

## Is Christ Divided?

**"You're breaking the back of the body of Christ!"** Saint Paul might have said this to members of the Corinthian community who rival each other, claiming that the leader who baptized them is greater than the one who baptized others: "I belong to Paul...I belong to Apollos...I belong to Cephas" (1 Corinthians 1:12). This suggests that, based on their baptizer, the members themselves are superior. Such rivalry sounds so petty. We should be careful here, because some of this rivalry still exists in the Church.

In any healthy group there will be diverse opinions. We all have our own tastes, preferences, cultural habits, and so on. This is true in church music, preaching style, and religious devotion. The uniformity of the Church prior to the Second Vatican Council has given way to great diversity. What is different is not necessarily bad. Nor is our preference necessarily superior. Such diversity need not pit us against each other, but sometimes it does. Is Christ divided over points of preference?

We are all part of the body of Christ; we are all God's beloved. The diversity among us challenges us to work toward the common good, to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us not divide Christ.

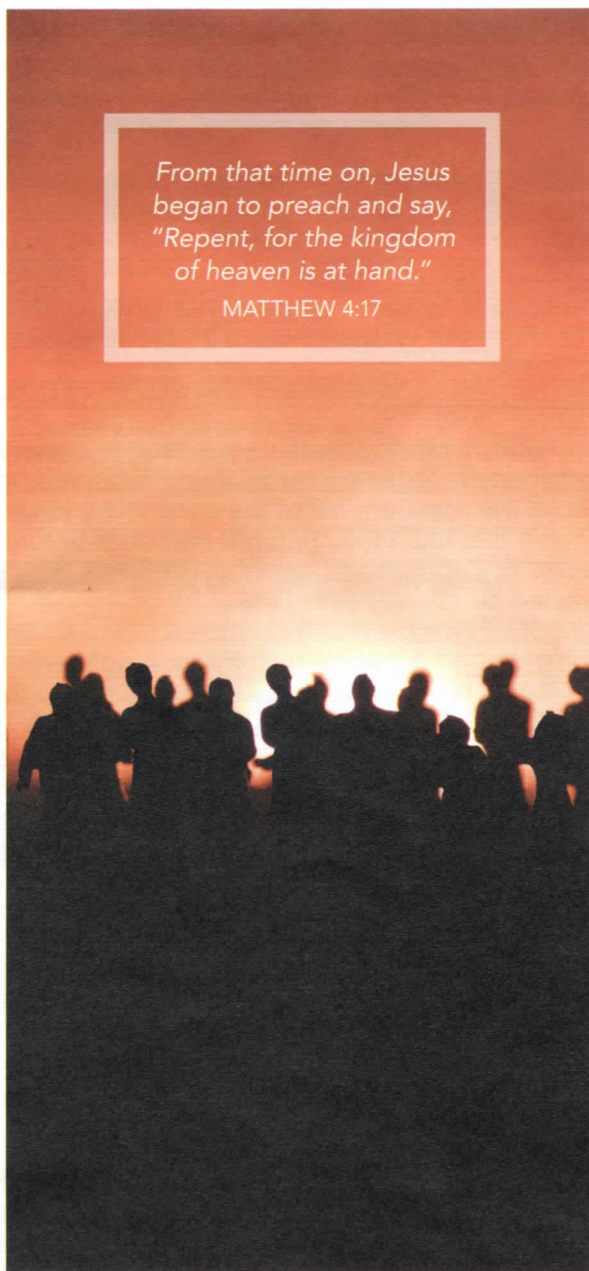
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* How do you act toward someone who understands faith differently? Do you respect their viewpoint or automatically ignore them?
- \* Which religious voices do you listen to? Why?

*From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

MATTHEW 4:17



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## **THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK**

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

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**Email:** cyclone.marak@gmail.com **Website:** marakchurch.org

**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.

### **JANUARY 26, 2020—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history. Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89; 132:11-12). Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chronicles 5:26). It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. It finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see 2 Kings 24:14).

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall. His Gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolized by the "Galilee of the Nations." Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men"—gathering people from the ends of the earth.

They are to preach the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose—in a worldwide kingdom of God. By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed. And we are able now, as we sing in today's Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living.



**1/19 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,056.00**

**1/19 Children's Offering: \$4.50**

**1/19 First Offering: \$5.00**

**Thank you for Your Generosity!**

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**CYCLONE:** Nancy Posvar (254-913-2696)

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



**Ministries for February 2**

**Rosary:** Lynne Hornung

**Offertory:** KJZT JRS.

**Ushers:** KJZT JRS.

**Altar Servers:** Lily Brunson, Adison Dach, Bailey Anderle, Cash Anderle

**Sanctuary Light:** January 27th– February 2nd: Special Intentions

**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Vaculin

**Lector:** KJZT JRS.



**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](mailto:Slavik@farm-market.net)**

**MARAK MASSES—January 26– February 2, 2020**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today– 1/26	10:15am	+ Lawrence Vrazel, Jr. by Leroy & Kathy Vansa + Albina Vrazel by Terry & Barbara McNeill
1/29—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Ethel Moraw by Lynwood Kleypas Family
2/2—Sunday	10:15am	+ Cyril & Dorothy Vaculin by Anton Vrazel + Daniel Hromcik by Margie & Jerry Wade

**CYCLONE MASSES— January 26– February 2, 2020**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 1/26	8:15am	+ William Schneider by Margaret & Wilbert Mikeska
1/28—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Herbert & Helen Hoelscher by Ken & Jeanette Driska
1/30—Thursday	7:00am	+ Jim & Joycelyn Litzman by Lynne Hornung
1/31—Friday	7:00am	+ Royella Roessler by Bill & Carol Smetana
2/1—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Rosa Pechal by Daniel & U Lindsay Gibson
2/2—Sunday	8:15am	+ William Schneider by Janet & David Kasner

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **FEBRUARY 2:** KJZT Jrs. will be having a Super Bowl Chip-N-Dip /Bake Sale before and after Mass. Please support our KJZT Jrs.—God Bless all the JRS.!!
- **FEBRUARY 12:** St. Ann's Altar Society meeting—9:30am at the Milam County Museum in Cameron has been changed from February 5th. All members, please turn in your 2019 volunteer hours before the meeting date. Volunteer hours consist of any activities done at the church, such as decorating, and anything that is done for the church without pay. If you have any questions, contact Kay Moraw.
- **FEBRUARY 18:** KC Meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Hall—Cyclone—7:30pm.
- **FEBRUARY 19:** Killeen/Temple Council of Catholic Women meeting at St. Mary's—Temple 10am.
- **FEBRUARY 24:** Annual Clergy Appreciation Banquet will be held at the KC Hall 2218 W Ave D, Temple, TX. There will be a cocktail and get acquainted hour at 6:00 p.m. after which a meal will be served. The cost is \$11.00 per person. Please R.S.V.P. by February 17th by calling or texting Bruce McAtee @ 254 721-4223. You may also email Bruce McAtee at [bjmcatee@hotmail.com](mailto:bjmcatee@hotmail.com)
- **MARCH 26:** Group tour of Painted Churches near Schulenburg on Thursday March 26, 2020 leaving downtown Cameron on 22 passenger motor coach at 8 am returning at 4 pm. Transportation, tours, tips, and buffet lunch at Oakridge Smokehouse included for \$65. Contact Lynne Hornung @ 254-482-0212 Information / registration form in back of church.

# Dear Padre,

**What are deacons' duties? Can they preside at wedding ceremonies? What about baptisms and other duties usually reserved for priests?**

**T**he Catholic Church has two kinds of deacons: transitional deacons, seminarians in the last stage of their studies for the priesthood, and permanent deacons, men who will remain deacons.

Transitional and permanent deacons can baptize, give homilies at Mass, give blessings (for example, the blessing of throats on St. Blaise's feast day), perform the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and preside at wedding and funeral services where there is no Mass.

Neither type of deacon can administer the sacrament of reconciliation. They can visit and bless the sick, but they cannot anoint them. Deacons can distribute holy Communion, but they cannot consecrate the bread and wine.

Unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons can be married. If a deacon's wife dies, he may not remarry except in certain circumstances, for example, if his children are still very young. Unmarried permanent deacons must remain unmarried.

Deacons are vital to the life of the Church. Many permanent deacons have families and full-time jobs in addition to their Church work. We don't thank deacons and their families enough for the many sacrifices they make for the people of God.



DEACON, AT LEFT / CNS PHOTO SEAN GALLAGHER, THE CRITERION

—Fr. Donald Kirchner, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*It deeply troubles me when I see a timetable in a parish: "From such a time to such a time." ...Don't worry about the timetable: have the courage to look past the timetable. In this way, dear deacons, if you show that you are available to others, your ministry will not be self-serving, but evangelically fruitful.*

—JUBILEE OF DEACONS, MAY 29, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 27

Weekday

2 Sm 5:1–7, 10

Mk 3:22–30

### Tuesday

JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas,

Priest and Doctor of

the Church

2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19

Mk 3:31–35

### Wednesday

JANUARY 29

Weekday

2 Sm 7:4–17

Mk 4:1–20

### Thursday

JANUARY 30

Weekday

2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29

Mk 4:21–25

### Friday

JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco,

Priest

2 Sm 11:1–4a, 5–10a,

13–17

Mk 4:26–34

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 1

Weekday

2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17

Mk 4:35–41

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 2

Presentation

of the Lord

Mal 3:1–4

Heb 2:14–18

Lk 2:22–40

or 2:22–32