



## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

*Serving God's People and building His Kingdom since 1891*

100 NORTH BRAZOS STREET PO BOX 608 GRANGER, TEXAS 76530

Email: [sscmchurch@gmail.com](mailto:sscmchurch@gmail.com) Website: [www.sscmchurch.org](http://www.sscmchurch.org)

Diocese of Austin~ [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org)

**SSCM Parish Office:** 104 N. Brazos Street Phone & Fax: (512) 859-2223

Parish Office: Joanne Selucky Emergency contact (512)595-1345

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon Online Giving @ [sscmchurch.org](http://sscmchurch.org)**

**Religious Education:** Miriam Morales 512-859-2634 [sscmre@gmail.com](mailto:sscmre@gmail.com)

**Youth Ministry:** Michael Hernandez Call RE Office 512-859-2634

**Parish Hall:** 500 West Davilla Street (512)859-2236 [sscmhall@gmail.com](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (Suspended until further notice)

Baptism: Class required/Deacon Mark White

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  
(512)595-6507 [hilarioguajardo88@gmail.com](mailto:hilarioguajardo88@gmail.com)  
**Deacon:** Mark White  
(254)760-7174 [white.mark@att.net](mailto:white.mark@att.net)  
Pastoral Council: Debra Cavanaugh  
Finance Council: Chris Nemecek  
Holy Cross Cemetery: Parish Office  
Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

### Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) ~ April 11, 2021

Sunday 10AM Masses are streamed on Facebook Live

Saturday	April 10	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	April 11	10:00AM	† Johnnie L. Machu; † Patrick White; † Eugene, Lad & Hattie Stuchly; † Mary Brosch; † Joe B. Pekar; † Alona Stefek, Lillian & Albin Steffek; The Strmiska Family
Tuesday	April 13	12:00PM	† Rudy & Bernardene Stawarczik
Wednesday	April 14	6:00PM	† Albin, Agnes & Robert Bohac; † Agnes & Emil Cervenka
Thursday	April 15	4:00PM	Adoration/5:30PM Evening Prayer/5:45PM Benediction ( <b>No Confession</b> )
		6:00PM	† Eugene Stuchly † Maria Degollado
Friday	April 16	8:00AM	† Jeff & Angeline Dobias; † Lillian Dockrey
Saturday	April 17	6:00PM	† Gilbert Rudolph Rosipal; † Charlie & Blanche Pajestka; † Petra & Frank Perez; Tony & Melissa Schmittou on their 21 <sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary Jerry & Frances Michalek on their 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	April 18	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

**Weekly Collection:** Regular: \$3,438.00 (Online: \$975.00) Good Friday: \$557.00 Easter: \$702.00

**March Online:** Catholic Relief Services: \$65.00 Building & Maintenance: \$370.00

**Special** collection today is for the Building and Maintenance Fund.

**Parish Office is closed to in person visits.** You may continue to drop off donations in the office lock box.

**Ashes to Easter:** Please return your donation boxes this week.

### Parish & Area News

**Pastoral Council** meeting Tuesday, April 13 at 7PM in the DPC

**FRESH FOOD FOR ALL:** Next date is Tuesday, April 13th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the SSCM Hall. Thanks to the volunteers that make this happen and Hill Country Ministries. We will continue to have a drive-thru fresh foods at the Hall. Please stay in your cars as we give out prepared packages of food.

**Next Food Pantry:** The next food pantry will be April 21 **from 12:00 until 2:00 PM**

**Family Scout Retreat:** The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will host a Family Scout Retreat on May 8 at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. The retreat, themed "Living Our Story," will focus on how God is calling us to strengthen our domestic church. More information on the retreat can be found [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org)

**The Ladies' Society at St. Monica Parish in Cameron** will host a Drive-Through Only Meal April 25 beginning at 10 a.m. Barbecue chicken, Green's sausage, potato salad and pinto beans will be served for \$10 per plate. There will also be a sweet shop. All are welcome to drive-through!

**St. Mary Catholic School:** The fundamental question of what every parent should ask when choosing a school, is not first and foremost what is my child learning, but who I want my child to be. We believe every parent can say they want a wise, virtuous, child who is centered on the strength of the truth of what God created them to be. At St. Mary Catholic School in Taylor, through our Catholic Classical curriculum, we develop children to their full potential from PK3 to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. As a member of the internationally esteemed Chesterton Network of Schools, St. Mary's High School provides a joyfully Catholic, classical education. Come experience the difference at St. Mary Catholic School in Taylor! Open enrollment for the 2021-22 school year has begun. Visit [stmarystaylor.org](http://stmarystaylor.org) to learn more or email Kim Bohac at [admissions@stmarystaylor.org](mailto:admissions@stmarystaylor.org).

**The Summer Silent Retreat** will be offered June 4-9 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Join us for two to five nights. Each day there will be one morning talk by Franciscan Father Albert Haase, daily Mass, an afternoon devotion and the opportunity for the sacrament of confession and sacred silence. Cost varies as to number of nights. Register by calling (254) 780-2436 or at [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org).

\*\*\*\*\*

Dear friends, "Lord, have mercy," we pray at the beginning of Mass, calling upon the Lord to have mercy on us in our sinfulness. Today we celebrate that divine mercy, the mercy that is stronger than any fault, any wrong, any sin, the mercy that always seeks to reconcile us with the Lord, the mercy that led God to send the Son to win us our salvation. Let us rejoice that we are always able to receive that tender mercy.

Like the early community of believers, let us be of one heart and one mind as we call upon the Lord to satisfy the needs of all.

- For the Church, that we may strive to build a world where everyone cares for the common good, where no one is needy, and where everyone's material needs are satisfied, we pray to the Lord
- For leaders of nations, that they may work for justice and reconciliation within their countries and regions, seeking an end to conflict and discord, we pray to the Lord
- For those who have committed horrible crimes and feel that they are beyond mercy, that they may be truly remorseful and come to know the unbounded mercy of God, we pray to the Lord
- That we may be an instrument of peace in our nation and our community, especially between those who are divided by race, gender, class or politics, we pray to the Lord
- For beneficial weather and protection from violent storms, 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.

Merciful God, you never fail to give us another opportunity when we have failed, when we have sinned, when we have turned away from you. Embrace us in your loving arms with the comfort of your divine mercy. Hear our prayers and grant them in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen 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.

**The love of one's neighbor** is an important part of our life of faith. When asked what the greatest commandment is, Jesus replied: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these (Mark 12: 30-31)." To love one's neighbor is to love as God loves. Within the Domestic Church, parents demonstrate this by loving their children and spouses. Family members also express this love through the mercy and forgiveness that they extend to one another. However, this love is not limited to those within your household. We must love our neighbor by going out. We must meet our neighbors where they are at. In his address "The Parish is a Family of Families," Pope John Paul II encouraged the faithful to reach out to their neighbor. He says: "I wish to encourage all families and parishes not to be inward-looking, not to dwell on themselves. Jesus commands us to serve our neighbor, to reach out to those in need." This encouragement allows us to reflect on how we answer this call. How does your family or household show love to each other? Who is someone in need that your family can serve? What is something small that your family can do for those in need?