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January 19, 2025

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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: JN 2:1-11

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism

sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.



Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— 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

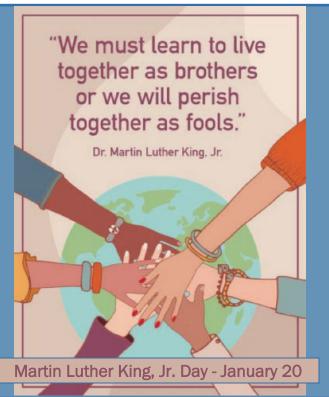


As pastor of St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church, I want to express welcome from all of us to you for choosing to become a member of our parish family. We hope you will always feel at home here and that our worship and other parochial services will fulfill your spiritual needs.

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

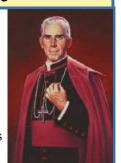


Jan. 11/12 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	4,466
Regular Collection	\$ 38,094.29
SAMC Pantry	\$ 837.89
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 665.00
Candles	\$ 512.61
Initial Offering	\$ 220.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 100.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 65.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 35.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00

The 2nd collection Jan. 25/26 will benefit the Church in Latin America (in support of priests, sisters & catechists). Please be generous.

A sculptor who wishes to carve a figure out of a block uses his chisel, first cutting away great chunks of marble, then smaller pieces, until he finally reaches a point where only a brush of hand is needed to reveal the figure. In the same way, the soul has to undergo tremendous mortifications at first, and then more refined detachments, until finally its Divine image is



revealed. Because mortification is recognized as a practice of death, there is fittingly inscribed on the tomb of Duns Scotus, Bis Mortus; Semel Sepultus (twice died, but buried only once). When we die to something, something comes alive within us. If we die to self, charity comes alive; if we die to pride, service comes alive; if we die to lust, reverence for personality comes alive; if we die to anger, love comes alive."

- Venerable Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979)

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

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.†

Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.† by Gonzales Family

6 PM Aaron Mate† by Zenaida Battad & Family

Monday, Jan. 20

8 AM Peace for Sofia Rupert by Family

6:30 PM Holy Hour

7:30 PM Good Health for Isabella Rupert by Family

Tuesday, Jan. 21

8 AM Elvira Bendele† & Philip Helner†

by Bea Peterson

Wednesday, Jan. 22

8 AM Penny Cranek† by Teresa Revilla

Justin Murphy† by Family

Thursday, Jan. 23

8 AM Dorothy Lane† by Teresa Revilla

Friday, Jan. 24

8 AM Marcelino† & Louisa Armendariz†

by Teresa Revilla

Saturday, Jan. 25

5 PM Joe Sanchez† & Frank Crow†

by Sanchez & Crow Families

Sunday, Jan. 26

8 AM Lydia Byrd† by Family

10 AM Yolanda Balboa Torres† by Balboa,

Torres & Quiroz Families

12 PM Aurora Dyer† by Family

3 PM For the Parish

6 PM Dee Hancock† by Family

*BB = Birthday Blessings

RESPECT LIFE: PRAYER & ACTION

PRAY: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT:

The Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturned *Roe v. Wade*, ending the nearly fifty-year reign of nationwide abortion on demand. Dobbs returned the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives at the federal and state levels. Since the Dobbs decision, many states have enacted strong legal protections for preborn children. Tragically, other states have drastically expanded abortion. In the most recent election, ten states featured ballot initia-



tives that would enshrine abortion in state constitutions, with seven of them voting in favor of abortion and overriding pro-life safeguards in the process.

Abortion is currently legal in more states than not. Continuing work is urgently needed to protect children, women, and families from the tragedy of abortion. At this critical moment, whether we reside in states with pro-life or pro-abortion policies, we are presented with opportunities and responsibilities to continue building a culture that welcomes, celebrates, and protects human life. Our prayer and action are essential to maintaining policies that protect life, where they exist, and preventing the spread of policies that lead to more abortions. As we mark the solemn anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* this January, recalling the millions of lives that have been lost to abortion, may we recommit ourselves to the cause of life.

In addition to our efforts to protect human life in law, we must redouble our efforts to serve women facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies, offering them the compassionate support they need to lovingly welcome the gift of their children. We must do whatever we can in every sphere to ensure that life is welcomed, and mothers are supported.

ACT (Choose one.):

- Sign up to join Catholics across the country in praying for the end to all abortion during the <u>9 Days for</u>
 <u>Life</u> (www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup) novena from January 16-24.
- Participate in a local, state, or national pro-life event during the month of January to advocate and pray for the protection of preborn life. (Check out the events featured below.)
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER: Learn more about how Catholics throughout the country are helping moms and children in need in this short video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FZ5W0ncpBo. And get updates on state issues by signing up to receive information from your state Catholic conference or diocesan Respect Life office.

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RESPECT LIFE COMMUNITY EVENTS 2025 Texas Rally for life At the Capitol in Austin! Texas Rally for Life.org Mass & Holy Hour Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller Celebrant and Homilist January 24, 2025 | 6:30 pm Prince of Peace Catholic Church (7833 Grissom Rd, San Antonio, TX 78261) For any question contact Michelle. Flores@archsa.org or call 210-734-1695.

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PARISH NEWS

Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Candlemas Candle Sale NEXT weekend, Jan. 25/26, after all Masses & Sunday, 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: Feb. 1-2 after all Masses





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.

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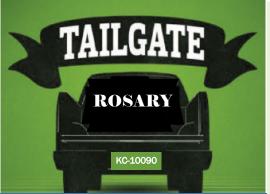
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received emails requesting help or donations and falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan or our deacons.

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PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

NO RE CLASSES

Sunday, Jan. 19 or Wednesday, Jan. 22



This Week in Our Parish Quinceañera: Aubree Lillian Herrera





Sweetheart Mass & Reception

Saturday, Feb. 15, 7 PM
Mass & renewal of wedding vows
followed by a reception/dance
in Msgr. Hubertus Hall
\$120/couple

Tickets will be sold after every Mass beginning this weekend. Cash or check accepted. To purchase online with a credit card, go to the parish website https://samcsa.com. Be sure to type "Sweetheart Mass/Reception" in the "description" field.

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs. They always take things literally.



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

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END THE DAY
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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.



2° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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Hubo una boda en Caná de Galilea, a la cual asistió la madre de Jesús. Este y sus discípulos también fueron invitados. Como llegara a faltar el vino, María le dijo a Jesús: "Ya no tienen vino". - Jn 2, 1-3



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

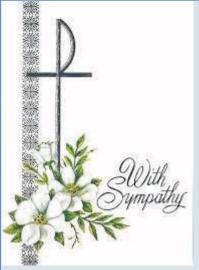


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This list is reserved for names of <u>parishioners and immediate</u> <u>family only</u>. You may submit up to TWO names at a time which will usually run for four weeks.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS



In Sympathy...

The parish community mourns the loss of parishioner Robert F. Espinoza, who recently passed away. We offer our deepest condolences to his family and in particular to his wife, Selia.

Incline Your ear, O Lord, unto our prayers.
We humbly pray You show Your mercy to the soul of Your servant Robert, whom You have commanded to pass out of this world, that You would place him in the region of peace and light, and bid him to be a partaker with Your saints. Please grant his loved ones comfort, love and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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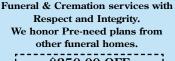
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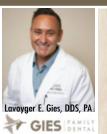
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