

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 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 2, 2022 — Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears. Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see [2 Samuel 2:5](#)), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see [Micah 5:1-3](#)).

Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king.

The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfillment of God’s promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (see [Numbers 24:17](#)).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see [1 Kings 10:2, 25](#); [2 Chronicles 9:24](#)). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see [Song of Songs 3:6](#); [4:6, 14](#)).

One greater than Solomon is here (see [Luke 11:31](#)). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “coheirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God’s words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?



12/26: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$1,145.00 12/26: Christmas Offering: \$40.00

12/26: Children’s Offering: \$3.00 12/26: Holy Family: \$257.00

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 9, 2022

Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Offertory: REP

Ushers: REP

Eucharistic Minister: Jill Stermer

Lector: REP

Altar Servers: Brady, Claire, Kate



Sanctuary Light: Jan. 3rd—9th 2022: For the Parishioners of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church—Marak

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: Adrian Mitcham (Hubnik Family), Anton Vrazel, Paulette Foster, Reenie Hubnik, Baby Townes Bush, Carolyn Klecka, Marilyn Junek Gonzalez, and Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful!

To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

MARAK MASSES —January 2—9, 2022

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—1/2	10:15am	+ Martha Tomek by Bill & Georgia Kincer + Eugene Vaculin by Dolly & Bernard Hyzak + Dorothy Vaculin by Ed & Kay Moraw + Annie Mae Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik
1/5 — Wed.	5:30pm	+ Annie Mae Hubnik by Zarosky Family + Albina Vrazel by Albert Vrazel + Joe Vansa by Laverne Vansa & Nicole Trubee + Carolyn Hubnik by Arvell & Liz Jungmann
1/9—Sunday	10:15am	+ Jamie Cecile Newberry by Robin Hubnik Hickerson + Maria Kolarova by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Albina Vrazel by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Brenek + Eugene Vaculin by Kevin & Anna Givens

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Please take your envelope box for 2022 in the church entry.
- **TODAY:** Second Collection for Building and Maintenance Fund.
- **END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS:** If anyone would like a statement showing their yearly contributions to the church, please contact Patsy Gaines.
- **JANUARY 12TH:** St. Anne’s Altar Society meeting at 9am at the Milam County Museum in Cameron.

