# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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#### December 15, 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.

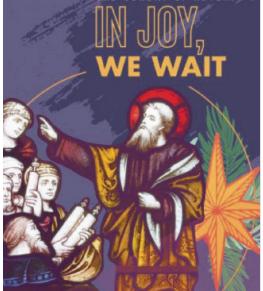
#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 3:10-18**

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement,



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he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes. — 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 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

Prepare your soul for Jesus' arrival!

ADVENT

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 7:15 PM Nov. 30/Dec. 1 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,547
Regular Collection	\$ 42,488.31
SAMC Pantry	\$ 1,280.89
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 1,220.00
Candles	\$ 477.24
Gabriel Project	\$ 460.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 25.00
Retired Religious	\$ 25.00
Christmas	\$ 5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00

Dec. 7/8 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.

The 2nd collection Dec. 24/25 will benefit Assumption Seminary. Please be generous in your support of vocations.

### **Christmas Masses**

TUESDAY, DEC. 24: 5 PM, 7 PM, 12 MIDNIGHT

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25: 10 AM, 12 PM, 3 PM (SPANISH)

# THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday Dec 10

Saturday, Dec.	. 14	
5 PM	BB* for Alana Smith by Jeanette Erickson	
Sunday, Dec. 1	15	
8 AM	Timothy Langas <sup>†</sup> by Langas Family	
10 AM	Artemio Casiwa <sup>+</sup> by Family	
12 PM	For the Parish	
3 PM	Phillip Hernandez <sup>†</sup> & Rafael Hernandez <sup>†</sup>	
	by Family	
6 PM	Marge Lucido <sup>†</sup> by Larry Lucido & Family	
	Kristine Fernandez-Mills† by Mom & Dad	
Monday, Dec.	16	
8 AM	BB* for Anissa Sanchez by Family	
6:30 PM	Holy Hour	
7:30 PM	Marge Lucido <sup>†</sup> & Dee Hancock <sup>†</sup> by Families	
	Souls of Deceased Priests <sup>†</sup> by Robbie Alicea	
Tuesday, Dec.	17	
8 AM	Health for Frances Gentry by Son & Family	
	14th Anniversary Blessings for Paul &	
	Leticia Trevino by Trevino Family	
Wednesday, D	ec. 18	
8 AM	Souls in Purgatory <sup>†</sup> & World Peace	
	by Alicia Medina	

#### Elvira Gonzales† by Son

Thursday, D	ec. 19
8 AM	Msgr. Lucian Brasley† by Bea Alvarez
	<b>BB</b> <sup>*</sup> for August Adderholdt
	by Jeanette Erickson
Friday, Dec.	
8 AM	Arthur Grakowski† by His Mom
	<b>BB* for Josie Villarreal</b> by Teresa Revilla
Saturday, De	ec. 21
5 PM	Nancy Otto <sup>†</sup> by Greg Otto
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Sunday, Dec.	. 22
8 AM	Telesfora Elvena <sup>†</sup> by Chiapoco Family
10 AM	Eduardo Alonsa† & Concepcion De La
	Caridad Romero <sup>+</sup> by Wife & Family
12 PM	Phillip Hernandez <sup>†</sup> & Rafael Hernandez <sup>†</sup>
	by Family
3 PM	Abdullah Mustafa† by Noha Mustafa
6 PM	Yolanda Mate Moy <sup>+</sup> by Tibe Family
7:15 PM	Advent Reconciliation (Confession)
	AUVEIL RECONCIDATION (CONTESSION)



Drop your donations in the large plastic bin in the narthex.

St. Gerard Majella, patron and protector of expectant mothers, pray for us.

# **PARISH NEWS**

### WANTED: CLEANING ANGELS

Ever wonder who keeps our church looking lovely and clean?



They are parish volunteers known as the "Cleaning Angels"! Join these wonderful helpers on Wednesdays immediately following the 8 AM Mass. They only tend to the sanctuary and narthex. NO SWEEPING, MOPPING OR RESTROOOM CLEANING. No need to call; just show up!



#### St. Anthony Mary Claret Stephen Ministry: A CALL FOR CAREGIVERS

"Encourage one another and build each other up." – 1 Thes. 5:11

Is God calling you to share your gifts of compassion, patience, mercy, gentleness, humility, strength and understanding?

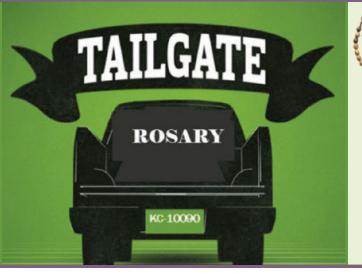
Stephen ministers exhibit a faith that is practiced by giving care to others. In providing that care in Jesus' name, they find they are blessed as well. There is joy in listening, providing hope, and offering friendship to support to those in need.

Would you consider becoming a Stephen Minister? To learn more about training and serving in this beautiful ministry, contact Catherine Chavez at (361) 455-2753 or <u>chavezcat10@gmail.com</u>.



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

DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!



### ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET WOMEN'S RETREAT: "You are the Miracle!" Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025

REGISTER NOW BY PHONE OR EMAIL!

Guest speaker Mary Jane Fox, co-founder, Pilgrim Center of Hope

For ages 18 & over Hosted by the Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Cost: \$20, incl. coffee, light pastries & lunch Registration limited to 100 women.

Contact the team member listed below according to the first letter of your last name. A-E: Contact Liz Montes at 210-842-5932 or <u>lizmontes16my@gmail.com</u>. F-J: Contact Maria Lourdes Gutierrez at 281-507-4822 or <u>mariaL007g@gmail.com</u>. K-O: Contact Debbie Hudon at 508-493-5536 or <u>dach834@comcast.net</u>. P-Z: Contact Lorraine Kenyon at 210-872-6834 or <u>LsKenyon@kenyongroup.com</u>.

\*Note: no childcare available.



LINE DANCING! Tuesdays 10-11:30 AM Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Christmas Party Potluck: Dec. 17 No line dancing Dec. 24. Yes, we will have line dancing Dec. 31

Questions? Contact Helen 210-865-1214.

# NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!

View the bulletin anytime on our website: <u>http://samcsa.com/</u> or have it emailed directly to you. Go to <u>parishesonline.com</u>, locate our parish with the search tool and click on "subscribe."

Presented by SAC Knights of Columbus Council 10090

# Tuesday, Dec. 17 7 PM followed by fellowship hour

Parking lot by the pavilion

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



#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

# **PARISH NEWS**

# Discernment of Spirits Workshop

Thursday, Dec. 19 7- 8:30 PM Msgr. Hubertus Hall Sign up after Masses THIS weekend and Dec, 14/15 or

*Via text to Charlie at* 210-232-6094.



## A Special Invitation from the St. Anthony Claret Two Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group

Need a New Years resolution? Join the Two Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group!

A charismatic prayer group is a witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It operates in the power that

was unleashed at Pentecost when God poured out His Spirit upon the Apostles and disciples in the upper room. We as believers have this same power.

Learn how to use the gifts, fruits, and charisms offered through the Holy Spirit. Enter the presence of God through praise and worship, grow in knowledge of our faith by listening to various teachings, make scripture and the sacraments come alive, and evangelize and serve others with love. Come together in prayer with a community of believers using the gifts God has given us.

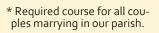
### NEXT MEETING: Wed., Jan. 8 in the pavilion.

### Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) as taught by The Couple to Couple League.\* 99% effective! *NFP is <u>not</u> the old Calendar Rhythm method!*

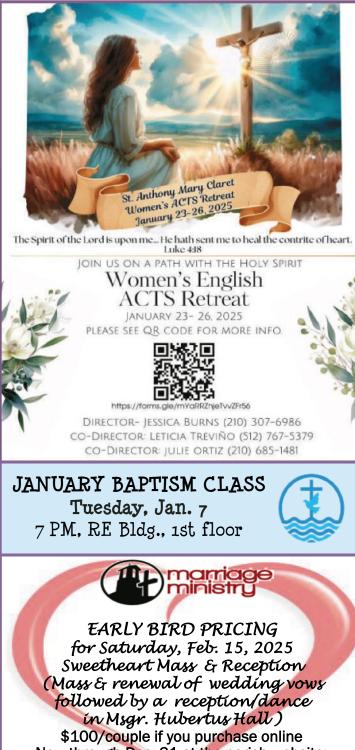
Learn about the beauty of fertility through the eyes of St. JPII's *Theology of the Body* while building intimacy and increasing communication in your marriage. Couples will learn to track their natural cycle without harmful artificial hormones. This method is equally effective for couples who want to avoid or achieve pregnancy. Share the responsibility for your family planning using this scientifically based, medically safe and <u>only method morally</u> <u>accepted by the Catholic Church</u>.

Next live class at our parish: Sunday, Jan. 12.

You must register prior to class at **ccli.org.** For more info, email Chris or Nicole Glowe at <u>nfpglowe@yahoo.com</u>.







Now through Dec. 31 at the parish website: www.samcsa.com. In the "description" field, type "Sweetheart Mass/Reception." After Dec. 31, price increases to \$120.

# THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Why do reindeer scratch themselves?

Because they're the only ones who know where they itch.



# **FAITH & PRAYER**

### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

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





Daniel Delgado-Acosta

Javier Ramos

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and women. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen.

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.



# Three Ways to Celebrate Advent Outside of Mass

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

Virginia Keller Jo Ann Garza Deacon Jerry Kozar John Fischer Gilbert Tobias David Curry Alejandro De Luna Tracey Kollmansberger Al Mares Marylen Dunk Diana & Juan Martinez 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.

NOTE: <u>All names that have been running for longer than</u> <u>4 weeks will run through the end of December 2024 and then</u> <u>be removed</u>. If there is a need tor them to run longer, contact the parish office.

This list is reserved for *names of <u>parishioners and immediate</u> <u>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 15: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 Monday 16: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 Tuesday 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 Wednesday 18: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 Thursday 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 Friday 20: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 Saturday 21: Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45 Sunday 22: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

#### CELEBRATE ADVENT IDEA 1:

If you need to wait in a line, don't immediately pull out your phone. Experience the feeling of waiting and offer up a prayer for someone you know in need!

#### CELEBRATE ADVENT IDEA 2:

Set up a nativity scene in your home but don't set it up all at once. Put a different piece out every day or every week until the whole thing is finished by Christmas!

#### CELEBRATE ADVENT IDEA 3:

Bake cookies to secretly drop off to your neighbors. Include a Christmas card with an Advent prayer or an invitation to Christmas Mass at your parish!





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