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Second Sunday of Lent

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March 16, 2025

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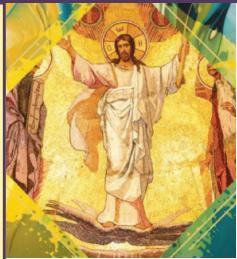
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Parish Mission Statement

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: LK 9:28b-36

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and

John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone." Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously reliving that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— 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



March 5 attendance & collection totals
Attendance 4,302
Catholic Charities \$10,175.03

March 8/9 attendance & collection totals
Attendance 3.314

Regular Collection \$ 34,501.87 Black & Native Am. Missions \$ 2,421.98 RE Bldg. Debt Reduction 1,580.00 1,240.99 SAMC Pantry Candles 498.06 \$ **Catholic Charities** 360.00 **Gabriel Project** 303.00 **Catholic Relief Services** 150.00 Capital Campaign 50.00 **Rosary Makers** 25.00 Church in the Holy Land 5.00

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.

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*BB = Birthday Blessings

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 15		Thursday, March 20	
5 PM	Mary Sanchez† & Anna Davila†	8 AM	Alejandro M.† by Frank & Veronica
	by Sanchez & Davila Families		Quintana
Sunday, March 16		Friday, March 21*** NO MORNING MASS ***	
8 AM	Ricardo & Oralia Esquivel†	5:30 PM	Spanish Stations of the Cross
	by Deborah Vidaurri	7 PM	English Stations of the Cross
10 AM	Margaret† & Albert Suarez†; Alan J.	7:30 PM	George Aldaya† by Rick & Sandy Salinas
	Ponce†; Healing for Anthony & Nathan		& Family
	Ponce by Alma Ponce	Saturday, March 22	
12 PM	Matilde Alcantar† & Roberto Trevino†	5 PM	Geraldine Lukaszewskyj† by Erlinda Teves
2 DM	by Family		
3 PM	For the Parish	Sunday, March 23	
6 PM	Anne Merlo† by Legion of Mary	8 AM	Good Health: Thalia & Louis Gonzales II
Monday, March 17			by Norma Gonzales
8 AM	Steven Anton† by Kasischke Family	10 AM	Ulises Garcia† by Parents
7 PM	Healing Mass w/Alan Ames	12 PM	Juan & Patsy De Leon†; Walter
/ 1 IVI	Treating Wass W/Atan Ames		Rodriguez†; Marianna Vasquez†
Tuesday, March 18			by Julia David
8 AM	Lee & Steve Sanders† by Family	3 PM	Jose Wilmar Castilla† by Alex & Maria
Wednesday, March 19			Secaida
8 AM SAMC Extraordinary Ministers of Holy		6 PM	For the Parish

ON PARTICIPATION IN HOLY MASS & PROPER RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please read and observe these very important reminders regarding participation in Holy Mass and proper reception of Holy Communion. Most of you are aware of the following and observe them perfectly, but we have many newcomers to our church who may be unfamiliar with them, thus a review is helpful.

- 1. Remember to observe the Eucharistic fast by refraining from food and drink (except water or medicine) for at least one hour before receiving Holy Communion.
- 2. Out of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, please do not receive the Body of Christ while wearing gloves. The Eucharist is the true presence of our Lord, and it is to be received with clean, bare hands or directly on the tongue.
- 3. When you receive the Body or Blood of Christ, respond with "Amen." Do not say "Thank you," as this is an act of faith.



- 4. You may receive Holy Communion either on the tongue or in the hand. If receiving on the tongue, open your mouth and extend your tongue outward.
- 5. When receiving Holy Communion in the hand, place one palm over the other in the form of a cross. If you are consuming with your right hand, receive on your left.
- 6. After receiving the Body of Christ, do not dip it into the chalice. This helps prevent any risk of the Precious Blood spilling.
- 7. Consume the Body of Christ <u>immediately</u> after receiving it. Do not carry it away.
- 8. If you are holding a small child, it is preferable to receive on the tongue to avoid any accidents.

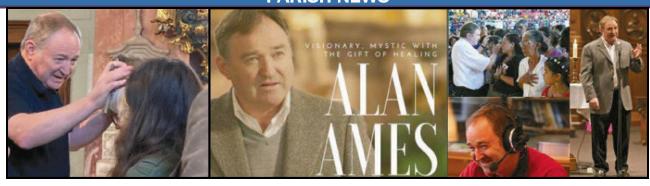


- 9. Parents, we know how much you love your children and want to share everything with them.
- However, the Eucharist is a sacred gift meant for those who have been prepared through First Communion. If your little ones reach out or ask for it, lovingly explain to them that one day, they too will receive Jesus when the time is right.
- 10. Whether you receive the Body or the Blood of Christ, you are fully receiving Jesus Christ. The grace of the Eucharist is not dependent on which species you receive.
- 11. Eating snacks, chewing gum, drinking coffee, tea, soda, etc., during Mass is not appropriate. Let us maintain the sanctity of the Eucharistic celebration.
- 12. Participate fully in the Mass from beginning to end. Do not leave immediately after Communion. The final blessing is an essential part of the liturgy.



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PARISH NEWS



Alan Ames at St. Anthony Mary Claret Monday, March 17, 7 PM Healing Mass (No 6:30 PM adoration that day.) Rosaries and Mr. Ames' books will be available for purchase.

Alan Ames has traveled worldwide for the past 31 years, sharing his powerful conversion story and healing ministry. His conversion experience caused a dramatic change in his life from a violent alcoholic to a man of the sacraments and prayer. There have been hundreds upon hundreds of documented spiritual and physical healings. To learn more about him, including his other local appearances this month, visit www.alanames.org.





Presents "Heaven is for Real"
Saturday, March 22 at sunset

Giant screen behind the church (or in Msgr. Hubertus Hall in case of rain)

FREE movie, burgers, hot dogs, popcorn, & drinks

Bring your family, friends & lawn chairs!





This Week in Our Parish: Weddings

Omar Trevino, Jr. & Krystal Marie Banning Patrick Ethan Fernandez & Norma Rodriguez Lelan Hamilton Namy & Mary Eileen Reizun

THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

If laziness were an Olympic sport, I would come in fourth just so I wouldn't have to walk up to the podium.



Planning a quinceañera at our parish? ¿Estás planeando una quinceañera en nuestra parroquia?

MANDATORY Quinceañera
Orientation for Parents & Daughters
Thursday, March 27, 7 PM,
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.

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Live class at our parish: Sunday, March 30

You must register prior to the first 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.

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IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS **EDUCATION NEWS**

First Communion Parent Class

Sun., March 16, 1:30 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Confirmation Parent Class

Wed., March 19, 6:45 PM, Msgr. Hubertus Hall

Third Year Confirmation Boys Retreat

Sat., March 22, 8:30 AM-5 PM Mass STUDENTS MUST ATTEND

Third Year Confirmation Girls Retreat

Sat., March 29, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Mass STUDENTS MUST ATTEND



Silver Seniors St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Wed., Mar. 19 Msgr. Hubertus Hall Doors open 11:30 AM.

For ages 55 & up

For info or to RSVP, contact Maria Richardson at 210-722-4627.

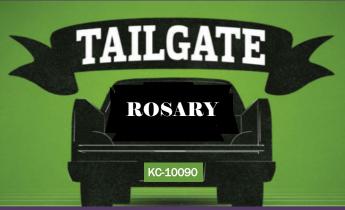


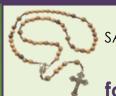
YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

THIS SUNDAY, MAR. 16 MIDDLE SCHOOL: 4-5:45 PM HIGH SCHOOOL: 7-9 PM MSGR. HUBERTUS HALL.

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FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT NITA FELICIANO AT YOUTHGROUPSACLARET.COM OR 210-688-9033, X209.





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Tuesday, March 18, 7 PM followed by fellowship hour

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5 PM Fridays: March 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.



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!

Gabriel Project Report: Feb. 2025

Families served: 103

Children provided diapers/wipes: 141

Car seats provided: 6

Beds provided: 3

Children provided clothing: 35

Hours: Thursdays, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

& 5:30-7:30 PM

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Thank you for your generosity and support.



NEXT BAPTISM CLASS Tuesday, April 1

7 PM, RE Bldg., 1st floor

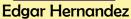
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FAITH & PRAYER

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.

PARISH NEWS

ST. ANTHONY CLARET MARRIAGE MINISTRY INVITES MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES TO



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FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 7P.M. IN THE CHURCH
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INFO/INSCRIPCIÓN | SIGN UP: ALEX SECAIDA (210) 728-8324





PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



Jean Reboli
Sister Maria Elena Soto
John Fischer
Marilyn Dunk
Virginia Keller
Jo Ann Garza
Deacon Jerry Kozar
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/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 16: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36 Monday 17: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday 18: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday 19: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a Thursday 20: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 Friday 21: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday 22: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Sunday 23: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/



1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: Feb. 2025

Utility assistance: \$5,724.44
Restock food pantry: \$6,875.92
Office expenses: \$185.81
Food bags distributed: 304
People served: 880
of home deliveries 43



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