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December 29, 2024

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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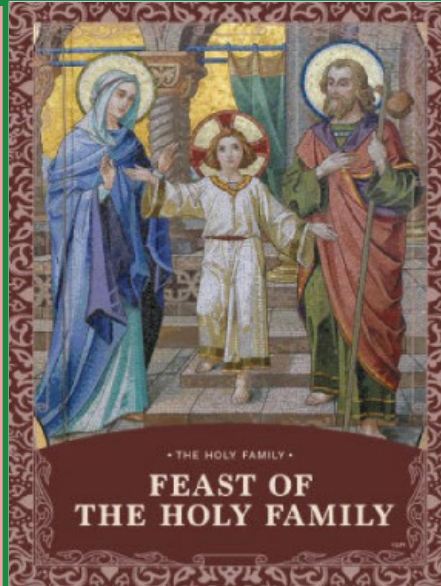
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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 2:41-52

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “**after three days found him in the temple area,**

**sitting among the teachers...**” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “**Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.**” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— *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.

## 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.

**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!

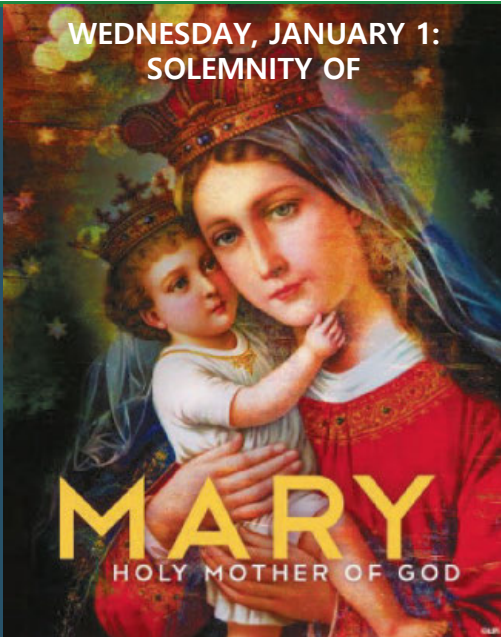
Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak

**Dec. 9 attendance total 1,053**  
**Dec. 12 attendance total 526**

**Dec. 14/15 attendance & collection totals**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>3,410</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 37,395.40</b>
<b>SAMC Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 7,963.78</b>
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 1,175.00</b>
<b>Retired Religious</b>	<b>\$ 885.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 438.60</b>
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	<b>\$ 290.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$ 69.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Stephen Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Catholic Home Missions</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>

**Dec. 21/22 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.**

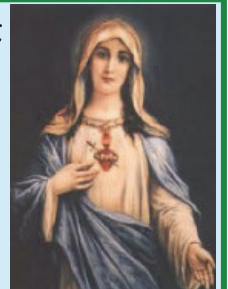


**THIS IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION.**  
**MASS TIMES: TUESDAY, DEC. 31, 5 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1, 10 AM & 5 PM**



**St. Anthony Mary Claret First Friday Mass dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
**Friday, Jan. 3, 8 AM**

**St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
**Saturday, Jan. 4; Mass: 8 AM**  
 followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayers



**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Dec. 28**  
 5 PM **Cynthia Vasquez†** by Alaniz, Pizana & Vasquez Families

**Sunday, Dec. 29**  
 8 AM **Sp. Int. for SAC Pantry Volunteers** by Harold Shields  
 10 AM **Yolanda Mate Moy†** by Genco Family  
 12 PM **BB\* for Mia Dumanjog** by Mom & Dad  
 3 PM **For the Parish**  
 6 PM **Poor Sinners** by Family

**Monday, Dec. 30**  
 8 AM **BB\* for Leticia Trevino** by Trevino Family  
**BB\* for Seth Peterson** by Bea Peterson  
 6:30 PM Holy Hour  
 7:30 PM **For an End to Abortion**

**Tuesday, Dec. 31 \*\*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*\***  
 5 PM **BB\* for Lily Olech & Michael Poff** by Olech Family

**Wednesday, Jan. 1 \*\*\* PARISH OFFICE CLOSED \*\*\***  
 10 AM **Spiritual Healing & Strength for Priests, Yesenia Gonzales, Consuelo Gonzales,**

**5 PM Aristotle Vela, Ceile Ayres, & RCIA & Confirmation Students** by A Mom  
**Arthur Grakowski †** by His Mother

**Thursday, Jan. 2**  
 8 AM **Rosa Maria Velazquez†** by Family  
 6:30 PM Bilingual Holy Hour  
 7:30 PM **For Religious Vocations**

**Friday, Jan. 3 \*\*\* FIRST FRIDAY \*\*\***  
 8 AM **Deceased Priests†** by Robbie Alicea

**Saturday, Jan. 4 \*\*\* FIRST SATURDAY \*\*\***  
 8 AM **Walderico Elvena†** by Chiapoco Family  
 5 PM **Helen Rose Himstreet†** by Church Friends

**Sunday, Jan. 5**  
 8 AM **Ricardo Joaquin Arana†** by Arana Family  
**For the Parish**  
 10 AM **Alfred Elizondo†** by Family  
 12 PM **Health for Thalia & Louis F. Gonzales II;**  
 3 PM **Sp. Int. for Louie S. Gonzales** by Family  
**In Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary** by Maria Carazo

\*BB = Birthday Blessings



**RESPECT LIFE**

**Word of Life**

“Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life — especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.”

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities: A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life ([www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph))

**Palabra De Vida**

“Muy querido san José... ayúdanos a comprometernos fielmente a servir y defender la vida humana, en especial donde está vulnerada o amenazada. Obtennos la gracia de hacer la voluntad de Dios en todas las cosas”.

— Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB: “Oración a san José, defensor de la vida” ([es.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](http://es.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph))



St. Joseph, defender of life,  
*pray for us!*

*A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life*

Dearest St. Joseph,  
at the word of an angel,  
you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
As God's humble servant, you guided  
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
welcomed Jesus as your own son  
in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland  
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,  
you never hesitated to sacrifice  
for those entrusted to you.  
May your example inspire us also  
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard  
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves  
to the service and defense of human life  
—especially where it is  
vulnerable or threatened.  
Obtain for us the grace  
to do the will of God in all things.  
Amen.

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition  
Friday, Jan. 10, 7-9 PM**

Free for boys & girls  
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13 & 14

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Sports Park  
(indoor basketball courts)  
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Participants will need the following:

- Completed “Free Throw Championship Entry Form” (available on event day)
- Copy of birth certificate to confirm age and bracket as of Jan. 1, 2025

Winners may advance to district,  
regional & state tournaments.

For more info email [council10090@gmail.com](mailto:council10090@gmail.com).

### PARISH NEWS



## St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus #10090 & The Gabriel Project Diaper Drive



During December you may donate new diapers to aid families in need. Drop your donations in the large plastic bin in the narthex.

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



La Legión de Maria les invita al grupo nuevo en español.

Las reuniones son los jueves a las 9 AM en edificio E.

Si tiene preguntas puede llamar a Maria de Lourdes: 281-507-4822.

### Discernment of Spirits Workshop

Thursday, Jan. 9  
7- 8:30 PM  
Msgr. Hubertus Hall



*Sign up after Masses THIS weekend and Jan. 4/5 or via text to Charlie at 210-232-6094.*



**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!**



This Week in Our Parish  
Quinceañera:  
Audrey Marie Hernandez



### Your Generosity is Appreciated!

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### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



### Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations

el jueves, 2 de enero  
Thursday, Jan. 2, 6:30 PM  
Misa/Mass: 7:30 PM



PARISH NEWS



LINE DANCING!

Tuesdays  
10-11:30 AM  
Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Yes, we will have line dancing Dec. 31!  
Questions? Contact Helen 210-865-1214.

St. Anthony Mary Claret  
Women of the Well



Join us for faith, reflection and fellowship!  
This month's presentation: Eucharistic Consecration  
(33 days for Eucharistic Glory)

Saturday, Jan. 4 9-11 AM  
Msgr. Hubertus Hall  
Light breakfast provided.

Questions? Email [wow.samc@gmail.com](mailto:wow.samc@gmail.com).

Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) as  
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Next live class at our parish: Sunday, Jan. 12.

You must register prior  
to class at [ccli.org](http://ccli.org).  
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Chris or Nicole Glowe at  
[nfpglowe@yahoo.com](mailto:nfpglowe@yahoo.com).



\* Required course for all  
couples marrying in our parish.



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He hath sent me to heal the contrite of heart.  
Luke 4:18

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SNACKS FOR ACTS  
Sunday, Jan. 12  
9 AM - 1:30 PM



We are excited to welcome new women into our  
church community. In order to do so, we are  
asking for the church community to help us with  
contributions to snacks for our weekend ACTS  
retreat. This will help us cover cost for more  
scholarships for women to attend. Thank you for  
any help!

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ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Bottled Waters
- ▶ Soda Can Packs
- ▶ Trail Mix
- ▶ Chocolate
- ▶ Hard Candy
- ▶ Granola Bars
- ▶ Chips
- ▶ Cookie/Crackers

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For More Information : (210) 307-6986 Jessica Burns, Director



### 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.**



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



- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Virginia Keller       | Annette D. Navarro     |
| Jo Ann Garza          | Maurice Flores         |
| Deacon Jerry Kozar    | Tony Salinas           |
| John Fischer          | Fr. Patrick Martin     |
| Gilbert Tobias        | George Aldaya          |
| David Curry           | Mary Helen Peterson    |
| Alejandro De Luna     | Barbara Vanegas        |
| Tracey Kollmansberger | A.C. Garza             |
| Al Mares              | Gilbert Niedenthal     |
| Marylen Dunk          | Javier & Mary Bautista |
| Diana & Juan Martinez | SJS                    |
| Rodolfo Salinas       | Jim Souhrada           |
| San Juana de Lerma    | Tom Calderon Jr.       |

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

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 29: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/ Lk 2:41-52
- Monday 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
- Tuesday 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday 1: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Thursday 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
- Saturday 3: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
- Sunday 4: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

#### PARISH NEWS



marriage ministry

**EARLY BIRD PRICING**  
for Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025  
Sweetheart Mass & Reception  
(Mass & renewal of wedding vows followed by a reception/dance in Msgr. Hubertus Hall)

\$100/couple if you purchase online  
Now through Dec. 31 at the parish website:  
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#### LA SAGRADA FAMILIA



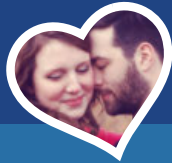
Entonces volvió con ellos a Nazaret y siguió sujeto a su autoridad.  
Su madre conservaba en su corazón todas aquellas cosas.  
Jesús iba creciendo en saber, en estatura y en el favor de Dios y de los hombres. - Lc 2, 51-52

**JANUARY BAPTISM CLASS**  
Tuesday, Jan. 7  
7 PM, RE Bldg., 1st floor



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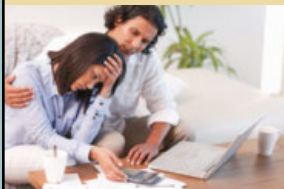
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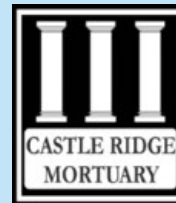
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