



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 20, 2020

Sunday 10AM Masses are streamed on Facebook Live

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
Tuesday	Dec. 22	12:00PM	† Frank J. & Georgia Mikulencak, Kalina Mikulencak and Lucy Frank
Wednesday	Dec. 23	6:00PM	Legion of Mary

Christmas Eve

Thursday Dec. 24 5:00PM † John Stefek; † Cody Strmiska; † Bennie Bartosh

Christmas Day

Friday Dec. 25 12:00AM † John & Anne Franklin; † Ruth Hensel (Prelude begins at 11:30PM)
9:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Saturday Dec. 26 6:00PM † Dan Steffek; † Anton & Bernice Huf; † Jerry David;
† Charlie & Blanche Pajestka; † Edward Rozacky

Sunday Dec. 27 10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

There will be no Masses on Tuesday, December 29 and Wednesday, December 30

Weekly Collection: Regular: \$2,867.00 (Online: \$640.00) Building & Maintenance: \$ 940.00 Dec. 8: \$248.00
December Online Giving will be posted early January.

Special collection this weekend is for the Christmas Flower Fund. St. Flora Altar Society

Special collection next weekend is for the Feast of the Holy Family which supports Maternity Homes for the Diocese of Austin: Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple, and the [Pro-life activities Office](#) of the Diocese of Austin

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

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, our season of fervent anticipation is nearly over. The promise of these four weeks, the coming of our Lord and Savior, will soon be reaching its fulfillment. Have we prepared a place in our hearts for him even as we have made preparations for the holidays? Once more we hear Mary accept the invitation to bear the Son of God. Let her response be a model for us to accept God’s invitation to bear Christ to one another.

Gabriel assured Mary that nothing will be impossible for God, and so we have the confidence to bring our needs before the Lord, no matter how difficult they seem to us.

- For the Church, that we may continually prepare our own house, growing in holiness as we build the kingdom of God on earth, we pray to the Lord
- That all nations may reject the use of weapons of war as ways to settle disagreements or assert power, we pray to the Lord
- For those who find the holiday season difficult to endure because of loss or loneliness, especially this year during the pandemic, that they may find comfort and hope in the Incarnation, we pray to the Lord
- That the people we touch may see the goodness and generosity of God in our works of charity and compassion, we pray to the Lord
- We pray for the repose of the soul of Jenaro Solis and for all who mourn him, we pray to the Lord
- For our homebound, our friends online 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.

Generous God, we thank you for all you have given us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of your greatest gift of all. Continue to look with favor on us and grant 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.

Merry Christmas