



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Religious Education: Coordinator: Virginia Loza Lee 512-859-2634 sscmre@gmail.com

Parish Hall: 500 West Davilla Street (512)859-2236 sscmhall@gmail.com (Deborah Todd)

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

Nursing Home Masses: Granger Villa 2nd Thursday/Will O Bell 3rd Thursday (Subject to change)

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. (6 month notice)

Pastor: Rev. Hilario Guajardo

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Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

Finance Council: Chris Nemeč

Holy Cross Cemetery: Parish Office

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 24, 2017

Saturday Dec. 23 6:00PM † Hortense Svehlak; † Robert & Frank, Jr. Jezisek; † Fred Strmiska; † E.D. & Marie Bartosh;

† Dorothy Jean Hyzak; † Margie Hajda

Sunday Dec. 24 10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Christmas Masses 5:00PM † Liberty & Henry Bartosh, Louis & Rosie Hajda (Christmas Eve Vigil)

Monday Dec. 25 12:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Christmas at Midnight) singing begins 11:15PM

9:00AM † Bernice Vrabel; † Emil & Evelyn Matula; † Frank & Annie Vrana (Christmas Day)

No Weekday Masses December 26-29 Parish Offices are closed [Fr. Hilario's cell 512-595-6507]

Saturday Dec. 30 6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Sunday Dec. 31 10:00AM † Georgia Horak; † Robert J. Cervenka, Anton & Annie Vanek, Louis & Sallie Cervenka;

† Agnes & Jessie Stojanik; † Emil & Evelyn Matula

New Year's Masses 6:00PM James L. Pekar Family; † Joe Vrana (Vigil of Mary Mother of God)

Monday Jan. 1 8:00AM † Tim Martinka (Mary Mother of God)

No Weekday Masses January 2 and 3 Parish Offices are closed [Joanne's cell 512-595-1345 Fr. Hilario will be unavailable]

Offering: Sunday: \$4,102.00 Children: \$32.00 OLOG: \$117.00

Liturgical Ministers December 24-25 and Dec. 30-31

Sunday 5PM Lector: Patsy Polasek EMHC: Regina Carlson, Ronnie Steffek, Henrietta Hajda, Mark White

Christmas Vigil Music: Guitar Group Servers: Emily, Evan, Cody, Caleb Polasek

Monday 12 AM Lector: Virginia Lee EMHC: Jonathan Lee, Regina Carlson, Mark & Wendy White

Christmas Midnight Music: Kathy Janke Servers: Caige, Cash Hajda, Volunteers

9AM Lector: John Unnasch EMHC: Mark White, Regina Carlson, Volunteers

Christmas Day Music: Mary Unnasch Servers: Volunteers

Saturday 6PM Lector: Blanca Olivas EMHC: Theresa Valdez, Marilyn Gaydos, Cirila Gomez, Paula Marak

Music: Trad. Choir Servers: Emily, Evan, Cody, Caleb Polasek

Sunday 10AM Lector: Lillie Huf EMHC: Rita Marburger, Chris Nemeč, Mark & Wendy White

Music: Horak Family Servers: Christopher, Nicholas, Thomas, Marissa Hall

Route EMHC: Theresa Valdez, Ann Hall, John Pavelka, JoAnn Pavelka

Religious Articles Store: 6PM: Ofelia Lopez 10AM: Rita Marburger

Special collections next weekend Dec. 30-31 is to support family and pro-life activities in the Diocese of Austin.

These include: Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple and the diocesan Pro-life Activities and Chaste Living Office. Thank you for supporting this most worthy cause.

We also have a 5th Sunday collection for the **Parish Trust Fund**.

Year End Giving: Please remember to make your Year End donations before December 31.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday Dec. 24 : Legion of Mary Rosary: 1:30PM Will O Bell/3PM Granger Villa
: NO BINGO
- Tuesday Dec. 26 : 5PM Kitchen- enchiladas, super nachos, nachos and Frito pies
: 7PM KC Bingo
- Wednesday Dec. 27 : NO RE Classes (Resumes January 10)
- Sunday Dec. 31 : **Marriage Recognition Certificates** will be presented at 6PM Saturday and 10AM Sunday
: NO BINGO
: 3PM Legion of Mary Rosary Granger Villa

Parish News

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund. We collected \$1,025 this year.

Save the Date: Saturday, January 6 the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord we will have a Parish Covered Dish Supper at the Hall following the 6PM Mass. This is also the 50th Ordination Anniversary for Fr. Joseph Nisari, our former pastor. He will be here for the evening Mass to share this special day with us. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass and the supper to congratulate him and to also gather as a parish family for the Christmas Season and Fr. Hilario's 2nd Anniversary as our Pastor.

Religious Ed Raffle: Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets. See any student from now until the end of February.

2017 Parish Contribution Report: Parish Contribution Reports will be sent by January 31, 2018 to those who requested them last year. If you did not request last year and would like a Report please email or call the parish office.

Area Events

EWTN is proud to present LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC. Also, we will be airing inspiring musical performances, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations that the whole family will enjoy. Watch or listen to EWTN TV and EWTN Radio on your local channel, online, or even on your smartphone using our free EWTN App! Go to ewtn.com.

Benedictine Spirituality 101 Retreat will be held Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Learn how St. Benedict's rule and way of life are just as relevant today as they were in the sixth century. Beverly Collin, assistant director and 3rd order oblate, will present this day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. To register, call [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) or visit www.cedarbrake.org.

St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with its annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Pageant Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. This medieval Christmas celebration will feature music, dance, period costumes and a live Nativity scene. For more information and tickets, visit www.boarsheadaustin.com or call [\(512\) 837-4179](tel:512-837-4179).

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our Advent time is almost over. We have watched in hope for the coming of Christ at the end of time. We have seen the presence of Christ and God's Kingdom among us wherever justice and peace triumph over violence and alienation. Now we focus on Mary and the intimacy of birth. Carrying any child requires courage, faith and trust. Every mother wonders about the future of her child. God transforms all of human history by becoming human through Mary's "Yes!" Like her, will we allow the very fullness of God's love to fill us and our world this year? Do we have her faith, her courage and her trust?

URGENT NOTICE: WATER PLANT REPAIRS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED~in Granger

There is an estimated 6 to 12 hour water outage involving a planned shutdown from about 8pm on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 until approximately 8am on Thursday, December 28, 2017.

The reason the City of Granger chose this date is because Granger ISD will be out for the Christmas holidays. Their goal is to minimally interfere with normal activities throughout the City; therefore they are going to be working overnight, when water usage needs are normally at their least.

CodeRed notices will go out several hours before the shutdown. Boil Notices will be radio broadcast and posted on City Hall, the Post Office and at local businesses.

First, the elevated storage tank will be completely drained before any work can begin. Then, Berry Contractors will install new pipe and 3 new valves in the ground at the water plant.

Meanwhile, utility workers will repair a water leak on N Rio Grande at W Ash. After work is completed, the elevated tank will be refilled before pressure is adequate for water delivery.

After water is restored, the entire City of Granger will have to boil water prior to consumption.

Please plan ahead for this outage. Stock up on drinking water to avoid having to boil water for consumption. Fill your bathtub with water and use it to flush.

Turn off your automatic ice makers until the boil order is lifted. Do your laundry the day before.

The absolute last thing any City wants to do is shut down their water system. The City asks for your patience during this system upgrade and hopes that you understand they are doing this to provide the City of Granger with superior water service.