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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

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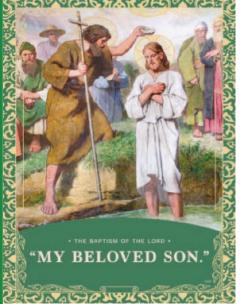
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Parish Mission Statement

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 3:15-16, 21-22

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later,

the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— 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.

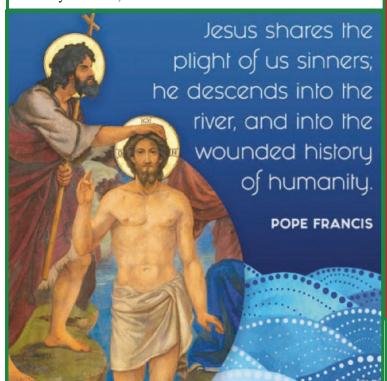
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IN OUR PARISH

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



Dec. 28/29 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,766
Regular Collection	\$ 40,909.05
Christmas	\$ 1,930.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 727.28
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 450.00
Candles	\$ 381.19
Capital Campaign	\$ 200.00
Assumption Seminary	\$ 190.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 125.00
Retired Religious	\$ 70.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 15.00

Dec. 31/Jan. 1 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	1,897			
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10,996.26			

Jan. 4/5 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	4,326
Regular Collection	\$ 46,506.92
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 1,180.28
Gabriel Project	\$ 1,070.00
SAMC Pantry	\$ 916.86
Candles	\$
Church in Latin America	\$ 190.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 85.00
Initial Offering	\$ 45.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00
Hope for the Future	\$ 10.00

PIKIA

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Satur day, oa	11. 11				
5 PM	Daniel l	Ramirez†	by	Wife	& Sons

BB* for Betty Nava by Bea Alvarez

Sunday, Jan. 12

Saturday Jan 11

8 AM Kristine Fernandez-Mills by Mom & Dad

BB* for Lillie Sanchez by Family

10 AM Jose Luis Ayala† by Son: Lazaro Ayala

BB* for Natalia Banda by Family

12 PM BB* for Roland & Sarah Aguocha;

In Thanksgiving for New Year by Family

3 PM For the Parish

6 PM BB* for Arthur Salizar by Teresa Revilla

Monday, Jan. 13

8 AM Phillip Lane† by Teresa Revilla

6:30 PM Holy Hour

7:30 PM BB* for Anna Gonzalez by Teresa Revilla

Tuesday, Jan. 14

8 AM Blessings for Alexis Rupert by Family

Wednesday, Jan. 15

8 AM Pedro Argueta Roman†: Maria Lidia

Marroquin†; Souls in Purgatory†; Pope Cardinals, Bishops, Priests & Deacons by Velasco/Argueta Families

Thursday, Jan. 16

8 AM BB* for Maria Revilla by Teresa Revilla

Friday, Jan. 17

8 AM Isaac Rupert's Vocation Discernment

by Family

Saturday, Jan. 18

5 PM Richard Keller† by Rankin/Keller Families

Daniel Ramirez† by Wife & Sons

Sunday, Jan. 19

8 AM For the Parish

10 AM Larry Dominguez† by William & Darrelyn

Kundinger

12 PM Alberto Garibay† by Garibay Family

3 PM Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.†

by Gonzales Family

6 PM Aaron Mate† by Zenaida Battad & Family

*BB = Birthday Blessings

EPIPHANY HOME DOOR BLESSING

Feast Of The Epiphany Home Blessing

Source: www.catholicculture.org

Traditionally, Catholics bless their home and those who live in their household on the Feast of the Epiphany each year. Although that feast was celebrated last week, it's not too late to bless your home.

It's easy to do. Here's what you'll need.

- 1.Prayers The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops version: https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-Epiphany
- 2. Blessed chalk You may use the chalk blessed at last weekend's Epiphany Mass or use chalk you have leftover from a previous year.
- 2. A doorway and a ladder or chair

For 2025 you will write above the door in chalk: 20 + C + M + B + 25



The initials of the Magi—<u>C</u>aspar, <u>M</u>elchior and <u>B</u>althasar—are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. The initials, C, M, and B can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "<u>C</u>hristus <u>M</u>ansionem <u>B</u>enedicat" which means "Christ bless this house."

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9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message! Visit www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup.



CELEBRATE LIFE PROTECTED IN TEXAS





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PARISH NEWS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) Training Wednesday, Jan. 15 7 PM in the church



This training is
mandatory for new
EMHCs and pastoral
care members or those
never trained in our
parish; optional for
current ones.



Silver Seniors New Year's Luncheon

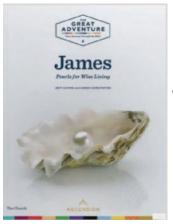
Wed., Jan. 15 Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Doors open 11:30 AM.

For ages 55 & up

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





PARISH BIBLE STUDY

James: Pearls for Wise Living

James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Its teachings speak loudly to those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers "pearls for wise living" by applying the wisdom of James to our current day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.

We will begin an eleven-week Bible study, James: Pearls for Wise Living, on Jan. 26 at 6 PM via Zoom.

Purchase study materials--**both the workbook and online access**—at https://ascensionpress.com/collections/james-pearls-for-wise-living.

To register and receive Zoom information, contact Marie DeGennaro at mariedeg@hotmail.com.

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, Feb. 4 7 PM, RE Bldg. 1st floor





FOR MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES

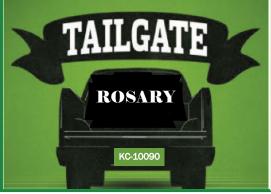
Date Night & Dance Lessons

Friday, Jan. 17, 7 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall Bring a favorite snack to share.

For free childcare, RSVP to Rene & Liz Quintanilla at liz.straq@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Come discuss love, intimacy, fertility and build a community of support while living out God's plan for marriage.







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Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 PM followed by fellowship hour

Parking lot by the pavilion Bring your family, rosaries

& lawn chairs.
We'll bring the hot dogs!





WARNING:
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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!

PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

5th & 6th Grade Mini Retreat

(for those not registered in 1st Communion classes)

Saturday, Jan. 18 8:30 AM drop off at RE bldg. 12 PM pick up at church

NO RE CLASSES

Sunday, Jan. 19 or Wednesday, Jan. 22





YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

THIS SUNDAY, JAN. 12

MIDDLE SCHOOL: 4-5:45 PM HIGH SCHOOOL: 7-9 PM MSGR. HUBERTUS HALL.

JOIN US FOR FOOD, GAMES & FELLOWSHIP!

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT
NITA FELICIANO AT <u>YOUTHGROUPSACLARET.COM</u>
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St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: Dec. 2024

Utility assistance: \$4,705.82
Restock food pantry: \$7,868.76
Other client assistance: \$438.02
Office expenses: \$95.50
Food bags distributed: 355

People served: 957 # of home deliveries 40



Hours: Thursdays, 9 AM-12 PM Contact us at (210) 474-6888 or sacpantry@outlook.com. Thank you for your continued support.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta!





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 Please 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

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 scholarhsips for women to attend. Thank you for any help!

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- Hard Candy
- Granola Bars
- ▶ Chips
- Cookie/Crackers

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

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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.





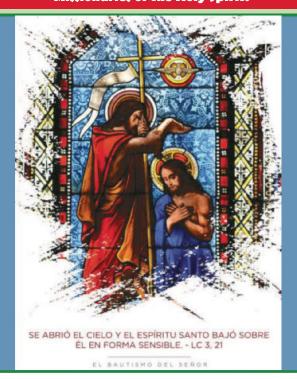


Luis Martinez

Padre Nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas. Manda tu Santo Espíritu para ayudar a que otros respondan con generosidad y valentía a tu llamado. Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye las vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo quien vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

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 lifes Missionaries of the Holy Spirit.





PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



Christopher Hale, Jr.
Karel Hele
Gracie
Virginia Keller
Jo Ann Garza
Deacon Jerry Kozar
John Fischer
David Curry
Al Mares
Diana & Juan Martinez

Rodolfo Salinas
Annette D. Navarro
Maurice Flores
Tony Salinas
Fr. Patrick Martin
Barbara Vanegas
Gilbert Niedenthal
Javier & Mary Bautista
SJS
Tom Calderon Jr.

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 12: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 Monday 13: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday 14: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday 15: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday 16: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45 Friday 17: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday 18: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17 Sunday 19: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

In Sympathy...The parish community mourns the loss of parishioner, *George Aldaya*, who recently passed away. We offer our deepest condolences to his family and in particular to his wife, *Michele* and daughter, *Nicole Glowe* (also a parishioner).

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ,

Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you. Go forth, faithful Christian.

May you live in peace this day. May your home be with God in Zion, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints. Amen.



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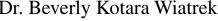
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