



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

Serving God's People and building His Kingdom since 1891

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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

Nursing Home Mass: Will O Bell 3rd Thursday (Subject to change)

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

Quinceanera: SSCM Religious Education, Mass Attendance and Instruction required

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Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Palm Sunday ~ April 5, 2020

All Masses will be offered PRIVATELY BY OUR PASTOR

Check our website for online or on the air Mass options.

Church is closed to the public and Reconciliation is suspended

Saturday	April 4	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	April 5	† Albin Dykowski; † John Stefek; † Arianna Raymond; † Charlie & Blanche Pajestka; Emil & Evelyn Matula Family
Tuesday	April 7	Chrism Mass Privately at St. Mary's Cathedral in Austin
Wednesday	April 8	† Tim Martinka
Thursday	April 9	Holy Thursday: Facebook live @7PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Friday	April 10	Good Friday: Facebook live @ Stations: 3PM & Passion Service: 7PM
Saturday	April 11	Easter Vigil: Facebook live @ 8:40PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	April 12	Easter Sunday: Facebook live @10AM † Edward Skrhak, Jr.; † Joe B. Pekar; † Alona Stefek, Lillian & Albin Steffek; Cyril & Frances Polasek & Family; † Johnny & Antonia Knappek & Nathan Huf; † Joe & Georgia Horak

Regular and Special offerings may be made by mail or online at www.sscmchurch.org

Regular: March 29: \$ 561.00 (Online: \$660.00)

Parish Trust Fund: \$72.00 (Online: \$220)

A message from our Pastor: My beloved Parish Family, you are all in my prayers and thoughts during this time of isolation. You are remembered at our daily Mass and always. I am available to you through email or phone any time you need to talk. God is with us always. Please continue to pray for one another.

Since the COVID-19 safety protocols temporarily reduce the number of people coming to the parish for liturgies, this will be a time of tremendous financial strain on the parish budget. Your donations to your local parish keep the lights on, pay the bills, and help your local church to carry out its mission. Please consider making an online donation to your parish in these difficult days.

Missalettes are available for you to pick up from the porch under the carport at the DPC in the RED Container. Divine Mercy booklets are also available in the plastic container on the table. Limit One per family. Stations of the Cross have been placed curbside for your private prayer. They are 10ft. apart and are visible from your car.

All events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice, including Reconciliation. All offices, the church and the playground are closed to the public.

Palm Sunday Our Lenten journey climaxes in this celebration of Holy Week. Our liturgy begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but the reading of the Passion invites us to walk with Jesus through suffering and death as well. God's promise is fullness of life, but often we cling instead to the empty promises of life that the world offers: power, fame and material wealth. To what must we die in order to live more fully with Christ and to share his life?

Prayers of the Faithful for Palm Sunday

Dear friends, we hold palm branches today, recalling Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the holy city. It is a bittersweet remembrance because we know that no sooner had he celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples than he was arrested, tried, convicted and put to death. But Jerusalem is more than the site of his crucifixion. It is also the site of his resurrection. Through his sacrifice we all hope to one day reach the eternal Jerusalem.

The Mass today is offered for:

Saturday the living and deceased members of SS Cyril and Methodius Parish Family

Sunday † Albin Dykowski; † John Stefek; † Arianna Raymond; † Charlie & Blanche Pajestka;
Emil & Evelyn Matula Family

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: We know that God will never abandon us, so we cry out with our needs and the needs of the world knowing that we will be heard.

Lector:

- For the Church, that we may sing hosannas to the Lord, giving witness to our faith and to our joy in Christ's saving act, we pray to the Lord
- For an end to religious persecution worldwide, that all people everywhere may have the freedom to worship without fear, we pray to the Lord
- For our world during this pandemic that we return to God and trust in his care for us, we pray to the Lord
- For those in our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces who feel abandoned or forsaken, that they may feel the Lord's tender presence through the compassionate outreach of others, we pray to the Lord
- For our homebound and all who are not able to join us today, we pray to the Lord
- For the prayers offered in the prayer book and those we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Merciful God, we know that you will never forsake us and so we call upon you today. Hear our prayers and accompany us through our trials as you did for your Son, in whose name we offer them, our Lord forever and ever.

GRANGER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY MARCH 2020

We held our first drive thru pantry on March 19th, 2020. We were able to serve 96 families with canned goods, breakfast items, meat, eggs and other items. OUR PANTRY IS EMPTY. We are finding it difficult to order from our local resources, HEB, Aldis, because they are limiting food. We are not accepting food donations at this time. However, money contributions are always welcome. **You can drop them at the church office mailbox or mail them to SSCM, make note that it is for the Granger Food Pantry, PO Box 608, Granger, TX 76530.**

While we were contemplating not holding the pantry this month due to lack of food, the Lord provided in his way. The Caring Place in Georgetown will be there with our volunteers on food distribution day working the drive-thru at the DPC building across from the church. We will be handing out prepackaged non-perishable food provided by Caring Place. Also, Elliott from Big B's will pursue ordering meat and eggs for us. Miracle in action. Praise the Lord now and forever! Thanks David Earl, The Caring Place and Elliott from Big B's!

Families Served = 96

Cash Donations received for Food Pantry = \$670.02

SSCM – \$195.02 and 120 pounds of food

Memorial for Francisco Rodriguez = \$50.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - \$300.00

BRETHREN CHURCH- \$50.00

GRANGER PIT STOP - \$75.00

RED AND WHITE – Provides meat and eggs at cost.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – 75 Pounds of food

What Can You Do? At this time, we just ask for monetary donations. See address above to mail or deliver.

Next Food Pantry: The next food pantry will be April 16 from 12:00 – 4:00.

FRESH FOOD FOR ALL: The 2nd Tuesday of every month fresh foods are distributed from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the SSCM Hall. Next date is Tuesday, April 14th. In February we served 121 families which included distributing over 2800 pounds of food. Thanks to the volunteers that make this happen and Hill Country Ministries. We will have a drive-thru fresh foods at the Hall. Please stay in your cars as we give out prepared packages of food. **Only one per car.**

Stay safe!