



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Parish Hall: 500 West Davilla Street (512)859-2236 sscmhall@gmail.com (Deborah Todd)

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

Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st Saturdays 8:30AM (FMI: Virginia Loza 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

Nursing Home Masses: Granger Villa 2nd Thursday/Will O Bell 3rd Thursday (Subject to change)

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. (6 month notice)

Pastor: Rev. Hilario Guajardo

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Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

Finance Council: Chris Nemeč

Holy Cross Cemetery: Parish Office

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 17, 2017

Saturday	Dec. 16	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	Dec. 17	10:00AM	† Tim Martinka; † Charlie Pajestka; † Margarito & Maria Perez; † Josephine Baca
Tuesday	Dec. 19	12:00PM	† August, Jr. Brent and Hortense Svehlak
		7:00PM	Parish Penance Service (5 Priests available)
Wednesday	Dec. 20	6:00PM	† Martha Zrubek
Thursday	Dec. 21	10:00AM	Will O Bell: Residents and their families
		4:00PM	Adoration/4:30PM Confession/5:30PM Evening Prayer/5:45PM Benediction
		6:00PM	James L. Pekar & Family
Friday	Dec. 22	8:00AM	† Doyle Jr. & Virginia Byrd
Saturday	Dec. 23	6:00PM	† Hortense Svehlak; † Robert & Frank, Jr. Jezisek; † Fred Strmiska; † E.D. & Marie Bartosh; † Dorothy Jean Hyzak; † Margie Hajda
Sunday	Dec. 24	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Offering: Sunday: \$4,503.00 Children: \$32.30 Building & Maintenance: \$1,294.00 Dec. 8: \$861.00

Liturgical Ministers December 22-23

Saturday	6PM	Lector: Kate Strmiska	EMHC: Barney Fudge, Doc Pekar, Henrietta Hajda, George Strmiska
		Music: Guitar Group	Servers: McKenna, Daryl, Luke, Caleb Stefek
Sunday	10AM	Lector: Virginia Lee	EMHC: Jolene, Frankie & Shirley Volek, Rose Unnasch
		Music: Horak Family	Servers: Izaak Morales, Colby Marek, Kye Welles, Dominik Lopez

Route EMHC: Carolyn Kaderka, Barbara Taisler, Beatrice Perez, Ronnie Steffek

Religious Articles Store: 6PM: Ofelia Lopez 10AM: Bernice Jezisek

2018 Tithing Envelopes are in the Cryroom. If you have not been assigned a box and would like to begin using them, please sign up on the sheet located by the boxes and there will be one waiting for you the following weekend. Remember we also accept automatic draft through Granger National Bank. If you are interested in making your donation once a month through that service contact the Parish Office. 512-859-2223 or sscmchurch@gmail.com.

Granger Food Pantry is December 21 **from 12:00 – 4:00**. Deliver your donations to the church office the day before.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Dec. 17	: 12 Noon KC hamburgers /2PM KC Bingo
Tuesday	Dec. 19	: 5PM Kitchen- Homemade chili & cornbread, chili spaghetti, chicken salad sandwiches and homemade desserts : 7PM KC Bingo : 7PM Parish Penance Service
Wednesday	Dec. 20	: NO RE Classes (Resumes January 10)
Sunday	Dec. 24	: Legion of Mary Rosary: 1:30PM Will O Bell/3PM Granger Villa : NO BINGO

Year End Giving: Please remember to make your Year End donations before December 31. Please place them in the regular collection basket on any weekend and mark Year End or add them to your regular donation.
* Giving Opportunities: Parish General Fund, Parish Trust Fund, Youth Ministry, Religious Education

Parish News

Thank you to everyone who made the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe such a beautiful event. The Mass, procession, music and meal were wonderful.

Thank you to everyone who came out on Friday night to help decorate the Church for Christmas.

Save the Date: Saturday, January 6 the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord we will have a Parish Covered Dish Supper at the Hall following the 6PM Mass. This is also the 50th Ordination Anniversary for Fr. Joseph Nisari, our former pastor. He will be here for the evening Mass to share this special day with us. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass and the supper to congratulate him and to also gather as a parish family for the Christmas Season and Fr. Hilario's 2nd Anniversary as our Pastor.

Christmas Meal: This meal was provided under the sponsorship of UNDER THE BLUE MANTEL and funded from the special collection from November 26th and with other donations totaling \$1,375.00. The cost of the meal was \$1,118.14. Twenty-nine volunteers helped prepare, serve and deliver meals including student council members from Granger High school. This meal is one of appreciation for our senior citizens. This includes widows, widowers, sick, recovering from surgery, homebound and disadvantaged in the Granger area, parishioners from Holland, Bartlett and Holy Trinity Parish. A total of 318 plates were served of which 67 people dined at the hall. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this meal a success. You are awesome. Merry Christmas.

Area Events

EWTN is proud to present LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC. Also, we will be airing inspiring musical performances, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations that the whole family will enjoy. Watch or listen to EWTN TV and EWTN Radio on your local channel, online, or even on your smartphone using our free EWTN App! Go to ewtn.com.

Benedictine Spirituality 101 Retreat will be held Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Learn how St. Benedict's rule and way of life are just as relevant today as they were in the sixth century. Beverly Collin, assistant director and 3rd order oblate, will present this day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. To register, call [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:2547802436) or visit www.cedarbrake.org.

St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with its annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Pageant Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. This medieval Christmas celebration will feature music, dance, period costumes and a live Nativity scene. For more information and tickets, visit www.boarsheadaustin.com or call [\(512\) 837-4179](tel:5128374179).

Third Sunday of Advent

You might notice that John does not use Jesus' name in this Gospel, but only refers to him as "one whom you do not recognize." Although they knew the text of Isaiah the Pharisees were not really prepared to find the promised Messiah among the broken-hearted, the lonely, those held in captivity or those lacking justice and peace. Do we know where to look for Jesus? Will we recognize him among those most ignored and forgotten in our world?

SSCM Mass Schedule for December-January 1

December 19 SSCM Penance Service 7PM

December 24 5 PM Christmas Eve/12 midnight

Christmas Day 9AM Christmas

[NO Weekday Mass December 26-29 and January 2, 3/Parish Offices Closed; December 23-January 3]

December 30-31 Marriage Recognition Certificates presented at both Masses

December 31 6PM Vigil Holy Mother of God

January 1 8AM Mass Holy Mother of God (Not an Obligation this year)

Georgetown/ Round Rock Deanery Advent Penance Services:

December 18, 7 p.m., St. William in Round Rock, English & Spanish

December 19, 7 p.m., Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Granger, English & Spanish