



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

Youth Ministers: Wendy & Mark White hafa_ada165@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

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

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

Finance Council: Chris Nemec

Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Third Sunday of Easter—May 4, 2014

(† Deceased/*Living)

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

Tuesday May 6 8:00AM

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed May 7 6:30PM

† Fred Strmiska

Thurs May 8 6:00PM

† Frank, Jr. & Robert Jezisek 10AM Villa 4PM-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction

Friday May 9 8:00AM

† Mary Knapek

Saturday May 10 6:00PM

For the living and deceased members (especially Mothers) of SSCM

Sunday May 11 10:00AM

All Mothers (Card Intentions)

We pray for Healing: Rafaela Trevino, Georgia Mikulencak, Frances Martinka, Ollie Rendon, 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: \$3,769.50 Children: \$16.00 Priest/Seminarian: \$1,239.00 Thank you for your generous support!

Liturgical Ministers May 10-11

Saturday 6PM Lector: Marilyn Gaydos EMHC: Lawrence Novak, Ronnie Steffek, Doc Pekar, Mark White

Music: Ann Shirocky

Servers: Jose Campos, Kyle Hamons

Sunday 10AM Lector: Virginia Lee

EMHC: Deborah Hensel, Rita Marburger, Dennis & Michelle Messex

Music: Theresa Caslavka

Servers: Christopher, Nicholas & Thomas Hall, Audrey Messex

EMHC Route Bartlett Homes-Baldo Degollado Bartlett Will O' Bell- Rosalva Degollado

Granger Villa-Margaret Vrana

Granger Homes-Ronnie Steffek

Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka

RE Store: Saturday Gail Heger

Sunday: Theresa Valdez

Special Collection next weekend is for the Parish Building & Maintenance Fund.

Granger Community Pantry Collection: Please bring items to Parish Office by Wednesday, May 14 for the May 15 distribution. Hope is Tuesday May 6 at the Hall.

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

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported the Easter Flower Fund. The church was glorious for our celebration of the Triduum. The list of memorials and donors are at the doors.

Calendar of Events

Sunday May 4 : 11:30AM KJT hamburgers (Hall)

Monday May 5 : 7PM KC meeting (Hall)

Tuesday May 6 : 5PM Bingo kitchen-Pasta Salad and bread sticks

Wednesday May 7 : 6:30PM RE Mass

: 7PM Listening Session for RE Parents/Move Day

Sunday May 11 : Happy Mother's Day

Parish

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to know more about your faith? A new RCIA class is forming. If you are interested, please call Virginia at 512-859-2634 or email sscmre@gmail.com.

Senior Mass: All High School and College graduating students are invited to participate in the Senior Mass on May 18 at the 10:00am Mass. Please meet at the DPC at 9:45 to line up. If you would like to volunteer to lector or bring up the gifts, please call Virginia at 512-859-2634 or email sscmre@gmail.com. Cookies and punch will be served after Mass. All are invited to attend.

Congratulations to our First Communion children who received the Eucharist this Sunday. They are: Karysyn Avery Hamons, Kyndal Ann Hamons, Nathan Scott LaFave, Isaac Martin Lizardo, Mireyah Anahi Luna, Christobal Jose Martinez, Lillian Isabella Martinez, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Andrew John Vrabel, and Thomas Jordan Youngblood. Congratulations!! Thank you to Ms. Krystal Juarez who prepared them for their sacrament.

Bible Studies

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 email sscmre@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 or [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634).

Religious Ed

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.

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

Message from Our Pastor

My dear parishioners,

The first apostles and disciples experienced gradual growth in their faith in the resurrected Christ. As with the two disciples in today's gospel story, their eyes of faith slowly were opened. They had to learn what the Christ Messiah meant in light of Scripture. Then, especially for those who had not seen the resurrected Jesus in person, they had the privilege of seeing and meeting Him in their celebration of the Eucharist in which He is physically present. We today do the same; and we teach converts how to do this in our parish hospitality and R.C.I.A. program. Also, I would like to deeply congratulate those who received their first Holy communion. May God always stay in your hearts and nourish you with his holiness.

Some of the exegetical points for this week's Gospel

- 1) As the two disciples are walking the road, the resurrected Jesus catches up with them (probably from behind, so they don't see Him appear from thin air). Instead of saying that Jesus was unrecognizable, Luke says that "the disciples' eyes were preventing from recognizing Him"--i.e., the focus will be on the gradual opening of the disciples' eyes of faith.
- 2) When these two disciples tell Jesus what has happened in Jerusalem, they are basically reciting the original, primitive Creed of the early Church when Luke is writing this. So these disciples themselves have basic faith, but their faith is not yet strong enough or fully formed.
- 3) Jesus proceeds to teach them about how the Messiah has fulfilled the Old Testament Jewish expectation. Note, however, that Luke is the only evangelist who explicitly says in the gospels that the Messiah must suffer (Jesus himself said this, but no one else did, because the Jews did NOT expect the Messiah to suffer--they expected him to be triumphant over the Romans and Greeks). But here Luke does say it, because, after all, he is writing with hindsight many years after the Crucifixion.
- 4) The theme of hospitality also appears. The two disciples at first invite Jesus to walk with them, then they invite Him to have supper with them. It is dusk, so the theme of hospitality around the Last Supper and the Eucharist emerges. The disciples' "eyes are opened" when Jesus breaks and gives them the supper bread.
- 5) The story is essentially catechetical in the early Church--and becomes the basic structure for the R.C.I.A. in parishes today. Curious, doubtful, or pious people who seek to know more about the Catholic faith approach a parish. There they are instructed in Bible and tradition in an atmosphere of Christian hospitality. At the end of their instruction into discipleship, they are finally admitted to the fullness of unity in the Eucharist in which they fully see the resurrected-ascended Christ.
- 6) At the story's end, it is mentioned that the resurrected Lord appeared to Simon Peter. Here Luke is reminding his early Church that Peter is now in charge of it. Actually, we have no gospel description of the resurrected Christ appearing to Peter by himself. What we do have are such statements as this one and in Acts, and the appearance of Christ to the apostles as a group.

Fr. Chris