THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-MARAK

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

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Mass schedule: Cyclone: Sat. 5.30 pm and Sun. 8.15 am; Weekdays: Tue, Thu, & Fri: 7 am....

Marak: Sundays: 10.15 am and Wed 5:30 pm.

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.

FEBRUARY 9, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men." Psalm 107

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world. As His disciples, we too are called to be "the light of the world," He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see <u>John 1:4–4</u>, 9; 8:12; 9:5). All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel. God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a "covenant of salt," salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see <u>2 Chronicles 13:5</u>, 8; <u>Leviticus 2:13</u>; <u>Ezekiel 43:24</u>). Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations towards the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see <u>Isaiah 2:2</u>; <u>60:1–3</u>). And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see <u>Isaiah 42:6</u>; <u>49:6</u>).

The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel's mission. By our faith and good works we are to make the light of God's life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week's Psalm. This week's readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket. We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God's mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved. There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel. So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives, "Christ and him crucified."



Bulletin Information: Marak: Patsy Gaines (254 482 0570) – <u>Cyclone</u>: 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, February 15 Sunday, February 16

Communion: Pauline Marek Communion: Barbara Brenek
Lector: Kristen Parker Lector: REP Teachers

Altar Servers: R. J. Cook, Colton Cook, Aaron Carpenter Altar Servers: S. Bruggman & Stumbaugh Family

Ushers: Volunteers Ushers: REP

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

2/9 Sunday 8:15 am: + Rosa Pechal by Charlie & Emilie Tischler
 2/11 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Lucille Bruggman by Charles & Cindy Moeller
 2/13 Thursday 7:00 am: + Herbert Hoelscher by Ken & Jeanette Driska

2/14 Friday 7:00 am: + Grace Hoelscher by Donnie Hoelscher 2/15 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Royella Roessler by Bill & Carol Smetana 2/16 Sunday 8:15 am: + Dolores Motl by Skip & Ann Cockrell MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

2/9 Sunday 10:15 am: + Deceased Members of Henry Litzman, Sr. & Frank Plachy, Sr. Families

2/12 Wednesday: 5:30 pm: + Lynette Jochec by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa AND + Annie Mae Jochec by Tony & Debbie Dohnalik

2/16 Sunday 10:15 am: + Robert Dach by Gladys Lee, Craig & Laura Dohnalik AND + Albina Vrazel by Terry & Barbara

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.

Sanctuary Light—February 9—22—In memory of Denise Posvar by Family.

Stewardship:—February 2—\$2197 Building Fund—\$732 Thank you for your generosity.

2019 Contribution Statements are in the church entrance. Please pick yours up.

There are still poinsettias in the area near the baptismal font. Please take some home with you.

Parish Council elections are this weekend. Ushers will pass out ballots during mass. Please choose two people.

Knights of Columbus Texas State Council Needs Based Educational Grant Program information can be found in the church entry. Open to graduating high school seniors. Applications due March 1.

Upcoming Events

February 9—Altar Society meeting following mass.

February 12—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—7:00—7:30 pm—Everyone invited.

February 15—Seaton Brethren Church Sausage Supper & Bake Sale Building Fund—Seaton Star Hall—Beginning 3:00 pm—\$10/plate.

February 18—KC Meeting—7:30 pm.

February 19—Killeen-Temple Council of Catholic Women Deanery Meeting—St. Mary's—Temple—10:00 am.

REP News:

<u>February 12</u>—Supper will be served with a Valentine treat. Starts at 6:00 pm. Adoration at the church at 7:00 pm. Older classes may attend.

February 22—Confirmation Workshop—Confirmation students and their sponsors attend.

February 26—Ash Wednesday Mass—Counts as our REP class. Students will sit with their class and teacher.