



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st 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

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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Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—November 23, 2014

Saturday Nov. 22 6:00PM †Frank & * Helen Jezisek; †Henry Rozacky; †Frank Mikulencak; †Danny Naizer; and the Pavelka & Holubec Families

Sunday Nov. 23 10:00 AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Tuesday Nov. 25 8:00AM † Joseph & Donna Poplawski

Wed Nov. 26 7:00PM † George & *Margaret Vrana (Wedding Anniversary)

Thurs Nov. 27 9:00AM † Sallie Cervenka NO Adoration

Friday Nov. 28 8:00AM † Frank Jezisek, Jr.

Saturday Nov. 29 6:00PM † Donna Davidson; †Frank Tomasek; † Margie Hajda; †Emilie Martinka

Sunday Nov. 30 10:00 AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

All Souls intentions will be prayed for at all Masses during the month of November.

We pray for Healing: J.D. Shirocky, Julie Kaderka, Bryce Tubbs, Matthew Lee, Perri Perez and son, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Edith Kurtin, Robert Rister, Misty Gonzales, William Pedroza * ☺

Offering: Sunday: \$3,755.00 Children: \$18.00 Christmas Meal: \$1,047.00 Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers November 29-30 (Volunteers needed for Thanksgiving Masses Nov. 26-7PM & Nov. 27-9AM.)

Saturday 6PM Lector: Diana Kerlin EMHC: JoAnn Pavelka, Beatrice Perez, Henrietta Hajda, Deborah Hensel

Music: Traditional Choir Servers: Brett & Neal Martinka, Kyle Hamons

Sunday 10AM Lector: Rose Unnasch EMHC: Bill & Mary Pavlat, Baldo & Rosalva Degollado

Music: Darve & Karen Servers: Ernie Valdez, Kurt Kaderka

EMHC Route: Carolyn Kaderka, Esther Villarreal, Beatrice Perez, JoAnn Pavelka

Religious Articles Store: 6PM -Hortense Svehlak 10AM -Rose Fischler

The Special Collection: The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD grants improve education, support economic development, and help communities provide housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and aid those living on the margins of society. Please give to the CCHD Special Collection.

Flowers: (Main) In honor of the 58th Wedding Anniversary of William and Mildred Michalik. Congratulations!

(Gold Main) In loving memory of Danny Naizer from his mother Sybil and family.

(Mary & Sacred Heart) In loving memory of Joe W. & Agnes Vrabel Family from Bernice Vrabel.

Calendar of Events

Sunday Nov. 23 : 11AM KJZT bingo kitchen—homemade chicken noodle soup (Benefits the Food Pantry)

Tuesday Nov. 25 : 5PM Bingo kitchen—Enchiladas (Degollado Family)

Wednesday Nov. 26 : 7PM Thanksgiving Mass

: No RE or Upper Room

Thursday Nov. 27 : 9AM Thanksgiving Mass

: No Adoration/Parish and RE Offices Closed

Friday Nov. 28 : Parish and RE Offices Closed

Sunday Nov. 30 : 11AM Fried Chicken Dinner/1PM Thank you and Farewell to Fr. Barry

Parish

November 30 will be Fr. Barry's last day with us. We will have a thank you and farewell reception at 1PM in conjunction with the Fried Chicken Dinner at the Hall. Come by and wish him well as he goes on to his next assignment.

Thank you to everyone who made the Parish Kolache Bake a huge success. With the help of many hands we made around 500 dozen kolaches and raised \$3100+. God bless all who helped.

5th Sunday Fried Chicken dinner will be held Nov 30th at SSCM Hall with serving starting at 11AM The meal will consist of chicken, noodles, cole slaw, green beans & peaches. Plates will be \$9.00/adults & \$5.00/kids. Drive-thru will be available. The proceeds from the meal will go towards the church repainting project. Volunteers are needed in all areas, from meal prep, to serving, to cleanup. Dessert donations are also greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support!

The SSCM Christmas meal for the homebound, sick & elderly, widows & widowers, & disadvantaged will be on Monday, December 15th. If you or someone you know should be included to receive a meal please call John Pavelka @ 512-859-2748. Volunteers will be needed to de-bone turkeys on Sunday, December 14th @ 4pm and to help prepare the meal on Monday (7am) and deliver plates (10:30am).

Religious Ed & Youth Ministry

RCYC: Please pray for 7 students and 2 sponsors as they are attending the Regional Catholic Youth Conference in Oklahoma City. Thank you to all who supported Youth Ministry and gave them the opportunity to attend. Youth Ministry is truly blessed to have such a supportive parish family.

Area Events

Granger Community Thanksgiving Service is Sunday November 23 at 6:00PM at Judea Baptist Church.

Advent Family Retreat: December 13-14 at Eagles' Wings Retreat Center. Step away from the hubbub of Christmas preparation. Come as a family to experience Advent reflections, prayer, music, fun activities and Main Street Bethlehem in Burnet. Singles and Grandparents welcome. Prices vary on family size and include meals and materials. Presenter: Judy Hoelscher. For registration visit www.ewrc.org or call 512-715-0017.

Salado St. Stephen Parish Advent Mission Nov. 30 6:30 pm Dec. 1 & 2 7:00 pm Mission Leader – Michael Cumbie

A Silent Retreat will be held Dec. 5-7 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Everyone is invited to take time away from the busy Advent season and prepare themselves for the birth of Christ. The cost is \$165 for a private room. To register, call (254) 780-2436 or e-mail cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

Advent Dinner with Msgr. Louis Pavlicek will be held Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Join Msgr. Pavlicek for dinner and a presentation on Advent. The cost is \$25 per person. To register, call (254) 780-2436 or e-mail cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

SECOND MISSION TRIP TO MCALLEN

Dear Parishioners, thank you so much for your continued support for the mission trip to McAllen. Two of us went on November 17 and dropped off 75 backpacks, and a truckload of clothes, blankets, and shoes. When the volunteers heard that we had 75 backpacks we were treated with their applause. We visited with the volunteers to gauge what items they needed currently and we were told that they were not getting enough donations of women's socks, adult shoes - both men's and women's size 5,6,7,8; adult belts, and women's bras (size 34-38 a,b,c,d) . They also were very low on snacks such as cheese crackers and cookies to give to the immigrants for their trip on the bus and packaging for the snacks such as small string backpacks. Women's leggings in size M and L were also needed for the pregnant women. We are planning another trip in late December if we get more donations. To see the updated list, please go to: CatholiccharitiesRGV.org. You may drop off your donations at the church office during the rest of November thru December 22. For more information or if you are interested in going in late December please call Deborah at 979-571-0461. Thank you again and God Bless You!

Marriage Recognition Certificate Application

Certificates signed by Bishop Joe Vasquez will be available for married couples celebrating 10 years of marriage or more (increments of 5 years: 10, 15, 20 etc.) return this form to the Parish Office by December 14. Certificates will be presented the weekend of December 21-22.

Husband's Full Name _____

Wife's Full Name including Maiden Name _____

Anniversary Date: Month ____ Day ____ Year of Marriage ____ Number of Years Married ____

Church Marriage took place _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Message from Our Pastor

In today's gospel, Christ describes the fullness of his kingship in the role of the Son of Man and Great Judge at the end of time. His judgment of all humankind is a truly frightening and challenging picture. Only by faith in Him are we able to fully recognize and appreciate the presence of Christ in others, and our salvation depends upon this. As All Saints, All Souls, Advent, and the autumn season approach, we are reminded of the Last Things (judgment, heaven, hell, afterlife) in our faith.

EXEGESIS:

Strictly speaking, this gospel reading is not a parable but a description by Jesus. In it, He portrays himself as the eschatological Son of Man, the one title which He likes to apply to himself in the gospels. He will return at the end of time in the fullness of divine glory. Then He will separate humans like sheep on high right and goats on his left. Because few people in ancient times (as today) were left-handed, the left side was associated with stupidity or evil; the right side with intelligence and goodness. "Goats" here in Hebrew is better translated as "kids," i.e., animals of lesser value; thus the evil humans are of lesser value because of their sinfulness.

Using again his preached theme of the kingdom of God the Father, Jesus as Great Judge rewards the full kingdom to good souls, and banishes the evil souls to gross punishment at a far distance from God. The criteria which Jesus uses for judgment is interesting; it is whether or not humans took care of their fellow humans who were in material and emotional need. Then where is the role of faith, not merely good works, in all this? Faith is understood insofar as the OBJECT of one's good deeds is ultimately Christ himself who lives in his mystical body on Earth. Thus the presence of Christ in others might be explicit to us, but it might be implicit (hidden) to us. The MOTIVATION to help others in need is provided by Christian faith. After all, even though a non-believer might help others because of his SUBJECTIVE feelings, he has no OBJECTIVE motivation or criterion to do so and thus might do nothing.