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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 <a href="mailto:darve.horak@gmail.com">darve.horak@gmail.com</a>

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.

# Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 31, 2014

#### †Deceased/\*Living

Saturday Aug. 30 <u>4:00PM</u> Bazaar Workers Mass

6:00PM For the living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Sunday Aug. 31 10:00AM †Amy Wolf & Mary Merka; † Vince Marek; † Anton Huf

Tuesday Sept. 2 8:00AM † Evelyn Pekar; † Frank & Elizabeth Kollaja

<u>Wed Sept. 3 7:15PM</u> † Tracy Gilliam (Opening Mass for Religious Education 2014-15)

Thurs Sept. 4 6:00PM † Antonia Knapek; † Emilie Martinka 4-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction

Friday Sept. 5 8:00AM † Orpha McGarghan; † Stanley Vrana

Saturday Sept. 6 8:00AM Living and deceased members of the Jezisek Family

6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Sunday Sept. 7 10:00 AM † Joseph & Donna Poplawski; † Alfred Vrana; †Betty Stojanik; † Janie Marling

*We pray for Healing*: Grayson & Haven Michalik, Frank J. Michalek, Ed Marshall, Agnes Stojanik, Kathryn Weaver & unborn daughter, Henry Martinka, Robert Cervenka, Barbara Polasek, Lorenzo Luna Duran, Helen Havelka, Isabel Luna \*

Offering: Sunday: \$3,661.00 Children: \$28.27 Bazaar: \$2,234.00 Thank you for your support!

### Liturgical Ministers September 6-7

Saturday 6PM Lector: Pat Greger EMHC: George & Kate Strmiska, Marilyn Gaydos, Mike Vrana

Music: Traditional Choir Servers: William & Nicholas Novak

Sunday 10AM Lector: Theresa Valdez EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, Baldo & Rosa Degollado

Music: Teresa Caslavka Servers: Kurt Kaderka, Audrey Messex

EMHC Route: George & Kate Strmiska, Marilyn Gaydos, Louis Repa Religious Articles Store: 6PM- Janice Novak 10AM Bernice Jezisek

<u>Please return your raffle tickets to the Raffle Table</u> at the Bazaar this Sunday. Do not put them in the collection basket. *Flowers*: (All Altars) In loving memory of Father Ben Mazurkiewicz, Msgr. George Tydlacka, Father Walter Matus, Msgr. John Frizelle and Msgr. Ed Rabroker.

## Calendar of Events

Sunday Aug. 31: 11AM Parish Bazaar

: NO Upper Room

Monday Sept. 1 : KC meeting 7PM (Hall) Wed Sept. 3 : 7PM Religious Education

Thurs Sept. 4:6PM Healing Mass

Saturday Sept. 6 : 8AM First Saturday Mass/8:30AM-1:30PM First Saturday Bible Study begins

Sunday Sept. 7:11:30AM KJT Hamburgers (Hall)

: 5:30-7:30PM Upper Room

### Religious Ed

Religious Education will begin, Wednesday, September 3rd. All students will find their classrooms in the school at 7:00pm. We will no longer be meeting in the DPC. Mass will begin at 7:15. Parents are encouraged to attend. All our SSCM parish family is welcome. Parking lot monitors are still needed. If we do not get enough volunteers for parking lot and playground duty our children will not be able to use the playground before R.E. If you are interested, please contact Virginia Loza-Lee at <a href="mailto:sscmre@gmail.com">sscmre@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:512-859-2634">512-859-2634</a>. It only takes a couple of hours on Wednesday night. The more volunteers we get, the less times you have to monitor. This is a great ministry for grandparents and retired persons.

### Bibles Studies

If interested in joining either or both, please contact Mary Geil at <a href="majority:mgeil@eccwireless.net">mgeil@eccwireless.net</a> or Virginia at <a href="majority:mgeila.com">sscmre@gmail.com</a> Cost of each Study is \$30 which you may pay at first meeting.

THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW presented on DVD by Jeff Cavins. This series will begin September 6, 2014 through April 4, 2015 in the DPC. Three DVD talks with Jeff Cavins and group discussion will be covered each 1st Saturday from 8:30 - 1:30. Spend just one morning a month to learn what the New Testament Gospel Matthew has to say to us. Witness for yourself how Jesus demonstrates His authority and Divinity through his miraculous ministry and recognize the power and importance of The Church, the Mass and the Sacraments established by Christ.

EVERY MONDAY FOR ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM Beginning September 8th from 8:30-10:30 for 24 weeks we will dive into the Book of Acts. If you wanted to learn more about the Holy Spirit and how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in this world, this study is for you. The Book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts Narrative.

### Area Events

St. Helen's Society #18 will host the District Meeting on Saturday, Sept 13 at the SSCM Recreation Center. Registration begins at 1:30pm Agenda includes: awarding of 50 and 75 year membership pins, memorial service for deceased members, business meeting and a meal. The group will then attend Mass as a group. All KJZT and KJZT junior members are invited. Please RSVP to Henrietta Hajda at 512-859-2993 by September 5.

We invite you and your family to spend the day with us in Taylor at the 80th Annual St. Mary's Catholic School Fall Festival and Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 7, from 11am to 6pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on E. 4th Street. Enjoy barbeque, fried chicken, and the fixings prepared by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters beginning at 11. Then, spend a fun-filled afternoon with carnival style games, the live and silent auctions, traditional Cake Walk, and enjoy a variety of great music.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill invites everyone to join them for their annual Bazaar on Sunday, September 21. Begin the day with Mass at 10:30 a.m., then enjoy a BBQ & Fried Chicken meal (served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) Plates: \$9/adults and \$5/children (drive-thru to-go plates). Afternoon of fun includes live polka music, live auction, silent auction, raffle, cake walk, bingo, kid's games and sno-cones. Hamburgers at 2:30 p.m. 'BBQ by the pound' sold at pit from 8:00 a.m. - noon.

# Message from Our Pastor ~Fr. Chris Ferrer

In today's gospel, Jesus begins to predict his eventual sacrificial suffering in Jerusalem at the hands of the Jewish leaders. He rebukes Peter for denying that He (Jesus) could possibly suffer this way, because Peter, like all the Jews, believed the Messiah would be a triumphant king. Jesus reminds all of his followers that Christian discipleship will involve suffering on their part. EXEGESIS:

Jesus begins to predict to his apostles that He must suffer in Jerusalem; that is the city in which almost all of the great Old Testament prophets were persecuted at the hands of their fellow Jews. Jesus here specifies the three main groups of Jewish leaders who will punish Him: the elders are the prominent laymen; the chief priests are the Temple liturgists; and the scribes are the legal scholars.

Peter objects to hearing Jesus say this, because as a typical Jew, Peter does not believe that the Messiah is meant to suffer but is meant to be a triumphant king. Jesus in a surprising burst of anger scolds Peter for his "satanic" thinking and calls Peter a stumbling rock ("obstacle"). Jesus uses language which reminds us of his rebuke of the devil during his temptations in the desert. This scene is heightened in interest because in the verses just before this gospel reading, Jesus had praised Simon (the opposite of scolding him) for his faith in Him, and had renamed Simon as Peter ("rock" again).

Thus the apostles and the readers of this are reminded of the following: (a) Although now head of the apostles, Peter will falter when he denies knowing Jesus during the Passion. (b) As Jesus says next, Christian believers, including Peter, must be ready to suffer for their discipleship to Christ. To "take up your cross" here is not necessarily a reference to Jesus' own crucifixion, but rather was a common idiom for suffering in Jewish society.

Finally, after being called Messiah, Son of God, and Lord by Peter in this gospel and in the previous verses, Jesus concludes by shifting to his favorite title, Son of Man, which in the Old Testament does involve a role of sacrificial suffering of an innocent man for the sake of others.