

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

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February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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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 2:22-40

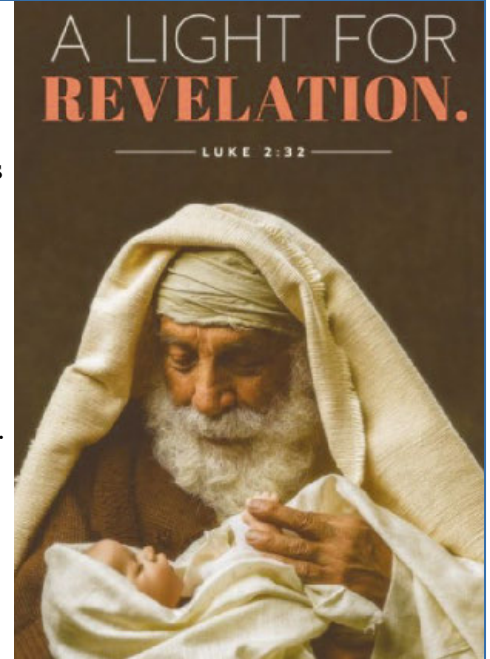
What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which **"the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed"** (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts.

Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

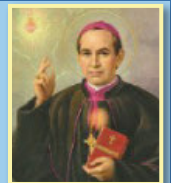
This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— 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**



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

**Jan. 25/26 attendance & collection totals**

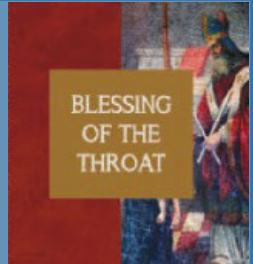
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>4,099</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 33,092.58</b>
<b>Church in Latin America</b>	<b>\$ 3,321.09</b>
<b>SAMC Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 2,002.99</b>
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 595.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 484.05</b>
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	<b>\$ 275.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Rosary Makers</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

**Healing Mass: Monday, Feb. 3  
7:30 PM after  
6:30 PM Holy Hour**



In observance of the feast day of St. Blaise on Feb. 3, the blessing of throats will occur at these Masses THIS weekend.

BLESSING OF THE THROAT



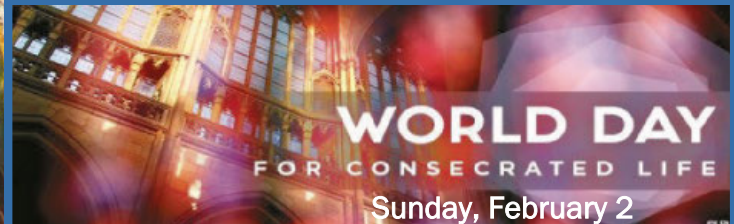
**Saturday, Feb. 1: 5 PM  
Sunday, Feb. 2: 8 & 10 AM,  
12, 3 & 6 PM**



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

jueves, 6 de febrero/Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30 PM  
*Misa/Mass: 7:30 PM*

**St. Anthony Mary Claret  
First Friday Mass  
dedicated to the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Friday, Feb. 7; Mass: 8 AM**



**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Feb. 1 \*\*\* FIRST SATURDAY \*\*\***  
8 AM BB\* for Paul Robin Wessel by Bea Peterson  
5 PM **Spiritual Healing/Strength for Humanity;  
Souls in Purgatory†** by a Mom  
Lee & Steve Sanders† by Family

**Sunday, Feb. 2**  
8 AM BB\* for Frances Gentry by Son & Family  
**Anniversary Blessings for Jeremias &  
Clarissa Fernandes** by Family  
10 AM **Mario V. Donias†** by William & Darrelyn  
Kunding  
12 PM **Eulalio Trevino†** by Family  
3 PM **For the Parish**  
6 PM BB\* for Frances Gentry by Family

**Monday, Feb. 3**  
8 AM **Tom Joyce† & Mark Alterman†**  
by Cindy Sheridan-Joyce  
6:30 PM Holy Hour  
7:30 PM **\*\*\* Healing Mass \*\*\***  
**Maria Teresa Clabita†** by CFC Family

**Tuesday, Feb. 4**  
8 AM **Fernando Mascorro† & Luz Maria  
Gonzalez†** by Diana Mascorro & Family

**Wednesday, Feb. 5**  
8 AM **Ricardo Joaquin Arana†** by Arana Family

**BB\* for Emma Caroline Shearer**  
by Bea Peterson

**Thursday, Feb. 6**  
8 AM **James† & Henry Pawelek†; Alois† &  
Florence Olenick†** by Olenick Family  
6:30 PM Bilingual Holy Hour  
7:30 PM **For Religious Vocations**

**Friday, Feb. 7 \*\*\* FIRST FRIDAY \*\*\***  
8 AM **Fabricio Argueta†; Souls in Purgatory†;  
Conversion of Sinners** by Velasco Argueta  
Family

**Saturday, Feb. 8**  
5 PM **Purita Gumaru†** by Family

**Sunday, Feb. 9**  
8 AM BB\* for Hector Lopez by Alice Lopez  
BB\* for Jeremias Fernandes by Family  
10 AM **Marcelino Armendariz, Jr.†**  
by Teresa Revilla  
12 PM **Good Health for Armila Casaclang**  
by Family  
3 PM **For the Parish**  
6 PM **Dexter Reyes†** by Cherry Hernandez

\*BB = Birthday Blessings

**RESPECT LIFE**

**Word of Life**

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

— Pope Francis, *Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021*  
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**Palabra De Vida**

“Una sociedad es tanto más humana cuanto más sabe cuidar a sus miembros frágiles y que más sufren, y sabe hacerlo con eficiencia animada por el amor fraterno. Caminemos hacia esta meta, procurando que nadie se quede solo, que nadie se sienta excluido ni abandonado.”

— Papa Francisco, *Mensaje por la XXIX Jornada del Enfermo 2021*  
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**Intercessions for Life**

For the sick, especially those nearing life’s end: May they be cared for with tenderness and compassion as they prepare to enter eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

**Intercesiones por la Vida**

Por los enfermos, en especial los que están cercanos al final de la vida: para que reciban cuidados con ternura y compasión mientras se preparan para entrar a la vida eterna. Roguemos al Señor.

**CATHOLIC Q & A**



Question:

Is it alright to leave Mass before the final blessing?

Answer:

**We should not leave the Mass until the dismissal.**

Ideally we should not leave until the closing recessional (permitting the crucifix of Christ to lead us into the world).

However, there could be very serious reasons to leave earlier.

For example, if someone has to return somewhere to care for a child, an elderly person, or a sick person. If someone has received an emergency message.

If someone needs to get to work and the Mass has run longer than usual.

Outside of having a serious reason we should remain until the dismissal. We should attend Mass not simply as a “me and God” experience but as a member of a community, as a part of something larger than myself.

Leaving early without a serious reason focuses our attention on our own personal desires rather than committing ourselves to the Mass and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Source: Fr. Charles Grondin, Catholic Answers, catholic.com; © 1996-2025 Catholic Answers

**THE SUNDAY FUNNIES**



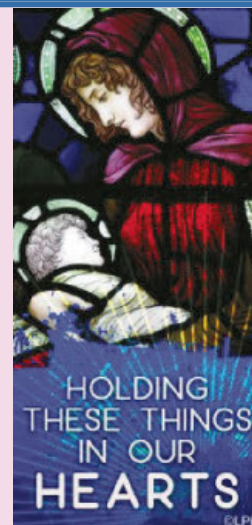
PARISH NEWS

**Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Candlemas Candle Sale**  
**THIS weekend, Feb. 2 before all Masses**

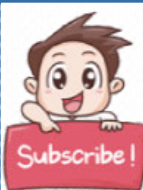
The Feast of Candlemas is Feb. 2, exactly 40 days after Christmas. It commemorates Mary's obedience to the Mosaic law by submitting herself to the temple for the ritual purification, as commanded in Leviticus. It is also known as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and is called Candlemas for the traditional blessing and distribution of candles on that day. It is customary to bring candles to be blessed, so they may be lit after dusk on All Saints' Day (Nov. 1), during the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, and during storms and times of trouble.

The blessing of the candles will occur at the beginning of all Feb. 1 & 2 Masses, so bring candles from home or buy yours before Mass in the narthex.

**Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Monthly Religious Items Sale:**  
**THIS weekend after all Masses**



**NEXT BAPTISM CLASS**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 4**  
 7 PM, RE Bldg. 1st floor



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Cast Off INTO The DEEP.

Join us for a weekend retreat for single men and women discerning a call to the priesthood or consecrated life. Spend time in prayer, reflection, and community as you explore God's plan for your life.

**LIFE AWARENESS DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

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For more information visit [savocations.org](http://savocations.org)

Registration is required by February 3, 2025

Ages 18-40

PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Communion Parent Class

Sun., Feb. 2, 1:30-2:30 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Confirmation Parent Class

Wed., Feb. 5, 6:45-7:45 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall



St. Anthony Claret Two Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group

Every First Wednesday

Next meeting: Feb. 5, 7 PM

In the pavilion

Questions? Need prayers?

Contact Barbaree at 210-414-3016 or Tex at 210-912-2668.

Stir the gifts of the Holy Spirit that live within you.

SPECIAL INVITATION: The Two Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to join them at the community 2025 Spiritual Renewal event listed below.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

2025 SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

In association with the Catholic Charismatic Center of the Archdiocese of San Antonio

March 7 & 8

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church 1710 Clower St.



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

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Sweetheart Mass & Reception

Saturday, Feb. 15, 7 PM

Mass & renewal of wedding vows followed by a reception/dance in Msgr. Hubertus Hall \$120/couple

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FAITH & PRAYER

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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



Samuel Gutierrez



Oscar Rodriguez

Lord, we thank you for giving us the gift of the priesthood, a "gift and mystery," a call to follow and imitate Christ, your Son. We pray, Lord, as you continue to place the call to serve our people as priests in the hearts of many, that they will hear your voice and respond with joy and generosity to your great grace of love. We pray that through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, you grant us many more vocations to the priesthood and that each family and parish be a place where we can all nurture and encourage the young men of today to hear and follow your call. Amen.

(by Archbishop José Gómez, Archbishop of Los Angeles)

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Daughters of Mary Immaculate (Marianist Sisters).



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



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|-----------------------|------------------------|
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| Marilyn Dunk          | Annette D. Navarro     |
| Christopher Hale, Jr. | Maurice Flores         |
| Karel Hele            | Tony Salinas           |
| Gracie                | Fr. Patrick Martin     |
| Virginia Keller       | Barbara Vanegas        |
| Jo Ann Garza          | Gilbert Niedenthal     |
| Deacon Jerry Kozar    | Javier & Mary Bautista |
| David Curry           | SJS                    |
| Al Mares              | Tom Calderon Jr.       |
| Diana & Juan Martinez |                        |

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 2: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
- Monday 3: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday 4: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday 5: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday 6: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday 7: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday 8: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday 9: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - February For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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.

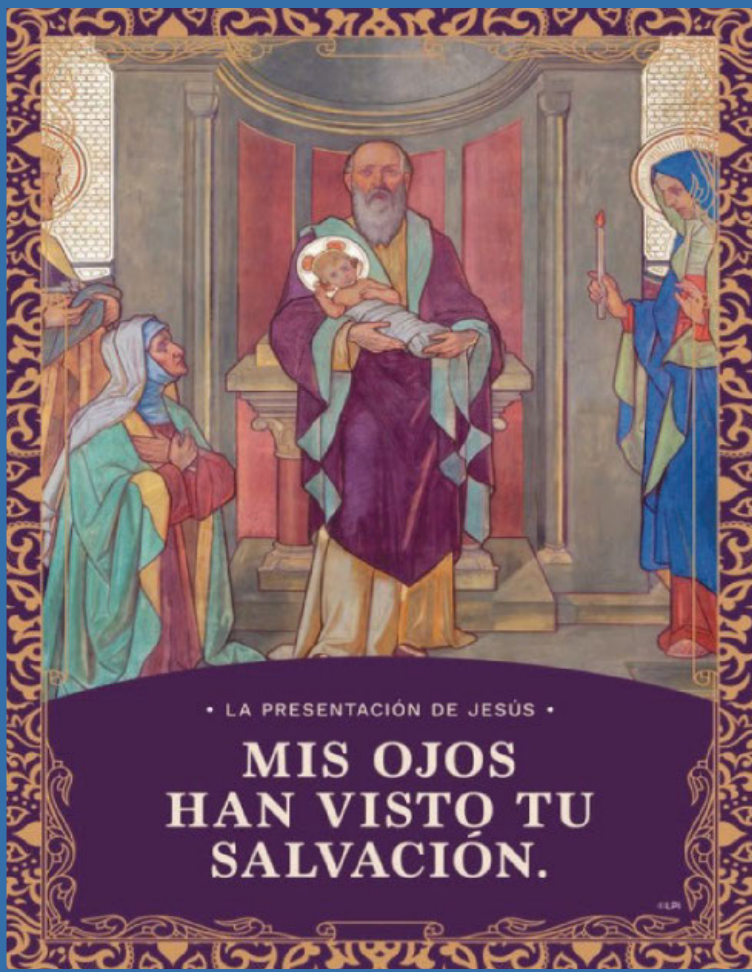
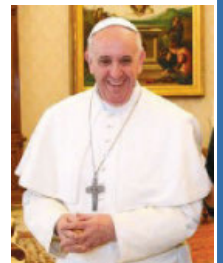
I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.

Intención del Santo Padre Francisco – Febrero Por las vocaciones a la vida sacerdotal y religiosa.

Oremos para que la comunidad eclesial acoja los deseos y las dudas de los jóvenes que sienten la llamada a servir la misión de Cristo en la vida sacerdotal y religiosa.

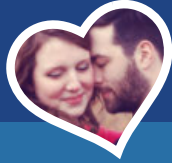
Dios, Padre nuestro, yo te ofrezco toda mi jornada, mis oraciones, pensamientos, afectos y deseos, palabras, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos en unión con el Corazón de tu Hijo Jesucristo que sigue ofreciéndose a Ti en la Eucaristía para la salvación del mundo. Que el Espíritu Santo, que guió a Jesús, 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.



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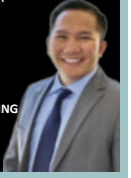
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