



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.

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—December 28, 2014

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| Saturday | Dec. 27 | 6:00PM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Msgr. Isidore Rozycki) |
| Sunday | Dec. 28 | 10:00 AM | †Pete Wolf & Dan Merka Families; † Fred Strmiska; †Emilie Martinka (Msgr. Isidore Rozycki) |
| Tuesday | Dec. 30 | 8:00AM | † Stanley Vrana (Fr. Stephen Nestrsta) |
| Wed | Dec. 31 | 5:00PM | †Robert, Sallie & Louis Cervenka, Anton Vanek (Fr. Stephen Nestrsta) |
| Thurs | Jan. 1 | 10:00AM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Fr. Stephen Nestrsta) |
| Friday | Jan. 2 | 8:00AM | † Johnny Michalek & Agnes Stojanik (Fr. Stephen Nestrsta) |
| Saturday | Jan. 3 | 8:00AM | Communion Service |
| | | 6:00PM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish |
| Sunday | Jan. 4 | 10:00 AM | †Joe & Viola Sevcik; † Vince Marek; †Johnny P. Martinka; † George, Frank & Annie Vrana |

We pray for Healing: Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, Mary Motloch, J.D. Shirocky, Julie Kaderka, Bryce Tubbs, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Edith Kurtin, Isabel Luna.

Welcome Adam Colby Streadwick, Jr. baptized last Sunday. May God bless you always.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,141.60 Children: \$10.00 Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers December 31 & January 1 & January 3 & 4

December 31 5PM Lector: Ronnie Steffek Volunteers needed for Music, EMHC & Servers

January 1 10AM: Volunteers needed for Lector, Music, EMHC & Servers

Saturday 6PM Lector: Pat Greger EMHC: Lawrence Novak, Terry Pekar, Beatrice Perez, Louis Repa

Music: Traditional Choir Servers: Nicholas & William Novak, Jose Campos

Sunday 10AM Lector: Darve Horak EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, Trish Lopez, Greg Gonzalez

Music: Theresa Caslavka Servers: Audrey Messex, Dwayne Gaida

EMHC Route: Baldo & Rosalva Degollado, Deborah Spanel, Diana Kerlin

Religious Articles Store: 6PM -Mark & Wendy White 10AM – Lillian Pacha

The special collection this weekend is for Maternity Homes for the Diocese of Austin: Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple, and the activities of the Pro Life Office of the Diocese of Austin

Dec. 29-January 6: Parish Office Closed (For emergencies call Virginia Lee 512-859-2634. Fr. Stephen will be our priest on Call 512-863-0401)

Calendar of Events

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| Sunday | Dec. 28 | : 11AM KJZT Loaded Baked Potatoes (Hall) |
| Tuesday | Dec. 30 | : 5PM Bingo Kitchen |
| Saturday | Jan. 3 | : 8:30AM 1 st Saturday Bible Study (DPC) |
| Sunday | Jan. 4 | : 11:30AM KJT hamburgers |
| | | : 2PM KJT meeting (Hall) |

Parish

Tithing Envelopes Since April 1 we are no longer a Sister Parish with Holy Trinity of Corn Hill. Out of consideration to them please do not use your SSCM Envelopes while attending their Masses. We appreciate your generous support of our parish and request that you simply bring your offering to the next Mass you attend in Granger.

Mission to McAllen: While doing your Christmas shopping consider buying one item for the undocumented immigrants that the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen is determined to help. This month we are focusing on collecting belts, bras and snacks. Last month we focused on backpacks and we were pleased to collect 75 of those. Any items you chose to donate will be most welcome. To see the list of most pressing needs please go to CatholicCharitiesRGV.org. If interested in volunteering, please call Deborah at 979-571-0461. We anticipate traveling to McAllen in January.

Christmas Flower Donations

Thank you all for your generous support of our Flower Fund: Rudy Bohac, Mr. & Mrs. Jaime Gomez, Scott & Kathy Janke, Thelma Naizer, John & Rosanne Naizer, Terry & Betty Pekar, John & Cecilia Stefek

Name of donor--In Memory/In Honor of

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Message from Our Pastor

In today's gospel, the Holy Family members serve as models of Jews faithful to the Mosaic Law. But Luke uses the story to show that the infant Jesus is destined to be the fulfillment of all Jewish expectation, a fulfillment which will extend also to all Gentiles.

EXEGESIS:

Themes which characterize all of Luke's gospel are prominent here: Jesus as fulfillment of Old Testament expectations; universal salvation; dignity of women; pairing of people in stories; and the role of Mary.

The Holy Family (Joseph, Mary, infant Jesus) act as obedient Jews by performing the new mother's purification ritual in the Temple in Jerusalem. Luke mentions "their" purification, but the law required only the mother's. Nor did the law require the ritual to be in the great Temple itself, but Luke wants to show the child Jesus already as the great fulfillment of Jewish expectation. And the law allowed the sacrifice of a lamb (afforded by the wealthy) or turtledoves or pigeons (afforded by the poor); because Luke here mentions only the latter, he implies that Joseph and Mary were poor.

Simeon is not a Temple priest but a man who functions as a minor prophet. Moved by the Spirit, Simeon predicts, with a tone of hope and blessing and not punishment, that Jesus' mission in life will affect not only the Jewish people but all nations. A widow in the Temple, Anna, joins Simeon in praising the child--thus Jewish fulfillment, universal salvation, dignity of women.

Luke turns his attention again to Mary. Simeon's prediction of a "sword" probably is Luke's hindsight reference to Jesus' crucifixion. The sword in Jewish thought meant not only war or death but also meant the cutting edge of decisiveness and discernment. The Holy Family then returns to Nazareth, to where they have moved after Bethlehem, a larger town where Joseph would have more work. Jesus then proceeds to mature in his human nature under his parents' watchful eyes, though He is God's blessed one.