# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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### April 7, 2024

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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.

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled

nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in per-

son. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

*— 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.



Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION: JN 20:19-31** 

# **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

### Your Generosity is Appreciated!

- Online: <u>samcsa.com/home/welcome/donate/</u>
- Mail: 6150 Roft Road San Antonio, TX 78253
- In person: during Mass or drop off at the parish office

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- En persona: durante la misa o dejándolo en la oficina parroquia





Mar. 22/23 attendance & co	lle	ction totals
Attendance		4,748
Regular Collection	\$	27,742.24
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$	3,019.92
SAMC Pantry	\$	1,162.99
Church in the Holy Land	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	780.00
Candles	\$	508.23
Easter	\$	440.00
Rice Bowl	\$	90.00
Gabriel Project	\$	75.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	62.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	5.00
Mar. 28/29 attendance & co	lle	ction totals
Holy Thursday Attendance	е	814
Good Friday Attendance		888
Rice Bowl		\$ 4,391.86
Church in the Holy Land		\$ 1,780.25
Mar. 30/31 attendance & co	lle	ction totals
Attendance		5,605
Regular Collection		\$ 37,045.32
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction		\$ 2,298.25
SAMC Pantry		\$ 870.99
Candles		\$ 669.16
Gabriel Project		\$ 300.00
Capital Campaign		\$ 200.00
Rice Bowl		\$ 150.00
Church in the Holy Land		\$ 137.50
Catholic Home Missions		\$ 15.00
Catholic Relief Services		\$ 870.99 \$ 669.16 \$ 300.00 \$ 200.00 \$ 150.00 \$ 137.50 \$ 15.00 \$ 10.00 \$ 10.00
Catholic Charities		\$ 10.00

Next week's 2nd collection is for Assumption Seminary.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

#### Saturday, Apr. 6 **8 AM** James† & Henry Pawelek†; Alois† & Florence Olenick<sup>†</sup> by Olenick Family **5 PM Anniversary Blessings for Isidro &** Cynthia Luna by Family Sunday, Apr. 7 \*\*\* DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY \*\*\* **8 AM** Henrietta Kempf<sup>†</sup> by Mary Kossaeth **Spiritual Healing & Strength for Humanity** 10 AM by a Mom **BB\* for Vanessa Macias** by Mary Macias 12 PM Msgr. Lawrence Steubben<sup>+</sup> by Friend of the Family 2 PM **Divine Mercy Benediction** Maria Teresa Forero† by Felipe Forero **3 PM** For the Parish **6 PM** Monday, Apr. 8 **8 AM BB\*** for Barbara Winn & Fran Helner: Mary Ann Feuge<sup>†</sup> & Mary Boisvert<sup>†</sup> by Bea Peterson 6:30 PM Holy Hour Juan Carlos Monterosa† by Mejia Family 7:30 PM

Tuesday, Apr. 9	)	
8 AM	<b>BB* for Matthew Gibbs</b> by Gibbs Family	
Wed., Apr. 10 8 AM	Nicholas Castillo† by Robbie Alicea	
Thurs., Apr. 11 8 AM	Richard Lemus† by Mary Macias	
Friday, Apr. 12 8 AM	Roberto Garcia† by Teresa Revilla	
Saturday, Apr. 5 PM	13 Mary Mendiola† by Mate Family	
Sunday, Apr. 14		
8 AM	BB* for Joel M. Belisario by Family	
10 AM	Mbrs. of Zaiontz, Moravits & Lyssy	
	Families; Souls in Purgatory † by Family	
12 PM	<b>BB* for Laura Rains</b> by Family	
3 PM	Maria Teresa Forero† by Felipe Forero	
6 PM	For the Parish	

\*BB = Birthday Blessings

### Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday

# **RESPECT LIFE & THE SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

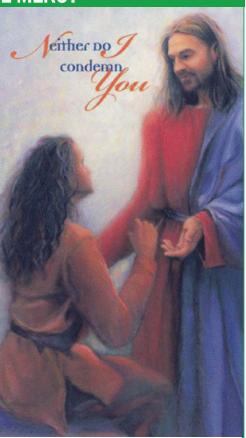
On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By

the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin."

They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy

### **Additional Resources on Abortion Healing:**

- Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion (Available to order as a pamphlet or flyer.): www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy
- Healing within Marriage from an Abortion: www.respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage
- Prayer Guide: Divine Mercy: www.usccb.org/resources/prayer-guide-healing-after-abortion
- Divine Mercy in My Soul: www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/divine-mercy-my-soul-theresa-bonopartis-rlp-2000



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# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# "Love God's Will" is the true story of a young priest from Houston: Fr. Ryan Stawaisz.

After graduating from Texas A&M as a petroleum engineer with a promising career ahead of him, he felt God was calling him to the priesthood. A year before his ordination, Ryan was diagnosed with cancer, and his desire became not only to do God's will, but to LOVE God's will. Despite his battle with cancer, Fr. Ryan remained steadfast in his desire to serve others and to share the love of Christ with everyone who crossed his path. His public ministry lasted a brief three years; but Fr. Ryan's witness continues to inspire people of all ages.

To learn more and to watch the official trailer, visit <u>www.palomitafilms.com</u>.



Join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy (<u>www.rcahybrid.org</u>)

provides a university-style hybrid™ education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3 - 12th grade students attend Socratic classes two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Lesson plans provided and optimized for in-home education.

Touring Event includes tour, classroom observation and Q&A. Apr. 19, 10 AM, 16320 Huebner Rd.; High School Observation: 11 AM RSVP to <u>ccowley.sat@rcahybrid.org</u> or call 361-298-0796. Learn more at www.rcahybrid.org. Now accepting applications for 2024-25.



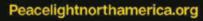
# **PARISH NEWS**

# PEACE LIGHT COMING SOON!

St. Anthony Claret Men's Club is bringing the Peace Light to our parish! It will first be displayed at the 12 PM Mass THIS Sunday, April 7. The light may be transferred to any home upon request. Interested? Contact Sid Luna at <u>samcmensclub@gmail.com</u> or 210-213-0136.



The flame of the Peace Light has burned continuously for over a thousand years and originated at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the site of Jesus' birth. It is transferred lantern-to-lantern from Tel Aviv, to Austria, to New York City. Dedicated volunteers meet, share, and move the live flame from NYC across North America, person-to-person, coast-to-coast. The Peace Light, symbolic of the Light of Christ, especially evident at Christmas, is meant to promote peace, harmony and unity among all people of the world.



## Silver Seniors Luncheon

We'll celebrate Easter & Fiesta!

Wed., Apr. 17 Msgr. Hubertus Hall Doors open 11:30 AM. For ages 55 & up

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





TE INVITAMOS A TENER UN ENCUENTRO PARA ENTENDER LA GRAN CELEBRACIÓN DE LA MISA. DONDE PARTICIPAMOS EN EL ÚNICO Y PERPETUO SACRIFICIO QUE NOS DA VIDA ETERNA.

LAS REUNIONES SON LOS DOMINGOS 7, 14, 21 DE ABRIL DE 1 PM A 2:30 PM EN EL EDIFICIO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA TERCER PISO, SALÓN 3002.

EL MARTES 23 DE ABRIL A LAS 7 P.M. EN EL EDIFICIO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA SEGUNDO PISO EN EL SALÓN 2002, EL DIACONO OTTMAR TOVAR NOS DARÁ UN CIERRE CON UNA EXPLICACIÓN DE LA MISA DE PRINCIPIO A FIN.

> Para más información llamar al (210) 833-8552

# THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



What is the fastest land mammal?

A toddler who's been asked what's in their mouth!



**EXCITING NEWS!** 

Teen ACTS is returning to St. Anthony Mary Claret this summer! We are seeking teens or young adults who have

previously attended a Teen ACTS retreat and are interested in serving on team. If you or your teen is interested, contact Nita Feliciano at youthgroup@saclaret.com.



This Week in Our Parish Wedding: Brandon Carter Burns & Olivia Nicole Megee Quinceañera: Camila De Leon



Interested in becoming Catholic? Already Catholic but have yet to receive all your sacraments?

Join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes! For more info or to register, contact Jennifer Rupert at 210-688-9033, x204.



# **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.





### **Prashanth Kuma**

John Bonnin

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: *Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales* 

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - April**

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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 – Abril Por el papel de la mujer:

Oremos para que la dignidad y la riqueza de las mujeres sean reconocidas en todas las culturas, y para que cese la discriminación que sufren en diversas partes del mundo. 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.

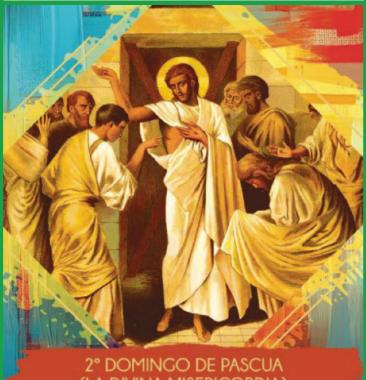
#### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Alejandro De Luna 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 7: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31 Monday 8: Is 7:10-14; 8:10//Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 Tuesday 9: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday 10: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 Thursday 11: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 Friday 12: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 Saturday 13: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 Sunday 14: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48



# (LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA)

"Aquí están mis manos; acerca tu dedo. Trae acá tu mano, métela en mi costado y no sigas dudando, sino cree". - Jn 20, 27





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