

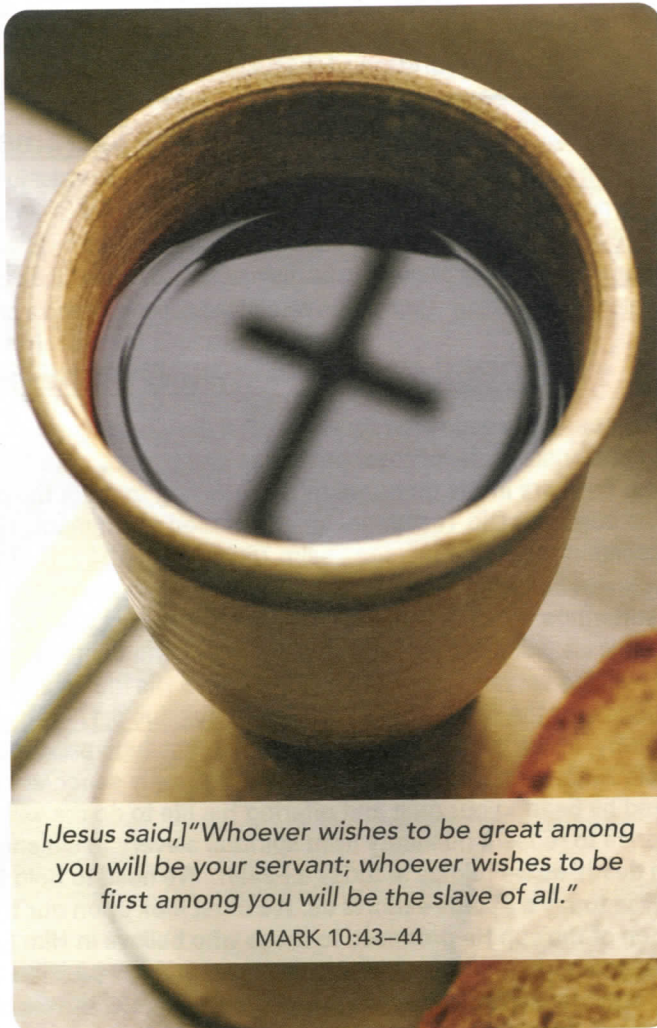
## Can You Drink the Cup?

**T**hat is the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honor. They wanted to be recognized for their loyalty. Don't we all? Jesus asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? And they both say: "We can" (10:39). Such confidence and self-assurance!

This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship—not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today's readings have a specific focus. He asks: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering?

Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: "Because of his anguish...my servant, the just one, shall justify the many" (53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role?

Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. "Can you drink the cup?"



*[Jesus said,] "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."*

MARK 10:43-44

SHUTTERSTOCK

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✱ *Think of times when the welfare of another made you forget about yourself.*
- ✱ *Do you always seek praise? Are you indignant when others are praised? What can you do about this?*

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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

**Pastor:** Rev. RanJan Cletus

**Mailing address:** 20120 FM 485, Burlington, TX 76519.....**Phone** 254-985-2280

**Email:** cyclone.marak@gmail.com **Website:** marakchurch.org

**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.

### OCTOBER 17, 2021 — TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honors. But the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His Cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks.

The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins (see Psalm 75:9; Jeremiah 25:15, 28; Isaiah 51:17). But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins (compare Luke 12:50).

In this He will fulfill the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading. Like Isaiah's servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel's priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people (see Leviticus 5:17–19). Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Epistle. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood (see Hebrews 9:12).

And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many"—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death. He has delivered us from death, as we rejoice in today's Psalm. We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him (see Colossians 1:24). We must remember that we have been baptized into His passion and death (see Romans 6:3).

In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood (see Mark 14:23–24).



10/10: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$ 1,295.00

10/10: Building Fund: \$ 55.00

10/10: Children's Offering: \$8.00

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 October 24, 2021**

**Rosary:** Liz Jungmann

**Offertory:** Robert & Vickie Plachy

**Ushers:** Dennis Marek & Michael Hrozek

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jeannine Dohnalik

**Lector:** Misty Green

**Altar Servers:** Chase, Cade, Cutter



**Sanctuary Light: October 18th-24th:** Albert Michalka by Marguerite Michalka

**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: Anton Vrazel, David Minatra, Reenie Hubnik, Kathy Hubnik, Baby Townes Bush, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., 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](mailto:Slavik@farm-market.net)**

**MARAK MASSES —October 17-24, 2021**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today— 10/17	10:15am	+ Eugene Marak by Cecilia Marak + Irene & Dan Hoelscher by Aline Junek + Eugene Vaculin by George & Linda Dohnalik + Louis & Delia Vansa by Richard & Barbara Vansa
10/20— Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Albina Vrazel by Evelyn Marek + Annie Mae Hubnik by Martha Hubnik + Joe Vansa by Billy & Mary Ann Seaton + Eugene Vaculin by Elizabeth Clark
10/24 — Sunday	10:15am	+ Martha Tomek by Ronald & Irene Kaulfus + Julie Motyka Padgett by Tom & Julie Motyka + Henry Hubnik, Sr. by Family + Susan Jochec by Raymond Jochec Family

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **TODAY:** Nomination Ballots for Parish Council have to be turned
- **TODAY:** St. Mary's Church Fall Festival—Bremond—Dinner from 11:30am-1:30pm. \$12/plate—See Bulletin board in church entry for more information.
- **TODAY:** St. Monica's Catholic Church—Cameron—Drive thru Fall Fajita—\$10/plate. See bulletin board for more information.
- **OCTOBER 19TH:** KC meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Cyclone at 7pm.
- **OCTOBER 20TH:** Parish Council meeting after Mass.
- **OCTOBER 24TH:** Cyclone—Marak Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive with Baylor Scott & White blood center from 8am to 11am at St. Joseph Parish Hall. You can schedule your appointment at [bswblood.com](http://bswblood.com)—Mask are required. Complimentary breakfast will be served.
- **INFORMATION:** Parishioners please do not park partially on the grass and new paving due to the fact that it will destroy the edges of the paving. Please park only on the paving. Thank you !
- **OCTOBER 31ST:** October is Czech Heritage Month in Texas and St. Anne's Society #21 of Marak will sponsor a Polka Mass on October 31st. Musicians for the Polka Mass will be Alfred Vrazel, Mike, Janice & James Marek. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

# Dear Padre,

**Can a minister of holy Communion who visits hospitals bless a doctor? I was recently asked to do this. I didn't know how to say no, so I said a prayer over him even though I'm not ordained. Was that OK?**

**You did the right thing.** The Church's *Book of Blessings* gives guidelines for a variety of blessings, some of which may be given by laypeople (see page xxviii). For example, parents may bless their children. Baptized laypeople



who carry out functions on behalf of the Church may also give blessings: catechists may bless their students, and eucharistic ministers who visit the sick may bless them.

Laypeople may give various other blessings, including blessing the sick, food, a new home, seeds at planting time, and throats on the feast of St. Blaise. A layperson may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, though the actual blessing of the ashes is reserved for the clergy. Also reserved for

the ordained are blessings of liturgical vessels and parishioners entering ministry as readers, altar servers, ministers of holy Communion, or musicians. Blessings of the cathedra (the bishop's chair in the cathedral church) and the consecration of the sacred chrism are reserved for bishops.

If you're trained to minister in the hospital and are there with the approval of your pastor and the hospital's pastoral team, you can give blessings. The *Book of Blessings* has texts to guide your words.

*Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)*



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The way of service is the most effective antidote against the disease of seeking first place....Therefore, as disciples of Christ, let us receive this Gospel passage as a call to conversion, in order to witness with courage and generosity a Church that bows at the feet of the least, in order to serve them with love and simplicity.*

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 21, 2018

© 2021 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in USA. *Imprimatur*: "In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish was granted on March 22, 2021, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication; nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the *New American Bible*, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. To order Liguori Sunday Bulletins, visit [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org) or call 800-325-9521.

## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b

Lk 10:1-9

### Tuesday

OCTOBER 19

Sts. John de Brébeuf

and Isaac Jogues,

Priests, and

Companions, Martyrs

Rom 5:12, 15b,

17-19, 20b-21

Lk 12:35-38

### Wednesday

OCTOBER 20

Weekday

Rom 6:12-18

Lk 12:39-48

### Thursday

OCTOBER 21

Weekday

Rom 6:12-18

Lk 12:39-48

### Friday

OCTOBER 22

Weekday

Rom 7:18-25a

Lk 12:54-59

### Saturday

OCTOBER 23

Weekday

Rom 8:1-11

Lk 13:1-9

### Sunday

OCTOBER 24

Thirtieth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9

Heb 5:1-6

Mk 10:46-52

**Liguori**  
PUBLICATIONS  
*A Redemptorist Ministry*