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**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

#### March 2, 2025

#### Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak, Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

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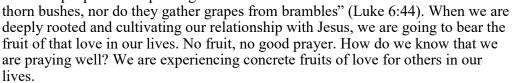
#### **Parish Mission Statement**

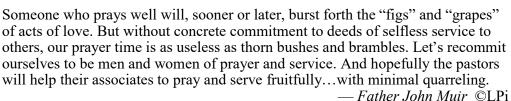
We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God. Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a whole.

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION: LK 6:39-45

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, "For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from



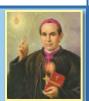




"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit."
- Lk 6:43

#### **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



Healing Mass Monday, Mar. 3 7:30 PM (after Holy Hour)

Hora Santa Bilingüe para Las Vocaciones

Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations

el jueves, 6 de marzo Thursday, March 6, 6:30 PM *Misa/Mass: 7:30 PM* 



#### Feb. 22/23 attendance & collection totals

Attendance	3,921
Regular Collection	\$ 34,141.19
SAMC Pantry	\$ 3,392.99
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	\$ 475.00
Candles	\$ 442.03
Rosary Makers	\$ 25.00
Stephen Ministry	\$ 20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00

Ash Wednesday's collection benefits Catholic Charities. Next weekend's 2nd collection benefits Black & Native American Missions.



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 1 \*\*\* FIRST SATURDAY \*\*\*
8 AM Daniel R. † & Manuela M. Gonzales†;

Tomasa N. Cabezuela†; Sr. Victoria Hernandez†; Sylvia L. Reyna†; Souls in

Purgatory† by F. Gonzales

5 PM Kristine Fernandez-Mills† by Mom & Dad

Francisca† & Antonio Arguelles†; Cesar Abram Arguelles†; Norberta† & Emilio

Garza† by Arguelles Family

Sunday, March 2

8 AM Kristine Fernandez-Mills† by Mom & Dad

10 AM Robert Espinoza† by SAMC Staff

Charlie Sievers, Jr. † by Charlie Sievers

& Family

12 PM In Thanksgiving† by John Fischer

3 PM For the Parish

**6 PM Alberto Teves**† by Erlinda Teves

Monday, March 3

**8 AM BB\* for Patty Klement** by Mary Putz

by SAMC Sacristans

6:30 PM Holy Hour

7:30 PM \*\*\* HEALING MASS \*\*\*
For the Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, March 4

8 AM BB\* for Jonas Xavier Wessel by Bea Peterson

Wednesday, March 5 \*\*\* ASH WEDNESDAY \*\*\*

**6:30 AM** Ricardo Joaquin Arana† by Arana Family

8 AM Mary De Jesus Munoz† by Family

**5 PM Manuel Pena**† by Family

7 PM Spiritual Healing/Strength for Humanity;

Souls in Purgatory† by a Mom

Thursday, March 6

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

Florence Olenick† by Olenick Family

6:30 PM Bilingual Holy Hour 7:30 PM For Religious Vocations

Friday, March 7 \*\*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*\*

5:30 PM Spanish Stations of the Cross 7 PM English Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM Deceased Members of FOSS

by Norma Gonzales

Saturday, March 8

5 PM Israel Anthony Boswell† by Boswell Family

Sunday, March 9

**8 AM** Kelly Rodgers† by Family

10 AM Angela Feliciano De Gutierrez† & Jose

Maria Gutierrez Padilla† by Nita Feliciano

12 PM Manuel Pena† by Family

3 PM For the Parish

**6 PM John F. Harris, Jr.**† by Bea Peterson

\*BB = Birthday Blessings

# **Intercessions for Life**

For each expectant mother considering abortion: may the Lord provide for her needs and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child. We pray to the Lord.



# Intercesiones por la Vida

Por todas las madres que estén considerando abortar: que el Señor cubra sus necesidades y les dé la gracia y determinación para elegir la vida para su hijo. Roguemos al Señor.

#### RESPECT LIFE



#### Word of Life

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!"

— The Gospel of Life 5

#### Palabra De Vida

El Evangelio de la Vida "quiere ser pues una confirmación precisa y firme del valor de la vida humana y de su carácter inviolable, y, al mismo tiempo, una acuciante llamada a todos y a cada uno, en nombre de Dios: ¡respeta, defiende, ama y sirve a la vida, a toda vida humana! ¡Sólo siguiendo este camino encontrarás justicia, desarrollo, libertad verdadera, paz y felicidad!"

— El Evangelio de la Vida 5

## **LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE**

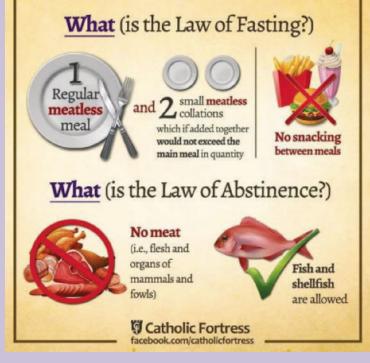
## **Call to Lenten Fast & Abstinence**

Lent begins this Wednesday. The following are guidelines for this penitential season. We are asked to respond voluntarily to the call to penance by undertaking some good works and observing certain penitential practices.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting <u>and</u> abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

According to the Church, the norms of fasting are binding for those from age 18 until age 59 who are in good health. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Abstinence refers to the refraining from the eating of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older. As with Ash Wednesday, Good Friday should be observed as a day of both fasting



and abstinence and all Lenten Fridays should likewise be observed as days of abstinence.

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#### **PARISH NEWS**



5 PM Fridays: March 7\*, 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11 Msgr. Hubertus Hall; dine in or take out \$10 for fried fish plate: \$12 for salmon plate Cash, checks or credit cards accepted.

\*For Friday March 7 ONLY: Customers who donate \$10 worth of canned goods can received ONE fried fish plate FREE. This offer is limited to the first 40 donations for that day only. All canned goods will be donated to the SAMC Pantry, sponsored by the SAMC Men's Club and the San Antonio Regina Caeli Academy Honor Society.

## 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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Would you consider becoming a Stephen Minister? To learn more about training and serving in this beautiful ministry, contact Catherine Chavez at (361) 455-2753 or chavezcat10@gmail.com.



This Week in Our Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary: Salustiano & Corazon Lorenzo

#### **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!

## **New Altar Server Training**

Saturday, March 15 9 AM in the church

Mandatory for all new servers: optional for existing servers.



Planning a wedding or quinceanera at our parish? ¿Estás plangando una boda o quincgañera en nuestra parroquia?



#### Weddings/Bodas:

MANDATORY Marriage Orientation Thursday, March 13 (moved from March 20), 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

> Orientación Matrimonial **OBLIGATORIA**

El jueves 13 de marzo, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

#### Quinceañeras:

MANDATORY Quinceañera Orientation for Parents & Daughters Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Orientación de quinceañera OBLIGATORIA para padres y niñas El jueves 27 de marzo, 7 p.m., Msgr. Hubertus Hall.

Call the parish office to register/Llamar a la oficina parroquial para registrarse: 210-688-9033.

#### THE SUNDAY FUNNIES







## **PARISH NEWS**



IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### No Class on these days:

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

## IMPORTANT!

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



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



St. Anthony Claret Knights of Columbus Council #10090 presents

## "St. Anthony's Got Talent"

Saturday, March 15, 7 PM Msgr. Hubertus Hall



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 <a href="mailto:council10090@gmail.com">council10090@gmail.com</a>.

You will receive further instructions.



#### 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

## The Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries is under way!

This annual campaign supports more than 30 ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area. Please consider a donation to our Mission of Hope so that we can consistently care for those who rely upon the archdiocese and our programs for life and faith sustaining support. Visit https://archsa.org/aafm\_giveasa to give today!

Questions? Call (210) 734-1910.



## ¡La Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios está en marcha!

Esta campaña anual apoya a más de 30 ministerios que promueven la misión de la Iglesia Católica en nuestra región. Considere hacer una donación a nuestra Misión de Esperanza para que podamos cuidar constantemente tanto de aquellos que dependen de la Arquidiócesis como de nuestros programas para el sustento de la vida y la fe. iVisite https://archsa.org/aafm\_giveasa para donar hoy! ¿Tiene preguntas? Llame al (210) 734-1910.



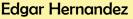
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#### **FAITH & PRAYER**

#### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Pray for an increase in vocations to religious life. This month we especially pray for these two local seminarians.







Jesus Martinez

O Jesus, eternal High Priest, I pray for all seminarians, Your future priests. Give them humility, meekness, prudence, and a burning zeal for souls. Fill their hearts with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to know and love the Church, that they may always and everywhere speak, act, and think with her. Teach them generosity and detachment from the things of this world. But above all, teach them to know You and love You, the one and only eternal priest. Good Shepherd of souls, hear this, my prayer for saintly priests. Amen.

(from "Prayers for Today," published by Leaflet Missal Co. )

We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life: Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.



#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - March For families in crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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: he 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 – Marzo Por las familias en crisis.

Oremos para que las familias divididas encuentren en el perdón la curación de sus heridas, redescubriendo incluso en sus diferencias las riquezas de cada uno.

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.



## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



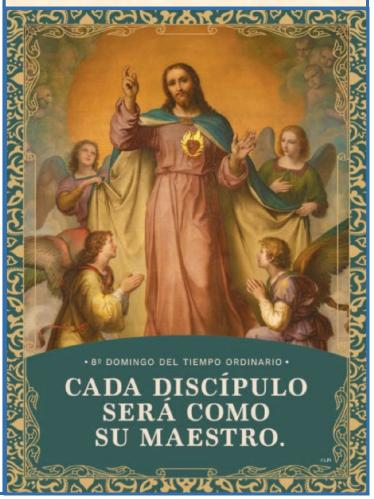
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Fr. Patrick Martin
Barbara Vanegas
Gilbert Niedenthal
Javier & Mary Bautista
SJS/RS
Tom Calderon Jr.

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 2: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45 Monday 3: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27 Tuesday 4: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31 Wednesday 5: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday 6: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 Friday 7: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 Saturday 8: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 Sunday 9: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



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