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February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or

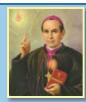


possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place. — 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



Jan. 27/28 attendance & collection totals			
Attendance		3,554	
Regular Collection	\$	30,145.16	
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$	3,266.00	
Church in Latin America	\$	2,980.00	
SAMC Pantry	\$	1,416.00	
Candles	\$	455.79	
Gabriel Project	\$	125.00	
Initial Offering	\$	35.00	



You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" when many parishes commemorate beloved bishop and martyr St. Blaise, who lived in the 4th century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. It is said that one day a group of butters stumbed upon where he was living

hunters stumbled upon where he was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. Legend has it that as the hunters

dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived. At all Masses this weekend we remember the saint on his feast day (Feb. 3) by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer: *Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

IMPORTANT: There will be no weekday Masses celebrated at our church beginning the evening of Feb. 5 - Friday, Feb. 9. <u>Feb. 6-9 there will be no morning Confessions</u>. A Communion service will be held at 8 AM on those days. Mass intentions listed below for those days which were originally assigned to the 8 AM Masses will be celebrated at the priestly retreat that our clergy will be attending that week.

8 AM 5 PM	3 *** FIRST SATURDAY *** Bert† & Michael Bednarz† by Family Joe Sanchez† & Frank Crow† by Sanchez Family		Connie Lyssy† by Family * <u>NO 8 AM Mass/Communion Service Only</u> BB* for Carlos Romero by Teresa Revilla * <u>NO 8 AM Mass/Communion Service Only</u>
Sunday, Feb. 4 8 AM 10 AM 12 PM	Anniversary Blessings for Jeremias & Clarissa Fernandes by Family For the Parish Mr. & Mrs. Enrique Garcia† by Family	Saturday, Feb. 5 5 PM	BB* for Jeremias Fernandes by Family
3 PM 6 PM	James Fritz† by Adelina Fritz Luis Feliciano Gallosa† & Lucia Ramirez De Feliciano† by Family	7 PM Sunday, Feb. 1 8 AM	& Pat Kozar Sweetheart Mass
Monday, Feb. 5 8 AM	Rosalyn Sandoz† by Kathy Santana *** <u>NO HOLY HOUR ***</u> *** <u>NO EVENING MASS</u> *** BB* for Emma Caroline Shearer	6 AM 10 AM	Cabezuela [†] ; Sr. Victoria Hernandez [†] ; Sylvia L. Reyna [†] ; Souls in Purgatory [†] by F. Gonzales All Members of Zaiontz, Moravits, & Lyssy
Tuesday, Feb. 6	by Bea Peterson * <u>NO 8 AM Mass/Communion Service Only</u> James† & Henry Pawelek†; Alois† & Florence Olenick† by Olenick Family	12 PM 3 PM 6 PM	Families; Souls in Purgatory† by FamilyBB* for Mary Ann Aguirreby Husband & ChildrenFor the ParishRichard Keller† by Rankin & Keller Families
Wed., Feb. 7 * 1	NO 8 AM Mass/Communion Service Only		*BB = Birthday Blessings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPECT LIFE: RADICAL SOLIDARITY

In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: "*I give you a new commandment: love one another*. *As I have loved you, so you also should love one another*" (Jn 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

The Church's entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: "Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives."¹ As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for "to love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it."²



Fulfilling Christ's command to love one another takes shape in our

practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity "is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."³

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new *opportunities* and new *responsibilities* to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called "choice," but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: "*In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women.* … The only honest stance, in these cases, *is that of radical solidarity with the woman.* It is not right to leave her alone."⁴

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, "she is even capable of heroism."⁵ Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*."⁶ A culture of radical solidarity "gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others."⁷ We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, "What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?"

Inspired by Christ's own example of love, may we "enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep."⁸ May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

- ¹ Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel),* no. 274.
- ² Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in veritate (Charity in Truth), no. 7.
- ³ Pope John Paul II, Sollicitudo rei socialis (On Social Concern), no. 38.
- ⁴ Pope John Paul II, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, p. 207.
- ⁵ Pope John Paul II, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, p. 207.
- ⁶ Pope Francis, Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 188.
- ⁷ Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, no. 24.
- ⁸ Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 269.

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Apostolado de la Cruz Centro San Antonio Tx

Te invita a una clase explicando la misa paso a paso

13 de febrero, 7 PM, St. Luke's

Impartida por el padre Jo<mark>el Quesada MSPS</mark>

TODOS INVITADOS!

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

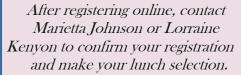
For women 18 & older March 2, 9 AM-6PM At St. Anthony Claret's Msgr. Hubertus Hall Fee: \$20, incl. lunch

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

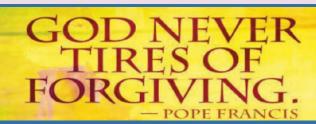
For info or to register, scan QR code below or contact Marietta Johnson at 281-740-2370 or

Lorraine Kenyon at 210-872-6834.

Register no later than Feb. 15.







PARISH NEWS



Important Religious Education Dates

First Communion Parent Class: Sunday, Feb. 4, 1:30-2:30 PM , Msgr. Hubertus Hall

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

No RE classes will be held Sunday, Feb. 11 or Wednesday, Feb. 14 in observance of Ash Wednesday.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY FEB. 4

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

JOIN US FOR FOOD, GAMES & FELLOWSHIP!

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT NITA FELICIANO AT <u>YOUTHGROUP@SACLARET.COM</u> OR 210-688-9033, X209.



St. Anthony Mary Claret Young Adult Ministry

Next meeting: Thurs., Feb. 8 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.</u> <u>No childcare is available</u>.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Three fans were talking about the sad state of their city's pro football team. First fan: "I blame the manager; if we could sign better players, we'd be a great team." Second fan: "I blame the players; if they made more effort, I'm sure we would score more touchdowns."



touchdowns." Third fan: "I blame my parents; if I had been born in a different town, I'd be supporting a decent team." This Week in Our Parish Wedding: Mauricio Plata & Latina Hoppie Bravo





MISAS: 6:30 AM, 8 AM, 5 PM, 7 PM



<u>NO BAPTISM CLASS WILL</u> <u>BE HELD IN FEBRUARY</u>.

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS: Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 PM

2024 LENT BIBLE CHALLENGE



This Lent, join the St. Paul Center for our first-ever Lenten Challenge as Scott Hahn and John Bergsma lead us out of exile and on the journey home

Like the Israelites of old, we are not home. And yet, there is great hope in our sojourning - in our movement back to God. Each day of Lent, spend ten minutes with John Bergsma as he reads and reflects on one chapter of the Book of Exodus and then gives you a daily challenge to complete. Once a week, join Scott Hahn as he delivers an inspiring series of 8 talks based on his new book Catholics in Exile – filmed with a live audience at the

new St. Paul Center headquarters.



Sign up here: https://stpaulcenter.com/exodus During the 2024 Lent Challenge, receive all access to the St. Paul Center for free.

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: Discalced Carmelite Friars

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - February

For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the

world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.

Intención del Santo Padre Francisco – Febrero

Por los enfermos terminales: Oremos para que los enfermos

terminales y sus familias reciban siempre los cuidados y el acompañamiento necesarios, tanto desde el punto de vista médico como humano.

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

Rosewell Guir 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 A.C. Garza Gilbert Niedenthal Javier & Mary Bautista SJS Jim Souhrada Tom Calderon Jr.

Please remember this list is reserved for *names of* <u>parishioners and immediate family only</u>. You may submit up to TWO names at a time which will usually run for four weeks.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Sunday 4: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39 Monday 5: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56 Tuesday 6: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13 Wednesday 7: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23 Thursday 8: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30 Friday 9: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 Saturday 10: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10 Sunday 11: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/ Mk 1:40-45



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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