



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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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

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5th Sunday of Lent—March 22, 2015

Saturday March 21 6:00PM †Henry & Angeline Dillard; †Raymond Mokry, Jr.; †Dorothea Mokry; †Allen, Joe & Hattie Jarosek

Sunday March 22 10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Tuesday March 24 8:00AM †Johnny & Vlasta Michalek and Jeanette Carfer

Wed March 25 6:00PM For those completing their Consecration to Jesus through Mary and all living and deceased Legion of Mary members

Thurs March 26 4:00PM Adoration/Benediction

6:00PM †Mary & Joe Michalek; † Ted & Lydia Pekar

Friday March 27 8:00AM †Mary Knappek; † Cecilia & Emil Zrubek

7:00PM Stations of the Cross NO MASS

Saturday March 28 6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Sunday March 29 10:00AM †Joe & Agnes Stefek; †Orpha & Jack McGarghan; † Patrick White

We pray for Healing: Monica Horak, Halen Carpenter, Juaquina Arellano, Bennie Bartosh, Deacon John Thornton, Rey Perez, Jr., Bernice Huf, Arthur Palla, Donald Pacha, Nicole Geil, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, J.D. Shirocky, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Isabel Luna. * (Please contact office when the immediate need of prayer has passed.)

We pray for the repose of the soul of Rosilie Pavlat (Bill Pavlat's sister). May she rest in peace.

Welcome to our parish family: Reese Elizabeth Martinka baptized last weekend.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,567.00 Children: \$27.00 Catholic Relief Services: \$1,373.00 Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers March 28-29

Saturday 6PM Lector: Lawrence Novak EMHC: Theresa Valdez, Louis Repa, George & Kate Strmiska

Music: Traditional Choir Servers: Aaron & James Arellano-Cortez, Mikayla Skrhak

Sunday 10AM Lector: Patsy Polasek EMHC: Baldo & Rosa Degollado, Greg Gonzalez, Trish Lopez

Music: Darve/Karen Horak Servers: Brian, Emily & Evan Polasek

EMHC Route: Kate Strmiska, Ann Hall, Louis Repa, Theresa Valdez

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday March 22 : 11AM KJZT Bingo Kitchen—Chicken Fajitas (Hall)

Tuesday March 24 : 5PM Bingo Kitchen—Enchiladas

: 7PM Guitar Group Practice (Church)

Wednesday March 25 : 6PM Mass followed by Consecration Ceremony (Please sign list at the main entrance of the church)

: 6PM Upper Room for 9th Grade/6-8PM Stations Practice/7PM RE CLASSES

Thursday March 26 : 6:30PM Legion of Mary meeting (School)

: 7PM Choir practice for Easter Saturday Vigil (All singers are invited to come)

Friday March 27 : 2PM Church Clean up

Sunday March 29 : 5-8PM Stations Practice

God gave the Blessed Mother power over angels and demons. Call on her intercession to keep you safe from the evil one. Ask her to send legions of angels to guard and protect you and your loved ones. "Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal-1817.

If you plan to attend the **final consecration ceremony here at SSCM on Wednesday, March 25 beginning with Mass** followed by the group consecration, please sign the sheet at the front entrance of the church so that preparations/materials can be made.

Parish

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Kolache Bake a huge success.

The 5th Sunday Chicken Dinner planned for March 29th is cancelled. Regular Sunday bingo will go on as planned and the kitchen will be open. The KCs thank all of those that were planning to volunteer their time, talent, & treasure to help raise money for our upcoming church renovations. There is a 5th Sunday in May and we hope to try again. Thank you for your support!

Altar Cleaning - We could use a few volunteers to help clean the Altars and get them ready for the Easter season on Friday, March 27 at 2:00 PM. We will be wiping all the marble areas so bring a bucket, some rags and a small step stool if you have it.

Ashes to Easter Boxes: Please return your coin boxes Easter Sunday. Thank you for your support.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to help make our Church bloom for the Easter Triduum, please pick up an envelope from the bulletin table and make your donation to the Easter Flower Fund by March 29.

Guitar Group will practice for Easter will be on Tuesday, March 24 and Monday, March 30 at 7PM in the Church.

Living Stations of the Cross: The SSCM Youth will be presenting the Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 1st at 6:45pm. We will begin outside the front of the church and end at the Parish Hall. We will be walking a few blocks, so please wear comfortable shoes. All are invited.

The 1st Saturday Bible Study group invites ALL to a Bible Celebration on April 11th from 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM for fellowship, viewing of the last Jeff Cavins DVD on the Gospel of Matthew, praise and worship and snacks in the DPC. Fr. Chris' recent Sunday Homily encouraged all of us to read more of the Bible. What better way than to join in the Bible studies that are being offered here at SSCM. Come and see us on April 11th for more information. There is a Bible Study Assessment in the foyer to find out your interests. *If you are interested in attending any of the studies, please take the time to complete the Assessment and return it in the basket.*

Divine Mercy Novena (in song) will begin on Good Friday after the 3:00 PM stations. We will continue to pray/sing the Novena everyday for nine days concluding on Saturday at 3:00 pm, April 11th. We will be praying for God's Mercy on our church family, community and the world. Please join us daily at 3:00 PM in the Church. Sunday, April 12 it is the Feast of Divine Mercy of God. God's mercy endures forever!

Spring Cleaning? - The SSCM Mission to McAllen would love to have any clothing items you no longer use for the Central American refugees fleeing violence and seeking asylum in the United States. To see a list please go to this web address: Catholiccharitiesrgv.org. **This list is also posted on the church's bulletin board.** Our next and last trip for a while will be in early April. Am now taking names of those interested in going to see firsthand what these donations mean to the refugees. We will decide on exact date according to people's schedules. For more info, please call Deborah Spanel at [979-571-0461](tel:979-571-0461).

Card of Thanks: The Estrada and Gomez family would like to thank the SSCM Parish family for all your prayers, visits, cards, flowers, food, and memorials during the loss our beloved Vicente Estrada. Your care, kindness and concern has helped us through this difficult time. May God bless you.

Area Events

Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill will have a fundraiser for the benefit of their Parish Religious Education Program on Sunday, March 22, 2015. Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the church followed by a BBQ Chicken meal, silent auction and raffle drawing in the Parish Activity Center. Meal 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (to-go plates available at drive-thru). Adult plates \$9 / Children's plates \$5.

St. Mary's Catholic School in Taylor offers a fully accredited Pre-K4 through 8th Grade faith-based education with fully qualified teachers and affordable tuition. Every day is an open house. Call to schedule your tour or request more information today. (512)365-1431 or visit the website: www.stmarystaylor.org. Information is available at the church entrance.

KJT DST. IV FAMILY DAY, 1:30-6:30 PM, Saturday March 28, Old Settlers Reunion Hall, Round Rock. Easter Egg Hunt, Bingo, Silent Auction, Raffle, Card Games, and a Complimentary Meal (4:00 PM) ensure fun for the entire family! Enter the Domino Tournament for a chance to win cash prizes. Guests are welcomed and encouraged. Info and questions: Shirley @ 512-251-1185.

Message from our Pastor

In today's gospel, Jesus again predicts his approaching death on a cross (which the Church will commemorate at the end of Lent), a death which will affect all people, Jews and Gentiles alike.

EXEGESIS:

The Greeks who come to the Jewish Passover feast are Gentile neophyte converts to Judaism. Thus they first ask the apostles, Philip and Andrew, to arrange an interview for them with Jesus. As men from Galilee--the northern segment of Israel, which had greater Greek influence than the southern half around Jerusalem--Philip and Andrew would be bilingual in Greek and Aramaic (Hebrew). Jesus takes this opportunity to give a mini-sermon in which He again predicts his impending death by being "lifted up" (on a cross), and makes it clear that his death will affect all people (Jews and Gentiles). Therefore when the heavenly voice over Jesus announces itself, some (symbolizing those who will accept the gospel) think it is an angel, whereas others (symbolizing those who will not accept Christ) think it is merely thunder.