# St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church 6150 Roft Road • San Antonio, Texas 78253 Office: 210-688-9033 • Fax: 210-688-3575

Visit us at www.samcsa.com.

Send comments or questions to saclaret@saclaret.com.



**Second Sunday of Advent** 

#### **December 8, 2024**

#### Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak, Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

#### **Parochial Vicars**

Rev. C. Arockiasamy, BA, B.Ph, B.Th., M.S.F.S. Rev. Thomas Olikkunnel, Ph.D., H.G.N.

#### Deacons:

Jerome (Jerry) Kozar, M.S. Gene Festa Tom Elms Tony Valdez Jose Bermea

> Business Administrator Luis E. Astorga, MBA

Bookkeeper

Rose Ann Villafranca, BBA, MBA

#### Assistant Bookkeeper Sabrina Martinez

Secretary

Elaine Wolf-Gentry, BS

Director of Religious Education

& Evangelization
Jennifer Rupert, C.Th.

Religious Education Admin. Assistant Brenda Gonzalez, BS

Coordinators of Religious Education Odilia Piña Bea Peterson

RCIA/RCIC Coordinator Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Nita Feliciano

Music Director Paul Rauschhuber, BM, ME, MME

#### Bulletin Editor

Sandy Salinas, BA

#### Sacristans

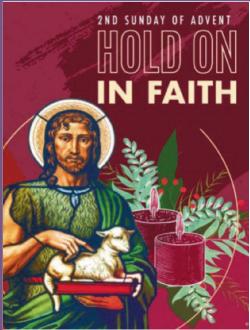
Teresa Revilla Rita Valdez John Pena

#### Grounds & Maintenance

Charlie Sievers Rafael Olmos Roger Ruiz

#### **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 3:1-6**

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist": Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is

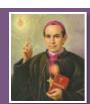
the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

— 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.

Page 2 **December 8, 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



Nov. 23/24 attendance & collection totals

Attendance 3,439 **Regular Collection** 28,271.11 **SAMC Pantry** 1,516.89 **Candles** 694.57 Campaign for Human Dev. 627.00 RE Bldg. Debt Reduction 500.00 **Gabriel Project** 400.00 **World Missions** 35.00 **Stephen Ministry** \$ 20.00 Misc. other donations 60.00

Nov. 30/Dec. 1 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.

The 2nd collection this weekend is for retired men & women religious.



Feast of the Immaculate **Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** A HOLY DAY OF **OBLIGATION** Monday, Dec. 9 Mass times: 8 AM & 7 PM

While the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is usually observed on Dec. 8, this year that date coincides with the second Sunday of Advent. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has transferred the obligation to attend Mass for this Holy Day to Monday, Dec. 9. The faithful are expected to attend Mass that day.

# THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

• •			Manuela M. Gonzales†; Souls in Purgatory† by Y. Gonzales
O 7 KIVI			
5 PM			
	Dias E. Mivarado   by Debia Cameron	8 AM	Billie Sievers† by Charlie Sievers & Family
• /			Nizza Deguzman† by Lagura Family
8 AM		7 PM	Edward Majchrowicz† by Mendoza Family
10 AM		Friday, Dec. 13	
		8 AM	Esther Lyons† by Shaw & Jordan Families
12 PM			Raymond Bendele† & BB* for Dennis
12111			Friedrichs by Bea Peterson
3 PM		Saturday, Dec.	14
6 PM	Uldarico Mate, Sr.† by Mate Family	5 PM	BB* for Alana Smith by Jeanette Erickson
Monday Dec 9 *** HOLV DAV OF ORLIGATION *** Sunday Dec 15			
			Timothy Langas† by Langas Family
O 7 KIVI			Artemio Casiwa† by Family
7 PM			For the Parish
	, ,		Phillip Hernandez† & Rafael Hernandez†
		JIM	by Family
8 AM		6 PM	Marge Lucido† by Larry Lucido & Family
		O I IVI	Kristine Fernandez-Mills† by Mom & Dad
wednesday, Dec. 11			
8 AM	Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current		*BB = Birthday Blessings
	8 AM 5 PM Sunday, Dec. 8 8 AM 10 AM 12 PM 3 PM 6 PM Monday, Dec. 9 8 AM 7 PM Tuesday, Dec. 1 8 AM	Staff by St. Anthony Claret Parish Staff 5 PM Blas L. Alvarado† by Debra Cameron  Sunday, Dec. 8 8 AM For the Parish 10 AM Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J. Ponce†; Healing for Anthony & Nathan Ponce by Alma Ponce 12 PM Margarito Chapa† & Eugenia Chapa† by Hernandez Family 3 PM Deborah Santana† by Family 6 PM Uldarico Mate, Sr.† by Mate Family  Monday, Dec. 9 *** HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION *** 8 AM Josephine Gonzalez† by Family Marge Lucido† & Dee Hancock by Family 7 PM Rick Debner† by John Debner  Tuesday, Dec. 10 8 AM Nancy Williams† by Lenna & Joe Gregorio BB* for Alexis Macias by Mary Macias Wednesday, Dec. 11	Staff by St. Anthony Claret Ministry Leaders & Staff by St. Anthony Claret Parish Staff Blas L. Alvarado† by Debra Cameron  Sunday, Dec. 8  8 AM For the Parish 10 AM Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J. Ponce†; Healing for Anthony & Nathan Ponce by Alma Ponce 12 PM Margarito Chapa† & Eugenia Chapa† by Hernandez Family 3 PM Deborah Santana† by Family 6 PM Uldarico Mate, Sr.† by Mate Family  Monday, Dec. 9 *** HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION *** 8 AM Josephine Gonzalez† by Family Marge Lucido† & Dee Hancock by Family 7 PM Rick Debner† by John Debner  Tuesday, Dec. 10  8 AM Nancy Williams† by Lenna & Joe Gregorio BB* for Alexis Macias by Mary Macias  Wednesday, Dec. 11

& Future Descendants of Daniel R.† &

#### **PARISH NEWS**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



SUNDAY, DEC. 15
JOIN US FOR MOVIES, FOOD & GAMES!
WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT
EXCHANGE OF \*5 OR LESS.
MIDDLE SCHOOL: 4 - 5:45 PM
HIGH SCHOOL: 7 - 9 PM

# St. Anthony Mary Claret Women of the Well



Join us for faith, reflection and fellowship!
This month's presentation: Our Virgen de Guadalupe

Saturday, December 14, 9–11am Cordi Marian Retreat Center Tepeyac Hill-Shrine Questions? Email: wow.samc@gmail.com



St. Anthony Claret Pantry 2024 Thanksgiving Donation Report

We distributed the following:

- 94 \$30 HEB gift cards (plus one extra food bag per family) benefitting 432 individuals
- 226 total food bags distributed: 226
- ◆ 12 home deliveries to homebound clients

### Thank YOU for allowing us to serve those in need.

Hours: Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.co. Thank you for your support of our mission.



# Your Generosity is Appreciated!

- Online: samcsa.com/home/welcome/donate/
- Mail: 6150 Roft Road San Antonio, TX 78253
- During Mass or drop off at parish office

### Su Generosidad es Apreciada!

- En línea: <a href="mailto:samcsa.com/home/welcome/donate/">samcsa.com/home/welcome/donate/</a>
- ◆ Correo: 6150 Roft Road, San Antonio, TX 78253
- Durante la misa o dejándolo en la oficina parroquia





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.



Page 4 December 8, 2024

#### **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

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 <a href="mailto:chavezcat10@gmail.com">chavezcat10@gmail.com</a>.



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!** 



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 dach834@comcast.net.
P-Z: Contact Lorraine Kenyon at 210-872-6834
or LsKenyon@kenyongroup.com.

\*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

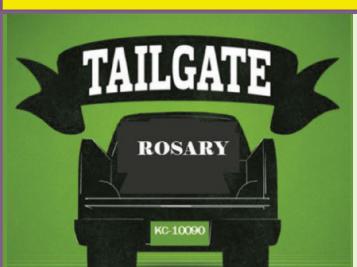
Questions? Contact Helen 210-865-1214.



#### **NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!**

View the bulletin anytime on our website: <a href="http://samcsa.com/">http://samcsa.com/</a> 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!



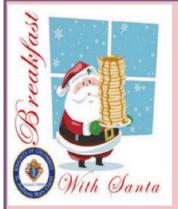
### **PARISH NEWS**



#### 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.



St. Anthony Mary Claret
Knights of Columbus Council
#10090 presents

Breakfast with Santa!

Saturday, Dec. 14 9 AM – 12 PM

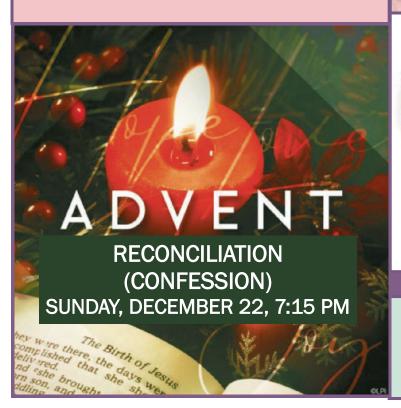
\$8/person for pancakes, sausage & drink

Activities for kids 12 & under. Santa arrives at 9:30 AM.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

<u>Limited number</u> of tickets on sale after Masses THIS WEEKEND outside church exits.

Cash, checks & credit cards accepted.





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

Luke 4:18

JOIN US ON A PATH WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### Women's English ACTS Retreat

January 23 - 26, 2025 Ease see QR code for more info



https://forms.gle/mYaRRZhjeTvvZFr56

DIRECTOR- JESSICA BURNS (210) 307-6986 CO-DIRECTOR: LETICIA TREVIÑO (512) 767-5379 CO-DIRECTOR: JULIE ORTIZ (210) 685-1481



This Week in Our Parish
Wedding:
Parwin Lorraine
& Brianna Lopez



FARLY 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:
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.



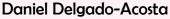
Page 6 **December 8, 2024** 

#### **FAITH & PRAYER**

#### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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







**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.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

CELEBRATION FRIDAY | DEC 20

ROSARY **PROCESSION** 7:00PM

FELLOWSHIP AND MUSIC 8:00PM

Shepherds



CELEBRACIÓN VIERNES | 20 DE DIC

> ROSARIO 7:00PM CONVIVIO

> > MUSICA 8:00PM

# ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET ANNUAL POSADA | POSADA ANUAL





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



Virginia Keller Jo Ann Garza Etta Tricksev Deacon Jerry Kozar John Fischer Gilbert Tobias David Curry Alejandro De Luna Tracey Kollmansberger Al Mares Marvlen 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: 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 tor 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 8: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 Monday 9: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 Tuesday 10: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 Wednesday 11: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 Thursday 12: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38 Friday 13: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 Saturday 14: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Sunday 15: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



# catholicmatch®

Texas



CatholicMatch.com/TX

#### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

AD JANITORIAL CLEANING SERVICE Ve are a family owned business in North West San Antonio. Specializing in Commercial and Residential & More CALL OR TEXT 707-330-0725 adjanitorialca@gmail.com





# DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit Ipicommunities.com



# Rutkowski **Plumbing**



Specializing in **Residential Repair** Carl Rutkowski 695-3276

We can HELP YOU with your Personal, Business and Life Insurances! Home, Auto, Business Owners AND Life & Retirement planning.



Cindy Aguirre & Gus Aguirre Jr

Allstate

**Aguirre Agencies - 2 Locations** 

5805 Callaghan - 210-245-5600 cindyaguirre@allstate.com

2430 E. Southcross - 210-533-6770 gaguirrejr@allstate.com



MORTUARY

REGÍSTRATE PARA ARREGLAR

(877) 474-6725

SIN SALIR

We are committed to providing you Funeral & Cremation services with Respect and Integrity.

We honor Pre-need plans from other funeral homes.

\$250.00 OFF

Any Funeral or Cremation service, Pre-arrangement plan.

ABOGADA DE

INMIGRACIÓN

10901 W Loop 1604 N • 210-756-6868 www.castleridgemortuary.com

Alexandra Lozano

# WE APPRECIATE OUR

ADVERTISERS!



(210) 819-9353 slongoria 79@yahoo.com Specializing in Plumbing & Drain Repair, & Install Light Electrical | 10+ years 15% Off All Plumbing Needs

# TCT TAX SERVICE

210-670-9700

Email: gary1991@tct-sa.com .tcttaxpreparationsanantonio.co

**Gary Carpenter** 

EA, NTPI Fellow Parishioner

Tax Preparation and IRS Representation Payroll & Business Services.

# Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

CREATOR STUDIO





#### FOR SALE DOUBLE BURIAL PLOT

Take advantage of this LOW COST Double Burial Plot at a BIG DISCOUNT. The double plots are in a beautiful and serene ndscape a few steps from the Holy Family Pavilion located at Resurrection Cemetery 1164 Culebra, San Antonio, TX Comes with an upright Granite Headstone and Granite Bench.





### FARMERS INSURANCE

#### **EIGEL AGENCY**

9820 Braun Rd., Suite 103 San Antonio, TX 78254 210-851-8686 - Office www.farmersagent.com/jeigel

JEFF EIGEL Agency Owner, Parishioner

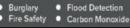
Contact us today for ersonalized protection tailored to your unique







### ADT-Monitored Home Security



Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

833-287-3502 ADT

#### Dr. Beverly Kotara Wiatrek Therapeutic Optometrist



534-8863 3310 East Southcross

"We take your eyes to heart"

# SHORT STAFFED?





Free K-12 Classical School Coming to Northwest San Antonio

Wisdom through Wonder

**ENROLL NOW VALOREDUCATION.ORG** 210-903-0383



✓ Ambulance/Police CALL NOW! \$19% Family/Friends
GPS & Fall Alert

800.808.9294
md-medalert.com



# **NEVER MISS** OUR BULLETIN!



Have our bulletin emailed to you every week.







VORTEX

I will contribute \$100 to St. Anthony Mary Claret for all member transactions who buy or sell with me!



# The Will Lady

Wills • Trusts • Probate **Power Of Attorney** 

210-949-1000

The Law Office of Kathleen Cassidy Goodman, PLLC 12274 Bandera Rd., #222 • Helotes, TX 78023

KCGLaw@att.net • www.BexarLaw.com

#### Visit www.parishesonline.com



Specializing in ADHD, Depression, Anxiety and Couples Counseling accepting new clients online or in-person session Hablamos español

Sana Counseling Services, PLLC

San Juanita Pate - Licensed Professional Counselor 210-802-2194 ⊠ JuanitaPate@SanaCounselingServices.com www.SanaCounselingServices.com

### LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME Jon Becker** 

Jbecker@4LPi.com (800) 950-9952 x2536



heMissions December 3rd



#### Catholic Bible Studies @SAMC

**Grow Your Faith classes** Level 1 Basic & Level 2

English • In Person Zoom • Saturday Retreat

h • In Person

Call/Text C J Aboytes 10-843-1198

WE APPRECIATE OUR



#### Sam Longoria Agent

11026 Culebra Road, Suite 105 San Antonio, TX 78253

210-433-3264 saminsures.com



SUPPORT

**OUR PARISH** 

• Bank & Credit Card Reconciliation CALL TODAY FOR A FREE CONSULTATION

Accounts Payable
 Payroll Services

BOOKKEEPING

• Accounts Receivable • Financial Statements

www.rkbookkeepingtx.com

Services Include:

210-788-9465 | info@rkbookkeepingtx.com

ADT-Monitored Home Security Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

RK

 Flood Detection Carbon Monoxide

833-287-3502



National Shooting Complex

# Proud to be your neighbor!

**National Shooting Complex** (210) 688-2542

www.nationalshootingcomplex.com

"Peace begins with a smile." ~ Mother Teresa

- affordable in-house dental benefit

(210) 522-1777

www.GiesFamilyDental.com





# JIM MULLEN

Ranch Sales & Wildlife Management



ADVERTISERS!

SUPPORT OUR

210-260-4946 | QuailPro.com

Licensed by the Texas Real Estate comm.





Jimmy Vasquez – Owner | Vasquez Parishioner Family Asphalt Driveways & Overlays • Full Depth Repairs Patch Work • Seal Coat • Miling Service Chip Sealing • Concrete Form Setting

(210) 286-5057 1108 Creek Cabin • San Antonio, TX



# **NORTH PARK** Volkswagen

**Special Pricing for all SAMC Parishione** 



New Car Director | Parishioner

21315 West Interstate 10 · San Antonio, TX 78257 210-581-3331 | gmacias@npvw.com | northparkvw.com