



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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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

4th Sunday of Easter—April 26, 2015

Saturday April 25	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday April 26	10:00AM	†Elick & Mildred Kaspar, IJ & Mary Ann Kallus; † Isabelle Cameron; † Rosie Pavlat
Tuesday April 28	8:00AM	†Ernest & Lillie Hudec; † Rosie & Louis Hajda
Wed April 29	7:00PM	† Julia & Rudolph Kocurek RE MASS
Thurs April 30	4:00PM	Adoration/Liturgy of the Hours/Benediction
	6:00PM	†Orlando Lopez
Friday May 1	8:00AM	†Agnes Stojanik
Saturday May 2	8:00AM	† Lydia Pekar
	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday May 3	10:00AM	†Mary & Daniel Merka; Living & Deceased members of the Martin & Frantiska Vrabel Family

We pray for Healing: Ed Machac, Roselle Fischler, Bernice Huf, Minnie Perez, Josh Hughes, Ann Pease, Larry Maresh, Monica Horak, Bennie Bartosh, Deacon John Thornton, Arthur Palla, Donald Pacha, Nicole Geil, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana (Please contact office when the immediate need of prayer has passed.)

We pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Machac, brother of Jody Machac. May he rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday: \$3,901 Children: \$18.00 Seminarians/Priests: \$1,149.00 (March 14 Kolache Bake:\$2,601.55)

Liturgical Ministers May 2-3

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Lawrence Novak	EMHC: Doc Pekar, Louis Repa, George & Kate Strmiska
	Music: Traditional Choir	Servers: Brett & Neal Martinka, Kyle & Karsyn Hamons
Sunday 10AM	Lector: First Communion	EMHC: Mark & Wendy White, Dennis & Michelle Messex
	Music: Guitar Group	Servers: Marcus Belcher, Kurt Kaderka

EMHC: Deborah Hensel, Ann Hall, Beatrice Perez, Rosanne Naizer

Religious Articles Store 6PM: Ofelia Lopez 10AM: Lillian Pacha

Flowers for the Altar: Weekends are available for flower donations. Please call the Parish Office for information.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	April 26	: 11AM KJZT Hamburgers at bingo (Proceeds benefit KJZT Juniors Camp)
Tuesday	April 28	: 5PM Bingo kitchen—Enchiladas, Frito Pie, Super Nachos, Nachos
Wednesday	April 29	: 7PM RE Closing Mass
		: RSVP for Legion of Mary Breakfast on May 2 (See Event Announcement)
Saturday	May 2	: 8AM 1 st Saturday Mass and Crowning of Mary (Legion of Mary information breakfast)
Sunday	May 3	: 8AM KJT meeting (Hall)
		: 11:30AM KJT hamburgers at bingo

Parish

Legion of Mary: Saturday, May 2nd, a crowning of our Blessed Mother will be held at the Grotto following the 8 AM first Saturday Mass (Please bring flowers!) Breakfast will be served after in the DPC. If you are interested in learning more about the Legion of Mary, we invite you to attend. Information and a personal testimony will be given following the breakfast. Kindly RSVP by Wednesday, April 29th if attending the breakfast to Teresa Valdez [\(254\)657-2374](tel:2546572374) or email evaldez61@yahoo.com or Rose Unnasch [\(512\)760-5727](tel:5127605727) rmknappek@yahoo.com or Rosanne Naizer [\(512\)859-2542](tel:5128592542) rnaiz@yahoo.com

Mother's Day Prayer Intention envelopes are on the bulletin tables. Please return them by Sunday, May 3.

Help needed: Volunteers to help with Funeral Dinners are needed. This is a beautiful ministry in our parish and if you would like to be on the list of volunteers please call the Parish Office 512-859-2223 or email sscmchurch@gmail.com.

Mission to McAllen Update: On Saturday, April 19, I drove to McAllen and delivered more than a ton of clothes, shoes, belts, rosaries, backpacks, bras and other items which had been so generously donated by Parishioners of SSCM and the general community at large. The volunteers at the Sacred Heart facility were very pleased that we had especially answered their call for men and boys clothing and jackets. Also I was happy to present \$370.00 in cash donations to the director, \$300.00 of which came from the Knights of Columbus and \$70 from other donors. This will be the last trip for a while. If there is enough interest, trips may be resumed in the fall. If anyone is so inclined, checks and/or rosaries can easily be mailed to Eli Fernandez, in care of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 306 South 15th St, McAllen, TX 78501. Checks should be made out to Catholic Charities of the RGV. You may contact Deborah anytime with your questions at 979-571-0461. Thank you for your support, prayers, and interest. May God bless you richly.

Thank you to Johnnie Naizer, Richard Cervenka and Ricky Steffek for taking and selling the Cans for Kids. \$1,650 will be given to the Religious Education Program which will use the unexpected gift to fund this summer's Vacation Bible School and Teacher Retreat. Thank you to everyone for donating your aluminum cans to our Parish Program.

Area Events

St. Patrick Parish in Hutto will host the Saints and Sinners After Dark 5K May 2 at Hutto High Hippo Stadium. This is a family-friendly fun run and everyone is invited. For more information, visit www.saintsandsinners5k.com.

St. Joseph Parish in Rockdale will host its annual St. Joseph Mayfest 2015 on May 3 at the KC Hall at 655 E Hwy 79 in Rockdale. Barbecue plates with all the trimmings will be served. Other activities include live and silent auctions, children's games, food booths, DJ music and much more. Everyone is invited!

Healing Hearts, a weekend retreat designed for women who have suffered any kind of sexual trauma, will be held May 29-31 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The weekend begins Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$135 (includes room, linens, materials and meals). For more information and to register, call [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:2547802436) and ask for Beverly.

Message from our Pastor

In today's gospel, Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd who loves and protects his sheep (his followers) even to the point of dying for them. He also prays for the unity of all believers who follow Him.

EXEGESIS:

Although shepherds are gentle, appealing characters to us today, in Jesus' time and place shepherds were despised as dumb, poorly paid, and often irresponsible. So when Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd, He shows his humility by associating himself with despised or outcast persons. Speaking as in his parables, He turns social values upside down by praising the few shepherds who do love and protect their flocks, as He identifies himself as the best of shepherds. He makes it clear that his love for his sheep (his disciples and us today) compels Him to sacrifice his own life for their benefit. He does this in obedience to his Father-given mission. It is not clear who the "other sheep" are in his reference; these might be Jews who have not committed themselves to Him, or the pagan Gentiles (and hence the whole world).