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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 darve.horak@gmail.com

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 26, 2014

Saturday Oct. 25 6:00PM †Martha Kaderka; †Vince Marek; †Anton Huf;†Frank & Annie Vrana;†Agnes Stojanik

Sunday Oct. 26 10:00 AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Tuesday Oct. 28 8:00AM † Emil & Martha Bohac

Wed Oct. 29 6:00PM † Jim Kopecky; † Jerry & Cecilia Pavlat

Thurs Oct. 30 4-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction

6:00PM †Mary Merka

Friday Oct. 31 8:00AM †Orpha McGarghan

Saturday Nov. 1 8:00AM All Saints Day (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (All Souls Day Intentions)

Sunday Nov. 2 10:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions

3:00PM Blessing of Graves at Calvary Cemetery (In Case of Rain: Rosary in the Church)

3:30PM Blessing of Graves at Holy Cross Cemetery

We pray for Healing: Perri Perez, Frances Michalek, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Lydia Pekar, Lilly Jonse Meyer, Edith Kurtin, Robert Rister, Misty Gonzales, William Pedroza *

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We pray for the repose of the souls of Virginia Vanek and Dorotha Mokry. May they rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday: \$3,702.90 Children: \$27.00 Propagation of Faith: \$1,086.10 Catholic Spirit: \$225.00

Liturgical Ministers November 1-2

Saturday 6PM Lector: Pat Greger EMHC: Deborah Hensel, Mike Vrana, Jaime & Cirila Gomez

Music: Traditional Choir Servers: Brett Martinka, Neal Martinka

Sunday 10AM Lector: Darve Horak EMHC: Mark & Wendy White, Harold & Carolyn Kaderka

Music: Teresa Caslavka Servers: Delia, Anthony & Elaina Aleman

EMHC Route: Deborah Hensel, Marilyn Gaydos, Mary Pavlat, Ronnie Steffek Religious Articles Store: 6PM - Mark & Wendy White 10AM - Lillian Pacha

Flowers: Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie (Peggy) Steffek on their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

Calendar of Events

Sunday Oct. 26: Last day to return All Souls Envelopes

Tuesday Oct. 28: 5PM Bingo Kitchen-Enchiladas

Wednesday Oct. 29: 7PM Religious Education—Festival of Saints (Hall)

Saturday Nov. 1 : 8:30AM 1st Saturday Bible Study (DPC) Sunday Nov. 2 : 11:30AM KJT hamburgers (Hall) The Catholic Services Appeal is not just another Sunday collection. It is a unified effort in which all Catholics in the Diocese of Austin join together to further the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church in Central Texas. In the next week or two you will be receiving a letter, brochure and pledge card from Bishop Joe Vásquez. Please take time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in support of our diocesan Church. You are encouraged to mail your donation directly to the fund using the envelope provided in the mailing. If you do not receive one in the mail they will be available on the bulletin tables next weekend.

Parish

All Souls Day envelopes: Please return your intentions through the collection basket by Sunday October 26.

Baby Banks: Remember to return your filled Baby Bank on Sunday, October 26. If you forgot you may still bring them next weekend. For more information, contact Diana Kerlin, Pro-Life Committee Chairperson (512) 859-2308.

Kolache Bake, Nov. 15 –\$10.00 p/doz. Advance orders only. Please call Kay Karkoska @ 859-1001 or email: dkkarkoska@gmail.com to place your orders before Wednesday, Nov. 12. Work list to follow.

<u>THANK YOU</u> to everyone for helping out and making our Turkey Dinner a <u>HUGE</u> success. We were overwhelmed by all the volunteers that came and helped prepare for this event. Everything from washing, baking and deboning turkey, to helping on Sunday. Those that donated sweets or came and bought plates. Our Parish family is just amazing. We are Truly Blessed. We apologize to those that did not get a plate because we sold out of food. We will improve on that for next year.

Another mission trip to McAllen is planned for Nov. 6. Most needed are shoes for women size 4,5,6,7,8 and men's shoes 5,6,7,8. Bras size 34-38, A-D, and sports bras all sizes. Also backpacks and travel size blankets and warm clothes are needed. To see entire list please see <u>Catholiccharitiesrgv.org</u>. Final day for donations will be Saturday, Nov 1. Thank you for your generosity

Religious Education

Festival of Saints: Join us, on Wed. Oct. 29th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall, as we celebrate and learn about the lives of a few Saints. We will have presentations, a game and crafts. All parishioners are welcomed. Come dressed as your favorite saint. Parents, please drop your children off at the Parish Hall, not the School.

R.E. Adoration: On Nov. 5th, Jr. High and High School students will be gathering for Adoration at 7:00p.m. in the Church. All are welcome to come adore Jesus with us.

Area Events

St. Mary's Taylor October 26: 11AM Polka Mass/11AM-1PM BBQ Chicken Dinner at KC Hall. Flyer on Bulletin Board **Granger Lions Club** Annual Pancake Supper is Monday, October 27 at the Parish Hall. Serving all you can eat pancakes from 5-7PM Plates are \$7. Come support the Lions Club in their many worthwhile community projects.

Central Council of ADCCW October 30 at St. Mary Taylor at 9:30AM. FMI call Cynthia Davis 512-863-3637.

Advent Fair & Turkey Dinner: November 8 4-7:30PM: St. John Lutheran Church in Bartlett www.stjohnbartlett.net

Message from Our Pastor

In today's gospel, Jesus summarizes all the various Jewish laws into the two Greatest Commandments: love of God and love of neighbor. Asked by the Pharisees in his role as the master teacher (rabbi), He balances the particularities of the spiritual life with its essence and wholeness, and He strongly personalizes our commitment to these commandments. EXEGESIS:

It is not clear if the Pharisee asking Jesus the question, "Which is the greatest commandment?" is attempting to have Him single out a fairly unimportant commandment (particular Jewish law). Jesus wisely refuses to become entangled in a myriad of laws, but rather presents a synthesis of all the laws into two: love of God and love of neighbor. By "love" Jesus does not mean the popular American definition of emotional affection; He means it in the Hebrew sense of complete dedication to the totality of God and his law. "All your heart" and "all your mind" in Jewish thought meant commitment of one's will; "all your soul" meant one's life. Matthew here has omitted Mark's "all your strength" (one's wealth). When Jesus adds that all the law and the prophets depend upon these two great commandments, we are reminded of the Transfiguration in which Moses (the law) and Elijah (the prophets) mystically appear next to Jesus himself, the definitive revelation of God the Father.

The Church has many laws as recommendations as found in the Ten Commandments of God, the Six Commandments of the Church, the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, and even the Code of Canon Law. They should be seen as particularized expressions of the two Great Commandments of Christ. Even the very last canon in the Code summarizes all the previous 1,000+ canons by saying that all religious laws are meant for the salvation of souls.