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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 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: LK 6:27-38

One of my favorite new singers/ songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from Dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

"Give, and gifts will be given to you."

- Lk 6:38

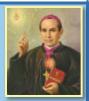
But we're not so doomed, thank

God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance. — 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

Feb. 15/16 attendance & collection totals

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Attendance	3,526
Regular Collection	\$ 34,856.84
SAMC Pantry	\$ 6,586.98
RE Bldg. Debt Reduction	\$ 1,221.00
Candles	\$ 463.25
Gabriel Project	\$ 295.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 50.00
Rosary Makers	\$ 30.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 5.00



"Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she is

honored, the greater is the glory of her Son. There can be no doubt that whatever we say in praise of the Mother gives equal praise to the Son."

St. Bernard of Clairvaux,Doctor of the Church (1090-1153)

St. Anthony Mary Claret
First Saturday Mass
dedicated to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, Mar. 1
Mass: 8 AM
followed by
exposition of
the Blessed
Sacrament,
rosary &
consecration
prayers





Alberto Teves† by Erlinda Teves

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

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berta† & Emilio
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MC Staff
Charlie Sievers
n Fischer

Thursday, Feb. 27

BB* for Emmett Philip Peterson

by Bea Peterson

8 AM Ronald Ramirez† by Family *BB = Birthday Blessings

6 PM

Intercessions for Life

May every human person, from conception to natural death, be recognized as precious and beloved in the eyes of the Lord.

We pray to the Lord.



Intercesiones por la Vida

Que toda vida humana, desde la concepción a la muerte natural, sea reconocida como preciada y amada a los ojos del Señor. Roguemos al Señor.

RESPECT LIFE

Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life.



Word of Life

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

Palabra De Vida

"La esencia de nuestra identidad es que somos creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios y somos amados por Él. Nada puede disminuir el valor inestimable de cada vida humana. Cada persona es atesorada."

— Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB Reflexión Respetemos la Vida: atesorada, escogida, enviada www.usccb.org/es/reflexion-atesorada-escogida-enviada









COMMUNITY PRO-LIFE NEWS



Join us at our parish's day of sidewalk prayer at 40 Days for Life's spring campaign: March 15!

This campaign effectively helps abortion-minded people not to fall into the heartbreak caused by this act.

Sign up THIS WEEKEND Feb. 22/23 at our table near the front entrance. Even if you are unable to commit an hour on March 15, you can volunteer for another day that fits your schedule.

Let's thank our Creator together that we can help others.

Local 40 Days for life contact: Cindi Serna (210) 410-9424 or cindi@sacfl.org or sign up with 40daysforlife.com/sanantonio.

Pictured at right are SAMC parishioners Maria, Veronica, and Sue.



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PARISH NEWS

St. Anthony Mary Claret Stephen Ministry: A CALL FOR CAREGIVERS

"Encourage one another and build each other up." – 1 Thes. 5:11



Is God calling you to share your gifts of compassion, patience, mercy, gentleness, humility, strength and understanding?

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St. Anthony Mary Claret Women of the Well



Join us for faith, reflection and fellowship!
This month's presentation: Jubilee Year

Saturday, March 1, 9–11am Msgr. Hubertus Hall Light breakfast provided. Questions? Email: wow.samc@gmail.com



Healing Through Grief: A Talk by Dr. Joseph Grabau Sponsored by Stephen Ministry Thursday, Feb. 27, 7-8:30 PM Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Grief, a natural response to loss, can manifest during or after a traumatic event, whether it's the loss of a loved one or significant changes to daily routines and ways of life. If you or someone you know is struggling with a range of difficult and unexpected emotions such as shock, anger, disbelief, guilt, and sadness, it's crucial to understand that this is part of the grieving process. By gaining a deeper understanding of grief, you can empower yourself to navigate these emotions.

RSVP to Corrina Lopez at 210-861-6917.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. — Psalm 73:26





This Week in Our Parish Quinceañera:

Quinceañera:
Tiffany Sophia Galindo



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



THE SUNDAY FUNNIES



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

WARNING:

DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!



I wish I was as thin as my patience.

PARISH NEWS



IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

2nd Year First Communion Penance/Confession Retreat*

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

No Class on these days:

Sunday, March 2, Wednesday, March 5 Sunday, March 9 & Wednesday, March 12



IMPORTANT!

MANDATORY meeting of ALL lectors,
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Communion & hospitality ministers:
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 7 PM IN THE CHURCH.



YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS SUNDAY, FEB. 23

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

YOUTH MASS: 6 PM IN THE CHURCH

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Season Starts 4/04/25 and ends 5/18/25

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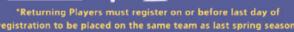
City Tournament starts 05/27/25

Register today!



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Last day to register: Feb. 28*







St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090 presents

"St. Anthony's Got Talent'

Saturday, March 15, 7 PM Msgr. Hubertus Hall



FREE ADMISSION! Bring the whole family!

First Place: \$100; Runner-up: \$50 Age categories: 0-12; 13-17; & 18+ Contestant registration fee: \$5





To pre-register, email your name, how many in your group, ages, phone number and your act details to council10090@gmail.com.

You will receive further instructions.



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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.





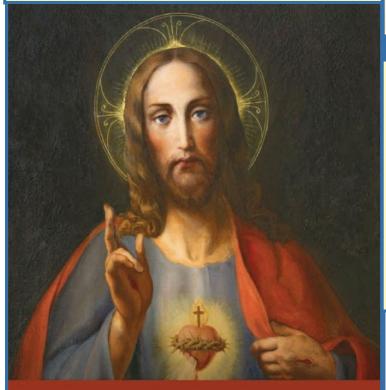


Oscar Rodriguez

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).



7° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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"Den y se les dará: recibirán una medida buena, bien sacudida, apretada y rebosante en los pliegues de su túnica. Porque con la misma medida con que midan, serán medidos". - Lc 6, 38



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



John Fischer
Ernest O. Salinas
Robert Salinas
Marilyn Dunk
Virginia Keller
Jo Ann Garza
Deacon Jerry Kozar
Al Mares
Diana & Juan Martinez

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

Annette D. Navarro

Rodolfo Salinas

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 23: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38 Monday 24: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday 25: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37 Wednesday 26: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40 Thursday 27: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50 Friday 28: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12 Saturday 1: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16 Sunday 2: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

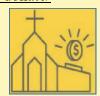
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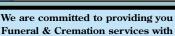
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