



## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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

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

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

**Religious Education:** Office now located in the School

Coordinator: Virginia Lee 512-859-2634 [sscmre@gmail.com](mailto:sscmre@gmail.com)

Youth Ministers: Wendy & Mark White [hafa\\_adai65@hotmail.com](mailto:hafa_adai65@hotmail.com)

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before every Holy Mass

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before every Mass /Thursday 5-5:30PM 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**

Deacon: John Thornton

Administrator: Joanne Selucky

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

Finance Council: Chris Nemeck

Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

### Easter Sunday—April 20, 2014

Saturday April 19 8:00PM For the living and deceased members of SSCM  
 Sunday April 20 8:00AM For the living and deceased members of SSCM  
 10:00AM For the living and deceased members of SSCM  
 Tuesday April 22 8:00AM † Alfred Vrana  
 Wed April 23 6:30PM † Dennis Martinka  
 Thurs April 24 6:00PM † Joe & Agnes Vrabel 4PM-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction  
 Friday April 25 8:00AM † Rosie Pavlat  
 Saturday April 26 6:00PM † Mary Kurtin Walker; † Fred Strmiska: 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday of V.J. Hajda;  
 † Henry Loeve; † Sallie Cervenka; † Sylvester, Sr. & \*Mary Brosch (Wedding Anniversary)  
 Sunday April 27 10:00AM For the living and deceased members of SSCM

(† Deceased/\*Living)

*We pray for Healing:* Lela Kaderka, Jordan Nira, Alice Hajda, Patricia Stefek, Amber Pacha, Curtis Ging, Kay Karkoska, Frank Krenek, Angie Pavelka, Loretta Remmert, Nettie Wall, Richard Williams.

Offering: Sunday: \$3,891.95 Children: \$9.00 Building & Maintenance: \$1,431.00 Thank you for your generous support!

#### Liturgical Ministers April 26-27

Saturday 6PM Lector: Kate Strmiska EMHC: Paula Marak, Mike Vrana, Terry Pekar, Henrietta Hajda  
 Music: Guitar Group Servers: Aaron & James Arellano Cortez

Sunday 10AM Lector: Patsy Polasek EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Trish Lopez  
 Music: Darve & Karen Horak Servers: Brian & Emily Polasek, Mary Unnasch

EMHC Route Bartlett Homes-Virginia Lee Bartlett Will O' Bell- Ann Hall

Granger Villa-John Pavelka Granger Homes-Paula Marak Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka

RE Store: Saturday: Ofelia Lopez Sunday: Rita Marburger

**Ashes to Easter** boxes may be turned in at any Masses. Thank you for your support.

**Easter and Regular envelopes** will be collected in one collection.

**Special Collection** next weekend is for the Seminarian and Priest Education Fund.

#### Calendar of Events

Sunday April 20 : 8AM & 10AM Easter Sunday Masses  
 Tuesday April 22 : 5:30PM Bingo Kitchen (Enchiladas)  
 Wednesday April 23 : Parish Office Closed for Staff Meeting  
 : 6:30PM RE Mass  
 Thursday April 24 : 4-5:45PM Adoration/6PM Mass  
 Friday April 25 : 7PM Pastoral Council Meeting (DPC)  
 : 7PM Help needed at the Hall to set up tables and chairs  
 Sunday April 27 : 11:30AM KJZT Baked Potatoes (Proceeds benefit the KJZT Juniors' Summer Camp)

## *Parish*

**Divine Mercy Novena** began on Good Friday; the Church will be open at 3PM each afternoon for your prayer time.

**A few changes to come in our Mass Schedule:** Beginning April 22 the Weekday Schedule will be Tuesday 8AM, Wednesday 6:30PM, Thursday 6PM and Friday 8AM. Beginning April 26 Saturday evening Vigil Mass will be at 6PM.

**Save the Date: Pastoral Council meeting April 25 at 7PM in the DPC.**

**Card of Thanks:** The family of Robert (Red Eye) Jezisek wishes to thank Fr. Stephen, Deacon Johnnie Thornton and the Guitar Group for the Rosary and beautiful service, Joanne Selucky, Granger Volunteer Fire Department, Granger EMT & EMS for their service and assistance. Jerry David and the entire kitchen crew for preparing the meal. Thank you to all our family and friends for the visits, phone calls, food, cards, flowers, Masses and memorials made in Robert's memory. We are very grateful to all for your thoughts, support and prayers. The Family of Robert Jezisek

## *Around the Diocese*

**Feast of the Divine Mercy** will be celebrated at St. Mary's Taylor on Sunday April 27 at the 9AM & 11AM Masses. Flyers are available in the Foyer of the Church for more information. This is a daylong event if you chose to stay all day.

**The Pastoral Plan** online survey tool is ready for you to fill out and share with family members and friends. Access is readily available on the diocesan website -- [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org). The survey asks, for example, about activities and programs offered at your parish and which of these are important to you and your faith.

**"A Day with Saints John XXIII and John Paul II,"** a day of reflection, will be held May 8 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Beverly Collin will lead participants in learning more about these newly canonized saints and their contributions to the faith. The day will include Mass, quiet time and sharing. The cost is \$35 per person. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

**A Healing Hearts Retreat** will be held May 23-25 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This weekend is for women who have suffered any kind of sexual trauma. Call Beverly Collin at (254) 780-2436 for confidential information.

**Desert Solitude**, a silent retreat with Centering Prayer as the focus, will be held June 6-11 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Daily Mass and spiritual direction will be available. Cost varies as to how long each participant stays. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

**Good ! Clean ! Fun !...** Calling all Saints & Sinners! Whether you're a runner, walker, or a live-music lover; the Hutto Skyline will become a NEON GLOW on Saturday May 3rd at the second annual Saints & Sinners After-Dark 5k. St Patrick Catholic Church will be hosting this spectacular sunset event for families and friends all ages, sizes and wattages at the HHS stadium.

**Get Your Neon On!** More details and to register for the run: [www.saintsandsinners5k.com](http://www.saintsandsinners5k.com)

## *Message from Our Pastor*

My dear parishioners,

Today all Christianity celebrates its most important holyday, event, and doctrine: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The entire New Testament emphasizes that God the Father raised his Son from death in the tomb. The Resurrection rewarded the human nature of Jesus for his faithfulness to his Father-given mission on Earth, and it confirms Jesus as the Messiah, Lord, and Son of God. Thus Jesus, unlike the Old Adam who brought moral evil and death into the world by his disobedience to God, is the New Adam who conquers evil and death by his own death and resurrection. The Resurrection opens the gate for eternal life. We who are as human as Jesus was now have the same offer of our own resurrection and eternal life if only we believe in Christ and act as his faithful disciples.

Please read some of the salient exegetical points in the gospel today:

(1) The rolled-away stone (in all four gospels) acts as a signal, a message to the arriving women that something unusual had happened in the tomb. Jesus could have resurrected without his tomb's stone being removed, and then would have appeared to the apostles or the women. But then, they would have been surprised anyway, and would have run back to the tomb to remove the stone themselves to see if the tomb was really empty. So the stone is already removed (apparently by an angel) so that the message will be clear. (Oddly, Paul in his epistles nowhere mentions the stone nor the emptiness of the tomb, though he writes, of course, about the Resurrection.)

(2) Mary Magdalene is the only women mentioned by all four gospels as being at the tomb on Easter morning. Unlike one or two other gospels, John does not say she arrives at the tomb to anoint the body (a very difficult and unpleasant and perhaps unnecessary task anyway), so she probably goes to prayer in front of it, as was the Jewish custom of revisiting a newly dead person's grave three days after the funeral.

(3) Mary logically thinks that Jesus' body was removed by someone, because she (and the apostles and other disciples) were NOT expecting Jesus to resurrect. For them, resurrection was something reserved for the future at the end of time, despite whatever Jesus might have predicted about his own resurrection. So Mary tells the apostles what she thinks. John the writer mentions Simon Peter first as a sign of Peter's headship in the early Church when John is writing this.

Happy Easter ---- Fr. Chris Ferrer (Pastor)