

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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

**Pastor:** Rev. RanJan Cletus

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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.

### JANUARY 12, 2020—FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus presents himself for baptism in today's Gospel not because He is a sinner, but to fulfill the word of God proclaimed by His prophets. He must be baptized to reveal that He is the Christ ("anointed one")—the Spirit-endowed Servant promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading. His baptism marks the start of a new world, a new creation. As Isaiah prophesied, the Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove—as the Spirit hovered over the face of the deep in the beginning (see [Genesis 1:2](#)). As it was in the beginning, at the Jordan also the majestic voice of the Lord thunders above the waters. The Father opens the heavens and declares Jesus to be His "beloved son."

God had long prepared the Israelites for His coming, as Peter preaches in today's Second Reading. Jesus was anticipated in the "beloved son" given to Abraham (see [Genesis 22:2, 12, 26](#)), and in the calling of Israel as His "first-born son" (see [Exodus 4:22-23](#)). Jesus is the divine son begotten by God, the everlasting heir promised to King David (see [Psalm 2:7; 2 Samuel 7:14](#)). He is "a covenant of the people [Israel]" and "a light to the nations," Isaiah says. By the new covenant made in His blood (see [1 Corinthians 11:25](#)), God has gathered the lost sheep of Israel together with whoever fears Him in every nation.

Christ has become the source from which God pours out His Spirit on Israelites and Gentiles alike (see [Acts 10:45](#)). In Baptism, all are anointed with that same Spirit, made beloved sons and daughters of God. Indeed, we are Christians—literally "anointed ones." We are the "sons of God" in today's Psalm—called to give glory to His name in His temple. Let us pray that we remain faithful to our calling as His children, that our Father might call us what he calls His Son—"my beloved . . . in whom I am well pleased."



**1/5 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$2,149.00**      **1/5 Children's Offering: \$1.00**

**1/5 Christmas Offering: \$20.00**      **1/5 Solemnity of Mary Offering: \$30.00**

**1/5 Building Fund: \$439.00**      **1/5 First Offering: \$145.00**      **Thank you for Your Generosity!**

**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 19

**Rosary:** Volunteer  
**Offertory:** KJZT JRS.  
**Ushers:** KJZT JRS.

**Eucharistic Minister:** Merlene Slavik  
**Lector:** KJZT JRS.



**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Sanctuary Light:** January 13th—19th: Steve Simecek by Carolyn Talafuse

**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 12-19, 2020		
Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 1/12	10:15am	+ Steve Simecek by Carolyn Talafuse + Albyn Simecek by Carolyn Talafuse
1/15—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Annie Mae Jochec by Tony & Debbie Dohnalik + Annie Mae Jochec by Jane & Johnnie Marek
1/19—Sunday	10:15am	+ Martha Hertenberger by Jane & Johnnie Marek + John Thompson by Tony & Debbie Dohnalik

CYCLONE MASSES— January 12-19, 2020		
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Today – 1/12	8:15am	+ William Schneider by Margaret & Wilbert Mikeska
1/14—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Charles Holy by Bunny & Chuck Felderhoff
1/16—Thursday	7:00am	+ James Sula by Irlene & Virgil Schneider
1/17—Friday	7:00am	+ Alice Gerngross by Viola Daskocil
1/18—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Lucille Bruggman by Harold & Jane Kosel
1/19—Sunday	8:15am	+ Randolph Green by Family

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **THANK YOU:** Thanks to all who attended Father Ranjan's Welcome party last night. We are very blessed to have you as our spiritual leader and part of our church community.
- **ALTAR SOCIETY:** 2020 Altar Society Dues of \$5.00 are now due. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to join. 2020 Vigil Candle Memorials for Loved ones are being scheduled now. Cost is \$5.00 for the week. Please contact Merlene Slavik for more information. Make checks payable to St. Ann's Altar Society.
- **JANUARY 13:** Parish Social and Pot Luck—6-9pm—Marak Parish Hall.
- **JANUARY 19:** Knights of Columbus #13902—Blood Drive—Westphalia Parish Hall—9am—12:30pm—All donors will receive a limited edition t-shirt and blood donor lapel pin. For appointments—contact Ken Jezisek at 512-927-6581.
- **JANUARY 21:** KC meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Hall—7:30pm.
- **JANUARY 22:** Parish Council meeting after Mass.
- **2020 CHURCH CALENDARS:** Calendars are in the church entrance.
- **FEBRUARY 9:** St. Luke's—Temple is hosting their 2nd Annual Fashion Bingo from 1pm-4pm. Doors open at Noon. Tickets are \$40.00 in advance and \$50.00 at the door. For more information, check the flyer on the bulletin board in the church entry.