



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.

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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

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Second Sunday of Advent—December 7, 2014

Saturday Dec. 6	8:00AM	† Johnnie Michalek & Agnes Stojanik
	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday Dec. 7	10:00 AM	† Emil Matula; † Sallie & Louis Cervenka; † Elsie Pospisil; † Frank & Agnes Sykowski
Monday Dec. 8	8:00AM	For the health of all SSCM Parish members
	7:00PM	† Anton & Emilie Martinka
Tuesday Dec. 9	8:00AM	Communion Service (Deacon John Thornton)
Wed Dec. 10	6:00PM	† Frank Mikulencak (Fr. Barry Cuba)
Thurs Dec. 11	4-5:45PM	Adoration and Benediction 10AM: Granger Villa † Stanley Vrana
	6:00PM	† Albin Bohac (B); † Albina Bohac Dykowski (B)
<i>Friday Dec. 12</i>	<i>7:00PM</i>	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe Mariachi Mass</i>
Saturday Dec. 13	6:00PM	† Betty, Alfonse, Ted & Nicholas Stojanik; † Robert & Frank Jezisek; † Vince Marek
Sunday Dec. 14	10:00 AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

We pray for Healing: J.D. Shirocky, Julie Kaderka, Bryce Tubbs, Matthew Lee, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Edith Kurtin

Welcome Kataleia Priori baptized last Sunday. May God bless you and your family.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Isabel Cameron. Rosary Thursday Dec. 11 7PM in Bartlett Funeral Friday, Dec. 12 10AM.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,284.67 Children: \$15.00 School: \$ 346.00 Thanksgiving: \$916.00 Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers December 13-14

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Pat Greger	EMHC: Jaime & Cirila Gomez, Diana Kerlin, Lawrence Novak
	Music: Volunteer	Servers: Mikayla Skrhak, Jose Campos
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Ellen Wolf	EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, Greg Gonzalez, Trish Lopez
	Music: Kathy Janke	Servers: Mario Gonzalez, Audrey Messex

EMHC Route: Kate Strmiska, Ann Hall, Louis Repa, George Strmiska

Religious Articles Store: 6PM -Gail Heger 10AM – Rose Unnasch

The Special Collection: This weekend is for the Medical and Retirement Fund for Clergy and Religious.

Next weekend is for our Parish Building and Maintenance Fund.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Dec. 7	: 11AM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen—Burgers, Fries and Desserts (Hall)
Monday	Dec. 8	: 8AM & 7PM Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation Masses
Wednesday	Dec. 10	: 6PM Upper Room for High School Students/7PM RE Classes
Thursday	Dec. 11	: 7PM Midnight Mass Choir Practice
Friday	Dec. 12	: 7PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
Sunday	Dec. 14	: 11:30AM KJT Bingo Kitchen—Hamburgers (Hall)
		: 2PM Nativity Set Up in Church
		: 4PM Help needed to debone turkeys at the Hall

Parish

Year End Giving: Remember to make all 2014 donations to the Church by December 31. The Parish Office will be closed from Dec. 24-January 6 so please mail or use the Sunday collection basket to make your year end donation. Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

Christmas Flower Fund envelopes are available at the bulletin tables.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: The new 2015 route list is now available. If you did not receive it electronically by email, a few copies are in the sacristy. Thank you for serving in this most important ministry.

Marriage Recognition Certificate applications: 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.) Please return the form to the Parish Office by December 14. Certificates will be presented the weekend of December 21-22.

Nativity set-up: We will be setting up the stable and decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday December 14 @ 2:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with the set up.

Choir Practice: Anyone that would like to sing at Midnight Mass is invited to come to practice on Thursday December 11 @ 7 PM in the church.

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 help prepare the meal on Monday (7am) and deliver plates (10:30am).

Everyone is invited to a special celebration of the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** with a Mariachi Mass at 7PM on Friday, December 12

A heartfelt THANK YOU!!! goes out to all of those volunteers and patrons that helped make the Nov 30 Fried Chicken Dinner a great success. A special thank you goes out to the KJZT and KCs for coordinating all of the efforts. Because of your generous donations of time, talent, and treasure, another \$3,492.78 was raised benefiting our parish painting project. Thanks again for all that you do!

Card of Thanks: I felt, and continue to feel, so much warmth and welcome from the community of Ss. Cyril and Methodius even though my stay was so brief. You mean a great deal to me. I remain thankful for each and every one of you I'm now blessed to know, and for the witness of God's love and support your parish family radiates. Please take care of Fr. Chris and of each other. :) - **Fr. Barry**

Communal Advent Penance Schedule

Holy Trinity – Corn Hill: Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 pm

St. William – Round Rock: Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00 pm

St. Elizabeth's - Pflugerville: Thursday, December 18, at 7:00 pm; Monday, December 22, from 1:00 - 6:00 pm

St. Mary's – Taylor: Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 pm

Message from Our Pastor

Because Mark is the oldest gospel, it does not show special interest in Jesus' childhood, something which the subsequent gospels will address. Mark introduces us to John the Baptist, the "front man" for Jesus' initial public appearance. The fiery John preaches and baptizes, setting the stage for preaching by Jesus. As such, John serves as a reminder for us too to prepare for the arrival of Our Lord at Christmas and at the end of time.

EXEGESIS:

Mark casts John the Baptist in the role of the great Old Testament prophet, Isaiah. John's unusual physical dress and diet and his mission remind his Jewish audience about Isaiah's call for repentance and acknowledgment of God's reign. Jesus himself later in the gospels will refer to John as the Second Isaiah. The reference to the desert, from which John seems to come, also reminds the people of their covenant under Moses formed with God in the desert. John's preaching is followed by his listeners' baptism in the Jordan River, a ritual symbolizing their cleanliness from sin.

The fiery John announces that the one (Jesus) whom he is introducing will be baptizing by the power of the Holy Spirit of God himself. This is a subtle reference to the eschatological (reference to the end of time) mission Jesus will fulfill. Curiously, Jesus himself in the gospels baptizes no one with water and does not supervise any baptism; but at his ascension, He will tell his apostles to baptize in all the nations. It is slightly possible that John belonged to one of the religious-political groups at that time in Israel, the Essenes. They lived like celibate monks in the hills on the outskirts of Jerusalem, engaging in constant prayer for the conversion of what they believed were their sinful fellow Jews who were too cooperative with the occupying pagan Romans.

Mark's quote from Isaiah is one of the most-memorable stanzas from the famous musical composition for Advent/Christmas, "Handel's Messiah."