



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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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.

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 19, 2014

Saturday	Oct. 18	6:00PM	†Jerry Jr. & Nancy Vrabel; †Jannie & Joe Prcin; †Mary Walker; †Johnny Michalek; †Janie Marling
Sunday	Oct. 19	10:00 AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Tuesday	Oct. 21	8:00AM	Deceased members of Henry & Delores (Koncaba) Dreitner families
Wed	Oct. 22	6:00PM	† Fred Strmiska
Thurs	Oct. 23	10:00AM	Will o Bell Nursing Home: †Johnny P. Martinka
		4-5:45PM	Adoration/Benediction
		6:00PM	†Robert Jezisek; †Edward Bigon
Friday	Oct. 24	8:00AM	†Rafael & Mercedes Rivera
Saturday	Oct. 25	6:00PM	†Martha Kaderka; †Vince Marek; †Anton Huf; †Frank & Annie Vrana; †Agnes Stojanik
Sunday	Oct. 26	10:00 AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

We pray for Healing: Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Lydia Pekar, Lilly Jonse Meyer, Edith Kurtin, Robert Rister, Misty Gonzales, William Pedroza, Concha Martinez *

Offering: Sunday: \$4,100.00 Children: \$23.00 Building & Maintenance: \$1,190.00 Thank you for your support!

Liturgical Ministers October 25-26

Saturday 6PM Lector: Lawrence Novak EMHC: George & Kate Strmiska, Paula Marak, Beatrice Perez
Music: Guitar Group Servers: Aaron & James Arellano Cortez, Mikayla Skrhak

Sunday 10AM Lector: Ellen Wolf EMHC: Virginia Lee, Jolene Volek, Dennis & Michelle Messex
Music: Darve & Karen Horak Servers: Brian & Emily Polasek

EMHC Route: Kate Strmiska, Barbara Hill, Louis Repa, George Strmiska

Religious Articles Store: 6PM -Ofelia Lopez 10AM -Rita Marburger

Special collection this weekend is for the Society for the Propagation of Faith. This year we are invited to reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across the world. *Catholic Spirit donations* may be put in the regular collection this weekend.

Flowers (Mary) In honor of †Alfred, Jr. and Sharon Cervenka Wedding Anniversary.

(2 Gold Main) Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ted Kallus on their 57th Wedding Anniversary and birthday wishes to Ted on his 76th.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Oct. 19	: 11AM Turkey and Dressing Dinner (Hall)
Tuesday	Oct. 21	: 5PM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen-nachos, super nachos, chicken salad sandwiches, soft taco, taco salad
Wednesday	Oct. 22	: 6PM Upper Room
		: 7PM Religious Education
Thursday	Oct. 23	: Parish and RE Offices Closed for Diocesan Staff Day
Sunday	Oct. 26	: Last day to return All Souls Envelopes

Parish

Turkey & Dressing Dinner - Today, Sunday, October 19th, starting @ 11:00 A.M. Come out and enjoy a good meal and help out by working a shift. Dine in and enjoy the entertainment from 11:00 - 12:30 by Dr. Mike Middleton & Clayton Capps. The Drive Thru line is also available.

All Souls Day envelopes are available at all entrances. Please return your intentions through the collection basket by Sunday October 26.

October is Respect Life Month. *Every human life has its origin in the heart of God.* Make a contribution to your Baby Bank today. Remember to return your filled Baby Bank on Sunday, October 26. For more information, contact Diana Kerlin, Pro-Life Committee Chairperson (512) 859-2308.

Kolache Bake, Nov. 15 -\$10.00 p/doz. Advance orders only. Please call Kay Karkoska @ 859-1001 or email: dkkarkoska@gmail.com to place your orders before Wednesday, Nov. 12. Work list to follow.

Cemetery Clean up time is here again for the November 1-2 (All Saints and All Souls Day). Please make every effort to remove faded flowers from the graves. A reminder that glass containers should not be used on graves as they are easily broken and become very dangerous. Graves that are curbed are not under perpetual care and owners cleaning those graves must remove all debris from the cemetery as there are no trash receptacles on site. Thank you for your help in keeping our cemeteries beautiful and safe. Also remember snakes have been spotted so be cautious while cleaning.

Area Events

Holy Trinity Parish in Corn Hill is hosting a Parish Mission on October 19-23 (7PM) entitled "Be a Saint! Evangelization by Attraction" presenter is Fr. Andy Cravalho of the Fathers of Mercy. Flyer on the Bulletin Board.

St. Mary's Taylor October 26: 11AM Polka Mass/11AM-1PM BBQ Chicken Dinner at KC Hall. Flyer on Bulletin Board

Central Council of ADCCW will meet on October 30 at St. Mary Taylor. Registration begins 9:30AM. FMI call Cynthia Davis 512-863-3637.

Advent Fair & Turkey Dinner: November 8 4-7:30PM: St. John Lutheran Church in Bartlett www.stjohnbartlett.net

Message from Our Pastor

In today's gospel, Jesus wisely avoids an insincere question by some of the Jewish leaders, a question designed to trap Him as an enemy of the Jewish people or as an enemy of the occupying Roman government. By his answer, Jesus reminds his audience of civic duty but, more importantly, of their duty to honor the one true God and Lord over all governments.

EXEGESIS:

Some representatives of the Pharisees and the Herodians are sent to question Jesus in public. The Pharisees were one of the major political-religious parties in Israel, comprised largely of strictly pious laymen. "Disciples of the Pharisees, used only here in all the gospels, is an unusual phrase, because, since the Pharisees were not professional lawyers or priests, they unlikely would have had many disciples. Nonetheless, they were opposed to paying tax to the Roman Caesar (Emperor Tiberias), because to do so would be to acknowledge the rule of the pagan Romans over God's chosen people. Of course, to survive under the Roman government, they had to pay it. The Herodians, a minor party in Israel, did not oppose the tax.

The Pharisees try again to trap Jesus. If Jesus says it is legal (according to Jewish law) to pay the tax, the Pharisees will tell the Jewish commonfolk that Jesus supports paganism. If Jesus says it is illegal to do so, the Pharisees again will report Him to the Roman Governor as a person who is subtly pushing for some kind of insurrection against Roman rule. Using his typically clever wisdom, Jesus asks for a coin from these leaders. To his question as to whose image is on it, they answer "Caesar's." Jesus adds, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." Notice that Jesus sidesteps the precise question as to the legality of that payment by speaking of repayment, not payment, and by not mentioning its legality or non-legality at all. In doing so, He acknowledges that it is a lesser evil to support the oppressive Roman government than to invite violent revolution and thus military destruction of the Jews. But his addition of "repayment to God" implies that the Jews must express gratitude to God himself in addition to any civic duty they might have.

A expression of humor might be in this scene. When Jesus holds up the very small coin with the picture of Emperor Tiberias and its inscription, "Tiberias, Divine Son of God," Jesus is implying that the so-called almighty, so-called divine Caesar is not great and not divine, but can easily have his image captured on a puny coin. And without saying so explicitly, Jesus is reminding his audience of the Jewish law which forbids any pictures or statues of the true God. In effect, Jesus is saying, "Look, guys, go ahead any pay the tax to this false son of the gods, Caesar. Just remember that our God is a million times greater as the one and only true God over all peoples and governments." Any listener who was open-minded to Jesus' words would have chuckled at his put-down of the pagan Roman government.

Questions arise as to our role today as Catholics in America in relation to our own civic government.