



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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

Youth Ministers: Wendy & Mark White hafa_adai65@hotmail.com

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before every Holy Mass

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before every Mass /Thursday 5-5:40PM 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: Rev. Stephen Nestrta
Deacon: John Thornton
Administrator: Joanne Selucky
Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel
Finance Council: Chris Nemek
Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek
Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

4th Sunday of Lent—March 30, 2014

Saturday March 29 7:30AM † Anton Martinka

7:00PM Pro Populo for the Parish Families of SSCM & HTC

Sunday March 30 10:00AM † Orpha McGarghan; † Mary & Daniel Merka; † Patrick White

Monday March 31 7:00PM Parish Penance Service

Tuesday April 1 7:00AM † Joe Kaderka (B)

Wed April 2 7:00AM † Frank Mikulencak 10AM: Will o Bell

Thurs April 3 6:00PM † Orpha McGarghan (Healing Mass) 4-5:45PM ADORATION

Friday April 4 6:30PM † Albin J. Dykowski (A) (Mass & Stations of the Cross)

Saturday April 5 7:30AM † Helen Oryschak

7:00PM Pro Populo for the Parish Families of SSCM

Sunday April 6 10:00AM † Patrick White (A); † Emil Matula; † Louis & Cecilia Vrana

We pray for Healing: Amber Pacha, Curtis Ging, Kay Karkoska, Frank Krenek, Angie Pavelka, Loretta Remmert, Doris Nestrta, Nettie Wall, Richard Williams, Dennis Pokorny, Aspen Michalik, Ella Mae Zbranek.

Offering: Sunday: \$3,452.00 Children: \$14.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Liturgical Ministers April 5 & 6

Saturday 7PM Lector: Terry Lee Pekar EMHC: Jaime & Cirila Gomez, Ronnie Steffek, Doc Pekar

Music: Traditional Choir Servers: William & Nicholas Novak

Sunday 10AM Lector: Wendy White EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, Griselda Steglich, Greg Gonzalez

Music: Kathy Janke Servers: Kurt & Jake Kaderka

EMHC Route Bartlett Homes- Carolyn Kaderka Bartlett Will O' Bell- Ann Hall

Granger Villa-Mary Pavlat Granger Homes-Bill Pavlat Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka

RE Store 7PM: Kate Strmiska 10AM: Krystal Juarez

March 29-30 School envelope: Please put your School donation envelope in the regular collection this weekend.

Donations will be used for the upkeep and utilities of the school building.

Please welcome Father Tom Poisson who is speaking at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Calendar of Events

Sunday March 30 : 11AM 5th Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner (Drive thru available)

Monday March 31 : 7PM Penance Service/ NO YOGA

Wednesday April 2 : 7PM RE classes

Saturday April 5 : 8:30AM Bible Timeline

Sunday April 6 : 11:30PM KJT Bingo Kitchen-Hamburgers

Monday March 31 to Friday April 4 the Parish Office will be closed. We are moving to the DPC and may not have internet service or phone service until all can be transferred to the proper offices.

Parish

Cemetery clean up: Please remember to remove old flowers from your loved ones graves. Mowing has begun for the Spring season and graves need to be cleaned up for Easter. Thank you. Please share this with any out of town friends and family.

Religious Education/Youth Ministry

6th-12th Grade Lunch and a Movie, Sunday, April 6. We will be seeing "God's Not Dead" at Cinemark, Round Rock. We will leave immediately following Mass. Please bring \$6.50 for lunch (Cici's Pizza) SSCM RE will pay for the movie. Hope you can come.

Godstock-High School Youth, come hang out with hundreds of your closest friends (youth from around the diocese and Fr. Brian McMaster and Fr. Elmer Holtman), listen to some great music (Soundwave, Jones Unleashed, Sound of Substance, Ike Ndolo), play games (sand volleyball, flag football, Frisbee) and participate in Catholic only activities (Eucharist, Rosaries, Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours). Godstock will be held on April 26. We will leave the Church parking lot at 10AM and return around 11PM. Cost is \$40 which includes dinner and a T-shirt. Please bring additional money for lunch and concessions. Registration is due by April 2. For more information call Virginia at 512-859-2634 or email sscmre@gmail.com

Message from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! As I mentioned last weekend, effective April 1, Granger and Corn Hill will each have their own priest. I see this as a great blessing for each parish. I have thoroughly enjoyed my brief time as Pastor here at Sts. Cyril and Methodius. Know that you will all continue to be in my prayers. Thank you for being so cooperative and supportive. I know that Fr. Chris Ferrer will be happy here with you as well.

Lent is quickly passing by and Holy Week will be here soon. **The Easter Triduum during Holy Week is our most sacred and solemn week of the whole year. We should make it a priority to attend the celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, setting aside other non-religious activities that may conflict with these sacred days. Let us be faithful to God.**

Today we celebrate *Laetare Sunday*, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. *Laetare* is taken from the Latin translation of Isaiah 66:10-11, which is used as the entrance antiphon for this Sunday as found in the Missalette. We rejoice that the Easter Mystery is drawing near and we await it with joyful anticipation.

In today's Gospel we have the story of Jesus healing the man born blind from birth. This event follows Jesus encounter with the woman caught in adultery and also several other encounters with the Pharisees. This discourse with the Pharisees is rather lengthy and during this discourse the jealousy of the Pharisees is made visible and they become angrier and angrier with Jesus. The healing of the blind takes place on the Sabbath day, a day when no one was to do any work, not even acts of charity. This action of Jesus is seen as violating the Law concerning the Sabbath. The healing of the blind man also proves that his sins are forgiven, something which only God can do. Yet, Jesus in His humanity, heals and forgives sins. Jesus continues this action today through the actions of the priest in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Maybe you can somewhat imagine the joy that the blind man must have experienced at being able to see for the first time in his life. You can also probably imagine the anger of the Pharisees because all of us have been jealous of others and angry at them at some time in our life. Maybe you still are today! All this anger continues to build each week as we approach Holy Week and the Pharisees begin to make plans to arrest Jesus and to have Him put to death. As we enter into these last weeks of Lent let us reflect on how our lives reflect that of the lives of the Pharisees and let us ask the Lord to open our eyes so that we can see clearly the things we need to change in our lives so that we can truly be the light of Jesus to one another.

May all of you continue to have a spiritually renewing Season of Lent as we prepare ourselves for Palm Sunday and Holy Week, and, the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter. Be sure to make a good confession before Easter. See the schedule of area Penance Services in this bulletin. Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, farář

2014 Lent Penance Services

Sunday, March 30	5PM	Holy Trinity, Corn Hill
Monday, March 31	7PM	SSCM, Granger
Monday, April 7	7PM	St. Helen, Georgetown
Tuesday, April 8	7PM	St. John Vianney, Round Rock
Wednesday, April 9	7PM	St. William, Round Rock
Thursday, April 10	6:30PM	St. Patrick, Hutto
Sunday, April 13	7PM	St. Mary, Taylor
Monday, April 14	1-6PM	St. William, Round Rock

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 17 @ 7PM	Good Friday, April 18 @ 7PM
Holy Saturday, April 19 @ 8PM	Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 8AM & 10AM