



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Religious Education: Coordinator: Virginia Loza Lee 512-859-2634 sscmre@gmail.com

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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Deacon: John Thornton

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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 26, 2015

Saturday July 25	6:00 PM	Dan & Ellen Wolf Family; † JD Shirocky; † Germilla & John Pavlasek; † Helen Licka Muyres
Sunday July 26	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Tuesday July 28	8:00 AM	† Antonia Knapke
Wed July 29	6:00 PM	† Germilla Pavlasek
Thurs July 30	4:00 PM	Adoration/Liturgy of the Hours/Benediction
	6:00 PM	Blanchard Family
Friday July 31	8:00AM	† Margaret Kaderka
Saturday Aug. 1	8:00AM	For a safe harvest season and beneficial weather
	6:00 PM	† Betty, Alfonse, Ted & Nicholas Stojanik, Julius & Anton Vanek, Robert Cervenka; † Joe B. Pekar
Sunday Aug. 2	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

We pray for Healing: Alice Hajda, Ofelia Razo, Heidi Ehrhardt, Edwin Matysek, Anton Sladeczek, Nina Ash, Curtis Ging, Bernice Vrabel, Roselle Fischler, Minnie Perez, Josh Hughes, Ann Pease, Larry Maresh, Bennie Bartosh, Deacon John Thornton, Donald Pacha, Nicole Geil, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana

We pray for the repose of the soul of Delvin Huser. May he rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday: \$3,970.91

Children: \$50.00

Thank you

Liturgical Ministers August 1-2

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Pat Greger/Kate Strmiska	Servers: Aaron & James Arellano Cortez
	Music: Traditional Choir	EMHC: George & Kate Strmiska, Jaime & Cirila Gomez
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Darve Horak/Virginia Lee	Servers: Brian, Emily & Evan Polasek
	Music: Teresa Caslavka	EMHC: Bill & Mary Pavlat, Virginia Lee, Trish Lopez
Route EMHC: Kate Strmiska, Esther Villarreal, Louis Repa, George Strmiska		
Religious Articles Store 6PM: Kate Strmiska 10AM: Krystal Juarez		

Calendar of Events

Sunday	July 26	: 11AM Bingo Kitchen—Chili dogs, nachos, etc
		: 2PM KC Bingo
Tuesday	July 28	: 5PM Bingo Kitchen—Enchiladas, Frito Pie, Nachos and Super Nachos
Thursday-Friday July 30-31: Church and Hall parking lots will be closed to traffic—please park on the street		
Saturday	Aug. 1	: 8:45AM 1 st Saturday Bible Study begins “ACTS”
Sunday	Aug. 2	: Baptism Class following 10AM Mass—See Announcement
		: 11:30AM KJT Hamburgers & Fries—benefit Missionaries of Hope

Parish

Father Chris will be at a Conference July 27-29. Fr. Joseph Nisari will be covering Mass July 28 and Fr. Boli Zientek July 29 while he is away.

A Baptism class will be held on August 2nd following the 10:00AM Mass. Please join us at the front of the church immediately following Mass. You can download the necessary forms from our website, <http://sscmchurch.org>. Please look under the Documents section (left side of the home page) for Baptism Registration and Baptism Godparents. Forms will be also available at class. For more information, please contact Darve Horak, [512-859-2646](tel:512-859-2646), darve.horak@gmail.com or the Parish Office.

On August 23 a prayer gathering for our schools, administrators, teachers and students will be held at the Granger ISD grounds at 8:30AM. Everyone is invited to join in this prayer service the day before school officially opens on Aug. 24.

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Religious Education Retreat: Remember all teachers, aides and helpers our annual retreat will be held on Aug. 1 at Eagle's Wings, Burnet. Let us recharge and prepare for the coming year.

R.E. Teachers and Aides Needed: Is God calling you to share your faith with others? If so, please call Virginia at [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634) or email sscmre@gmail.com to discuss ways you might be able to answer His call.

Message from our Pastor

The miracle in today's gospel is the only one recorded by all four gospels, probably indicating its importance to the early Church. The story shows how Christ through his apostles (bishops and pastors today) feeds his Church with Word and Eucharist.

EXEGESIS:

Jesus is the New Moses as He passes across the Sea of Galilee (symbolically the Red Sea) to lead and feed (save) his people. His question to Philip is not a test of the apostle's faith but a simple factual one, which also serves to show how Jesus has special human knowledge (typical especially of Jesus in the Gospel of John). "Barley loaves" is the typical food of the poor; and "the boy" represents the lowly in that society; so already Jesus is identifying himself strongly with the needs of the poor. The loaves and fish symbolize Jesus' future Last Supper, where He will use bread to become his Eucharistic body (and fish would later be used in some early Christian liturgies). The bread and fish also total seven items, a sacred number in Judaism and a sacramental one later in Christianity. Jesus proceeds to give thanks, bless, and distribute the food as He will do at the Last Supper.

The apostles presumably help Jesus distribute the food to the giant crowd. His instructions to them help prepare them for their own future ministry of caring for the spiritual and physical needs of the faithful. It is specified that twelve baskets of leftovers are collected (it is sinful in that society to waste any food) by twelve apostles, signifying that they represent the judges of the twelve tribes of old Israel. Finally, the crowd thinks Jesus might be the Prophet (the expected return of Elijah from Old Testament days), who would signal the arrival of the Messiah. Then, as John combines the two roles, the crowd wants to crown Jesus as Messiah-King on the spot, but He escapes, because He is not meant to be simply a political ruler.

ROAR II

Sunday February 7, 2016 we will hold our last Mass in Church. Removal of all furnishing, carpet, etc will begin Monday, February 8. Restoration of the interior of the church will begin Monday, February 15—Ecclesiastical Studios & Son will have 170 days to complete the restoration. After that is complete the new flooring will be installed by Eulendorf Interiors of Taylor and our 50 year old pews will be replaced by Bethany Group. During this time weekday Masses and Adoration will be held in the DPC Chapel and weekend Masses will be held in the Hall at our regular times.

We will hold our first weekend Masses in the restored church July 30-31 and we will also have our 2016 Parish Picnic that weekend to celebrate the accomplishment. (Note change of date from last Sunday of June)

Pledges are arriving daily, thank you for your generous support of our restoration project. Your prayers and support are deeply appreciated. If you need a pledge card please contact the Parish Office. ROAR II Memorial Cards are available on the Prayer Book Stand in the Foyer of the Church.

Prayer for ROAR II

Saints Cyril and Methodius, we invoke your blessing and intercession. We sincerely pray that your missionary works, in which your lives were offered, continue in our midst today.

As we embark on the restoration of our church, please offer us your assistance in guiding our parishioners with the gift of understanding and wisdom in support of our endeavors. May we be able to prudently offer our talents and treasures in the best way we can. May our community be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to respond to the call of our local church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.