

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: SATURDAYS 4:00-5:00 PM OR 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.

DECEMBER 5, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations.” Isaiah 30:19

Today’s Psalm paints a dreamlike scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing. It’s a glorious picture from Israel’s past, a “new exodus,” the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It’s being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn’t waxing nostalgic. Remembering “the Lord has done great things” in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He’ll do even greater things in the future.

This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God’s saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today’s Epistle puts it, “the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it” until He comes again in glory. Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One (see [Baruch 5:5](#)). The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance.

That’s the message of John, introduced in today’s Gospel as the last of the great prophets (compare [Jeremiah 1:1–4, 11](#)). But John is greater than the prophets (see [Luke 7:27](#)). He’s preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of “all flesh” (see also [Acts 28:28](#)). John quotes Isaiah (40:3) to tell us he’s come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It’s a road we’ll follow Jesus down, a journey we’ll make, as today’s First Reading puts it, “rejoicing that [we’re] remembered by God.”



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, December 11

Communion: Pauline Marek
Lector: Letha Novosad
Altar Servers: Novosad Family
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, December 12

Communion: Carla Kacir
Lector: Monica Jahns
Altar Servers: R. J. Cook & Simon Glasgow
Ushers: R. J. & Jackson Dolgener

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

12/5 Sunday 8:15 am: + Barbara Eixman by Joan Moeller
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12/7 Tuesday 7:00 am: **COMMUNION SERVICE**
12/8 Wednesday 7:00 pm: +Patrick Geistman by David & Janet Kasner
+ Naomi Green by Charles Kohl
12/9 Thursday 7:00 am: + Peggy Bartek by Bill & Carol Smetana
+ Charles Amos by Monica Mikeska
12/10 Friday 7:00 am: + Evelyn Green by Gene & Betty Engbrock
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Richard Schneider
12/11 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Jack & Betty Tomasek by Pauline Marek
+ Anne Green by Monica Mikeska
12/12 Sunday 8:15 am: + Kenneth Halfmann by Bill & Carol Smetana
+ Gary Greener by Charlie & Jackie Green

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

12/5 Sunday 10:15 am: Living & Deceased
Members of KJZT #21 by KJZT Society #21
+Martha Tomek by Katherine Hubnik
+Maria Kolarova by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
+Albina Vrazel by Richard & Betty Brenek
12/8 Wednesday 5:30 pm: +Albert
Michalka by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel +Joe
Vansa by Norman & Evelyn Mushinski
+Eugene Vaculin by Elizabeth Clark +Mary
Ann Plachy by Adolph & Dorothy Vansa
12/12 Sunday 10:15 am: Jamie Cecile
Newberry Special Intention by Robin Hub-
nik Hickerson +Albina Vrazel by Adolph &
Dorothy Vansa +Martha Tomek by Ernie &
Colleen Provasek +Gene Vaculin by James
& Monica Stefek

DECEMBER 8—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—7:00 PM

Communion: Volunteers Lector: Volunteers
Altar Servers: REP Ushers: REP

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering, Alice Stojanik, Edward Zavodny, Jerome Schoppe.
Good health: A. J. Stermer, Darwin Bruggman, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Viola Daskocil, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter.

Stewardship—November 28—\$2346 Thank you for your generosity.

Sanctuary Light—December 5—18—In memory of Betty & Jack Tomasek & Deceased Members of Tomasek & Zucha
Families by Pauline Marek

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are in the church entrance. Please take one for your family.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY IS ASSISTING A FAMILY in need during the holiday season. Below are the ages and gender of the children we are supporting. If you wish to sponsor one of the five children or furnish some of their other needs, contact Pauline Marek at 254-231-1812 or email pmarek04@gmail.com for all details. Items are due back to Pauline by December 19 or can be placed in the cry room at the entrance of the church. Please label items with the age and gender of the child you sponsored. Monetary donations are also being accepted for any remaining items that have not been donated that is needed by the family. A box for monetary donations will be located at the entrance of the church.

Boys – Age 18 – Age 15 Girls – Age 12 - Age 9 - Age 7 (12 Year old girl is being sponsored)

Thank you for your generosity. Pauline Marek at 254-231-1812 or email pmarek04@gmail.com.

REP NEWS

- Christmas pageant practice starts Sunday, Dec. 5 after Mass. Please attend if you would like to participate. We need angels, shepherds, a Mary, a Joseph, Kings, Drummer Boy and other parts taken care of. Practices will be every Sunday after Mass. The performance will be at the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass.
- December 8—No class—Immaculate Conception Mass 7:00 pm.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- **Christmas Flowers**—Collection for Christmas flowers will be December 4 and 5, and December 11 & 12. Thank you for your generosity.
- **Clerical Endowment Fund Cards** are available through the Altar Society. CEF sales help fund education for seminarians and make good gifts for special occasions. Recipients receive spiritual benefits of masses offered monthly by the bishop and CEF director, and prayers from seminarians. If you would like to buy cards, please contact Carla Kacir.
- **Next Altar Society Meeting**—January 9 following 8:15 am mass.