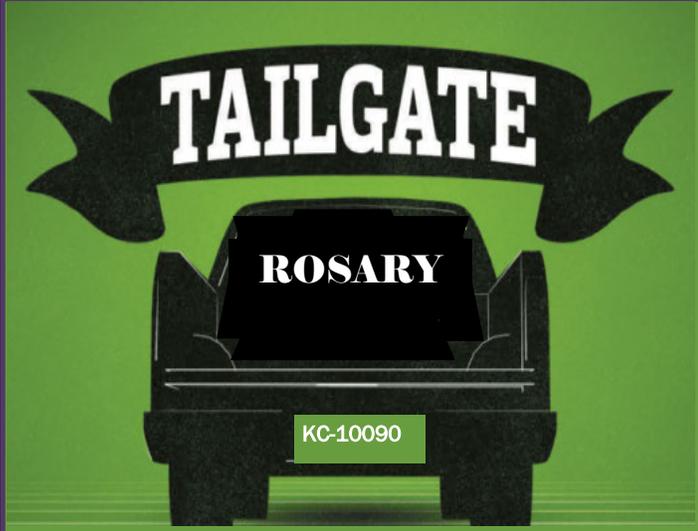
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1. Visit www.FORMED.org.
2. Select "Sign up as a parishioner."
3. Find Saint Anthony Mary Claret or enter our zip code: 78253.
4. Enter your name and email to gain access. NO PASSWORD REQUIRED!

LOTS of terrific and meaningful content for Lent and all throughout the year!

PARISH NEWS



Presented by
SAC Knights of Columbus Council 10090

Tuesday, Feb. 20
7 PM followed
by fellowship hour

Parking lot by the pavilion

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

Silver Seniors Luncheon

Wed., Feb. 21
Msgr. Hubertus Hall
Doors open 11:30 AM.

For ages 55 & up

For info or to RSVP, contact Maria Richardson at 210-722-4627.



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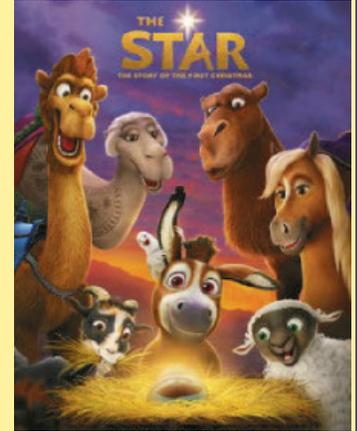
Presents

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Saturday, Mar. 2 at sunset
Giant screen behind the church
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FREE movie, hot dogs, popcorn, & drinks

Bring your family, neighbors & lawn chairs!



This Week in Our Parish

Quinceañera:
McKayla McLaughlin

St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: January 2024

Utility assistance:	\$ 7,260.20
Restock food pantry:	\$ 5,376.06
Other client assistance:	\$ 137.25
Office expenses:	\$ 108.66
# Food bags distributed:	268
# People served:	809
# of home deliveries	29

Hours: Thursdays, 9 AM-12 PM
Contact us at (210) 474-6888
or sacpantry@outlook.com.

Special thanks to the St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090, other parish ministries, our parishioners, and the Del Webb community for their continued support. Together we are able to help our neighbors in need.

NO BAPTISM CLASS THIS MONTH.

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS:
Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 PM
RE Bldg., 1st floor

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Outside of mass hours, a man walks into a church and finds the priest.

"Give me all you have," he says as he pulls out a revolver.

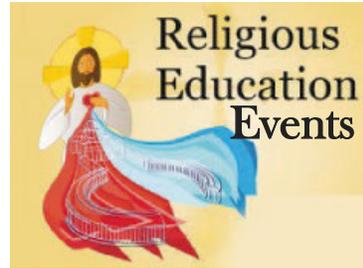
The priest becomes terrified and hastily searches his pockets. He doesn't have any money on him, but he discovers some wrapped candy and holds it out, saying, "I'm sorry. This is all I've got!"

"But Father, I gave up candy for Lent!" says the robber.

PARISH NEWS

MEN'S CLUB LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays: Feb. 23, Mar. 1, 8, & 22*
5 PM until we run out
Msgr. Hubertus Hall; dine in or take out
\$10 for fried fish, French fries,
hush puppies & cole slaw
Cash, checks or credit cards accepted
***No fish fry on Mar. 15 due to spring break.**



Religious Education Events

◆ 2nd Year First
Communion Parent
Conference
Sat., Feb. 24, 7 PM
Msgr. Hubertus Hall
At least one parent
should attend.

◆ 7th Grade Sanctity of Life Talk
Wed., Feb. 28, 6:45-7:45 PM, church sanctuary

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 25

MIDDLE SCHOOL: 4-5:45 PM
HIGH SCHOOL: 7-9 PM
MSGR. HUBERTUS HALL.



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Easter seasons.**

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Paul Rauschhuber at 210-865-4717
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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



For info or to register, scan
the QR code or contact
Marietta Johnson at
281-740-2370 or
Lorraine Kenyon at 210-872-6834.



Register is now through Feb. 29
or until capacity is reached.

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

40 CANS FOR LENT

Lent provides opportunity to show
gratitude for God's gifts and to share
those gifts with others.

Our parish's Knights of Columbus
invite you to help needy families
by making "40 Cans for Lent" part
of your Lenten journey.

Simply donate a can of food or
non-perishable food item for each of the
40 days of Lent. Drop off donations in the
large bin in the narthex.

*"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks
to God the Father through him." - Col 3:17*



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.



Edgar Hernandez



Javier Ramos

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:
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LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

"Throughout Sacred Scripture, we find that when God's people fast, the power of their prayers is increased, especially when they are engaged in spiritual warfare.

In the Old Testament, the Lord told Isaiah that a fast properly undertaken would 'loose the bonds of wickedness ... undo the thongs of the yoke ... let the oppressed go free' (Is. 58:6) ... In the New Testament, we find that Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the wilderness in preparation for His battle with Satan, who came to tempt Him (see Lk 4:1-2) ... If prayer is a spiritual weapon, fasting is the spiritual whetstone on which it is sharpened. It's the spiritual muscle that, when exercised regularly, strengthens the thrust of that weapon to pierce the Enemy and drive him away."

—Author Paul Thigpen, excerpt from *Manual for Spiritual Warfare*



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Margaret Lucido | Annette D. Navarro |
| Jenna Ondrusek | Maurice Flores |
| Leo Garcia | Tony Salinas |
| Marylen Dunk | Fr. Patrick Martin |
| Rosewell Guir | George Aldaya |
| Dee Hancock | Mary Helen Peterson |
| Tracey Kollmansberger | Barbara Vanegas |
| Claire Shields | A.C. Garza |
| Delfino (Sonny) Ramirez | Gilbert Niedenthal |
| Al Mares | Javier & Mary Bautista |
| Diana Martinez | SJS |
| Gilbert Niedenthal | Jim Souhrada |
| Rodolfo Salinas | Tom Calderon Jr. |
| San Juana de Lerma | |

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 18: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
- Monday 19: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday 20: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday 21: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday 22: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
- Friday 23: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday 24: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday 25: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

COMMUNITY NEWS



40 DAYS OF SERVICE

February 15, 2024 - March 26, 2024



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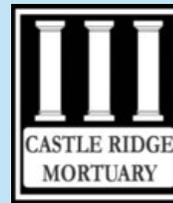
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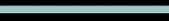
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