

**“Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.”**

**JOHN 2:10**

## When Water Becomes Wine

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**F**or all of us, at one time or another, life seems to run out of wine. We look at our relationships and find ourselves saying, “There’s no more wine.” It may be a friendship of five years or a marriage of twenty-five years, but, for some, the wine runs out. For others, it is the job that loses its challenge. Or, one day, the foreman gathers everyone to announce that the plant is closing. In a moment, all has turned into vinegar; there is no more wine. For others still, it is when retirement suffocates the future, choking all that once gave meaning.

However, there are also those times when hope is reborn, when we feel “espoused” not only by life but also by God, when the ordinary turns extraordinary—and the water becomes wine. It is the phone call offering a new job after we have collected unemployment checks for months. It is falling in love when we have given up on the notion. It is conceiving a child after years of barren waiting. It is someone who listens, finally, when no one else would. It is at times like these—and many others as well—when we are caught off-balance and trip into God unwittingly, saved from drudgery and redeemed to live a life enriched, when water is turned into wine. It is a deeply felt joy that reveals God’s presence. ●

### Reflect

***Is there an area in your life where you need “new wine”?***



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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

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**Masses: Cyclone:** Saturday 5:30PM & Sunday 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tues., 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 to schedule 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 19, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of “epiphanies.” The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God.

Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial—Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us coheirs of Israel’s promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism.

This week we’re at a wedding.

We’re being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we’re sons and daughters of God, it’s because we’ve married into the family.

Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve’s in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (compare [Genesis 2:23–24](#) and [Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17](#))?

Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today’s First Reading.

When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see [Jeremiah 2:20–36; 3:1–13](#)). But God promises to take her back, to “espouse” her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see [Hosea 2:18–22](#)).

That’s why in today’s Gospel Jesus performs His first public “sign” at a wedding feast.

Jesus is the divine bridegroom (see [John 3:29](#)), calling us to His royal wedding feast (see [Matthew 22:1–14](#)). By His New Covenant, He will become “one flesh” with all humanity in the Church (see [Ephesians 5:21–33](#)). By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband (see [2 Corinthians 11:2](#)).

The new wine that Jesus pours out at today’s feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today’s Epistle says. This is the “salvation” announced to the “families of nations” in today’s Psalm.



1-12: **Sunday Offering:** \$1,693.00      1-12: **Children's Offering:** \$5.00      1-12: **Building Fund:** \$175.00  
1-12: **First Offering:** \$30.00      **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

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



**MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY 26, 2025**

**Rosary:** Liz Jungmann

**Lector:** Brad Vaculin

**Ushers:** Johnny Dohnalik and Joe Mayer

**Money Counters:** James Dohnalik and Diane Dohnalik

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kelly Laurence

**Offertory:** Todd Dorskocil Family

**Servers:** Cade, Cutter, Lisette

***Sanctuary Light: January 20th-26th, 2025:***

***Henry Hubnik, Sr. by Katherine Hubnik***

***Lee Ann Dorskocil by Josh and Kayla Dorskocil and Family***



***Prayer Chain...Please pray for Anton Vrazel, Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Kay and Ed Moraw, Ethel Marak, and Thomas Motyka as well as those in need in the Book of Prayers. Prayers are powerful as we pray daily for those in need. 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—January 19th—26th, 2025**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—1/19	10:15 am	†Stanley Hubnik by Chester and Margaret Hays †John and Mary Hubnik by Mary Ann Seaton †Deceased Members of Henry Litzman, Sr. and Frank Plachy, Sr. Families by Lynne Hornung †John Slavik by Merlene Slavik Family
1/22—Wednesday	5:30 pm	†Stanley Hubnik by Alfred and Bernice Vrazel †Helen Moriaty by Cecilia Marak
1/26-Sunday	10:15 am	†James Hosch by Aline Junek †James Junek by Louis and Mary Frances Vansa †Stanley Hubnik by James and Jeannine Dohnalik †John and Mary Hubnik by Mary Ann Seaton

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

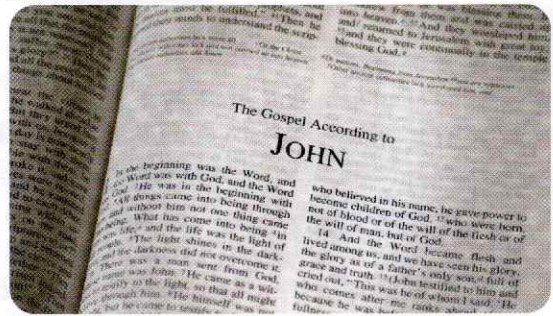
- **CEMETERY BOARD NOMINATIONS:** Nomination Ballots are available for the 2025 Cemetery Board today and next Sunday, the 26th. Only men and women who are practicing Catholics, members of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish, eighteen (18) years of age or older, and willing to devote some worthwhile time working in the Parish shall be eligible for membership on the Cemetery Board. Please take a Nomination Form and return it to the Ballot Box by Sunday, January 26th.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at 7PM at St. Joseph's-Cyclone
- **2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Any member that would like a copy of their 2024 Contribution Statement, please contact the Church Secretary at 512-809-9889 (text or call) or [marakchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:marakchurch@yahoo.com).
- **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Sts. Cyril and Methodius extends a warm welcome to Bruce and Carol Kiewetter as new members of our parish family. May God Bless You!
- **BLOOD DRIVE:** Knights of Columbus Council No. 13902 will host a Blood Drive in the Westphalia Parish Hall on February 2nd from 8 - 11 am. Photo ID required. To donate, call 877-724-4376 or online at [BSWBlood.com](http://BSWBlood.com).

# Dear Padre,

*Is there a year of John? I know we're now in the year of Luke, next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be the year of Mark. Then the cycle starts over with Luke. Why doesn't John have a year?*

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, collectively known as the synoptic gospels, are narrative gospels. Together, they tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Although in some ways they might be understood synoptically, "the same," each narrative is unique in its emphasis. The Church desires that we hear these narratives and be nourished through the proclamation of the early memories of the Christian community.

John's Gospel, on the other hand, is not primarily a narrative, but is best understood as theological. As such, it is highly dependent on the use of symbolic representations to make the point it intends. For example, "I am the light of the world.



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Whoever follows me...will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The interplay between light and darkness illustrates the point. John's Gospel is intended to be experienced and engaged in as "bigger than life," proposing and celebrating Christian themes that are life-giving and inviting. Therefore, we hear John's Gospel when the Church celebrates the mystery of the saving life and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, the Gospel of John is proclaimed on Good Friday, during the Easter season, and on other major feasts. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 20 Weekday Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22	January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28	January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6	January 23 Weekday Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12	January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19	January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18	January 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*I suggest an exercise.... Let us think about that difficult moment in which God let me experience his love.... And let us ask ourselves: with which discrete and loving signs did he let me feel his tenderness? When did I feel the Lord nearer? When did I feel his tenderness and his compassion?*

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