

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.

JANUARY 24, 2021—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

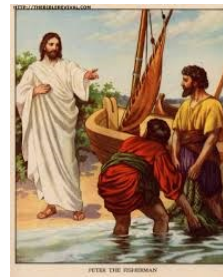
“Make me to know thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.” Psalm 25:4

The calling of the brothers in today’s Gospel evokes Elisha’s commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see [1 Kings 19:19-21](#)). As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family’s farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus. Jesus’ promise—to make them “fishers of men”—evokes Israel’s deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send “many fishermen” to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see [Jeremiah 16:14-16](#)).

By Jesus’ Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see [Luke 9:31](#)). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church—a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father’s will (see [John 1:12-13](#); [Matthew 12:46-50](#)).

From now on, even our most important worldly concerns—family relations, occupations, and possessions—must be judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in today’s Epistle. The first word of Jesus’ Gospel—repent—means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God.

And we should be consoled by Nineveh’s repentance in today’s First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah’s preaching. And in Jesus we have “something greater than Jonah” ([Matthew 12:41](#)). We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today’s Psalm. This should give us hope—that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him. But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance—striving daily to pattern our lives after His.



1/17: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$1,535.00

1/17: Building Fund Offering: \$50.00

1/17: Children’s Offering: \$4.00

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 31, 2021

Rosary: Veronica Hrozek

Offertory: Richard & Betty Brenek

Ushers: Glenn Laurence & Tom Motyka

Sanctuary Light: January 25th– 31st: Deceased Family of Joseph & Agnes Slavik by Merlene Slavik

Eucharistic Minister: Merlene Slavik

Lector: Misty Green

Altar Servers: Chase, Cade & Cutter



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 and for the following: Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn Junek Gonzalez, Jordan Young, Doris Matocha, and Monsignor Victor Goertz.

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 24-31, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today– 1/24	10:15am	+ Cyril Frank Hubnik by David & Robin Hubnik Hickerson + Valira Kostiha by Robert & Debbie Vansa
1/27—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Albert Michalka by Robert & Vickie Plachy + Larry Green by Glenn & Kelly Laurence
1/31—Sunday	10:15am	+ Martha Hertenberger by Christa Wade Konderla + Dorothy Vaculin by Christa Wade Konderla

CYCLONE MASSES —January 24-31, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today – 1/24	8:15am	+ Edna Simecek by Carolyn Talafuse
1/26—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Michelle Crews by Bill & Carol Smetana
1/28—Thursday	7:00am	+ Evelyn Green by Gene & Betty Engbrock
1/29—Friday	7:00am	+ Naomi Green by Bill & Carol Smetana
1/30—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Royella Roessler by Craig Green
1/31—Sunday	8:15am	+ Randolph & Evelyn Green y Kyle & Carla Kacir

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **THANK YOU:** A special Thank you to David & Robin Hubnik Hickerson for your donation to the Cemetery of \$100.00. May God Bless You!
- **CEMETERY NOMINATIONS:** Cemetery nomination ballots will be provided today and the nominations will need to be placed in the ballot box today for tabulations.
- **FEBRUARY 3RD:** Altar Society meeting at the Museum in Cameron at 9am.
- **PADDED WALL PARTITIONS:** The church has 11 padded 5’ x 5’ wall partitions that are no longer being used and would like to offer these to any of the parishioners for free. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Vansa for more information.