



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Youth Ministers: Wendy & Mark White hafa_adai65@hotmail.com

Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st 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

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

Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

Pastor: Very Rev. Chris Ferrer

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Business Manager: Joanne Selucky

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Third Sunday of Advent—December 13, 2015

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| Saturday | Dec. 12 | 6:00 PM | †Margie Hajda; †Marie Repa; †Henry & Angeline Dillard; †Betty, Alfonse, Ted & Nicholas Stojanik |
| Sunday | Dec. 13 | 10:00AM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish |
| Tuesday | Dec. 15 | 8:00AM | † August Motloch; †Georgie Dubec |
| Wednesday | Dec. 16 | *8:00AM | † Marie Repa; † Frank & Della Knapek |
| Thursday | Dec. 17 | 10:00AM | Will O Bell: Edith Kurtin (Fr. Stephen) |
| | | 4:00PM | Adoration/Evening Prayer/Benediction (Reconciliation: 4:30-5:30PM) |
| | | 6:00PM | † John & Antonia Knapek & Nathan Huf |
| Friday | Dec. 18 | 8:00AM | † Henry & Angeline Dillard |
| Saturday | Dec. 19 | 6:00 PM | † Johnnie & Vlasta Michalek & Jeanette Carfer; † Agnes Stojanik; |
| | | | † Alfred, Jr. & Alfred Sr. Cervenka & Thalia Bernal |
| Sunday | Dec. 20 | 10:00AM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish |

We pray for Healing: Betty O' Connor, Tim Jezisek, Dennis Henry, Albert Hajda, Joe Perez, Louis Kaderka, Bobby Bohac, Ann Geil, John Gonzales, Rudy Bohac, Nina Ash, Lee Gaydos, William Pedroza, Sharon Long, George Remerdo, Robert Degollado, Nicole Geil, Linda Dlouhy, Bernice Vrabel, Brianna Rivera, Edwin Matysek, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana. *

We pray for the repose of the souls of Charlotte Dykowski and Ruben Torres. May they rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,045.00 Children: \$14.00 Medical/Retirement: \$1,333.00 Dec.8: \$995.00

Liturgical Ministers December 19-20 (Altar Servers please sign up for Christmas & Holy Day Masses in Sacristy)

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| Saturday | 6PM | Lector: Pat Greger/Marilyn Gaydos | Servers: Garret Repa, Jose Campos, Karsyn Hamons |
| | | Music: Volunteer | EMHC: Marilyn Gaydos, JoAnn Pavelka, Lawrence Novak, Terry Pekar |
| Sunday | 10AM | Lector: Virginia Loza Lee/Deborah Hensel | Servers: Nicholas, Christopher & Thomas Hall, Andrew Vrabel |
| | | Music: Guitar Group | EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, Baldo & Rosalva Degollado |

Route EMHC: Deborah Hensel, Marilyn Gaydos, John Pavelka, Diana Kerlin

RE Store: 6PM: Lillian Pacha 10AM: Esther Villarreal

Special collection this weekend is for the Parish Building & Maintenance.

Granger Food Pantry Collection: Please bring items to church or office by Wednesday Dec. 16 for the Thursday Dec. 17 distribution. We can always use breakfast items, canned vegetables, dessert items, toiletries and cash to purchase the certificates and fresh items such as eggs, bread and potatoes. November newsletter is available in the Foyer of the Church.

Flowers: (*Main Front*) In loving memory of Marie Repa from her family.

Calendar of Events

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| Sunday | Dec. 13 | : 11AM Youth Ministry kitchen—hamburgers /2PM KC Bingo |
| | | : 2PM Nativity Set Up (Volunteers needed) |
| | | : 5PM Holy Trinity Corn Hill ~Advent Penance Service (Area Penance Services are posted on the Bulletin Board) |
| Monday | Dec. 14 | : SSCM Meal for the homebound, sick or elderly (Help needed beginning at 7AM) |
| Wednesday | Dec. 16 | : 7PM RE Classes (See Posadas announcement) |
| Sunday | Dec. 20 | : 12 Noon KC kitchen/2PM KC Bingo |

Reconciliation Times extended during Advent: Saturday 4:30PM-5:45PM/Thursday during Adoration 4:30-5:30PM

Year End Giving: Remember to make all 2015 donations by December 31. The Parish Office will be closed from Dec. 24-January 5 so please mail or use the Sunday collection basket to make your year-end donation as soon as possible. 2016 Tithing Envelopes are in the Cryroom. If you would like to begin using the system please contact the office.

Parish

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Thank you to all who helped with Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration; those who participated at Mass, helped with the reception and gave monetary donations. And a big thank you to Jaime and Ciri Gomez who organized the event.

Posadas: Please join us as we walk together with Mary and Joseph looking for shelter, for the birth of our savior Jesus Christ, on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00pm. We will continue in procession to the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served afterwards. In case of rain, everything will be done in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend. Parents, don't forget to pick up your children at the Parish Hall.

Musicians: We need you. If you play piano, organ or guitar please call the office for more information on playing for Mass.

More Ministers of the Eucharist are needed to visit our homebound parishioners. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry! It is a wonderful way to help those in need both in their homes and in the nursing homes. Over 50 people are visited each Sunday on four different routes. All current Ministers of the Eucharist who are not on a route, please consider going on the route with one of our ministers. If interested in becoming a new minister, please contact Rosanne Naizer [512-431-4959](tel:512-431-4959) or email rnaiz@yahoo.com for more information. Some of our ministers serve at Mass only and some serve the route only or do both. Ministers will be commissioned in 2016.

Annulment Seminar: Due to the changes being implemented in the annulment process beginning December 8 an inquiry session is being planned to provide information and answer questions. If you or someone you know are interested in attending please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. Date and time will be confirmed according to interest.

The SSCM Recreation Hall has an opportunity for your group, family, or friends to make some extra money. There is a need for a group to cook dinner on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for Bingo and 5th Tuesday and occasional 4th Sunday. Please contact the Hall Manager, Deborah Todd at [512-930-8747](tel:512-930-8747).

KJZT Members: The annual meeting and election of officers of the KJZT St. Helen Society #18 will be held on Sunday, December 27 at 2:00 PM at the recreation center. Members are encouraged to attend.

Mission to McAllen would like to thank all from the SSCM parish family who donated jackets, coats, clothing, backpacks, shoes and other items to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Humanitarian Crisis Center. Over 500 pounds of items and \$120.00 in cash were collected and taken to the McAllen Humanitarian Center on Dec 1. If anyone is interested in continuing this mission please contact Deborah at [979-571-0461](tel:979-571-0461) for more information.

Card of Thanks: A heartfelt Thank You to our church family for the meals, visits, calls, and most of all, the prayers to help me and my family thru my surgery and stay in the hospital. God Bless You. *Susan Steffek*

**Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith- Bible Study COMING!
February 1 – April 11, 2016 (Every Monday morning from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM)**

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Here you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as his spotless Bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass. **Registration deadline is January 4th.** Cost is \$25.00. For more information or to register contact Mary Geil at [512/576-7371](tel:512/576-7371) or email mgeil58g@gmail.com.

ROAR II Progress Report ~ We have exceeded our goal! 105%

Because of your generous support additional improvements will be possible with excess funds pledged toward this project. Make your pledge or donation today! 119 of 400+ parish families (Businesses) have answered the call. Pledge cards are available by the Church Rendition in the foyer. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly. You may drop your pledge/payments in the collection basket.
Pledged: \$122,920.68 76 Pledges Paid in Full Fundraisers thus far: \$21,165.30 Memorials and Donations: \$13,520.33
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Message from Our Pastor

EXEGESIS of the Gospel:

Some Jews begin to respond to the preaching of John the Baptist. Notably, those people are not the wealthy and the leaders but rather the lower social class (tax collectors, soldiers, etc.). This is typical of Luke who emphasizes salvation for all; it also foretells how the Jewish leaders and the wealthy will largely reject Jesus' own teaching. John does not claim to be the Messiah; and he does not call for mere ritual sacrifices or practices but rather for a radical change in moral behavior. So after his followers are baptized, they can expect to be subjected to the moral discipline of the true Messiah (Jesus). Jesus will shake the hearts of his own followers by the power of fire and the Holy Spirit ("fire" here symbolizes the molding and cleansing power of the Spirit).