



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon Online Giving @ sscmchurch.org

Religious Education: Miriam Morales 512-859-2634 sscmre@gmail.com

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Parish Hall: 500 West Davilla Street (512)859-2236 sscmhall@gmail.com (Deborah Todd)

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before every Holy Mass (Suspended until further notice)

Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick: **Appointment only:** Call Father (512)595-6507

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 4:00-5:45 PM concluding with Benediction

Healing Mass: First Thursday of every month (Suspended until further notice)

Nursing Home Mass: Will O Bell 3rd Thursday (Suspended until further notice)

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

Pastor: Rev. Hilario Guajardo
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Pastoral Council: Debra Cavanaugh
Finance Council: Chris Nemecek
Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek
Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 13, 2020

Sunday 10AM Masses are streamed on Facebook Live

Saturday	Dec. 12	8:00AM † Blanca Olivas and her family (Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Mass) 6:00PM † Albin, Agnes & Robert Bohac; †Alfonse, Betty, Ted & Nicholas Stojanik; †Blanca Olivas; † Norma & James Cavanaugh; † Edward Rozacky; James L. Pekar Family
Sunday	Dec. 13	10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Tuesday	Dec. 15	12:00PM †Dolores Sladeczek; † Ed Sladeczek
Wednesday	Dec. 16	6:00PM † Agnes Cervenka; Petty Family
Thursday	Dec. 17	4:00PM Adoration/5:30PM Evening Prayer/5:45PM Benediction (No Confession) 6:00PM † Eugene, Lad & Hattie Stuchly; Wellbeing of J. Long & J. Moore
Friday	Dec. 18	8:00AM Wellbeing of S. Redding
Saturday	Dec. 19	6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	Dec. 20	10:00AM † Alfred & Joe Vrana; †Frank & Annie Vrana; † Viola & Joe Sevcik; † Mary & John Knapek; † Mary Brosch

We pray for the repose of the soul of Jenaro Solis. May he rest in peace.

Weekly Collection: Regular: \$3,613.00 (Online: \$590.00) Clergy Medical/Retirement: \$ 535.00

December Online Giving will be posted early January.

Special collection this weekend is for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund.

The Parish Office closed to the public. You may continue to drop off donations in the office lock box.

Parish Offices will be closed for the Holidays December 22, 2020 to January 5, 2021

Tithing and End of the Year Donations: Please remember as we grow closer to the end of the year to make your yearend donations before December 31st. Remember we do offer **ONLINE GIVING** which you can find on our website at www.sscmchurch.org. ONLINE Givers remember to update your giving preferences for next year. **Stocks** are also an option for your donations (Giving your stocks to a nonprofit reduces Capital Gains Tax and benefits the Parish).

Tithing Boxes are available in the cry room. If you cannot come to Mass to pick up your box call the Parish Office so pick up arrangements can be made.

Catholic Services Appeal: Please remember to send your pledge card back to the Diocese as soon as possible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated especially this year with all of its challenges.

Parish News

Report on the Christmas Homebound Meal: This was the 21th year! We served 345 containers of soup, crackers and cookies this year. Some were delivered and some were picked up in the drive thru at the hall. Also included were 35 volunteers. The students came to help from Granger High School. Collections to date totaled \$941. Expenses were \$622.09. Thank you to Tim and JoAnn Pavelka for making and donating the cookies. Many thanks to everyone who helped and made donations. Because of the pandemic we were limiting the number of volunteers this year. Merry Christmas!

Area Penance Services are posted on the bulletin board. Holy Trinity Corn Hill is Sunday Dec. 13 at 5PM

If you or someone you know is struggling with grief, depression, anxiety or coping with the challenges of life, Catholic Charities of Central Texas is the place to start. By integrating faith and spirituality into mental healthcare, our counselors promote the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of our clients. For the health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, all counseling sessions are offered through our “virtual therapy” portal. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 512-651-6150 (Austin)

Online opportunity to write a will:In uncertain times, the best thing we can do is to make a plan for the future. The Diocese of Austin is offering an online resource to help everyone in our Catholic community write a will and protect the things that God has blessed them with. Best of all, the resource is completely free to use. Take 20 minutes today to get peace of mind and create a legacy to support schools and parishes in Central Texas. Get started at www.FreeWill.com/AustinDiocese.

Dear friends, the Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday because today’s opening antiphon begins with the word gaudete, which means rejoice. We rejoice today, for the coming of the Lord is so near that we cannot help but think about it. Perhaps we are starting to feel overwhelmed by all of what we need to do between now and Christmas or the lack there of because of COVID. Let this be an opportunity to refocus our attention on the true reason we celebrate this time of year. Rejoice, the Lord is near!

Calling to mind our needs and anticipating the season of generosity we turn to God, who gave us the greatest gift of all.

- For the Church, that our words and actions may testify to the light, so that others may realize the goodness of God in what we say and do, we pray to the Lord
- That justice and peace may spring up before all nations, we pray to the Lord
- For prophets of our time, who boldly proclaim the truth as they stand up for what is right and good and worthy, we pray to the Lord
- For our Jewish brothers and sisters who have begun celebrating Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, we pray to the Lord
- For the poor, the brokenhearted, captives, and prisoners, that they may know a year of favor from the Lord, we pray to the Lord
- That we may heed the words of Saint Paul and retain what is good and refrain from every kind of evil as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord
- For a successful fight against COVID 19 and recovery for those who suffer because of it, we pray to the Lord
- For rain and beneficial weather, 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 we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray to the Lord.

Gracious God, we rejoice heartily in your generosity. You have done great things for us, remembering your promise of mercy. Look with favor on your creation and hear the prayers we make through the One whose coming we long for, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Marriage Recognition Certificate Application

Certificates signed by Bishop Joe Vasquez will be available for married couples celebrating 10 years of marriage or more (increments of 5 years: 10, 15, 20 etc.) (**Valid Catholic Marriages only**) Please return this form to the **Parish Office by December 20**.

Certificates will be presented the weekend of December 26-27: Attending: Saturday_____ Sunday_____

Husband’s Full Name_____

Wife’s Full Name including Maiden Name _____

Address_____ Phone Number_____

Email:_____

Anniversary Date: Month_____ Day_____ Year of Marriage_____ Number of Years Married_____

Name of Catholic Church your Marriage took place_____