

## Grin and Bear It

**T**his harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

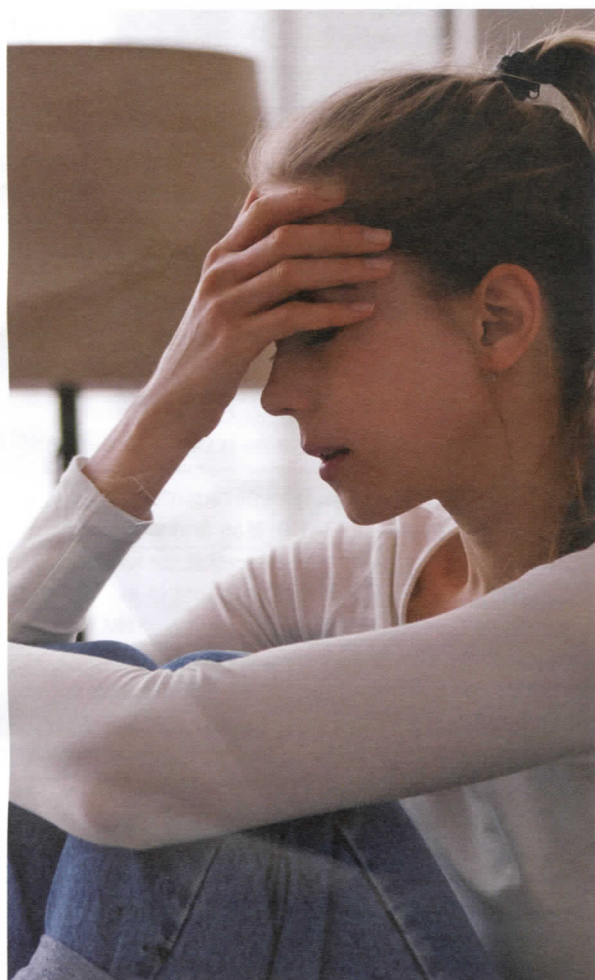
There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, *laments*. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Hardship can test our trust in God. Might this be the case with you?*
- ✦ *As a disciple of Jesus, pray for the gift of trust.*



After sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door.

MARK 1:32-33

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—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.

### FEBRUARY 7, 2021—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.”

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ. His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see Genesis 3:17–19). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes. But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see Isaiah 11:12; 61:1). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself. But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see Isaiah 42:6), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated “help” is actually Greek for “raising up.” The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see Mark 5:41–42). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 14:28; 16:7).

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see Ephesians 2:5). Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ. We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see Hosea 6:1–2). Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel. Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.



**1/31: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$1,430.00**

**1/31: Children's Offering: \$4.00**

**Thank you for Your Generosity!**

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



Ministries for February 14, 2021

Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Eucharistic Minister: Kayla Laurence

Offertory: REP

Lector: REP

Ushers: Dennis Marek & Michael Hrozek

Altar Servers: Chase, Cade, Cutter

Sanctuary Light: February 8th-14th: Albert Michalka by Marguerite Michalka



**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: Baby Townes Bush, Paulette Hubnik Foster, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn June Gonzalez, Doris Matocha, and Monsignor Victor Goertz.

Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—[Slavik@farm-market.net](mailto:Slavik@farm-market.net)**

**MARAK MASSES — February 7-14, 2021**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today— 2/7	10:15am	+ John & Marcella Dohnalik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik + Joe Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
2/10—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Fr. Walter Matus by Christa Wade Konderla + Eugene Marak by Cecilia Marak
2/14—Sunday	10:15am	+ Daniel Hromcik by Margie & Jerry Wade + Mary Ann Plachy by Mary Stanislaw

**CYCLONE MASSES —February 7-14, 2021**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today — 2/7	8:15am	+ Denise Posvar, Joe & Martha Dubcak by Family
2/9—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Clarence Bartek by Family
2/11—Thursday	7:00am	+ Sharon Fletcher by Monica Mikeska
2/12—Friday	7:00am	+ Naomi Green by Mr. & Mrs. Justin Hering
2/13—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Rosa Pechal by Tony Hoelscher
2/14—Sunday	8:15am	+ Randolph & Evelyn Green by Kyle & Carla Kacir

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **TODAY:** Second Collection for Building and Maintenance Fund. If you would like to know which financial plaque status you are currently at, please contact Patsy Gaines for a report.
- **FEBRUARY 10:** KJZT Meeting after Mass.
- **FEBRUARY 14:** Second Collection for Catholic Higher Education.
- **MISSALETTES:** As of Ash Wednesday, February 17th, the missalettes and song books will be returned to the pews. If you still prefer to take a missalette and bring it with you each time you attend Mass, you are welcome to do so.
- **FEBRUARY 16TH:** KC meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Cyclone at 7:30pm.

# Dear Padre,

## Does the Church promote adoption as a response to infertility? If so, why?

**T**he Church indeed promotes adoption, but not solely as a response to infertility. Church teaching presents adoption as an alternative way that a couple might direct their generosity and desire to be life-giving through children. While recognizing the suffering of infertility, the Church also sees the great need of children throughout the world who, for one reason or another, haven't been able to live with their biological parents.

The call to adopt and care for children in need, however, is addressed to all believers who are able to help. The theological foundation for reaching out to adopt children is linked to our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we are called to be stewards of the lives of one another. In some instances, people feel called to care for needy children of the world by adopting them and bringing them into a new family to develop and grow.

In other situations, perhaps Christians could show extraordinary love by "adopting" a child or a family of children by supporting them in their own country through assistance to relatives who could not otherwise look after the child. This is obviously not like raising a child in your own home, but think of what it might do for a child in his own home country. A key principle that should underlie the care of orphans is "what is best for the child."

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The goal we must set ourselves...is that no mother be in a position to leave her child. But we must also ensure that in the face of any event, even tragic, that may detach a child from his or her parents, there are structures and processes...in which childhood is always protected and cared for.*

ADDRESS TO HOSPITAL OF THE INNOCENTS INSTITUTE,  
MAY 24, 2019



## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

Gn 1:1-19

Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

Gn 1:20-2:4a

Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17

Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 11

Weekday

Gn 2:18-25

Mk 7:24-30

### Friday

FEBRUARY 12

Weekday

Gn 3:1-8

Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 13

Weekday

Gn 3:9-24

Mk 8:1-10

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 14

Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

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