



Sharing Our Wounds

The glorified Jesus is not easy for the apostles to recognize. There is a deep truth here. The Twelve are startled and terrified to see Jesus again. In fact, they even think they are seeing a ghost. Their fear and lack of faith makes it impossible to see him for who he is—their resurrected Savior. Before they can truly see, they need to first accept him and believe.

And how does Jesus prove his identity to them? He shows them his wounds, the signs of his suffering and crucifixion. We often want to hide our wounds. We are ashamed of them and afraid of how others will react if they really knew. But Jesus, unashamed, shows his wounds and uses them as signs of who he is.

There is a message for us here. We need to allow our brokenness to find fullness and resurrection in Christ. It is at that point that the love of God is perfected in us. First we need to acknowledge our wounds and not bury or hide them. Then we need to admit our need for healing. Finally, through prayer, confession, and help from those who love us, we allow Jesus' redemptive love to wash over our wounds and give us renewal, rebirth, and healing.

As a result, like Jesus, we will no longer be ashamed



Piece: *The Scenes From the Life of Christ*, 1517-1519
Artist: Raphael and collaborators
Location: Thirteenth vault of the Raphael Loggia, Sistine Chapel

of our wounds, but rather we will share them as evidence of the power of Jesus Christ.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection Is there an area of my heart and life where I need Jesus' healing?
Am I confident in God's power to raise me up out of my weakness?

*The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from death; of this we are witnesses.*

Acts 3:15

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—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 15, 2018—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Lord, let your face shine on us”

“And he said to them, “thus it is written that Christ would suffer, and rise from the dead...repentance would be preached in his name to all the nations...You are witnesses of these things.” –Lk 24:47-48

So where does that leave us? I'd say that leaves us in a very good place. That leaves us with hope in suffering—hope to go forward in trust. Jesus is there in the suffering, there with us. Even bad news can become a sacrament of his presence. Hardship, even annihilation can now become communion with him because he's been there first and has changed that forever. When there are good things ahead, I don't have to worry how short lived they are; they can come and go but the Jesus I encounter in that good will remain among us after the delight has vanished.

His commitment to us can transform happiness or hardship into real joy. If you haven't yet found that in your own life, look for someone who has lived a full life and still radiates hope and joy, even happiness.

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

Ministries for Sunday, April 22

Rosary: Liz Jungmann

Eucharistic Minister: Misty Green

Ushers: Louis Vansa & Leroy Vansa

Lector: Johnny Winkler

Offertory: Garrey & Cindy Prcin

Altar Servers: Addison Dach, Cailynne Hoelscher & Tessa Vaculin

Sanctuary Light: April 9-15 - Henry Sr. & Johnathan Hubnik by Family

Prayer Chain...Continue to pray for all those in need of prayer especially for Ethel Marak, Dorothy Vaculin , Raymond Johec, and Sharon Cartwell (friend of Bram Younts). Prayers are powerful!

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net to be put on the prayer chain.

Thank you Ethel Marak for your services as the Prayer coordinator. We have been blessed with your talents and treasures that you have offered the church community at Marak. Please continue with special prayers for Ethel.

MARAK MASSES—April 15-22, 2018

Date	Time	Intentions
Today- 4/15	10:15am	Mrs. Lawrence Vrazel, Sr. by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
4/18- Wednesday	5:30pm	Martha Hertenberger by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa
4/22 - Sunday	10:15am	Susan Johec by Family

CYCLONE MASSES— April 15-22 , 2018

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Today - 4/15	8:15am	Georgia Stermer by Jackie & Charlie Green
4/17- Tuesday	7:00am	Randolph Green by Family
4/19—Thursday	7:00am	Marvin Wilde by Joan Plumlee
4/20 - Friday	6:00pm	Otis Beck by Jackie Green
4/21- Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	Dolores Motl by Margaret & Wilbert Mikeska
4/22— Sunday	8:15am	Larry Posvar by Janice & Chuck McCourt

4/8: Stewardship: -Regular Offering—\$1,222.00 Easter Offering: \$40.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$50.00 Building Fund: \$110.00 Ashes to Easter: \$29.94

Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **TODAY—ST. MONICA’S SPRING FESTIVAL: 11AM—Bar-B-Que Chicken & Sausage—\$10.00 plate—Silent Auction, Cake Wheel & Country Store—See Bulletin Board**
- **KC MEETING: April 17th (Tuesday) —Cyclone—7:30pm**
- **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday—April 18th after Mass in the Marak Parish Hall.**
- **KC FUNDRAISER: April 21st—Flag Hall—6pm—\$100/Couple**
- **BARCLAY COMMUNITY CENTER FUNDRAISER: April 22nd—BBQ w/trimmings—11am till ?**
- **St. Mary’s Catholic Church—Spring Festival—Sunday, April 22nd—Geneva Hall—Elm Mott—10:30am—4pm— See bulletin board**
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, April 29th—8am to 11:30am—Cyclone—See bulletin board in the back of the church.**
- **A BIG THANK YOU: from the Kitchen Committee to Carl, Tricia, Chase, Cade and Cutter Hubnik for their generous donation of 33 broiler chickens toward the making of dressing for our picnic.**

Calendar

Monday

April 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8–15

Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday

April 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51–8:1a

Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday

April 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b–8

Jn 6:35–40

Thursday

April 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26–40

Jn 6:44–51

Friday

April 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1–20

Jn 6:52–59

Saturday

April 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31–42

Jn 6:60–69

Sunday

April 22

Fourth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 4:8–12

1 Jn 3:1–2

Jn 10:11–18

Dear Padre,

I read my horoscope in the daily newspaper faithfully. Is there anything wrong with this? I don't take what it says seriously, but sometimes the predictions do come true.

Many people enjoy reading their daily horoscopes as a form of entertainment. Like you, they don't take it seriously. When it's approached in this lighthearted way, there is no sin. Others, however, take their horoscopes seriously. Perhaps they don't realize what might underlie their fascination with it. Could it be a desire to escape responsibility? It's a cop-out to believe horoscope advice like, "If the position of the stars makes



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you act a certain way, then you're not responsible for your actions." This thinking doesn't acknowledge that God, as Lord of the universe, is the creator of these stars and their movements. It's absurd to ascribe mystical powers to the stars themselves as if they could influence us independently of God's providence.

What about predictions that come true? Reread that horoscope and you'll usually find it was worded in such a general way that it would fit almost any situation. There's also the aspect of the self-fulfilling prophecy. If you *think* you're going to have a certain type of day, you are more likely to *have* that type of day. Your approach affects your day, not an outside force.

The future will always contain unknowns. For Christians, however, the unknown is cushioned by the belief that all things are in the providential hands of a loving God.

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A Word From Pope Francis

Jesus tells us that the path to encountering him is to find his wounds. We find Jesus' wounds in carrying out works of mercy, giving to...the body of your wounded brother, because he is hungry...because he's in jail, because he is in the hospital.

Those are the wounds of Jesus today.

—Homily, feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, July 3, 2013