# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-MARAK

St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

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## **The Sacraments**

**Baptism:** Saturday after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St Joseph, Cyclone or Sts Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

**Confessions:** Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

# OCTOBER 18, 2020 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words." Psalm 17

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see John 19:11; Romans 13:1). In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not." The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1–4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see Romans 9:17). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see 2 Maccabees 6:7–16). The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel: "Repay to Caesar" are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see <u>John 18:36</u>) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see <u>Philippians 3:20</u>), we are called to be a light to the world (see <u>Matthew 5:14</u>)—working in faith, laboring in love, and endur-

ing in hope, as today's Epistle counsels. We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws—unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see Acts 5:29). But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see Genesis 1:27). We owe Him our very lives—all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see Romans 12:1–2). We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see 1 Timothy 2:1–2)—until from the rising of the sun to its setting, all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.



Bulletin Information: Marak: Patsy Gaines (254 482 0570) – Cyclone: Nancy Posvar (254 913 2696)

Bulletin deadline: Please call or send by email all info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

#### **MINISTRIES**

Saturday, October 24

**Ushers:** 

Sunday, October 25

Communion: Monica Mikeska

**Volunteers** 

Communion: Barbara Brenek

Lector : Zelda Carpenter

Lector: Carla Kacir
Altar Servers: Stumbaugh Family & Chase Pettyjohn

**Altar Servers: Marek Family** 

Ushers: Eric & Jackson Landeros

**MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE** 

10/18 Sunday 8:15 am: + Living & Deceased Members of St.

Mary's Altar Society

10/20 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Scot Eixman by Oleta Wilde

10/22 Thursday 7:00 am: + Royella Roessler by Denise & Edmund

Garza

**10/23 Friday 7:00 am:** + Walter & Sylvester Streng Families by

Walter & Kathleen Lutkenhaus

10/24 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Walter Greener by Monica Mikeska

10/25 Sunday 8:15 am: + Randolph Green by Family

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

10/18 Sunday 10:15: + Joseph Andrew Tomek by Mike & Jane Simon AND + Annie Mae Hubnik by Arvell & Liz Jung-

mann

**10/21 Wednesday 5:30:** + Albert Michalka by Michael & Tonia Fulton AND + Ethel Moraw by Lynwood Kley-

pas Family

**10/25 Sunday 10:15:** + Larry Green by Charles McAttee Family AND + Daniel

Hromcik by Joyce Vaculin

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Naomi Green, Leora Hering, Alice Stojanik, Edward Zavodny. Good health: A. J. Stermer, Darwin Bruggman, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Patrick Geistman, Viola Doskocil, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter.

<u>Sanctuary Light</u>—October 11—24—In memory Edwin & Ann Mikeska by Monica Mikeska.

<u>Stewardship</u>—October 11—\$2397 Building Fund—\$40 World Mission Sunday—\$50 Thank you for your generosity.

## **REP NEWS**

Youth Sunday is October 18. High School class in charge.

- We are asking for donations of silk/artificial flowers for Veteran's /All Saints Day program at cemetery which will be <u>November 8</u> following the 8:15 mass. Box in cry room for donations and also accepted at REP Wednesday nights.
- ♦ Rosary of Lights October 21— 7:00—7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

REP classes 6:45—8:00 pm for 2nd—HS. PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st grade dismiss at 7:30 pm.

## **ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:**

November 18—Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Deanery Meeting—St. Monica's in Cameron—10:00 am.

The Altar Society will be taking orders for dressing. Cost for a pan of dressing (unbaked & frozen) is 5 lbs. \$20 and 2 lbs. \$10. Please contact Linda Hering at 254-718-1858 or 254-984-2701 to place your order. Hurry and place your order. Deadline is October 26.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY will be publishing a new cookbook. Please start getting your favorite recipes together and submit them along with your name. There will be a drop box in the church entry for recipes. NOTE: Please include your phone number along with your recipe in case there are any questions before we send to the printer. Contact Linda Machicek at 254-718-2909 or Linda2909@Live.com for more information.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

October 18—Special Collection—World Mission Sunday.

October 20-KC Meeting-7:30 pm.

October 25—KC Blood Drive—St. Joseph's Parish Hall—8:00 am—1:00 pm—Please make an appointment by calling BS&W at 254-724-4376 or online @ BSWBlood.com. Walk-ins will be permitted only as space allows. Masks required. Complimentary breakfast burritos and drinks available.

November 8-12—Parish Mission—Holy Trinity—Corn Hill—Confessions 6:00—6:45/Holy Hour & Mission 7:00 pm Nov. 8, 9, 10, & 12. Confessions 5:30/Holy Hour & Mission 6:30 Nov. 11. See bulletin board for further details.