



## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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**Religious Education:** Office now located in the School

Coordinator: Virginia Lee 512-859-2634 [sscmre@gmail.com](mailto:sscmre@gmail.com)

Youth Ministers: Wendy & Mark White [hafa\\_adai65@hotmail.com](mailto:hafa_adai65@hotmail.com)

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before every Holy Mass

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

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**

(512)859-2224-Rectory

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Ex. Assistant: Joanne Selucky

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

Finance Council: Chris Nemec

Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

### Divine Mercy Sunday—April 27, 2014

(† Deceased/\*Living)

Saturday April 26 6:00PM

† Mary Kurtin Walker; † Fred Strmiska; \* 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday of V.J. Hajda;

† Henry Loeve; † Sallie Cervenka; † Sylvester, Sr. & \*Mary Brosch (Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday April 27 10:00AM

For the living and deceased members of SSCM

Tuesday April 29 8:00AM

† Helen Oryschak

Wed April 30 6:30PM

† Anton Martinka

Thurs May 1 6:00PM

† Fred Strmiska 4PM-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction and Healing Mass

Friday May 2 8:00AM

† Dan & Mary Merka and Amy Wolf

Saturday May 3 7:30AM

† Antonia Knapek

6:00PM

For the living and deceased members of SSCM

Sunday May 4 10:00AM

† Orpha McGarghan; † Minnie Mazoch;

Living and Deceased members of the Martin & Frantiska Vrabel Family

*We pray for Healing:* Georgia Strmiska, Johnny Michalek, Lela Kaderka, Jordan Nira, Alice Hajda, Patricia Stefek, Amber Pacha, Curtis Ging, Kay Karkoska, Frank Krenek, Angie Pavelka, Loretta Remmert, Nettie Wall, Richard Williams.

Offering: Sunday & Easter: \$5,685.50 Children: \$34.82 Good Friday: \$751.00 Thank you for your generous support!

#### Liturgical Ministers May 3-4

Saturday 6PM

Lector: Wendy White

EMHC: Mark White, Beatrice Perez, Jaime & Cirila Gomez

Music: Traditional Choir

Servers: William & Nicholas Novak, Garret Repa

Sunday 10AM

Lector: 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

EMHC: Greg Gonzalez, Theresa Valdez, Griselda Steglich, Elena Castro

Music: Guitar Group

Servers: Sarah Arellano, Marcus Belcher, Mario Gonzalez

EMHC Route Bartlett Homes- Wendy White

Bartlett Will O' Bell- Mark White

Granger Villa-Beatrice Perez

Granger Homes-Rosanne Naizer

Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka

RE Store: Saturday: Janice Novak

Sunday: Bernice Jezisek

**Ashes to Easter:** Please return boxes as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

**Special Collection** this weekend is for the Seminarian and Priest Education and Formation Fund.

**Flowers (Front)** are in honor of the 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday of VJ Hajda from his family. Happy Birthday and congratulations.

#### Calendar of Events

Sunday April 27 : 11:30AM KJZT Baked Potatoes (Proceeds benefit the KJZT Juniors' Summer Camp)

Wednesday April 30 : 6:30PM RE Mass/Awards and Fun Day

Thursday May 1 : 4-5:45PM Adoration/6PM Healing Mass

Friday May 2 : 7PM Finance Council Meeting (DPC)

Saturday May 3 : 7:30AM Mass/8:30AM First Saturday Bible Timeline in the Year

Sunday May 4 : 10AM First Communion

: 11:30AM KJT hamburgers (Hall)

## Parish

**Mother's Day Envelopes** are on the bulletin tables. Please return them no later than May 7 to be included in the Masses.

***A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins June 11*** Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* beginning June 11 at 7:00 and continuing every Wednesday until August 6. The cost for course materials is \$35. For more information or to register for the study, call Virginia Loza-Lee at [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634) or [emailsscmre@gmail.com](mailto:emailsscmre@gmail.com).

**Freedom Is A Powerful Word:** *Freedom to Love* is a powerful, five-part study based on the Theology of the Body. It is specifically intended for young adults and college students and is presented by popular author and expert Christopher West. In it he lays out a convincing and refreshing road map to living a life of authentic freedom and love. In this study, you will learn: What the Theology of the Body is and how it can change your life; How to live a life of freedom; What real love looks like; The difference between love and lust; That contraception does not lead to freedom; That God has a plan for your future; ...and much more. The concepts in this study will change everything, including your worldview.

This DVD and workbook study will be held on June 11 at 7:00. The cost is only \$20 and includes all course materials. For more information and to register, contact Virginia Loza-Lee at [sscmre@gmail.com](mailto:sscmre@gmail.com) or [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634).

## Religious Ed

**April 30 Fun Day-Last Class & Awards:** Following Mass at 6:30, we will be serving pizza and drinks to all the students. We will have games set up in the parking lot so part of the parking lot will be closed. Please drop off your child in front of the school and pick up at the back of the school. Please use caution when picking up and dropping off. All parents are welcomed to attend. Senior Scholarships will be awarded at Mass.

**RE School Move Day-Listening Session:** Following the Mass on May 7 at 6:30 we invite all parents for a listening session. Fr. Chris will be present to discuss next year's Religious Education Program. Please bring your ideas and suggestions. Together we can improve our children's Religious Education. Following our listening session, we will move and work on organizing the school. Remember we will have a movie & popcorn set up for elementary. Jr. High and High School students are encouraged to help with the move.

## Around the Diocese

**"A Day with Saints John XXIII and John Paul II,"** a day of reflection, will be held May 8 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Beverly Collin will lead participants in learning more about these newly canonized saints and their contributions to the faith. The day will include Mass, quiet time and sharing. \$35 per person.

**Desert Solitude,** a silent retreat with Centering Prayer as the focus, will be held June 6-11 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Daily Mass and spiritual direction will be available. Cost varies as to how long each participant stays. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

**Calling all Saints & Sinners!** Whether you're a runner, walker, or a live-music lover; the Hutto Skyline will become a NEON GLOW on Saturday May 3rd at the second annual Saints & Sinners After-Dark 5k. St Patrick Catholic Church will be hosting this spectacular sunset event for families and friends all ages, sizes and wattages at the HHS stadium. **Get Your Neon On!** More details and to register for the run: [www.saintsandsinners5k.com](http://www.saintsandsinners5k.com)

## Message from Our Pastor

My dear parishioners,

Thomas the apostle wants empirical ("scientific") proof that Jesus has been resurrected. Atheists today (and sometimes even Christians) demand such evidence for the existence of God or the presence of Christ. Jesus graciously allows Thomas to have that evidence by touching Jesus' bodily wounds. Then Jesus looks ahead to believers in the future by saying that we ourselves are blessed because we do believe, even though we have never seen Him in person. Or have we? Whenever we worship and receive the Eucharist, we are physically meeting the resurrected Christ through seeing, touching, and tasting in a mystical, sacramental matter. So we today are hardly at any less advantage compared to the first apostles.

Please read some of the exegetical points for this Sunday's Gospel:

- (1) This post-Resurrection of Jesus occurs "on the first day of the week" = Sunday, as a reminder to the readers of what happened on Easter Sun. and reflecting the early Church's choice of Sun. over Sat. as the main day of worship.
- (2) The "disciples" are most likely only 10 apostles (in light of v. 24, Thomas being absent and Judas being dead).
- (3) The repetition of "Peace" reflects the Easter theme of peacefulness, forgiveness, joy, and hope which should overcome fear, anxiety, and despair.
- (4) Jesus breathes on the 10 men to give them the Holy Spirit and power to forgive sins (traditionally reserved only to God in Judaism). Readers are reminded of God's breathing life into the body of Adam. Thus creation and new life are involved here. (Theologians note a mild contrast regarding Pentecost some weeks later when the Holy Spirit is given again[] in its fullness to the apostles [but also the other disciples]).

Fr. Chris Ferrer (Pastor)