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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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: JN 20:1-9

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.



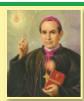
As we begin to celebrate Easter today,

this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare. — *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.



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024

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, 4 de abril Thursday, Apr. 4, 6:30 PM

Misa/Mass: 7:30 PM



Mar. 22/23 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.

The 2nd collection this weekend benefits Operation Rice Bowl.



St. Anthony Mary Claret First Friday Mass dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday, Apr. 5, 8 AM

St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Saturday, Apr. 6; Mass: 8 AM followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayers





MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	30 *** HOLY SATURDAY *** For all RCIA Candidates, Teachers & Sponsors	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	by Wife & Children Bilingual Holy Hour For Religious Vocations
Sunday, Mar. 3 6:30 AM 8 AM 10 AM	1 For the Parish Tony Veto† by Kasischke Family Victor, Sr. & Margarita Aguirre†	Friday, Apr. 5 8 AM	Souls in Purgatory † by Mary Macias Armand Toutaint† & Toby Simpson † by Family
12 PM 3 PM 6 PM	by Victor & Christina Aguirre Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current & Future Priests by a Mom Fermin & Ismael Chevez† by Mejia Family Maria Villegas† by Maria Suttles	Saturday, Apr. 8 AM 5 PM	6 James† & Henry Pawelek†; Alois† & Florence Olenick† by Olenick Family Anniversary Blessings for Isidro &
Monday, Apr. 1 8 AM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	<pre>*** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED *** Souls in Purgatory† *& World Peace by Alicia Medina Holy Hour Connie Lyssy† by Lyssy Family</pre>	Sunday, Apr. 7 8 AM 10 AM	Cynthia Luna by Family *** DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY *** Henrietta Kempf† by Mary Kossaeth Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity by a Mom BP* for Variant Maria Maria
Tuesday, Apr. 2 8 AM	2 Lucy Tamez Creech† by John Debner	12 PM	BB* for Vanessa Macias by Mary Macias Msgr. Lawrence Steubben † by Friend of the Family
Wed., Apr. 3 8 AM	Justin Acap† by His Mother	2 PM 3 PM 6 PM	Divine Mercy Benediction Maria Teresa Forero† by Felipe Forero For the Parish
Thurs., Apr. 4 8 AM	BB* for Danilo B. Taliman		*BB = Birthday Blessings

RESPECT LIFE

He Made His Dwelling Among Us: The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life

(The Annunciation was celebrated last Monday, Mar. 25.)



The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.

Luke's Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of

Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother's loving heart. Through Christ's Incarnation, God chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together.

The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man."[1] God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God… but also the incomparable value of every human person."[2]

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life."[3] The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory."[4] Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God."[5] By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."[6] Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who made his dwelling among us.

 Pope Paul VI, Gaudium et spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1965), 22.

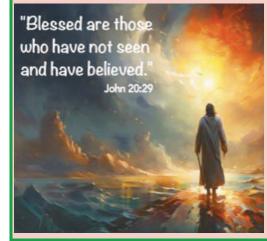
- [2] Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 2.
- [3] Ibid.
- [4] Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 34.
- [5] Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 35.
- [6] Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 2.

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PARISH NEWS

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



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: lames Benito & Deborah Allen

Len Lloyd & Sandra Trevino Arturo Johnson & Frances Berrones Juan Carlos Tovar & Brittni Sackett



ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY MEMBERS:

Safe Environment training must be renewed every three years. Need help with your VIRTUS account? Contact Brenda Gonzalez at 210-688-9033, x 211 or safeenvironment@saclaret.com.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

What did the Easter Bunny say to the carrot? Nice gnawing you.

> What is Easter Bunny's favorite kind of music? Hip-hop!

Why does the Easter Bunny want to win a gold medal? He heard it's 24 carrot.

What kind of rabbit tells jokes? A funny bunny.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES EASTER WEEK: SUN., MAR. 32 & WED., APR. 3

APR. 7



CANS

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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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locate our parish with the search tool and





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!**

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



live within you.

Have questions? Need prayers?

Contact Barbaree at 210-414-3016 or

Tex at 210-912-2668.

Purchase pre-sale tickets after all Masses Mar. 30/31 & Apr. 6/7. *Proceeds benefit the Knights' charitable missions.*

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



The parish community extends its condolences to parishioner Scott Kollmansberger whose mother, Dee Hancock, recently passed away.

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father,

who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you. Go forth, faithful Christian.

May you live in peace this day. May your home be with God in Zion, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints. Amen.

"What prevents us from receiving more abundant graces from God may be quite simply our not being sufficiently grateful and not thanking him for the



graces he has already given us. There is no doubt that if we thank God with all our heart for each grace received, especially for the inspirations [of the Holy Spirit], he will grant us more."

An excerpt from
Fr. Jacques Philippe's book,
In the School of the Holy Spirit, p. 28

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Judy Lopez Adela Calvillo 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 31: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9 Monday 1: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15 Tuesday 2: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18 Wednesday 3: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35 Thursday 4: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48 Friday 5: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14 Saturday 6: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15 Sunday 7: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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