

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

JANUARY 5, 2020—Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears. Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see [2 Samuel 2:5](#)), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see [Micah 5:1-3](#)).

Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay Him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king. The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfillment of God’s promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (see [Numbers 24:17](#)).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see [1 Kings 10:2, 25](#); [2 Chronicles 9:24](#)). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see [Song of Songs 3:6, 4:6, 14](#)). One greater than Solomon is here (see [Luke 11:31](#)). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “co-heirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Epistle teaches. His manifestation forces us to choose: Will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and the scribes who let God’s



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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 January 12

Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Offertory: REP

Ushers: REP

Eucharistic Minister: Cynthia Prcin

Lector: REP

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sanctuary Light: January 6th—12th: Special Intentions



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 the following: JoLeen Cayhill. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain, please contact:

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

| MARAK MASSES—January 5-12, 2020 | | |
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| Date | Time | Intentions |
| Today— 1/5 | 10:15am | + Julie Motyka Padgett by Robert & Debbie Vansa + Cyril Vaculin by Mildred Dornak + Dorothy Vaculin by Laddie & Edith Vaculin |
| 1/8—Wednesday | 5:30pm | + Ann Morris by Marilyn Gurecky + Kristi Kopriva by Mike & Janice Marek |
| 1/12—Sunday | 10:15am | + Steve Simecek by Carolyn Talafuse + Albyn Simecek by Carolyn Talafuse |

| CYCLONE MASSES— January 5-12, 2020 | | |
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| Date | Time | Intentions |
| Today – 1/5 | 8:15am | + Dolores Motl by Mrs. Joe Teakell |
| 1/7—Tuesday | 7:00am | + Grace Hoelscher by Donnie Hoelscher |
| 1/9—Thursday | 7:00am | + Douglas Daskocil by Nancy & Dale Pechal |
| 1/10—Friday | 7:00am | + Alice Gerngross by Carol & Georgia Stermer |
| 1/11—Saturday Vigil | 5:30pm | + Royella Roessler by Denise & Edmund Garza |
| 1/12—Sunday | 8:15am | + William Schneider by Margaret & Wilbert Mikeska |

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS:** If anyone would like an statement showing their yearly contributions to the church, please contact Patsy Gaines.
- **JANUARY 11:** A welcome party hosted by St. Joseph’s & Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church for Fr. Ranjan will be held at the St. Joseph’s Parish Hall in Cyclone after the 5:30pm mass. Meats will be furnished. All parishioners are asked to either bring a side or a dessert. Please sign up on the sign in sheet in the church entrance, if you plan to attend.
- **JANUARY 13:** Parish Social and Pot Luck—6-9pm—Marak Parish Hall.
- **JANUARY 21:** KC meeting at St. Joseph’s Parish Hall—7:30pm.
- **JANUARY 22:** Parish Council meeting after Mass.
- **2020 CHURCH CALENDARS:** Calendars have arrived and are in the church entrance. Thank you Marek-Burns Laywell Funeral Home for your generosity.