

## Accepting God's Truths

The pursuit of wisdom and knowledge has long been a supreme striving of the human heart. Especially as we age, we hunger to truly understand reality, the human heart, modern culture, its problems and solutions.

The Old Testament offers amazing tips on the



Piece: *The Hand of God*, 1890  
Artist: Auguste Rodin  
Location: Vatican Museums

pursuit of wisdom. Using the analogy of a woman who prepares a meal and invites others to dine at her table, wisdom is a gift prepared by God and set before humanity to receive. We don't produce the truth. We discover and embrace it. We chew on it, take it in like food, and gain strength from it.

The Jews had a hard time swallowing Jesus' truth about the Eucharist. They argued among themselves, trying to figure out this truth instead of simply accepting this revelation as coming from one they could trust—then once accepted, strive to understand the mystery. Once we accept the world, situations, and revelations offered to us, and strive to understand these gifts, then wisdom can become ours.

Some fundamental attitudes accompany this changed perspective: First, it is right to humbly accept the world, people, and situations as gifts to appreciate rather than problems to be solved. Second, believe God has wisdom to share. Third, build upon truths already known and revealed, accepting that we can't "know it all."

The Rodin sculpture also hides this same truth. God's hand fashions creation, holds it in his palm, and then offers it to us. We accept it as a gift, embrace it, and discover the wisdom of the hand of God hidden therein.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Would the author of Proverbs consider me foolish in the way I live? Read more of the book to find out.*

*Is there a truth I need to accept and build my life upon to move from foolishness to wisdom?*

*[Wisdom says,] "To any who lack sense I say, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!"*

*Proverbs 9:4-5*

## 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.

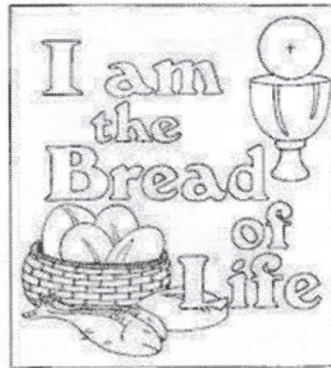
**Confessions:** Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

**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.

### August 19, 2018 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Psalm 34

The Wisdom of God has prepared a feast, we hear in today's First Reading. We must become like children to hear and accept this invitation. For in every Eucharist, it is the folly of the Cross that is represented and renewed. To the world, it is foolishness to believe that the crucified Jesus rose from the dead. And for many, as for the crowds in today's Gospel, it is foolishness—maybe even madness—to believe that Jesus can give us His Flesh to eat. Yet Jesus repeats himself with gathering intensity in the Gospel today. Notice the repetition of the words "eat" and "drink," and "my Flesh" and "my Blood." To heighten the unbelievable realism of what Jesus asks us to believe, John in these verses uses not the ordinary Greek word for eating but a cruder term, once reserved to describe the "munching" of feeding animals. The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom. In His foolish love, He chooses to save those who believe that His Flesh is true food, His Blood, true drink. Fear of the Lord, the desire to live by His will, is the beginning of true wisdom, Paul says in today's Epistle. And as we sing in today's Psalm, those who fear Him shall not want for any good thing. Again today in the liturgy, we are called to renew our faith in the Eucharist, to forsake the foolishness of believing only what we can see with our eyes. We approach, then, not only an altar prepared with bread and wine, but the feast of Wisdom, the banquet of heaven—in which God our Savior renews His everlasting covenant and promises to destroy death forever. Let us make the most of our days, as Paul says, always, in the Eucharist, giving thanks to God for everything in the name of Jesus, the bread come down from heaven.



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



**Ministries for Sunday, August 26**

**Rosary:** Liz Jungmann

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kelly Laurence

**Offertory:** Trey Richter Family

**Ushers:** Mike Marek & John Marek

**Lector:** Brad Vaculin

**Altar Servers:** Lilly Brunson & Gracen Dach & Sam Richter

**Sanctuary Light :** August 20-26 —Lois Orsag by Tricia & Kelly Kelm



**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: John David Thompson, Ethel Marak, and Dorothy Vaculin. Prayers are powerful and with God nothing shall be impossible.

**Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—[Slavik@farm-market.net](mailto:Slavik@farm-market.net)** to be put on the prayer chain.

**MARAK MASSES—August 19-26, 2018**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 8/19	10:15am	+ Henry J. Litzman, Jr. by Lynne Hornung
8/22— Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Joseph Andrew Tomek by Cecilia Marak
8/26- Sunday	10:15am	+ Martha Hertenberger by Jerry & Margie Wade

**CYCLONE MASSES— August 19-26, 2018**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today — 8/19	8:15am	+ Dolores Motl by Charles & Jackie Green
8/21— Tuesday	7:00am	+ Lucy Mihatsch by Lenart & Mary Ann Pechal
8/23—Thursday	7:00am	+ Marietta Brenek by Robert & Debbie Vansa
8/24—Friday	7:00am	+ Larry Posvar by Jane & Danny Bruggman
8/25 — Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Lucy Mihatsch by Lloyd & Karen Morgan
8/26— Sunday	8:15am	+ Rudy Vitek by Dorothy Haisler

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **TODAY—AUGUST 19:** KJZT Jrs. will sponsor a Back to School Breakfast. Donuts & Kolaches will be served.
- **TODAY—AUGUST 19:** St. Monica's Homecoming Festival—BBQ Beef & Sausage Plates—\$10—serving starting at 10:30am. See Bulletin Board in back of church for more information.
- **AUGUST 21:** KC Meeting—Cyclone—7:30PM
- **AUGUST 25—Welcome Party for Father Darrell:** St. Joseph's and Sts. Cyril & Methodius will host a welcome party for Fr. Darrell at the Parish Hall in Cyclone after 5:30pm Mass. A sandwich meal will be served. Anyone who would like may bring a dessert. Sign-up sheet in front entrance.
- **Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas: KJZT:** *Cynthia Strmiska*, your local licensed insurance agent, can help you with your families' needs such as life insurance for ages birth to 80, becoming a Junior member, certificate of deposit alternatives, and more. Life is too important to wait. Call or text her at [254-721-3785](tel:254-721-3785).
- **SYMPATHY:** Our deepest sympathy to Margaret Vrazel and Family on the loss of her brother, Frank Pospisil. May God comfort you during the loss of your love one.
- **THANKS:** Special Thanks to David Vaculin for cleaning the flower beds and trimming all the trees and shrubs in front of the Cook shed. Thanks for the new mulch and cleaning and fixing the area around the water cut off. May God Bless you! Your hard work is very much appreciated.

## Calendar

### Monday

August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and  
Doctor of the Church

Ez 24:15-23

Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday

August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ez 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday

August 22

Queenhip of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday

August 23

Weekday

Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

### Friday

August 24

St. Bartholomew,  
Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

### Saturday

August 25

Weekday

Ez 43:1-7ab

Mt 23:1-12

### Sunday

August 26

Twenty-first Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Eph 5:21-32 or

5:2a, 25-32

Jn 6:60-69

# Dear Padre,

**Due to a car accident, my adult son is now impaired in mobility and speech. Can I, his father, accompany him in confession?**

If a penitent needs assistance in communicating to the priest, an interpreter may accompany this person into the confessional. A willing penitent can use the service of an interpreter if the priest, for example, doesn't have signing skills or know the penitent's language (*Code of Canon Law*, 983.2). (Your question suggests the priest wouldn't understand the

penitent without assistance, or he's unable to write anything in advance to present to the priest.)

The interpreter who has knowledge of the sins from confession is always strictly obliged to secrecy. This obligation applies to the sins expressed and to specific counsel and penance given by the confessor. Any interpreter who betrays a penitent may be "punished with a just penalty, not excluding excommunication" (Canon 1388.2). For the confessor, "this secret, which admits of no exceptions, is called the 'sacramental seal,' because what the penitent has made known to the priest remains 'sealed' by the sacrament"



(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1467).

"Only those who have the use of reason are capable of committing mortal sin. Nevertheless...persons with intellectual disabilities often are conscious of committing acts that are sinful to some degree and may experience a sense of guilt and sorrow" (*Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments With Persons With Disabilities*, 28). If the individual is capable of having a sense of contrition, even if the sin cannot be described precisely in words, the person may enjoy sacramental absolution.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*Amid the din of so many voices, the Lord asks us to distinguish between what is from him and what is from the false spirit....to distinguish the word of wisdom that God speaks to us each day from the shouting of those who seek in God's name to frighten,*

*to nourish division and fear.*

—Jubilee for socially excluded people, November 13, 2016



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