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January 5, 2025



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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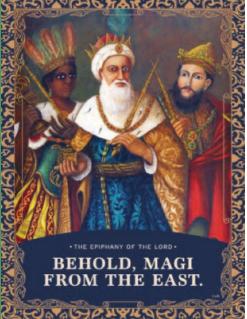
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Parish Mission Statement

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: MT 2:1-12

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields

a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— 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. 21/22 attendance & collection totals Attendance 3.101 **Regular Collection** 38,966.02 **SAMC Pantry** 1,602.00 RE Bldg. Debt Reduction 1,378.00 **Candles** 516.25 **Gabriel Project** 270.00 **Retired Religious** 150.00 **Christmas** 105.00 80.00 **Rosary Makers Solemnity of Mary** 10.00

Dec. 28/29 attendance & collection totals unavailable at press time.



Healing Mass Monday, Jan. 6 7:30 PM after 6:30 PM Holy Hour



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 4 *** FIRST SATURDAY *** **8 AM** Walderico Elvena† by Chiapoco Family **5 PM** Helen Rose Himstreet† by Church Friends Sunday, Jan. 5 **8 AM** Ricardo Joaquin Arana† by Arana Family **10 AM** For the Parish 12 PM **Alfred Elizondo†** by Family **3 PM** Health for Thalia & Louis F. Gonzales II; Sp. Int. for Louie S. Gonzales by Family **6 PM** In Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary

by Maria Carazo

Monday, Jan. 6

8 AM James† & Henry Pawelek†; Alois† &

Florence Olenick† by Olenick Family

6:30 PM Holy Hour

*** Healing Mass *** 7:30 PM

Carlos Rosales† by John Debner

Tuesday, Jan. 7

8 AM **Conversion of Sinners** by Family Wednesday, Jan. 8

8 AM Spiritual Healing & Strength for Current

& Future Descendants of Daniel R.† & Manuela M. Gonzales†; Souls in Purgatory† by Y. Gonzales

Thursday, Jan. 9

8 AM *BB for Raymond Revilla, Jr.

by Teresa Revilla

Friday, Jan. 10

8 AM Marge Lucido † by Larry Lucido & Family

Saturday, Jan. 11

5 PM Daniel Ramirez† by Wife & Sons *BB for Betty Nava by Bea Alvarez

Sunday, Jan. 12

Kristine Fernandez-Mills by Mom & Dad 8 AM **10 AM** Jose Luis Ayala† by Son: Lazaro Ayala BB* for Roland & Sarah Aguocha; **12 PM** In Thanksgiving for New Year by Family

For the Parish **3 PM**

*BB for Arthur Salizar by Teresa Revilla **6 PM**

*BB = Birthday Blessings

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE



Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors were opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; www.usccb.org/jubilee2025

"Jubilee" is the name given to a particular year; the name comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is the *yobel*, the ram's horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). This (Jewish) holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. We can find an early indication of it in the Bible: a Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, since this would be an "extra" year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e., every 49 years (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13). Even though it wasn't easy to organize, it was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

Quoting the prophet Isaiah, the Gospel of Luke describes Jesus' mission in this way: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord," (Luke 4:18-19; cf. Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus lives out these words in his daily life, in his encounters with others and in his relationships, all of which bring about liberation and conversion.

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a "Holy Year," since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The frequency of Holy Years has changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. There have also been "extraordinary" Holy Years: for example, in 1933 Pope Pius XI chose to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the Redemption, and in 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Mercy as an extraordinary jubilee. The way in which Jubilee Years are marked has also changed through the centuries: originally the Holy Year consisted of a pilgrimage to the Roman Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, later other signs were added, such as the Holy Door. By participating in the Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence.

Source: Vatican Jubilee site — www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/segni-del-giubileo.html

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church at 9883 Marbach Road in San Antonio is one of the designated Jubilee 2025 sites and the one nearest our parish.

For more info, visit https://stroseoflima.church/jubilee-2025-at-st-rose-of-lima/.

There are also several other local sites. Check out our archdiocesan website for more information including a complete listing: https://archsa.org/jubilee2025/archdiocesan-events/.

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PARISH NEWS



St. Anthony Claret Two Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group Every First Wednesday

Next meeting: Jan. 8, 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.



Thursday, Jan. 9 7- 8:30 PM Msgr. Hubertus Hall



Sign up after Masses THIS weekend and Jan. 4/5 or via text to Charlie at 210-232-6094.



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!

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.

Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) as taught by The Couple to Couple League.* 99% effective! NFP is <u>not</u> the old Calendar Rhythm method!

Learn about the beauty of fertility through the eyes of St. JPII's *Theology of the Body* while building intimacy and increasing communication in your marriage. Couples will learn to track their natural cycle without harmful artificial hormones. This method is equally effective for couples who want to avoid or achieve pregnancy. Share the responsibility for your family planning using this scientifically based, medically safe and only method morally accepted by the Catholic Church.

Next live class at our parish: Sunday, Jan. 12.

You must register prior to class at **ccli.org.** For more info, email Chris or Nicole Glowe at nfpglowe@yahoo.com.

* Required course for all couples marrying in our parish.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition Friday, Jan. 10, 7-9 PM

Free for boys & girls ages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14

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Participants will need the following:

- Completed "Free Throw Championship Entry Form" (available on event day.)
- Copy of birth certificate to confirm age and bracket as of Jan. 1, 2025

Winners may advance to district, regional & state tournaments.

For more info email council10090@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes resume THIS Sunday, Jan. 5.

First Communion Parent Class

THIS Sunday, Jan. 5, 1:30-2:30 PM Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Confirmation Parent Class

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6:45-7:45 PM Msar. Hubertus Hall



JANUARY BAPTISM CLASS Tuesday, Jan. 7 7 PM, RE Bldg., 1st floor



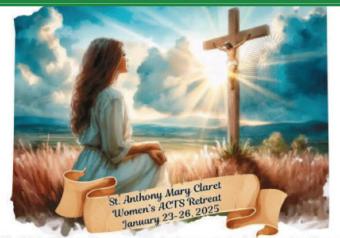
THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

"What was the favorite dessert of the king who brought gold?"



"Karat cake!"

UN FACT The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Baby Jesus. We remember them on Epiphany!



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

JOIN US ON A PATH WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Women's English ACTS Retreat

IANUARY 23- 26, 2025 PLEASE SEE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO



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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!

DROP OFF LOCATION:

the roundabout in front of Msgr. Hubertus Hall at our parish

ITEMS NEEDED

- Bottled Waters
- Soda Can Packs
- Trail Mix
- Chocolate
- Hard Candy
- Granola Bars

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



Virginia Keller
Jo Ann Garza
Deacon Jerry Kozar
John Fischer
Gilbert Tobias
David Curry
Al Mares
Diana & Juan Martinez
Rodolfo Salinas
San Juana de Lerma

Annette D. Navarro
Maurice Flores
Tony Salinas
Fr. Patrick Martin
George Aldaya
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 4: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Monday 6: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday 7: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday 8: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday 9: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22 Friday 10: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday 11: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 Sunday 12: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - JanuaryFor the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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 – Enero Por el derecho a la educación.

Oremos para que migrantes, refugiados y afectados por las guerras vean siempre respetado su derecho a la educación, necesaria para construir un mundo mejor.

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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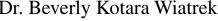
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