



## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

*Serving God's People and building His Kingdom since 1891*

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Office Hours: Tuesday -Friday: 9AM-1 PM (After hours by appointment)

**Parish Hall:** 500 West Davilla Street (512)859-2236 [sscmhall@gmail.com](mailto:sscmhall@gmail.com)

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Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

### Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 20, 2015

Saturday Dec. 19 6:00 PM † Johnnie & Vlasta Michalek & Jeanette Carfer; † Agnes Stojanik;

† Alfred, Jr. & Alfred Sr. Cervenka & Thalia Bernal

Sunday Dec. 20 10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Tuesday Dec. 22 8:00AM † Marie Repa

Wednesday Dec. 23 8:00AM † John Kurtin; † Alfred Vrana

#### Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Thursday Dec. 24 5:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (NO ADORATION)

Friday Dec. 25 12:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Singing begins at 11:15PM)

9:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Saturday Dec. 26 6:00 PM †Johnny Michalek; †Frank&Annie Vrana;†Liberty&Henry Bartosh& Rosie&Louis Hajda;†Alfonso R. Luna, Sr.

Sunday Dec. 27 10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

*We pray for Healing:* Joyce Kincl Dobias, Josh Hughes, Tim Jezisek, Dennis Henry, Albert Hajda, Joe Perez, Louis Kaderka, Bobby Bohac, Ann Geil, John Gonzales, Rudy Bohac, Nina Ash, Lee Gaydos, William Pedroza, Sharon Long, George Remerdo, Robert Degollado, Nicole Geil, Linda Dlouhy, Brianna Rivera, Edwin Matysek, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana. \*

*We pray for the repose* of the soul of Bernice Vrabel. Rosary Sunday at 5PM and Funeral Mass Monday at 10AM all at our Church.

Offering: Sunday: \$3,852.00

Children: \$12.00

Building & Maintenance: \$953.00

OLOG: \$130.00

#### Liturgical Ministers December 24-27

**(All Volunteer slots: Altar Servers sign up in Altar Server Sacristy/ EM & Lectors in Main Entrance of Church)**

Thursday 5PM Lector: Terry Lee Pekar/ 1 Volunteer Servers: 4 Volunteers

Christmas Eve Music: Guitar Group EMHC: Ronnie Steffek, Henrietta Hajda, 2 Volunteers

Friday 12AM Lector: Virginia Loza Lee/ 1 Volunteer Servers: Jonathan Lee, Daniel Pavelka

Christmas Music: Choir EMHC: Virginia Loza Lee, Mark & Wendy White, 1 Volunteer

9AM Lector: 2 Volunteers Servers: 4 Volunteers

Music: Traditional Choir EMHC: Beatrice Perez, 3 Volunteers

Saturday 6PM Lector: Kate Strmiska/Diana Kerlin Servers: Colton & Colby Marek

Dec. 26 Music: Guitar Group EMHC: Henrietta Hajda, Beatrice Perez, George & Kate Strmiska

Sunday 10AM Lector: Ellen Wolf/Virginia Loza Lee Servers: Sarah Arellano, Mario Gonzalez

Music: Horak Family EMHC: Virginia Loza Lee, Trish Lopez, Harold & Carolyn Kaderka

Route EMHC: Kate Strmiska, Ann Hall, Louis Repa, George Strmiska

RE Store: 6PM: Ofelia Lopez 10AM: Theresa Valdez

**Special collection next weekend** is for the Maternity Homes for the Diocese of Austin: Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple, and the Pro-life activities Office of our Diocese.

#### Calendar of Events

Sunday Dec. 20 : 12 Noon KC kitchen—hamburgers /2PM KC Bingo

Tuesday Dec. 22 : 5PM Bingo kitchen—Enchiladas, Frito Pie, Nachos and Super Nachos

Thursday Dec. 24 : Parish Offices Closed until January 5, 2016

Sunday Dec. 27 : 11AM KJZT Bingo Kitchen—Baked potatoes/2PM KC Bingo

## **Congratulations to our special couples receiving Marriage Certificates this year**

5 <sup>th</sup>	May 1, 2010	Greg & Griselda (Castro) Steglich
20 <sup>th</sup>	December 27, 1995	Arturo Carlos & Patricia Ann (Wells) Lopez
30 <sup>th</sup>	April 20, 1985	Scott Lane & Kathleen Marie (Vrana) Janke
30 <sup>th</sup>	October 5, 1985	George Joseph & Catherine Ann (Milder) Strmiska
35 <sup>th</sup>	June 21, 1980	Daniel Joe & Ellen Rose (Merka) Wolf
40 <sup>th</sup>	September 13, 1975	Louis Frank & Janet Leigh (Johnson) Repa
40 <sup>th</sup>	December 31, 1975	Aurelio & Maria Elena (Rodarte) Castro
45 <sup>th</sup>	January 10, 1970	Danny John & Patricia (Hyzak) Stefek
45 <sup>th</sup>	July 11, 1970	Wesley, Jr. & Henrietta (Tomasek) Hajda
65 <sup>th</sup>	June 27, 1950	Lad & Thelma (Rozacky) Naizer (Given on Anniversary date)

**Year End Giving:** Remember to make all 2015 donations by December 31. The Parish Office will be closed from Dec. 24-January 5 so please mail or use the Sunday collection basket to make your year-end donation as soon as possible. 2016 Tithing Envelopes are in the Cryroom. If you would like to begin using the system please contact the office.

### *Parish*

**Save the DATE:** We will be sending Fr. Chris off to his next assignment with a "SSCM Farewell and Best Wishes Party" on January 3 at 5PM in the Parish Hall. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite dish (Entrée, Side Dish, Dessert) to share. Drinks will be provided and the bar will be open. Please make every effort to come show your appreciation for his short time with us.

**Musicians:** We need you. If you play piano, organ or guitar please call the office for more information on playing for Mass.

**More Ministers of the Eucharist** are needed to visit our homebound parishioners. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry! It is a wonderful way to help those in need both in their homes and in the nursing homes. Over 50 people are visited each Sunday on four different routes. All current Ministers of the Eucharist who are not on a route, please consider going on the route with one of our ministers. If interested in becoming a new minister, please contact Rosanne Naizer [512-431-4959](tel:512-431-4959) or email [rnaiz@yahoo.com](mailto:rnaiz@yahoo.com) for more information. Some of our ministers serve at Mass only and some serve the route only or do both. Ministers will be commissioned in 2016.

**Annulment Seminar:** Due to the changes being implemented in the annulment process beginning December 8 an inquiry session is being planned to provide information and answer questions. If you or someone you know are interested in attending please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. Date and time will be confirmed according to interest.

**KJZT Members:** The annual meeting and election of officers of the KJZT St. Helen Society #18 will be held on Sunday, December 27 at 2:00 PM at the recreation center. Members are encouraged to attend.

**Mission to McAllen** If anyone is interested in continuing this mission please contact Deborah at [979-571-0461](tel:979-571-0461)

**A big thank you** goes out to all who helped with the homebound meal. We served 303 meals (including 32 volunteers) to Granger and the surrounding areas. Total donations were \$1,375. Expenses were \$576.67

### **Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith- Bible Study COMING! February 1 – April 11, 2016 (Every Monday morning from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM)**

*Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* is an intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Here you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as his spotless Bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass. **Registration deadline is January 4<sup>th</sup>.** Cost is \$25.00. For more information or to register contact Mary Geil at [512/576-7371](tel:512-576-7371) or email [mgeil58g@gmail.com](mailto:mgeil58g@gmail.com).

### **ROAR II Progress Report ~ We have exceeded our goal! 105%**

*Because of your generous support additional improvements will be possible with excess funds pledged toward this project. Make your pledge or donation today!* 120 of 400+ parish families (Businesses) have answered the call. Pledge cards are available by the Church Rendition in the foyer.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly. You may drop your pledge/payments in the collection basket.

Pledged: \$123,920.68    77 Pledges Paid in Full    Fundraisers thus far: \$21,165.30    Memorials and Donations: \$13,570.33

\$150,000-158,656.31= (\$8,656.31) OVER our goal

### *Message from Our Pastor*

John the Baptist will be the unique announcer of the public appearance of Jesus the Messiah. The relationship of the two is tied to the special relationship between their mothers.

**EXEGESIS:**

When the expectant Elizabeth meets her expectant cousin, Mary, the former is moved by the Holy Spirit to greet the latter with great joy. Elizabeth acts much like angel Gabriel who first greeted Our Lady, as she provides us with the additional words for the opening of the traditional "Hail, Mary" prayer. Thus Luke is the first evangelist to identify Jesus as the Lord even before Jesus' birth, and he again presents John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Christ Messiah.