



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Youth Ministers: Wendy & Mark White hafa_adai65@hotmail.com

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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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

1st Sunday of Lent—February 22, 2015

Saturday Feb. 21	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday Feb. 22	10:00 AM	†Elick & Mildred Kaspar, I.J. & Mary Kallus; †Sylvester Brosch, Sr.; †Msgr. John Frizelle
Tuesday Feb. 24	8:00AM	†Margaret Kaderka
Wed Feb. 25	6:00PM	† Brent Svehlak
Thurs Feb. 26	4:00PM	Adoration/Benediction
	6:00PM	† Edwin Repa (A)
Friday Feb. 27	8:00AM	† Ed & Marcella Zrubek, Rosalie Nemeč & Alice Dakin
	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross NO MASS
Saturday Feb. 28	6:00PM	†Jerry, Jr. & Nancy Vrabel; †Agnes Stojanik; † Helen Licka Muires; VJ & †Margie Hajda
Sunday March 1	10:00 AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

We pray for Healing: Deacon John Thornton, Rey Perez, Jr., Joe Fojtik, Bernice Huf, Arthur Palla, Donald Pacha, Gail Heger, Nicole Geil, Kevin Carr, Connie Lopez, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, J.D. Shirocky, Julie Kaderka, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Isabel Luna. * (Please contact office when the immediate need of prayer has passed.)

Offering: Sunday: \$4,377.50 Children: \$17.00 Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers Feb. 28-March 1

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Pat Greger	EMHC: Louis Repa, Marilyn Gaydos, Diana Kerlin, Doc Pekar
	Music: Traditional Choir	Servers: Aaron & James Arellano
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Patsy Polasek	EMHC: Baldo & Rosalva Degollado, Greg Gonzalez, Rita Marburger
	Music: Teresa Caslavka	Servers: Brian & Emilie Polasek, Mary Unnasch

EMHC Route: Carolyn Kaderka, Esther Villarreal, Mary Pavlat, Bill Pavlat

Religious Articles Store will be closed in Church. All items will be at the Hall for the RE Dinner.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Feb. 22	: 11AM KJZT hamburgers (Proceeds go to the Food Pantry)
Tuesday	Feb. 24	: 5 PM Bingo Kitchen--Enchilada's, Nachos and Frito Pie
Wednesday	Feb. 25	: 6PM Upper Room for High School Students
		: 7PM RE Classes
Sunday	March 1	: 11AM RE Mexican Dinner and Raffle

Sacristans Needed: We are in need of Sacristans for the weekday Masses and occasionally weekend Masses. If you can volunteer for one or more days a week to help cover the 4 weekday Masses call the Parish Office.

Musicians Needed: We have two Saturday 6PM Masses that are in need of music/song leaders. Contact Parish Office to volunteer.

Parish

Save the Date: Parish Kolache Bake will be March 14. More information to come.

On Sunday, March 1, 2015, Religious Education will hold its annual Mexican Dinner. The dinner consists of enchiladas, rice, beans, tea, and all the trimmings. Serving for the dinner begins at 11:00am at the Parish Hall. Plates are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Desserts will be available for a separate price. Take out plates will also be available. Also on sale during the dinner will be Raffle Tickets (10 great prizes) and Religious Articles. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy some great cooking and support the program, which provides Religious Education classes and activities to children, youth, and adults.

RE Parents: Please keep selling your raffle tickets. All raffle baskets items need to be turned in by Feb. 25. And don't forget to sign up and show up for your work shift. Thank you!!

KJT Society #28 would like to thank everyone who supported our Polka Mass and Pork Steak Dinner last weekend. Thank you to those who helped out in the Kitchen and Pit, brought desserts, gave donations, sold tickets and came to eat with us. Special thanks go to Kathy Janke for advertising our event and making the programs for church as well as Karen Simcik and Arthur Palla for coordinating the choirs and musicians for the Polka Mass. It was a wonderful success and we are happy to keep our Czech heritage alive by having the Annual Polka Mass. May God bless you for your generosity in helping support the restoring of our Church!

Area Events

Fish Fry hosted by the Holy Trinity Catholic Church CYM in Corn Hill on Friday, February 27 from 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Activity Center. Adults: \$10/Children 10 and under \$5. Meal will include fried catfish, French fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, beans and dessert.

'Blessed, Not Stressed – A Spiritual Spa Day For Mothers' RETREAT featuring JENNY KLEMENT, speaker, singer, songwriter and mother of five, who has the unique ability to minister to women through her songs, personal testimony and insights into living fully the Catholic faith. Saturday, Feb. 28th, 9a.m.-2p.m. St. Luke Catholic Church Upper Room (2807 Oakdale Dr., Temple TX 76502) Cost \$10; Register by Feb. 26 (Registration forms available at: www.slparish.org, or call Linda Burke: 254-780-3241.) Childcare available; RSVP necessary at time of registration. For more information, contact the Parish Office (254)773-1561

Upcoming retreats at Cedarbrake

"Lenten Retreat: Living the Beatitudes" will be held March 13-15 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Sister of St. Joseph Carol Cimino will lead retreatants through the beatitudes. The cost is \$195 for a private room, \$160 for a shared room or \$85 for commuters. To register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

A Spanish Lenten Retreat will be held March 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Edgar Ramirez, director of Hispanic Ministry with the Diocese of Austin, will lead this retreat in Spanish. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes lunch. To register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

Un retiro de Cuaresma en español se llevará a cabo el 14 de Marzo de 9 a.m. a 2 p.m. en el Centro de Retiros Católicos Cedarbrake en Belton. El camino del corazón: en comunión con Dios a través del silencio, la oración y la sabiduría eterna del Espíritu Santo. Venga a descansar y renovar su corazón en la quietud del silencio. En este silencio encontrará la fuerza y sabiduría que guio a Jess en el desierto, en su ministerio, a la cruz y finalmente lo premio con la vida eterna. Edgar Ramirez, director de la oficina del Ministerio Hispano para nuestra diócesis guiará este día de oración y reflexión. El costo es de \$25 por persona, e incluye el almuerzo. Para registrarse, llame al (254) 780-2436 o escribiendo [acedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

"Love Among the Ruins," a day of reflection, will be held March 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Father Angelo Bertini will lead an in-depth look at the book of Hosea. To register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

Message from our Pastor

Jesus begins his public ministry after much fasting and prayer in solitude. The devil tries to sway Him from his God-appointed mission by tempting Him to abuse his goodness and power. His ministry, which we follow through Lent, will culminate in Holy Week with his resurrection. Thus we participate in it by our own spiritual undertakings for the next six weeks.

EXEGESIS:

This gospel reading shows the style of Mark. His is the shortest of the four gospels; his descriptions of Jesus are brief and to the point. Thus Mark does not give us the details of Jesus' three temptations as we find in Matthew and Luke. The temptations by the devil are to abuse pleasure ("Turn these stones into bread and eat"), abuse pride ("Jump from the top of this Temple, because surely God will send angels to save his Son"), and abuse power ("Worship me, and I will give you these kingdoms"). This reading emphasizes Jesus' humanity, as He suffers the basic temptations to sin which all humans in history have suffered. Therefore, if the human Jesus could resist sin, we too can resist it. But Mark reminds us of Jesus' divinity too, as he has God's angels minister to Jesus who begins preaching that the kingdom of his Father is at hand.