

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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

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Masses: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays 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 the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

MARCH 21, 2021—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus—in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand.

The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see [Jeremiah 31:1, 3-4, 7-8](#)). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see [John 11:52](#)). But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women. The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father—to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him. In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion (see [John 3:14-15](#)). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see [Isaiah 52:3](#)). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see [1 Maccabees 8:13](#)). Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross—as a living prayer and supplication.

For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth (see [Acts 2:33](#); [Philippians 2:9](#)). Where He has gone we can follow—if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience—confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.



3/14: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$1,346.00

3/14: Building Fund & Maintenance: \$70.00

3/14: Catholic Relief Services: \$165.00

Thank you for Your Generosity!

Bulletin Information: MARAK: Patsy Gaines (254-482-0570) - Email—pagaines2002@yahoo.com

CYCLONE: Nancy Posvar (254-913-2696)

Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for March 28, 2021—Palm Sunday

Rosary: Adolph & Dorothy Vansa

Eucharistic Minister: Kelly Laurence

Offertory: Patsy Gaines & Rhonda Gelner

Lector: Suzanne Doscocil & Jeannine Dohnalik

Ushers: Richard Brenek & Robert Plachy

Altar Servers: Chase, Cade, Cutter

Sanctuary Light: March 22nd-28th: John Dohnalik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik

Prayer Chain...Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic & for the following: Colt Charanza, Baby Townes Bush, Paulette Hubnik Foster, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn Junek Gonzalez, and Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain: Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

MARAK MASSES —March 21-28, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today— 3/21	10:15am	+ John Dohnalik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik Family + August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann + Larry Green by Leroy & Kathy Vansa
3/24— Wednesday— Stations of the Cross	5:30pm	+ Dorothy Vaculin by Cecilia Marak + Albina Vrazel by Terry & Barbara McNeill + Denise Michna by Glenn & Kelly Laurence
3/28—Sunday	10:15am	Living Members of Hornung Family by Lynne Hornung + Mary Ann Plachy by Jane & Johnnie Marek + Doris Bruggman by Richard & Betty Brenek

CYCLONE MASSES —March 21-28, 2021

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Today – 3/21	8:15am	+ Wilbert Mikeska by Pete & Judith Riola
3/23—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Dean Mikeska by Monica Mikeska
3/25—Thursday	7:00am	+ Clarence Bartek by Family
3/26—Friday	7:00am	+ Douglas Doscocil by Nancy & Dale Pechal
3/26—Friday—	6:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3/27—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Joe Simecek by Carolyn Talafust
3/28—Sunday	8:15am	+ Randolph & Evelyn Green by Kyle & Carla Kacir

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- SCHOLARSHIPS:** Cyclone/Marak Knights of Columbus will be awarding 4—\$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors. For more information, High School Seniors need to contact Brian Kopriva at 254-697-1715.
- BURLINGTON-CAMERON BRANCH OF CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE:** is offering a \$300.00 scholarship to graduating seniors. Contact Charles Schneider for application or details at 254-424-6393.
- PLACE OF HOPE:** The Place of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center in Rockdale will be holding its Fundraiser on Friday, April 16th at 6PM at the Milam County Cowboy Church in Rockdale. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Chicken Fried Steak dinner—Silent Auction—Live Auction and Raffles for Guns and Purse. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact Patsy Gaines—Board member of Place of Hope.