



## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:darve.horak@gmail.com)

Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

### Pastor: Very Rev. Chris Ferrer

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Deacon: John Thornton

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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

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Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

## Ascension of the Lord—May 17, 2015

Saturday May 16	6:00 PM	† Ted, Alfonse & Betty Stojanik; † Johnny & Vlasta Michalek; † Carmen A. Luna; † Joe & Viola Sevcik
Sunday May 17	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Tuesday May 19	8:00 AM	† Isabelle Cameron; † Germilla Pavlasek
Wed May 20	6:00 PM	† Ernest & Lillie Hudec; † Juaquina Arellano
Thurs May 21	10:00AM	<i>Will O Bell:</i> † John Kurtin
	4:00 PM	Adoration/Liturgy of the Hours/Benediction
	6:00 PM	† Albert & Johnnie Sladecek
Friday May 22	8:00 AM	† Ryan Grace
Saturday May 23	6:00 PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday May 24	10:00AM	† Lillian & John David; † Orpha & Jack McGarghan/Joseph & Donna Poplawski; † John & Christina Vrabel

*We pray for Healing:* Curtis Ging, Bernice Vrabel, Terry Griffith, Ed Machac, Roselle Fischler, Minnie Perez, Josh Hughes, Ann Pease, Larry Maresh, Monica Horak, Bennie Bartosh, Deacon John Thornton, Donald Pacha, Nicole Geil, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana \*(Please contact office when the immediate need of prayer has passed.)

Offering: Sunday: \$4,597.00

Children: \$18.00

Building & Maintenance: \$ 1,266.00

### Liturgical Ministers May 23-24

(EIM Basic required for all new Ministers. Please register for June 8 class if you have not met this requirement)

Saturday 6PM Lector: Marilyn Gaydos EMHC: Paula Marak, Mike Vrana, Deborah Hensel, Louis Repa

Music: Guitar Group

Servers: Colton & Colby Marek

Sunday 10AM Lector: Patsy Polasek

EMHC: Mark & Wendy White, Bill & Mary Pavlat

Music: Darve & Karen Horak

Servers: Christopher, Nicholas & Thomas Hall

EMHC: Baldo Degollado, Rosalva Degollado, Frankie & Shirley Volek, Theresa Valdez

Religious Articles Store 6PM: Ofelia Lopez

10AM: Esther Villarreal

**Granger Community Food Pantry:** Next distribution is May 21. Please bring items by Wednesday May 20.

**Special collection next weekend:** The Diocese of Austin will take up a special collection on May 23-24 for the work of Catholic Relief Services in Nepal to assist those who have suffered as a result of the 7.8-magnitude earthquake which struck Nepal in the late morning of April 25, toppling buildings and homes, causing widespread panic, and claiming thousands of lives. Our church mourns the terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters affected by this powerful earthquake. Please join with the Catholic community across the United States in responding to our suffering brothers and sisters. CRS is the official humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the U.S. and is already responding to urgent needs for shelter, water and food in Nepal. For more information, go to [CRS.org](http://CRS.org).

## Calendar of Events

- Sunday May 17 : 10AM Graduate Mass  
: 12 Noon KC Hamburgers
- Sunday May 24 : Pentecost Sunday Wear RED  
: 11AM Chicken Fried Steak Dinner (KJZT for the Fire Department)

### Parish

**Congratulations to all our Graduates.** Cookies and punch will be served afterwards in the DPC. All are welcomed.

**KJZT Society #18** will sponsor a fund raiser for the Granger Fire Department on Sunday May 24, 2015 at the SSC&M Recreation Center. They will be serving a Chicken Fried Steak Dinner. The cost will be \$9.00/ plate. Serving will begin @ 11:00 and go through bingo. Drive thru will be available till 12:30. All proceeds plus matching funds from the KJZT State Office will go towards the purchase of equipment. Volunteer workers and desserts are greatly appreciated.

### Picnic Meeting: June 7 at 5PM in the Hall

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** Ladies, please join with your friends for an evening spiritual retreat on Friday, June 12th, at the DPC. We will begin at 6 pm with a potluck sandwich/salad supper. Afterwards, guest presenter, Belinda Ozuna, from St. Mary's Parish in Taylor will guide us in spiritual enrichment based on the book, "The Cup of Our Life". Belinda is an excellent presenter and has led several workshops/retreats in the diocese. This is a great "one-evening" opportunity to boost our spirituality...don't miss it! If you have questions, please contact Karen Simcik 512.859.2742.

**A 3-hour Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Basic Workshop on child sexual abuse will be held at SSCM on June 8 6:30-9:30PM – please arrive promptly as late arrivals will not be permitted entrance.** All clergy and paid staff, and all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to complete a one-time Application for Ministry prior to beginning their work/service and attend an EIM workshop within 60 days of submitting the application. Please login to your EIM account (use the Alternate Login option if needed) to pre-register to attend an EIM workshop; if you have not completed the EIM application, visit the EIM page at [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org) to do so. Please do not bring children to an EIM workshop [if your parish provides childcare for workshops, include that info here]. Materials used in the workshop include testimonies from victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse; if you have any concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact Emily Hurlimann at (512) 949-2447 to make an alternative arrangement to receive your training. Such inquiries shall remain confidential.

### Area Events

**St. Joseph's Dime Box Homecoming Bazaar & Picnic Sunday May 24** Noon meal 10:30AM -1PM (Adult \$10/Child \$7) live and silent auctions, games, raffle, country store and a free Polka dance.

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill** invites everyone to join them on Sunday, June 7, for their annual fundraiser. Start the day by celebrating the Holy Mass with us at 10:30 a.m. (with traditional Czech hymns sung by the Holy Trinity choir and the Happy Czech Singers of Taylor), enjoy a delicious meal of Fried Chicken & Sausage (served from 11 am - 1 pm; adults \$10/children \$5; drive-thru available), and then dance the afternoon away to the music of the Jodie Mikula Orchestra. Great food - great company - great day for all!

**Come join the diocesan Corpus Christi Procession** on Sunday, June 7, beginning with the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin, 203 E. 10th St. Praise and adore the Lamb of God as the English and Spanish Corpus Christi processions come together this year. All Catholic groups can bring their banners and process from the Cathedral to the State Capitol and then to the University of Texas for noon Mass at the University Catholic Center. Participants are invited to attend either the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral or the noon Mass at the University Catholic Center.

### Message from our Pastor

Like Good Friday and Easter Sunday, which must be appreciated together, the Resurrection and the Ascension must be viewed together. The Ascension culminates Jesus' earthly ministry and shows that this ministry was commissioned by God the Father and terminates in the Father.

#### EXEGESIS:

The Ascension should be seen as the final extension of the Resurrection. When the New Testament speaks about Jesus being "raised into glory," the writers often have in mind the Ascension in addition to his rising from the grave--i.e., He has transitioned into the metaphysical afterlife where He now reigns, symbolized by the phrase, "took his seat at the right hand [the favored position for a guest or person of honor] of God."

The dramatic language about the disciples and new languages, exorcisms, serpents, and poisons is typical for Jesus in Mark. Like the lion which is the artistic symbol for this gospel, Mark's Jesus is fiery, eschatological (oriented to judgment and the future), and powerful. Mark here teaches that the disciples must continue Jesus' ministry without diluting or changing it. (In the later Acts of the Apostles, healings and persecutions play an important role, but possessions and exorcisms do not.)