



Leaning Upon God

This painting is a powerful image of paternal love and union. It recalls the historic moment when St. John Paul II, at the Mass of his elevation to the papacy, embraced his lifelong mentor, Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński. The painting is a moment frozen in time that represents something much bigger than the event that inspired it.

The two figures are barely distinguishable. They seem to be fused, like two figures carved out of one piece of marble. It is the mutual love of giving and receiving that makes this exchange so moving. Indeed, it reminds us of the embrace of love we seek in this life from our loved ones as well as in eternal life. There is no distance between them, rancor, or questioning—only the total happiness of being united with a friend.

The pope's strong, broad shoulders are penetrated by the grasping hands of the one embraced. There is a clenching need to find security in the other. We all search for love, forgiveness, and for strength we do not find in ourselves. We wish our faith were stronger but, the truth is, we need to be constantly turning to God for his mercy.

Yet, he is pleased to be our rock upon which we lean, the one we can touch in our doubt. Turn to him

Piece: *The Embrace*, 1980
Artist: Pedro Cano
Location: Vatican Museums



in need, for he is happy to save you from the trials of this life. He wants to be the risen one who restores our faith. He rejoices that we need him and return to him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Do I find security in the love of another in a healthy way? Is it the fruit of giving and not possessing?
Is my strongest foundation in the love and mercy of Jesus?*

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

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 6PM(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.

April 8, 2018—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



"The Eighth Day: The meeting is called a meeting on the eighth day because it opens toward what cannot be reached simply by more days like those of the seven-day weeks we have known. In the meeting on the first day there is an opening toward the day beyond days, toward the last day of God. It is the eighth day because Christians have met "eight days later" (John 20:26) down through the ages. That meeting has always meant for them the encounter with the risen one and so with the end of death and the endless cycles of loss. To encounter Christ risen is to encounter God's spirit and God's mercy, things that have been promised

for the last day when God's dwelling is to be with humankind and tears are to be wiped away. Christians believe the eighth -day meeting is already the dawning of that day.

The eighth day is the beginning of a new creation." -Gordon W. Lathrop: *Holy Things*

Bulletin Information: **MARAK:** Patsy Gaines (254-482-0570) - **CYCLONE:** Nancy Posvar (254-869-2511)

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

Rosary: Volunteers
Ushers: K.J.Z.T. JRS.
Offertory: K.J.Z.T. JRS.

Ministries for Sunday, April 15

Eucharistic Minister: Johnny Winkler
Lector: K.J.Z.T. JRS.—Adison Dach, Kenley Harris & Reagan Mueck
Altar Servers: Sydney Vaculin & Macey Vaculin

Sanctuary Light: April 2—8 - Louise Prcin by Cynthia Prcin

Prayer Chain...Continue to pray for all those in need of prayer especially for Ethel Marak, Dorothy Vaculin, Raymond Johech, and Sharon Cartwell (friend of Bram Younts). Prayers are powerful and with God nothing shall be impossible.

Contact Ethel Marak—254-697-2565 or email—emmarak@juno.com to be put on the prayer chain.

MARAK MASSES—April 8-15, 2018

Date	Time	Intentions
Today—4/8	10:15am	Frances & Phillip Hubnik by Debbie Bush
4/11—Wednesday	5:30pm	Stephanie Krumnow by Merlene Slavik
4/15 - Sunday	10:15am	Mrs. Lawrence Vrazel, Sr. by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel

CYCLONE MASSES—April 8-15, 2018

Date	Time	Intentions
Today—4/8	8:15am	Marvin Wilde by Joan Plumlee
4/10—Tuesday	7:00am	For Dolores Motl by Jackie Green (for health)
4/12—Thursday	7:00am	For Dolores Motl by Jackie Green (for health)
4/13 - Friday	7:00am	
4/14—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	Larry Posvar by Janet & David Kasner
4/15—Sunday	8:15am	Georgia Stermer by Charlie & Jackie Green

4/1: Stewardship: -Regular Offering—\$1,557.00 Good Friday—Holy Land: \$328.00

Ashes to Easter:\$251.35 Building Fund: \$203.00 Easter Offering:\$ 260.00

Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **PARISH SOCIAL: Monday—April 9th—6-9PM—Pot Luck and Dominoes**
- **St. Ann's Altar Society thanks everyone for saving the Arlan Grocery Receipts.** The receipts of 2 years were tallied and sent to Arlan for a return of \$533.92 for the return of 1% of totals for Charitable Organizations. Note of Thanks sent to Arlan's Cameron and also to Headquarters in San Antonio. Please continue to save your receipts.
- **ST. MONICA'S SPRING FESTIVAL: April 15th—11am—\$10.00/plate**
- **ST. MARY'S PARISH FESTIVAL: April 15th—KC Hall—Temple—10:30am till 4:00pm**
- **KC MEETING: St. Joseph's Cyclone—7:30pm**
- **RABIES VACCINATIONS: Thursday, April 26th—6:00pm—8:00pm—St. Joseph's Cyclone Parish Hall—See bulletin board in the back of the church for more information.**
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, April 29th—8am to 11:30am—Cyclone—See bulletin board in the back of the church.**

Calendar

Monday

April 9

Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday

April 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

April 11

*St. Stanislaus,
Bishop and Martyr*

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

April 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

Friday

April 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

April 14

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

April 15

*Third Sunday
of Easter*

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 Jn 2:1–5a

Lk 24:35–48

Dear Padre,

When our priest raises the host during the consecration at Mass, a parishioner says out loud, “My Lord and my God!” Am I out of line to feel this isn’t right?

The liturgical assembly at Mass isn’t a random collection of individuals; rather, the faithful form a holy people to give thanks to God. “They are consequently to avoid any appearance of singularity or division....This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestures and bodily postures observed together by the faithful” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 95–96). Moreover, unity is achieved in the vocal prayers and responses at Mass, “that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit,” we “may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ” (Eucharistic Prayer IV).

The Eucharistic Prayer—the preeminent prayer of the Church—is voiced by the priest on everyone’s behalf. All participate in the collective prayer by our acclamations throughout: the dialogue preface, Sanctus, memorial, and great amen. Here we express our belief in the mystery of faith and our unity in the Church’s prayer.

The revised *Roman Missal* omitted the memorial acclamation, “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again,” because there’s no equivalent text in the original Latin and also because it’s more of a proclamation of faith than a prayer.

Likewise, “My Lord and my God” is a proclamation of faith that may be for some an entirely appropriate response for a believer as the host is raised, but the Church provides three communal prayers as acclamations immediately following the consecration. Any personal expression should be said quietly to preserve the unity of the Mass.

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A Word From Pope Francis

Mercy warms the heart and makes it sensitive to the needs of brothers and sisters with sharing and participation. Thus, mercy requires everyone to be instruments of justice, reconciliation, and peace. Let us never forget that mercy is the keystone in the life of faith, and the concrete form by which we make Jesus’ resurrection visible.

—Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, 2017