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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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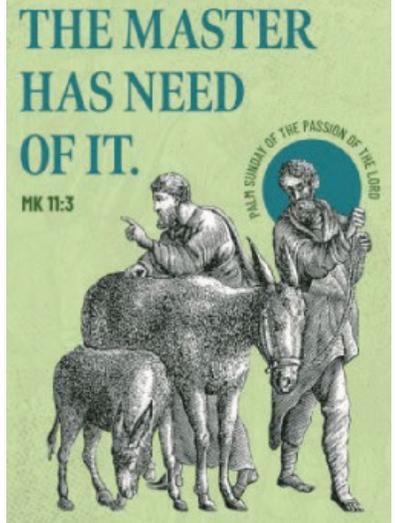
## GOSPEL MEDITATION: MK 14:1—15:47

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

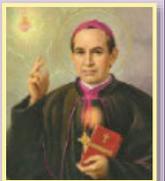
Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— 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](http://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

**Mar. 16/17 attendance & collection totals**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>3,665</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 32,294.51</b>
<b>SAMC Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 6,742.90</b>
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<b>Catholic Charities</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>



**Saturday, March 23: 5 PM**  
**Sunday, March 24:**  
 8, & 10 AM; 12, 3 (Sp.), & 6 PM

**Gather in front of Msgr. Hubertus Hall 10 minutes before Mass time.**  
*(This DOES NOT apply to the Sunday, 6 PM Mass.)*



**Holy Thursday, March 28 (Parish office closed.)**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 PM  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8 PM-12 AM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall

**Good Friday, March 29 (Parish office closed.)**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8 AM-3 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall  
 Good Friday Liturgies: 3 PM & 7 PM (bilingual)  
 Divine Mercy Novena begins

**Holy Saturday, March 30:**

Easter Vigil Mass: 8:30 PM

**Easter Sunday, March 31**

Holy Masses at 6:30, 8, & 10 AM; 12, 3 (Spanish), & 6 PM

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, Mar. 23**  
 5 PM Manuel Lemus† by Mary Macias  
 Emilia Nazario† by Jose Nazario

**Sunday, Mar. 24**  
 8 AM BB\* for Nat Paul Gibbs by Gibbs Family  
 10 AM Mbrs of Zaiontz, Moravits & Lyssy Families; Souls in Purgatory† by Family For the Parish  
 12 PM For the Parish  
 3 PM Maria Teresa Forero† by Felipe Forero  
 6 PM Nedra Langas† by Langas Family  
 7:15 PM **LENTEN RECONCILIATION**

**Monday, Mar. 25**  
 8 AM Ronald Ramirez† by Rose Ann Villafranca  
 6:30 PM Holy Hour  
 7:30 PM For an End to Abortion

**Tuesday, Mar. 26**  
 8 AM Santos Serna, Jr.† by Serna Family  
 BB\* for Sylvia Astorga by Family

**Wed., Mar. 27**  
 8 AM BB\* for Candace Macias by Mary Macias

**Thurs., Mar. 28 \*\*\* HOLY THURSDAY \*\*\***  
 \*\*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*\*  
 7 PM Lucy Tamez Creech† by John Debner  
 8 PM-12 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Msgr. Hubertus Hall)

**Friday, Mar. 29 \*\*\* GOOD FRIDAY \*\*\***  
 \*\*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*\*  
 8 AM-3 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Msgr. Hubertus Hall)  
 3 PM Good Friday Liturgy  
 7 PM Good Friday Liturgy (bilingual)

**Saturday, Mar. 30 \*\*\* HOLY SATURDAY \*\*\***  
 8:30 PM For all RCIA Candidates, Teachers & Sponsors

**Sunday, Mar. 31**  
 6:30 AM For the Parish  
 8 AM Tony Veto† by Kasischke Family  
 10 AM Victor, Sr. & Margarita Aguirre† by Victor & Christina Aguirre  
 12 PM Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current & Future Priests by a Mom  
 3 PM Fermin & Ismael Chevez† by Mejia Family  
 6 PM Maria Villegas† by Maria Suttles

\*BB = Birthday Blessings

## RESPECT LIFE: PRAYER & ACTION

**PRAY:** Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

**REFLECT:** The ability to cooperate with God's creative power to conceive and raise a child is one of the most profound gifts that a married couple can receive. Yet sadly, about 1 in 6 people face infertility at some point. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they experience difficulty having another. When couples are unable to bear children, very often there is an understandable feeling of great loss. It is essential to note that the Church has true compassion for couples suffering from infertility and wants to be of real help to them. Many causes of infertility can be addressed through medical assistance that is fully in accord with Catholic teaching.



May couples seeking to grow their family respect God's design for the creation of new life.

The desire to have a child is beautiful and good. At the same time, we are called to cooperate with God's design for married love and the creation of new life. Some practices, such as in vitro fertilization (IVF) and surrogacy, are not morally legitimate ways to address infertility. In addition to failing to respect the dignity of the couple's marital relationship, of their sexuality, and of the child, some procedures often result in the loss of human life—for example, IVF and surrogacy that involves IVF.

St. John Paul II affirmed to couples who bear the cross of infertility, "you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others." It is important that all couples who experience infertility—and those who desire to offer them support—know that their love is still fruitful and their married life remains filled with meaning. We pray that couples experiencing infertility will know Christ's closeness in a special way and embrace God's design as they seek to grow their families.

For more information, please visit [www.respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](http://www.respectlife.org/navigating-infertility).

### ACT:

- Choose one day this week to abstain from sweets or your favorite snack as a reminder to draw close to Christ in times of suffering and trust in His plan for our lives.
- Take time to learn more about the moral problems posed by some reproductive technologies and types of medical assistance that are consistent with Church teaching. Visit: [www.usccb.org/upload/lifegiving-love-age-technology-2009.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/upload/lifegiving-love-age-technology-2009.pdf).
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

**ONE STEP FURTHER:** Bishop Michael Burbidge, chair of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, recently spoke on the gift of human life in response to the growing attention to assisted reproductive technologies. Read it here: [www.usccb.org/news/2024/each-life-has-immeasurable-value-moment-conception-says-bishop-burbidge-ivf-issues](http://www.usccb.org/news/2024/each-life-has-immeasurable-value-moment-conception-says-bishop-burbidge-ivf-issues).

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## CONTROVERSY OVER IVF

After a firestorm of controversy surrounding the legality of in vitro fertilization (IVF) in Alabama, the governor signed legislation granting legal immunity to clinics for damaging or destroying embryos. The destruction of embryos (i.e. the killing of innocent pre-born persons) is an ordinary part of the IVF process, and is the chief reason why it should be illegal. IVF would still be gravely wrong even in a hypothetical situation in which no embryos are destroyed, because the process also separates the unitive and procreative goods of sexual activity between a husband and wife.

The controversy was sparked by an Alabama Supreme Court ruling that upheld the wrongful death claims of plaintiff couples whose frozen embryos were accidentally destroyed at an IVF clinic. Both the plaintiffs and the clinic agreed that life begins at conception, which is also enshrined in an amendment to the Alabama constitution and the state's Wrongful Death of a Minor Act, but the clinic claimed an exception should be made for two reasons.

First, the clinic claimed that embryos should be disqualified as "persons" if they exist outside the womb, and second, it claimed that the defendants previously acknowledged the embryos as property instead of persons when they signed the IVF service contract. Significant media attention and public outcry in favor of IVF has resulted, but with little attention paid to the facts of the case or the question of when life and "personhood" begin.

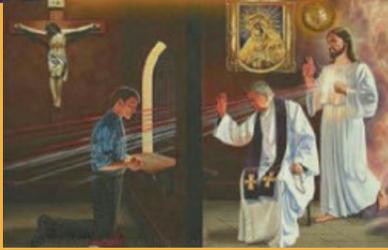
*From "Love Means More," an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.*

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Sunday, Mar. 24  
7:15 PM

Prepare your soul for HIM!



Bishop Gary Janak plus 11 additional priests will be on hand to hear your confessions.

## Join the St. Anthony Claret Two Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group to the Holy Thursday seven churches visitation.



We'll gather at the Two Hearts Banner by Msgr. Hubertus Hall after the Holy Thursday Mass, then carpool to the following churches: Cordi Marian; St. Rose of Lima; Mary, Mother of the Church; Prince of Peace; St. Anthony's at UTSA; and, Our Lady of the Atonement. We will say a prayer and spend a few minutes of adoration at each church then return to St. Anthony Mary Claret.

Contact Barbaree at 210-414-3016 or Tex at 210-912-2668.

Learn more about this beautiful tradition here: [www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/250983/why-do-catholics-visit-7-churches-on-holy-Thursday](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/250983/why-do-catholics-visit-7-churches-on-holy-Thursday).

2024 Men's ACTS Retreat  
Thurs. – Sun.,  
April 4-7  
Cordi Marian Retreat Center  
Cost: \$225

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
John 20:29



For info or to register, contact Mark Tapia at 210-393-0168, Ed Garza at 210-422-5130 or Rene Quintanilla at 210-387-1573.

## This Week in Our Parish Weddings:

Bernardo Nicolas Mendoza & Taylor Nikolz Tijerina

James Edward Southerland, Jr. & Velma Marie Munoz



NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES  
HOLY WEEK: SUN., MAR. 24 & WED., MAR. 27  
EASTER WEEK: SUN., MAR. 31 & WED., APR. 3



CLASSES RESUME  
APR. 7



# 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



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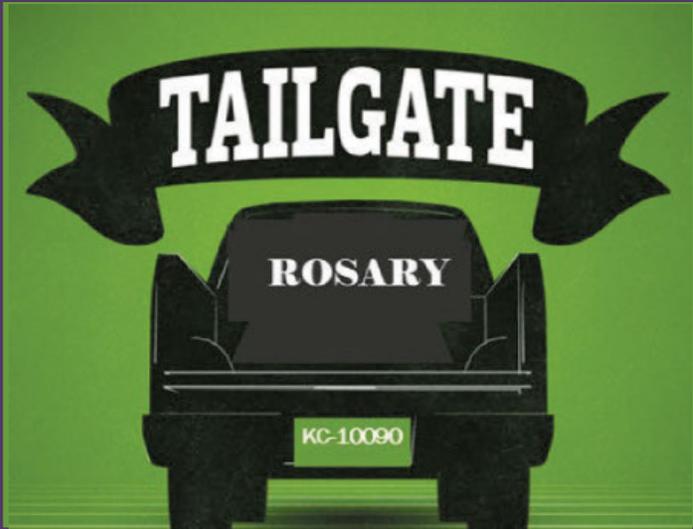


**WARNING:** Some parishioners have recently received emails requesting help or donations, falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan or our deacons.

**DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!**



PARISH NEWS



Presented by SAC Knights of Columbus Council 10090

Tuesday, March 26  
7:30 PM followed  
by fellowship hour

Parking lot by the pavilion

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& lawn chairs.  
We'll bring the hot dogs!



St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090 presents

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Saturday, Apr. 13, 7-10 PM

Msgr. Hubertus Hall

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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.



LINE DANCING!

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 AM  
Msgr. Hubertus Hall

(No class Tues., Mar. 26.)

Questions? Contact Helen 210-865-1214.

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS:  
Tuesday, Apr. 2, 7:30 PM  
RE Bldg., 1st floor



FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

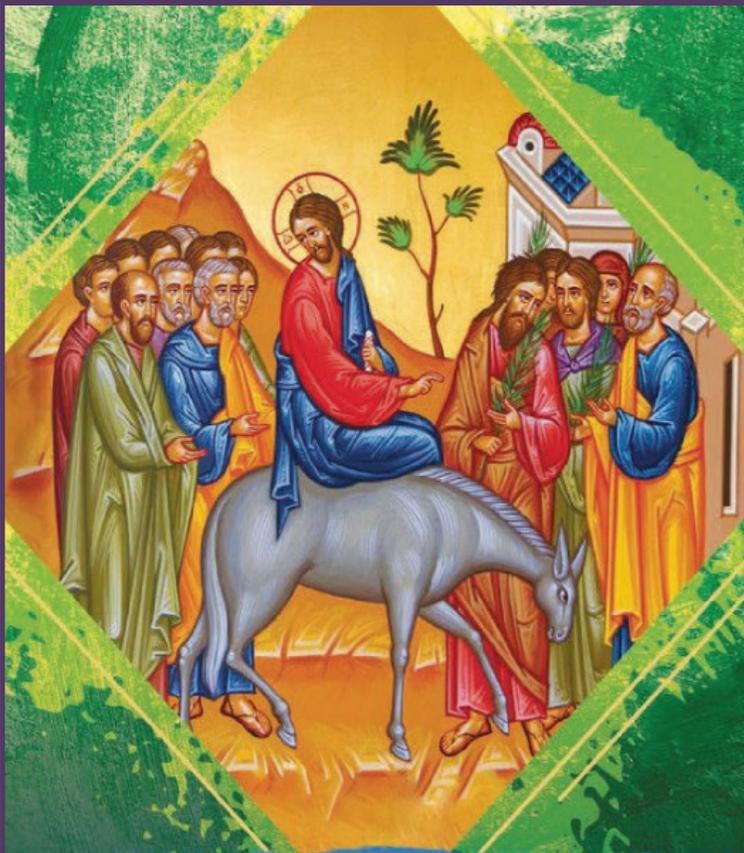
Pray for our local seminarians and for an increase in vocations to religious life. This month we especially pray for these two seminarians.



Dcn. Ottmar Tovar Dcn. Rafael Becerra

God our Father, thank you for calling these men to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to you through daily prayer. Help them form their personalities as credible witnesses to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church and give them generous hearts to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate



DOMINGO DE RAMOS DE LA PASIÓN DE CRISTO

"¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor!" - Mc 11, 9



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



- Judy Lopez, Mary Macias, Adela Calvillo, Marylen Dunk, Jenna Ondrusek, Dee Hancock, Tracey Kollmansberger, Claire Shields, Delfino (Sonny) Ramirez, Al Mares, 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 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 24: Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1—15:47
Monday 25: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday 26: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday 27: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday 28: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
Friday 29: Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday 30: Gn 1:1—2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15— 15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
Sunday 31: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

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For the Holy Land: Good Friday, Mar. 29
For Operation Rice Bowl: Easter Sunday, Mar. 31

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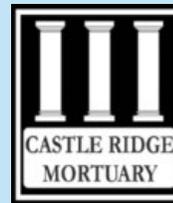
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