



## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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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.

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Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent—March 1, 2015

Saturday Feb. 28	6:00PM	†Jerry, Jr. & Nancy Vrabel; †Agnes Stojanik; † Helen Licka Muyres; VJ & †Margie Hajda
Sunday March 1	10:00 AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Tuesday March 3	8:00AM	† George Vrana
Wed March 4	6:00PM	† Agnes Stojanik; † Marie Hajda
Thurs March 5	4:00PM	Adoration/Benediction
	6:00PM	† Emil & Martha Bohac
Friday March 6	8:00AM	† George Sr. & Thomas Strmiska
	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross NO MASS
Saturday March 7	8:00AM	† Orpha & Jack McGarghan
	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday March 8	10:00 AM	Willie & †Lillie Cervenka; †Frances Vrabel; †Frank Mikulencak, Jr.; †Mary & Eddie Karkoska

*We pray for Healing:* Deacon John Thornton, Rey Perez, Jr., Joe Fojtik, Bernice Huf, Arthur Palla, Donald Pacha, Gail Heger, Nicole Geil, Kevin Carr, Connie Lopez, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, J.D. Shirocky, Julie Kaderka, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Isabel Luna. \* (Please contact office when the immediate need of prayer has passed.)

Offering: Sunday: \$4,493.00      Children: \$56.00      Missions: \$1,128.03      Thank you!

#### Liturgical Ministers March 8-9

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Ronnie Steffek	EMHC: Terry Pekar, Mike Vrana, Jaime & Cirila Gomez
	Music: Volunteer	Servers: William & Nicholas Novak, Garret Repa
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Rose Unnasch	EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, Virginia Lee, Theresa Valdez
	Music: Kathy Janke	Servers: Sarah Arellano, Marcus Belcher, Mario Gonzalez

EMHC Route: Griselda Steglich, Angie Pavelka, John Pavelka, Rosanne Naizer

Religious Articles Store 6PM: Janice Novak    10AM: Bernice Jezisek

#### Calendar of Events

Sunday	March 1	: 11AM RE Mexican Dinner and Raffle
Monday	March 2	: 7PM Knights of Columbus meeting
Tuesday	March 3	: Parish Offices will be closed for the Ordination of Bishop-Elect Garcia : 5 PM Bingo Kitchen—Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Sausage Wraps, nachos, fries
Wednesday	March 4	: 6PM Upper Room for High School Students : 7PM RE Classes / Elementary School Adoration and Benediction
Saturday	March 7	: 8:30AM First Saturday Bible Study
Sunday	March 8	: 11AM Youth Ministry Hamburgers <i>Time to change your clocks to Daylight Savings Time</i>

**God bless all of you who are making the total consecration to Jesus through Mary.** St. Louis Marie de Montfort reminds us that making this consecration is the simplest, surest way to become a saint. As you know from your prayer life, there will be days you may have good prayer days and not-so-good days. Do not become anxious. Take heart. You are not alone. Our Blessed Mother is with you. Call upon Her with these simple words: "Immaculate Heart of Mary, please help me." Allow Our Blessed Mother to carry you in Her loving arms, just as Our Lord allowed Her to carry Him. **Following the Mass on March 25<sup>th</sup>,** a consecration ceremony will be held for all those who have completed their 33 days of prayer for the consecration to Jesus through Mary.

#### Parish

**On Sunday, March 1, 2015, Religious Education will hold its annual Mexican Dinner.** The dinner consists of enchiladas, rice, beans, tea, and all the trimmings. Serving for the dinner begins at 11:00am at the Parish Hall. Plates are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Desserts will be available for a separate price. Take out plates will also be available. Also on sale will be Raffle Tickets (10 great prizes) and Religious Articles. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some great cooking and support the program, which provides Religious Education classes and activities to children, youth, and adults.

**Sacristans Needed:** We are in need of Sacristans for the weekday Masses and occasionally weekend Masses. If you can volunteer for one or more days a week to help cover the 4 weekday Masses call the Parish Office.

**Musicians Needed:** Two Saturday 6PM Masses that are in need of music/song leaders. Contact Parish Office to volunteer.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** It has been noted that there is a need to help some of our elderly parishioners to doctor appointments when family members are not available. We are seeking a group of volunteers who would be willing to help on an as needed basis. In order to be a part of this ministry, you would have to attend an Ethics and Integrity Workshop or already be EIM compliant. If you would like to be part of this ministry and be willing to help, please call the parish office.

### *Religious Ed*

**All parents and parishioners** are invited to join the SSCM RE Elementary students in Adoration on March 4 at 7:00pm. Fr. Barry Cuba will first explain Adoration, then expose the Blessed Sacrament and end with Benediction. Fr. Barry does an excellent job explaining Adoration. You will leave learning something you did not know and best of all you spend some time with Jesus.

### *Area Events*

**The Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese is celebrating a Healing Mass** starting with Praise and Worship on Friday March 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM, followed by mass with a Healing Service at Saint Patrick Catholic Church, 2500 Limmer Loop, Hutto, TX 78634 Fr. Robert Becker – Celebrant Sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Austin of the Diocese of Austin

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill** will have a fundraiser for the benefit of their Parish Religious Education Program on Sunday, March 22, 2015. Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the church followed by a BBQ Chicken meal, silent auction and raffle drawing in the Parish Activity Center. Meal served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (to-go plates available at drive-thru). Adult plates \$9 / Children's plates \$5.

### *Upcoming retreats at Cedarbrake*

**“Lenten Retreat: Living the Beatitudes”** will be held March 13-15 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Sister of St. Joseph Carol Cimino will lead retreatants through the beatitudes. The cost is \$195 for a private room, \$160 for a shared room or \$85 for commuters. To register, contact Cedarbrake at [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

**A Spanish Lenten Retreat** will be held March 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Edgar Ramirez, director of Hispanic Ministry with the Diocese of Austin, will lead this retreat in Spanish. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes lunch. To register, contact Cedarbrake at [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

**Un retiro de Cuaresma en español** se llevará a cabo el 14 de Marzo de 9 a.m. a 2 p.m. en el Centro de Retiros Católicos Cedarbrake en Belton. El camino del corazón: en comunión con Dios a través del silencio, la oración y la sabiduría eterna del Espíritu Santo. Venga a descansar y renovar su corazón en la quietud del silencio. En este silencio encontrará la fuerza y sabiduría que guio a Jess en el desierto, en su ministerio, a la cruz y finalmente lo premio con la vida eterna. Edgar Ramirez, director de la oficina del Ministerio Hispano para nuestra diócesis guiará este día de oración y reflexión. El costo es de \$25 por persona, e incluye el almuerzo. Para registrarse, llame al [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) o escribiendo [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

**“Love Among the Ruins,”** a day of reflection, will be held March 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Father Angelo Bertini will lead an in-depth look at the book of Hosea. To register, contact Cedarbrake at [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

### SSCM Kolache Bake Sale Work List March 14

**Kolache Bake, March 14** –\$12.00 per dozen. **Advance orders only.** Please call Kay Karkoska @ 859-1001 or email: [dkkarkoska@gmail.com](mailto:dkkarkoska@gmail.com) to place your orders. Orders will be taken until limit is reached and then a waiting list will be started if we have extras, so please order early.

**Chairpersons:** Marilyn Gaydos and George Strmiska

#### **Friday:**

**Fruit Filling and Preparation: 8:00 AM:** Marilyn Gaydos, Angie Pavelka, John Pavelka, Ann Hall, Frankie Volek, Shirley Volek, Rudie Berger

#### **Saturday:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Shift: 4:30 AM:** Kate Brown, Frances Michalek, Timothy Michalek, Raymond Maresh, JoAnn Pavelka, Nelson Hall, Frank Pajestka, Ricky Steffek, Harold Kaderka, Michael Gorubec

**Bakers 7:30-11:00 AM:** Diana Kerlin, Kelly Gaydos

**11:00 AM- End:** Crystal Greger, Deborah Hensel

**Kolache Sales: 8:00 AM-1:00 PM:** Kay & Darwin Karkoska

**1:00 PM-End:** George & Gail Heger, Elizabeth Steglich

**2<sup>nd</sup> Shift: 6:30-10:00 AM:** Susan Steffek, Rosy Degollado, Janice Novak, Cirila Gomez, Theresa Hajda, Esther Villarreal, Helen Cervenka, Shirley Hall, Patricia Luna, Griselda Steglich, Henrietta Hajda, Wesley Hajda, Callen Hajda, Shirley Volek, Frankie Volek, Catherine Strmiska, Margaret Strmiska, Anne Shirocky, Pam Pekar, Debra Cavanaugh, Ellen Wolf, Risa Pajestka, Ann Hall, Betty Pekar, Patricia Miller, Jake Miller, Ronnie Steffek, John Simcik, Karen Simcik, Lillie Huf

**3<sup>rd</sup> Shift: 10:00 AM-1:30 PM:** Brenda Gonzales, Mildred Michalik, Bernice Jezisek, Tina Lopez, William Pavlat, Mary Pavlat, Therese Strmiska, Linda Knapek, Virginia Knapek, Rosanne Naizer, Peggy Steffek, Rebecca Skrhak, Mikayla Skrhak, Barbara Taisler Hill, Sharon Steglich, Melissa Vrabel, Ronnie Vrabel, Jeanette Vrabel, Kathy Janke, Eugene Marak, Paula Marak, Pat Greger, Joanne Selucky, John Maresh, Dorothy Maresh, Monica Rychlik, Loretta Remmert, Gloria Stefek, Shelly Repa, May Belle Repa, Zach Strmiska, Kyle Janke, Maranda Nemeč

**4<sup>th</sup> Shift: 1:30 PM-end:** Leonard Stojanik, Rose Unnasch, Mary Unnasch, Pam Wagner, Darve Horak, Karen Horak, Patsy Polasek, Brian Polasek, Emily Polasek, Cara Finn, Victoria Finn, Theresa Valdez, Beatrice Perez, John Pavelka, Ofelia Lopez

Volunteers are always welcome. If your name is not on the list, please consider donating your time to this fundraising event. To add your name or change your assigned time, call George Strmiska @ 512-859-2796.

### Message from our Pastor

In today's gospel, the Transfiguration of Jesus reveals his divinity and presents Him as the fulfillment of the Old Testament law and prophets (the two most-important things to the Jews).

#### EXEGESIS:

Peter, James, and John seemed to be Jesus' three favorite apostles. He takes them to a high mountain where He is transfigured in front of them. The scene enjoys several Old Testament symbols of God's presence: the mountain itself reminds readers of Moses' reception of the Ten Commandments; the tents remind them of the desert tents of the wandering Israelites; the cloud and the voice represent God's arrival; Moses himself symbolizes the entire Jewish law, and Elijah represents all the great prophets. The three apostles, who are shocked and bedazzled, want to pitch tents for all six to stay indefinitely on that mountain. Why not? If we today were unexpectedly visited by two or three of our heroes (the Pope, a famous politician, a sports or entertainment idol, etc.), we too would want them to stay with us indefinitely to revel in conversation with us.

As Jesus' temptations in the desert emphasized his humanity, the Transfiguration emphasizes his divinity. Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of all Old Testament law and prophetic expectations. Again, Jesus here in Mark invokes the "Messianic secret" in telling the apostles to remain silent about their vision, but He connects the Transfiguration with the future Resurrection--the final revelation of his person and the final fulfillment of his divine mission.