

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church

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January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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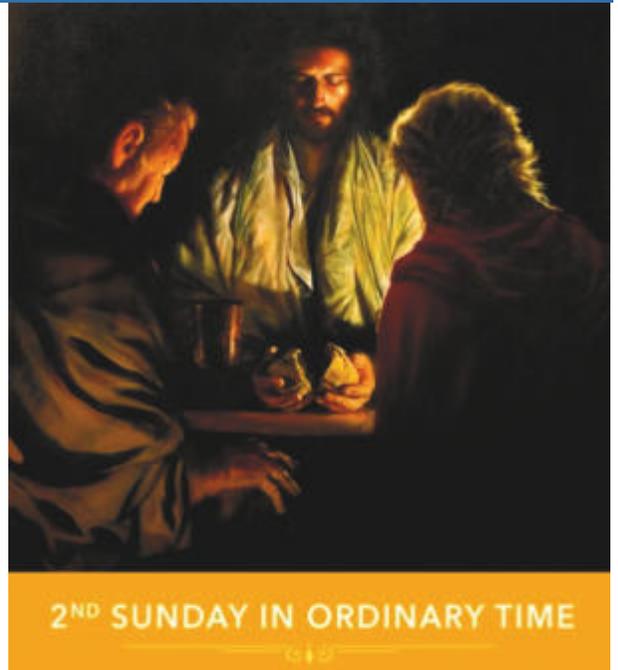
**GOSPEL MEDITATION:**

**JN 1:35-42**

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

*(Cont'd on p. 2 →)*



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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.

## Celebration of the Mass

Monday: 8 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.; Holy Hour 6:30 p.m.

First Monday of the month: 7:30 p.m. Healing Mass and administering of the Sacrament of the Sick

Tuesday - Friday: 8 a.m.; Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. (Spanish), & 6 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: Check inside bulletin for times.

## Reconciliation (Confession)

Wednesday and Thursday evenings only, 5 - 7 p.m.

## Baptism - Required Classes:

First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call parish office to register.

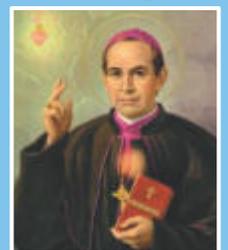
**Visitation of the Sick:** Call parish office to schedule visit.

**Funerals:** Call parish office prior to making arrangements.

**Marriage Prep:** Call parish office at least one year prior to wedding. Must attend mandatory orientation session third Thursday of March or September at 7 p.m.

**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. Must attend mandatory orientation session fourth Thursday of March or September at 7 p.m.



## 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](http://samcsa.com) or a printed one which you can find near the entrance of our church 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. 9/10 attendance & collection totals

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>1,082</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 22,037.22</b>
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 9,647.00</b>
<b>SAMC Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 1,490.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$ 432.00</b>
<b>Church in Latin America</b>	<b>\$ 285.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$ 165.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 87.65</b>
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>World Missions</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Retired Religious</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>

### GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1*

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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## Day of Prayer for the

Jan. 22

# LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Jan. 22

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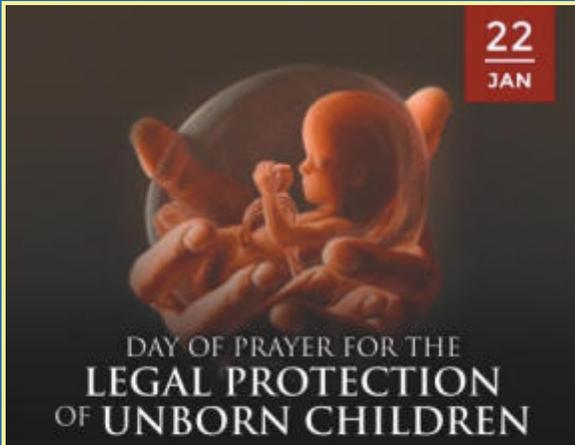
WARNING:

Some parishioners have received emails requesting help or donations, falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan. **DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND DONATIONS!**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p><b>Saturday, Jan. 16</b>  <b>5 P.M.</b> Alicia P. Hinojosa† by Adelina Fritz</p> <p><b>Sunday, Jan. 17</b>  <b>8 A.M.</b> George Anthony Merlo† by Anne Merlo  <b>10 A.M.</b> Francesco†, Maria†, Carmela†, Corrado†, Sebastiano†, &amp; Giovanni† by Sal Spataro  <b>12 P.M.</b> Birthday Blessings for Mike &amp; Ava Burris by Family  <b>3 P.M.</b> Gloria Perez† by Family &amp; Friends  <b>6 P.M.</b> Bill Tricksey† by Darlene Belanger                  Souls in Purgatory† by Family</p> <p><b>Monday, Jan. 18</b>  <b>8 A.M.</b> Cesar Gonzalez† &amp; Regina Hincks† by Gonzalez Family  <b>6:30 P.M.</b> Holy Hour  <b>7:30 P.M.</b> Carlos Tovar† by Kindred Hospice</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Jan. 19</b>  <b>8 A.M.</b> Henrietta Kempf† by Mary Kossaeth                  Birthday Blessings for Alejandro Davila by Family</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, Jan. 20</b>  <b>8 A.M.</b> Daniel R.† &amp; Manuela M. Gonzales†; Tomasa N. Cabezuela†; Sr. Victoria Hernandez†; Souls in Purgatory† by F. Gonzales</p> <p><b>Thursday, Jan. 21</b>  <b>8 A.M.</b> Elvira Bendele† &amp; Philip Helner† by Bea Peterson                  Maria Dolores Davila† by Family</p> <p><b>Friday, Jan. 22</b>  <b>8 A.M.</b> For the Parish</p> <p><b>Saturday, Jan. 23</b>  <b>5 P.M.</b> In Thanksgiving: Darrelyn Kunderger by Kunderger Family</p> <p><b>Sunday, Jan. 24</b>  <b>8 A.M.</b> Healing for Vivian Stoltz by Anne Merlo  <b>10 A.M.</b> Gloria Mosca† by Tony &amp; Debbie Foley  <b>12 P.M.</b> Aurora Dyer† by Family  <b>3 P.M.</b> Esther Sosa† by Corral Family                  Lida Hernandez† by Family                  Jesus Menchaca† by Family</p>
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RESPECT LIFE



Each year on Jan. 22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Jan. 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over **60 million lives have been lost**. *That's more than the size of Italy's population.*

This coming Friday, Jan. 22, we set aside a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

The act of abortion rejects God's gift of life. Abortion destroys the life of a child, lovingly knit together in his or her mother's womb, and for someone who has participated in abortion, the loss of a child can form a hole in their heart so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. As a

human and Christian family, we grieve the loss of so many lives. And yet, even in our grief, we know there is hope.

Christ came for the very purpose of redeeming our sins, offering us His forgiveness, and giving us His peace. Jesus comes to free us from the bonds of sin. And there is no sin that is beyond God's mercy. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. His greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. You can find out more information about the Church's ministry for healing after abortion by visiting [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com).

We are all sinners. But with the grace of God, we can become saints. We can be lights to the nations, sharing the truth about the irrevocable dignity of the human person. Where sin abounds, God's grace abounds all the more. Therefore, let us take courage and offer prayer and penance, that all human life would be welcomed in love and protected in law.

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**Saturday, January 23, 2021**  
 12:30 - 3:30 pm

March begins at 1:00 pm #SARallyForLife @SARallyForLife

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Image: A novena of Our Lady of Good Hope, discovered a year after the Council of Santa Maria della Ghiaccia in the Vatican, Dec. 15, 1870 photo (Paul Harris)

## PARISH NEWS

## St. Anthony Claret Pantry Report: Dec. 2020

Utility assistance:	\$4,148.45
Restock food pantry:	\$5,538.32
Other client assistance:	\$6,352.70
Office expenses:	\$ 488.25
# Food bags distributed:	267
# People served:	792
# of home deliveries	48
Christmas baskets	56

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St. Anthony Mary Claret Super Seniors & the Cooperative Extension Program-Bexar County present an online series

## IDENTIFYING MEMORY ISSUES: WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING

Via Zoom @12 p.m.  
Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

For info, contact Lawrence Lucido at 210-473-4813 or mrlaredo33@aol.com or Grace Guerra-Gonzalez at 210-631-0400 or gguerra@pvamu.edu.



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## Baptism Classes



No classes in February; Next class: Tuesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.; RE Bldg., 1st floor

## LOVE AND MARRIAGE

### Between Man and Woman: Questions and Answers About Marriage and Same-Sex Unions—Part 3 of 4

#### 5. Why is it so important to society that marriage be preserved as the exclusive union of a man and a woman?

Across times, cultures, and very different religious beliefs, marriage is the foundation of the family. The family, in turn, is the basic unit of society. Thus, marriage is a personal relationship with public significance. Marriage is the fundamental pattern for male-female relationships. It contributes to society because it models the way in which women and men live interdependently and commit, for the whole of life, to seek the good of each other.

The marital union also provides the best conditions for raising children: namely, the stable, loving relationship of a mother and father present only in marriage. The state rightly recognizes this relationship as a public institution in its laws because the relationship makes a unique and essential contribution to the common good.

Laws play an educational role insofar as they shape patterns of thought and behavior, particularly about what is socially permissible and acceptable. In effect, giving same-sex unions the legal status of marriage would grant official public approval to homosexual activity and would treat it as if it were morally neutral.

When marriage is redefined so as to make other relationships equivalent to it, the institution of marriage is devalued and further weakened. The weakening of this basic institution at all levels and by various forces has already exacted too high a social cost.

#### 6. Does denying marriage to homosexual persons demonstrate unjust discrimination and a lack of respect for them as persons?

It is not unjust to deny legal status to same-sex unions because marriage and same-sex unions are essentially different realities. In fact, justice requires society to do so. To uphold God's intent for marriage, in which sexual relations have their proper and exclusive place, is not to offend the dignity of homosexual persons. Christians must give witness to the whole moral truth and oppose as immoral both homosexual acts and unjust discrimination against homosexual persons. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* urges that homosexual persons "be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity" (no. 2358). It also encourages chaste friendships. "Chastity is expressed notably in *friendship with one's neighbor*. Whether it develops between persons of the same or opposite sex, friendship represents a great good for all" (no. 2347).

(...to be continued...)

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON COVID-19 VACCINES**

**Bishop Chairmen for Pro-Life and Doctrine Address Ethical Concerns on the New COVID-19 Vaccines**

**DECEMBER 14, 2020  
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WASHINGTON— On December 14, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. In their statement, the bishops address the moral concerns raised by the fact that the three vaccines that appear to be ready for distribution in the United States all have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions.

With regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, they concluded:

“In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.

“Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.”

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be “more morally compromised” and consequently concluded that this vaccine “should be avoided” if there are alternatives available. “It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one’s health and the health of others,” the bishop chairmen stated. “In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine.”

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics “must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research.”

The full statement from the bishop chairmen may be found here: [moral-considerations-covid-vaccines \(usccb.org\)](https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines)

Available in Spanish at [usccb.org](https://www.usccb.org).

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Additional info can be found here:

<https://www.ncregister.com/interview/archbishop-naumann-on-the-ethics-of-covid-19-vaccines>

Or here: <https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/>

**THE SUNDAY FUNNIES**

A doctor, a nurse, and the top executive of an HMO died and were in line together at the pearly gates. St. Peter asked each one what good they had done in their lives.

The doctor said, “I devoted my life to the sick and needy and had a part in caring for and healing thousands of people.”

St. Peter replied, “Great. Go ahead into heaven.”

The nurse chimed in, “I supported the doctor and his patients, took time to explain things to patients, and helped them lead healthy lives.”

“Wonderful,” says St. Peter. “Proceed in with the doctor.”

Then the executive said, “I was the president of a very large health maintenance organization. I was responsible for the healthcare of millions of people all over the country.”

St. Peter says, “Oh, I see. Please go on in...but you can only stay two nights!



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**FAITH & PRAYER**

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

We invite you and your family to pray for local seminarians and for an increase in vocations to religious life. These seminarians will be the recipients of your prayers this month.



**Dalton Moy**



**Luis Gómez**

O, God, You have asked us to pray for vocations; that there might be young men and women willing to give their lives for the sake of souls.

Hear our prayer and the prayers of your Church and send us good and holy priests and religious. We offer you this day, all we shall think, do or say for this intention, through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

The committee also commends to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:  
**Order of Discalced Carmelites**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Patricia Gonzales  
Paul Rubio IV  
Dennis Bergkamp  
Jennifer Longoria  
Irene Cruz  
Alma Davila  
Philomena Ubajaka  
Gloria Bolick  
Stoltz Family  
Carol Sweet  
Jo Ann Niedenthal  
Rolf Smith  
Bridget Dunlap  
Diego Garduno  
Michelle Reynolds  
Karina Hernandez  
Kelton Sweet, Jr.  
Joanna Sweet  
Javier Calderon  
George Aldaya

Mary Helen Peterson  
Sandy Salinas  
Eloise Salazar  
Maria Morales  
Richard Keller  
Rosa Huerta  
Barbara Vanegas  
A.C. Garza  
Olga Faz  
Bishop Yanta  
Nancy Souhrada  
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Tom Calderon Jr.  
*Jack & Jeanette Donohue\**  
*Ray & Carolyn Cole\**  
*Rudy Navarro\**  
*Alyson Oviedo\**  
*Fernando Mascorro\**  
*Tracy Oviedo\**

*Italicized names with an asterisk (\*) need to be updated now. In order for these names to REMAIN on this list, contact us at saclaret@saclaret.com or call 210-688-9033 no later than Friday, Jan. 22. Updated list begins last weekend of January.*

**IMPORTANT:** Due to space limitations, list is reserved for names of parishioners and their immediate family only.

**You may submit up to FOUR names at a time.**  
Names usually run for four weeks.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**Sunday 17:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
**Monday 18:** Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22  
**Tuesday 19:** Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28  
**Wednesday 20:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday 21:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12  
**Friday 22:** Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19  
**Saturday 23:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21  
**Sunday 24:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



**In Sympathy...** The parish community extends its condolences to parishioner Amy Salinas whose grandmother, Estella Zamarripa, recently passed away.  
*Incline Your ear, O Lord, unto our prayers. We humbly pray You show Your mercy to the soul of Your servant Estella, whom You have commanded to pass out of this world, that You would place her in the region of peace and light and bid her to be a partaker with Your Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**MASS ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES\***

Archbishop Gustavo's dispensation of Catholics from the obligation to participate in Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses within the Archdiocese of San Antonio granted on March 13, 2020 is in effect until repealed. At-risk people or those with symptoms of the common cold, flu or Covid-19 should stay home.

**Mass Participation, attendance & seating**

- Masks will be required for all persons over age 10.
- There will be no exchange of peace by handshake or hug.
- Attendance will be limited to 50% of our normal capacity.
- Mass will be held in the main sanctuary.
- Sit at least 6 ft. from others. Families may sit together.
- Leave immediately after Mass.

**Communion**

- The Sacred Body of Christ will be distributed in the hand only.
- After the Eucharistic minister has placed the Sacred Body of Christ in your hand, lower your mask, consume the Body of Christ, re-mask and return to your seat.
- The Precious Blood of Christ will not be distributed.



\* Subject to change without notice. Visit the parish website at <http://samcsa.com/> for a more detailed list.



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