



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st Saturdays 8:30AM (FMI: Virginia Lee)

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before every Holy Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:15-5:45PM/Thursday 4:30-5:30PM during Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 4:00-5:45 PM concluding with Benediction

Healing Mass: First Thursday of every month

Baptism: Class Required/Darve Horak 512-859-2646 or darve.horak@gmail.com

Marriage: Meet with Pastor six months in advance to set date.

Marriage Prep required/Darve & Karen Horak 512-859-2646 or darve.horak@gmail.com

Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

Pastor: Very Rev. Chris Ferrer

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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

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Finance Council: Chris Nemec

Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

First Sunday of Advent—November 30, 2014

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| Saturday Nov. 29 | 6:00PM | † Donna Davidson; †Frank Tomasek; † Margie Hajda; †Emilie Martinka |
| Sunday Nov. 30 | 10:00 AM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish |
| Tuesday Dec. 2 | 8:00AM | † Alfred Vrana; †August, Jr. & Brent Svehlak |
| Wed Dec. 3 | 6:00PM | † Joe Kaderka (A) |
| Thurs Dec. 4 | 4-5:45PM | Adoration and Benediction |
| | 6:00PM | † John F. Knapek (A) Healing Mass |
| Friday Dec. 5 | 8:00AM | Diana Kerlin and Family |
| | 7:00PM | Parish Penance Service |
| Saturday Dec. 6 | 8:00AM | † Johnnie Michalek & Agnes Stojanik |
| | 6:00PM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish |
| Sunday Dec. 7 | 10:00 AM | †Emil Matula; † Sallie & Louis Cervenka; † Elsie Pospisil; †Frank & Agnes Sykowski |

We pray for Healing: J.D. Shirocky, Julie Kaderka, Bryce Tubbs, Matthew Lee, Perri Perez and son, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Edith Kurtin, Robert Rister, William Pedroza *

Welcome Lillian Mae & Ryla Lea Petty baptized last Sunday. May God bless you and your family.

Offering: Sunday: \$3,283.00 Children: \$13.50 CCHD: \$1,140.00 Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers December 6-7

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| Saturday 6PM | Lector: Marilyn Gaydos | EMHC: Doc Pekar, Terry Pekar, Paula Marak, Kate Strmiska |
| | Music: Traditional Choir | Servers: Aaron & James Arellano Cortez |
| Sunday 10AM | Lector: Patsy Polasek | EMHC: Mark & Wendy White, Harold & Carolyn Kaderka |
| | Music: Teresa Caslavka | Servers: Brian, Emily & Evan Polasek |

EMHC Route: Virginia Lee, Marilyn Gaydos, Margaret Vrana, Theresa Valdez
 Religious Articles Store: 6PM -Kate Strmiska 10AM -Krystal Juarez

The Special Collection: Next weekend is for the Medical and Retirement Fund for Clergy and Religious.

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we help keep Catholic social teaching alive and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor ... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

Flowers: (Main) In honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Eugene & Paula Marak Congratulations!
 (Gold Main) In honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of E.J. and Leah Rae Strmiska Congratulations!

Calendar of Events

Sunday Nov. 30 : 11AM Fried Chicken Dinner (Hall)
: 1PM Thank you and Farewell to Fr. Barry (Hall)

Monday Dec. 1 : 7PM KC meeting (Hall)

Tuesday Dec. 2 : 5PM Bingo kitchen (Hall)—Sausage wraps, fries, chicken salad sandwiches and nachos

Wednesday Dec. 3 : 6PM Upper Room for High School Students
: 7PM RE Classes

Thursday Dec. 4 : 6PM Healing Mass

Friday Dec. 5 : 7PM Parish Advent Penance Service

Saturday Dec. 6 : 8AM First Saturday Mass
: 8:30AM 1st Saturday Bible Study (DPC)

Sunday Dec. 7 : 11AM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen—Burgers, Fries and Desserts (Hall)

Monday Dec. 8 : Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation Masses @ 8AM & 7PM

Parish

5th Sunday Fried Chicken dinner will be held Nov 30th at SSCM Hall with serving starting at 11AM. The meal will consist of chicken, noodles, cole slaw, green beans & peaches. Plates will be \$9.00/adults & \$5.00/kids. Drive-thru will be available. The proceeds from the meal will go towards the church repainting project.

The SSCM Christmas meal for the homebound, sick & elderly, widows & widowers, & disadvantaged will be on Monday, December 15th. If you or someone you know should be included to receive a meal please call John Pavelka @ [512-859-2748](tel:512-859-2748). Volunteers will be needed to de-bone turkeys on Sunday, December 14th @ 4pm and to help prepare the meal on Monday (7am) and deliver plates (10:30am).

Everyone is invited to SS Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Granger for a special celebration of the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** with a Mariachi Mass at 7PM on Friday, December 12

Marriage Recognition Certificate Application

Certificates signed by Bishop Joe Vasquez will be available for married couples celebrating 10 years of marriage or more (increments of 5 years: 10, 15, 20 etc.) return this form to the Parish Office by December 14. Certificates will be presented the weekend of December 21-22.

Husband's Full Name _____

Wife's Full Name including Maiden Name _____

Anniversary Date: Month ____ Day ____ Year of Marriage ____ Number of Years Married ____

Church Marriage took place _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Message from Our Pastor

Today's short gospel opens the season of Advent and the new Church year. It sets the tone for Advent: penance and preparation for death and the end of time, not only preparation for the Nativity. As such, Advent looks to both the past (the Incarnation of the Son of God in Bethlehem) and the future (the ultimate judgment and reign of Christ). For the new year, the Church now changes its Sunday gospel readings from Matthew to Mark.

EXEGESIS:

Jesus admonishes his listeners to be constantly alert and watchful for death, punishment, and destruction, just as servants and keepers (Christians) of their master's house must be responsible and watchful in guarding the house (the Church). Jesus can also be referring to his own return to life at his resurrection after his terrible suffering on the cross. And Mark, writing his gospel around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the pagan Romans in 70 A.D., can be referring to this terrible event in which both Christians and Jews suffered greatly.

In the old Latin funeral Mass and in some of the liturgies during Advent before the Vatican Council II, the Latin hymn, "Dies Irae" ("O Day of Wrath"), was common. Its somber tone and lyrics describing death and judgment highlighted this Church season.