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**SSCM Parish Office:** 104 N. Brazos Street Phone & Fax: (512) 859-2223

Office Hours: Tuesday -Friday: 9AM-1 PM (Joanne Selucky)

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon**

**Religious Education:** Coordinator: Miriam Morales 512-859-2634 [sscmre@gmail.com](mailto:sscmre@gmail.com)

**Youth Ministry:** Michael Hernandez Call RE Office 512-859-2634

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

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 Mass: Will O Bell 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (Subject to change)

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)

**First Sunday of Advent ~ December 2, 2018**

Saturday	Dec. 1	8:00AM In respect for all human life 6:00PM † Alfonso & Betty Stojanik; † Daniel Naizer; † Maria Perez; † Frank Jezisek, Jr.; Wellbeing of Lillian Dobias; † Rudolph Kovar
Sunday	Dec. 2	10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish <b>6:00PM Parish Penance Service</b>
Tuesday	Dec. 4	<b>No Mass/ Priests' Advent Day of Prayer</b>
Wednesday	Dec. 5	6:00PM † Maria Nisari; † Agnes Martinka
Thursday	Dec. 6	4:00PM Adoration/4:30PM Confessions/5:30PM Evening Prayer/5:45PM Benediction <i>Healing Mass</i> 6:00PM † Albina Teltow; † Mary Barcuch
Friday	Dec. 7	8:00AM All soldiers who gave their lives in Pearl Harbor
Saturday	Dec. 8	<b>8:00AM</b> Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) 6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	Dec. 9	10:00AM † Albert Vrana; † George Vrana; † Anton Sladeczek; † John Stefek; † Maureen Patricia Poplawski; † John F. Knappek

We pray for the repose of the soul of Ella Mae Zbranek. May she rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday: \$ 3,558.00(Online: \$90) Children: \$13.31 Homebound: \$1,024.00 Thanksgiving: \$686.00

**Liturgical Ministers December 8-9**

Saturday **8AM Volunteers** for all Ministries: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation

6PM Lector: Ronnie Steffek EMHC: Mike Vrana, Terry Pekar, Louis Repa, Beatrice Perez  
 Music: Volunteer Servers: McKenna, Daryl, Luke & Caleb Stefek

Sunday 10AM Lector: Theresa Valdez EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Marilyn Gaydos  
 Music: Mary Kreidel Servers: Caige, Cash & Colt Hajda, Albert Martinez

**Route EMHC:** Rosalva Degollado, Baldo Degollado, Lille Huf

**Religious Articles Store:** 6PM: Gail Heger 10AM: Esther Villarreal

**Special collection** this weekend is for the Clergy and Religious Medical and Retirement Fund.

**Special collection** next weekend is for the Building and Maintenance Fund.

**Please remember** to mail your **Catholic Services Appeal** pledges directly to the Diocese.

Pledge Cards for the **Encountering Christ** must be turned in to the Parish however ALL payments after the initial offering should be mailed directly to the Diocese.

*Calendar of Events*

Sunday	Dec. 2	: 11:30AM KJT kitchen— stew, cornbread, chicken salad sandwiches, homemade desserts : 2PM KC Bingo : 6PM Parish Penance Service (3 Priests will be available)
Monday	Dec. 3	: 11:30AM SSCM Christmas Meal for the homebound (Volunteers needed at 8AM)
Tuesday	Dec. 4	: 7PM KC Bingo
Thursday	Dec. 6	: 7PM KC meeting (Hall)
Saturday	Dec. 8	: 8AM Mass of Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception : 4-8PM Youth Ministry Taco dinner fundraiser (See Announcement)
Sunday	Dec. 9	: 11AM Youth Ministry kitchen-hamburgers and fries /2PM KC Bingo : 1:30PM Legion of Mary Rosary at Will O Bell (Everyone is welcomed to join)

*Parish News*

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Anyone interested in joining this ministry to serve at Mass and/or the Homebound Route, please contact the Parish Office by December 15. Training will be held sometime early 2019 for new ministers. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve your local church. Many hands make light work.

**Youth Ministry** will be attending the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference in Waco, February 1-3, 2019. To help offset some of the expense; Youth Ministry will be hosting a **taco dinner** on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm at the hall. Please come out to support our youth while enjoying good food and fellowship. We will also have to go plates for those who would like to take them home after mass.

**Save the date:** Monday, December 3, 2018 is the **SSCM Christmas meal** for the homebound, sick, elderly, widows/widowers and disadvantaged. The meal is provided under the sponsorship of Under the Blue Mantel. Parishioners are asked to help prepare the meal and fill to-go plates at the hall starting at 8 am. Volunteers and recipients are invited to eat at the hall and socialize. If you know of someone or would like to receive a plate please contact John Pavelka (512-859-2748) to organize delivery. Dine-in begins at 11:30. If you received a plate last year you are automatically included. You must be on the list to receive a meal.

**Turkey Dinner Results** - Once again, we want to express our many thanks to everyone who helped with the Turkey Dinner. With the added contributions from the KJZT Home Office, our total profit was \$10,858.00, and we served over 1430 plates during the lunch rush. THANK YOU and God Bless each of you.

*Area News and Events*

**An Advent Concert** with David Kauffmann will be held Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Cedar Park. Everyone is invited for this night of song and stories to welcome the Advent season. A love offering will be collected and CDs will be for sale. For details, contact Deacon Paul and Ronnie Rodriguez at (512) 789-4471.

**The Austin Symphony Orchestra** with Chorus Austin will present Handel's Messiah Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. at Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin and Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. at Emmaus Parish in Lakeway. The guest conductor will be Ryan Heller. For ticket information, visit [www.austinsymphony.org](http://www.austinsymphony.org) or call (512) 476-6064.

The **Cedarbrake Advent Dinner** will be held Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Franciscan Father Albert Haase, Cedarbrake's new chaplain, will be the keynote speaker. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information and to register, visit [www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call (254) 780-2436.

**First Sunday of Advent**

"Listening to the cry of those who suffer violence and are oppressed by unjust systems and structures, and hearing the appeal of a world that by its perversity contradicts the plan of its Creator, we have shared our awareness of the church's vocation to be present in the heart of the world by proclaiming the Good News to the poor, freedom to the oppressed, and joy to the afflicted" (1971 World Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, 5).

*Marriage Recognition Certificate Application*

Certificates signed by Bishop Joe Vasquez will be available for married couples celebrating 10 years of marriage or more (increments of 5 years: 10, 15, 20 etc.) (**Valid Catholic Marriages only**)

Please return this form to the **Parish Office by December 9.**

Certificates will be presented the weekend of December 29-30: Attending: Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Full Name including Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Married \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Catholic Church your Marriage took place \_\_\_\_\_



*"So we, though many, are one body in Christ."*  
— Rom 12:5

Dear Friends,

During Mass this weekend, we will invite all parishioners who have not yet made a pledge to join us in participating in the *Encountering Christ Campaign*. We ask you to consider a sacrificial gift to the campaign—one that is right for you.

We are happy to report that we have now achieved **more than 80% of our parish goal**. It is only through the participation and support of each one of our families that we can truly be successful.

I would like to *thank those families* who have already pledged to the campaign. Your gift will make a significant impact on the generational impact of Catholic education and our local parish. When we reach our goal we will 70% of all additional funds raised to go towards the parking lot repairs and updates to the rectory.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

Father Hilario Guajardo

**Campaign Prayer:**

Good and gracious God, source of wisdom and generosity, who, through your ever-present Holy Spirit, has bestowed upon our diocese in every generation the means to accomplish the mission of the church, we humbly ask for the grace to lovingly respond to your Spirit, leading us in the service of the Gospel through this Encountering Christ campaign.

May we experience a deep and profound encounter with Christ so that, transformed through faith, hope and love, we are moved to respond to the needs of the marginalized, raise up vibrant parishes, form fruitful ministries and call forth pastoral leaders.

Asking the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, may the work of this campaign be pleasing to you, as we await, in joyful hope, the fullness of your glory.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Encountering Christ  
Goal: \$85,000,000

Parish Goal: \$315,000

Total Raised: \$251,245

Percentage Raised:  
80%

*Numbers as of*

*November 28, 2018*

**Commitment**

**Weekend is**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

**Deanery Penance Services:**

St. John Vianney	Dec 4	7 pm	St. Patrick Hutto	Dec 18	7 pm
St. Mary Taylor	Dec 10	6:30 pm	St. William	Dec 19	1-3:30pm
St. Joseph Manor	Dec 11	7 pm	St. William	Dec 19	3:30-6pm
Holy Trinity Corn Hill	Dec 16	5 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Dec 20	7 pm
St. William	Dec 17	7 pm	St. Helen	Dec 21	7 pm