



## 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.

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.

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### Pentecost Sunday—May 24, 2015

Saturday May 23	6:00 PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday May 24	10:00AM	† Lillian & John David; † Orpha & Jack McGarghan/Joseph & Donna Poplawski; † John & Christina Vrabel
Tuesday May 26	8:00 AM	† Vicente Estrada; Janacek Family
Wed May 27	6:00 PM	† Judy Pekar; † Germilla Pavlasek
Thurs May 28	4:00 PM	Adoration/Liturgy of the Hours/Benediction
	6:00 PM	† Edward Bigon
Friday May 29	8:00 AM	† Jack & Orpha McGarghan
Saturday May 30	6:00 PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday May 31	10:00AM	† Johnny Michalek & Jeanette Carfer; † Agnes Stojanik; † John & Lillian David; † Alfonso R .Luna, Sr.

*We pray for Healing:* Curtis Ging, Bernice Vrabel, Terry Griffith, Ed Machac, Roselle Fischler, Minnie Perez, Josh Hughes, Ann Pease, Larry Maresh, Monica Horak, Bennie Bartosh, Deacon John Thornton, Donald Pacha, Nicole Geil, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana \*(Please contact office when the immediate need of prayer has passed.)  
Welcome to our parish family: Vincent Robert Gonzales and Aubrey Grace Thornton baptized this weekend.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,173.25 Children: \$21.00

#### Liturgical Ministers May 30-31

(EIM Basic required for all new Ministers. Please register for June 8 class if you have not met this requirement)

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Blanca Olivas	EMHC: George & Kate Strmiska, Doc Pekar, Beatrice Perez
	Music: Traditional Choir	Servers: Garret Repa, Kyle & Karsyn Hamons
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Ellen Wolf	EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, Greg Gonzalez, Rita Marburger
	Music: Darve & Karen Horak	Servers: Kurt Kaderka, Dwayne Gaida

EMHC: Kate Strmiska, Angie Pavelka, John Pavelka, George Strmiska

Religious Articles Store 6PM: Hortense Svehlak 10AM: Ofelia Lopez

**Special collection this weekend** is for the work of Catholic Relief Services in Nepal to assist those who have suffered as a result of the earthquakes which struck Nepal. For more information, go to CRS.org.

**Flowers:** (2 Gold Vases) In loving memory of Judy Pekar (Birthday) from her family.

#### Calendar of Events

Sunday May 24	: 11AM Chicken Fried Steak Dinner (KJZT for the Fire Department)
Tuesday May 26	: 9:00AM Memorial Day Service at GISD (see announcement)
	: 5PM Bingo Kitchen—soft tacos, hot dogs, Frito pie and nachos
Sunday May 31	: 11AM Parish 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner

**40 Days of Prayer for Marriage:** Catholic Vote launched a national prayer campaign which began May 22 and will last until June 30 at which time the Supreme Court is expected to announce its ruling on same sex marriage. Please join in praying for Marriage. For more information go to: <http://www.catholicvote.org/40daysformarriage/?REF=2>

*Parish*

**Everest--Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power July 13-17:** Adventure seekers are needed to lead or help at this year's Vacation Bible School. We need adult leaders, teen leaders (those entering the 6th grade-12th grade), set builders, photographers, and volunteers. You can see the list of volunteer opportunities and can register by going to our website [osv.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/sscmre](http://osv.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/sscmre), email [sscmre@gmail.com](mailto:sscmre@gmail.com) or call Virginia at 512-859-2634. If you can give an hour, a day, a week of your time to help children learn and get closer to God. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Your prayers are also requested for a successful VBS.

**Chicken Dinner** - The Parish 5th Sunday chicken dinner will be on May 31, 2015. Serving will begin at 11:00 / Drive thru will be available. Adult Plates are \$9.00 / Child plates are \$5.00. Please come out and support your parish. If your name is not on the work list please consider volunteering your time by working a shift or baking a dessert. The proceeds from the chicken dinner will be going towards the upcoming restoration of our church and the Big Celebration that is being planned for our 125 years as a Parish.

**The Legion of Mary** wishes to thank all those who came to the Mass and May crowning. Thanks to all who brought flowers, food, and gave donations. Our Legion of Mary meets every Thursday evening following the 6 p.m. Mass in the school. Everyone is welcome to attend at any time to learn more about this ministry in our parish.

**An outdoor function of the Legion of Mary** will be held at Our Lady of Schoenstatt Shrine in Austin on Saturday, May 30th at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited. Bring your Tesser, rosary, and a dish to share. Carpooling from our church will be available. If you would like to attend, please call Theresa Valdez [254-657-2374](tel:254-657-2374).

**Are you praying the rosary every day?** If so, please consider becoming an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary. In our parish, we currently have over 50 members. To be an auxiliary member, one needs to pray the rosary every day and a few additional prayers. Please call Theresa Valdez [254-657-2374](tel:254-657-2374) or Rosanne Naizer [512-859-2542](tel:512-859-2542) to sign up or for additional information.

**Ladies, please join with your friends for an evening spiritual retreat** on Friday, June 12th, at the DPC. If you have questions, please contact Karen Simcik 512.859.2742. A signup sheet is located at the Main Entrance of the Church.

**A 3-hour Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Basic Workshop** on child sexual abuse will be held at SSCM on *June 8 6:30-9:30PM* – please arrive promptly as late arrivals will not be permitted entrance. Please register online.

*Area Events*

**A memorial service** will be held on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM at the war memorial located on the Granger High School Campus. Everyone is invited to come to remember and honor our local men and women who died for our country.

**Granger FCCLA** will be selling chili dogs, nachos and various desserts at 1st Tuesday Bingo on June 2nd to raise money to go to the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Granger FCCLA is also selling tickets for Breakfast at Applebee's in Taylor on Saturday, June 13th. The tickets are \$10 and you can purchase them by contacting Jimmie Baker at Granger ISD, [jbaker@granger.txed.net](mailto:jbaker@granger.txed.net) or call [512-859-2173](tel:512-859-2173).

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill** invites everyone to join them on Sunday, June 7, for their annual fundraiser. Start the day by celebrating the Holy Mass with us at 10:30 a.m followed by a delicious meal of Fried Chicken & Sausage (served from 11 am - 1 pm; adults \$10/children \$5; drive-thru available), and then dance the afternoon away to the music of the Jodie Mikula Orchestra. Great food - great company - great day for all!

Message from our Pastor

Because the Pentecost story is found in Acts and not in a gospel, let us focus on Acts. Pentecost is called "the birthday of the Church," as the Holy Spirit, the inspiration and guide for the Church, is given in its fullness by God the Father. The Church itself is rooted in the Passion and Resurrection of Christ and further revealed by the Holy Spirit.

EXEGESIS OF ACTS 2:

Luke here employs prominent Old Testament symbols which convey the special presence of God: wind, fire, speech (and as tongues), and water (toward the end of the story when many converts are baptized). A parallel arises between Pentecost and the Tower of Babel story in the O.T. At Babel, the sudden diversity of languages (tongues) sent by God caused disunity among the people as his punishment. At Pentecost, the sudden diversity of tongues among the apostles brings unity to Jews and Gentiles alike as God's blessing. The Holy Spirit of God, foretold by the prophet Joel, is now given in its fullness to the infant Christian Church! Peter, speaking as head of the Church to the crowds, makes it clear that this Church is rooted in the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Messiah-Lord-Savior-Son of God.