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January 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

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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.

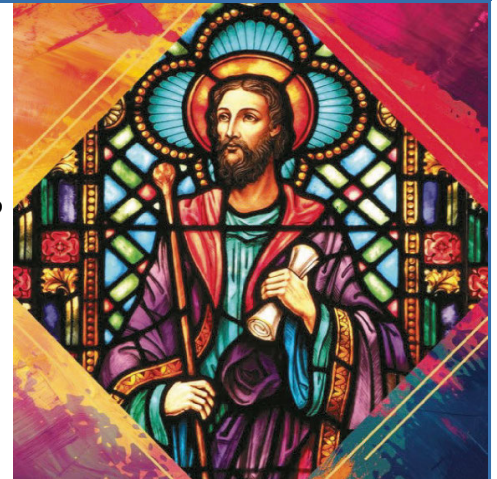
## GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She wanted a baby sister!" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is "fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize this man is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

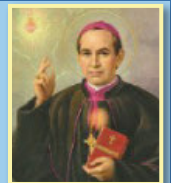
— Father John Muir ©LPi



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.  
- Lk 4:18

## 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**



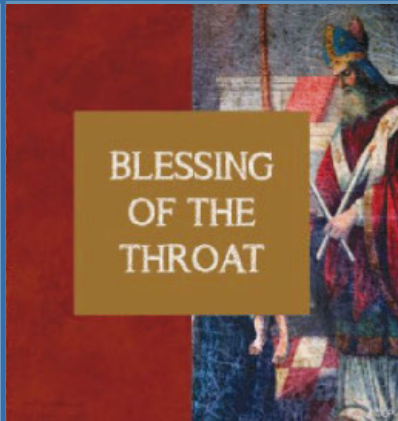
As pastor of St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church, I want to express welcome from all of us to you for choosing to become a member of our parish family. We hope you will always feel at home here and that our worship and other parochial services will fulfill your spiritual needs.

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. 18/19 attendance & collection totals**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>3,701</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 59,538.66</b>
<b>SAMC Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 6,484.38</b>
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 1,120.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 535.03</b>
<b>Church in Latin America</b>	<b>\$ 460.00</b>
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	<b>\$ 240.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Rosary Makers</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Initial Offering</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>

*This weekend's 2nd collection benefits the Church in Latin America (in support of priests, sisters & catechists). Please be generous.*

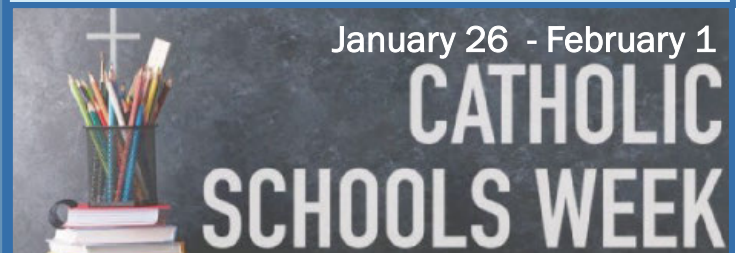
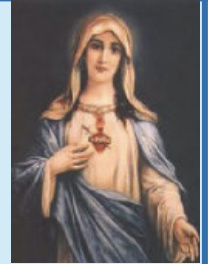


In observance of the feast day of St. Blaise on Feb. 3, the blessing of throats will occur at these Masses **NEXT** weekend.

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

See p. 6 of this bulletin for an explanation of this devotion.

St. Anthony Mary Claret First Saturday Mass dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Saturday, Feb. 1; Mass: 8 AM followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary & consecration prayers



**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, Jan. 27**  
8 AM **Crisostomo De Guzman** by Daughter & Taliman Family  
6:30 PM Holy Hour  
7:30 PM **For an End to Abortion**

**Tuesday, Jan. 28**  
8 AM **Anniversary Blessings for Joel & Merle Belisario** by Family

**Wednesday, Jan. 29**  
8 AM **Maria Rivera-Laboy†** by Family

**Thursday, Jan. 30**  
8 AM **BB\* for Paul Armendariz†**  
by Teresa Revilla

**Friday, Jan. 31**  
8 AM **BB\* for Jason Armendariz†**  
by Teresa Revilla

**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  
**Mario V. Donias†** by William & Darrelyn Kunderinger  
10 AM  
12 PM **Eulalio Trevino†** by Family  
3 PM **For the Parish**  
6 PM **BB\* for Frances Gentry** by Family

\*BB = Birthday Blessings

**RESPECT LIFE**

**Intercessions for Life**

For those suffering after abortion, may they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and may they turn to Him for His mercy and peace. We pray to the Lord.

**Intercesiones por la Vida**

Por quienes sufren después de un aborto: para que sepan que el Señor desea sanarlos, y acudan a Él para recibir perdón y paz. Roguemos al Señor.



**Prayer for Healing**

*Eternal Father,  
Source of all mercy and love  
out of love for us you sent your Son,  
and willed that blood and water  
flow from his side to cleanse us of sin  
and restore lost innocence.  
Hear the cry of each woman who mourns  
the loss of her child to abortion.  
Forgive her sin, restore her to your grace,  
and still the terror of her heart  
with a peace beyond all understanding.  
Through the intercession  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of all tenderness and our Mother,  
strengthen her faith in you.  
Give her the consolation to believe  
that her child is now living in the Lord.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
who conquered sin and death,  
and who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Text: Rev. James Moroney  
Photo: Sr. M. Emmanuel Alves, FSP  
NCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities  
3211 Fourth St., NE, Washington, DC 20017

**Word of Life**

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”: <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>.

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**Palabra De Vida**

Muchas personas conocen a alguien personalmente que sufre a causa de un aborto. Si una amiga mañana te confía que tuvo un aborto, ¿Podrías responder de manera tal que la acerque a la sanación? Entérate en "Cómo hablarle a una amiga que ha tenido un aborto": [bit.ly/amiga-aborto](http://bit.ly/amiga-aborto).

— Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

**THE SUNDAY FUNNIES**



St. John Baptist de La Salle is the patron saint of all teachers of youth.

### PARISH NEWS

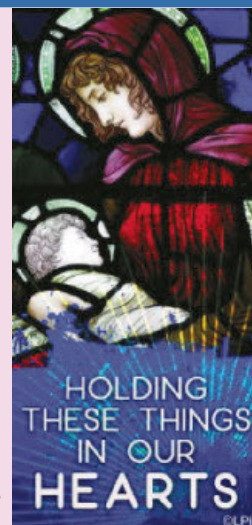
#### Ladies of St. Anthony Claret Candlemas Candle Sale

**THIS 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**



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




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### COMMUNITY NEWS




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PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

6th Grade Sanctity of Life Talk\*

Wed., Jan. 29, 6:45-7:45 PM in the church
Parents welcome to attend with their children.
\*This replaces class for 6th grade nonsacramental classes Jan. 26 & 29.

2nd Year First Communion Penance/ Confession Retreat\*\*

Sat., Feb. 1, 9:30 AM in the church
\*\*At least one parent should attend with their child.

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



Sweetheart Mass & Reception
Saturday, Feb. 15, 7 PM
Mass & renewal of wedding vows followed by a reception/dance in Msgr. Hubertus Hall
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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.



THIS SUNDAY, JAN. 26
YOUTH MASS: 6 PM
IN THE CHURCH

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

MIDDLE SCHOOL: 4-5:45 PM
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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.



John Bonnin



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 life: Missionaries of the Holy Spirit.



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



- Alejandro De Luna, Marilyn Dunk, Christopher Hale, Jr., Karel Hele, Gracie, Virginia Keller, Jo Ann Garza, Deacon Jerry Kozar, 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 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 26: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday 27: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday 28: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday 29: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday 30: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday 31: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday 1: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Sunday 2: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Devotions, Explained: St. Blaise & the Blessing of the Throat

Perhaps it's an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on Feb. 3 — right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat.



On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness." A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.

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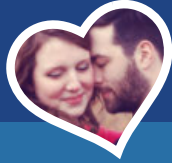
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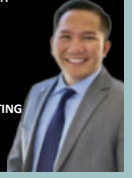
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