

Say "Yes" and Go Out

We can really relate to God when he repeats the people's blame and accusations at him for not being fair. In moments of suffering or injustice, it's easy to pass judgment and blame it all on God. It's especially difficult when innocent and good people (ourselves included) suffer. We're tempted to ask, "Aren't you supposed to treat your friends better?"

We only need to look at Marco Palmezzano's painting *Christ Bearing the Cross* to reconsider our complaints. How have we treated God?

Jesus was and is the most innocent of souls; no other being was or is as good as Jesus. No one was asked to suffer like him, and he suffered not to gain for himself but to pay our debt. Relating it to today's Gospel lesson, Jesus is the son who, when asked to work in his Father's vineyard, promptly said "yes" and went. Always obedient, always docile, always loving.

Watching Jesus, we hear the echo of St. Paul's letter. Jesus humbly regarded his brothers and sisters as more than himself and was willing to go to the cross and win them back for the Father. Keep in mind, those siblings had destroyed family

unity, squandered away their inheritance, sold their birthright, sold him into slavery with their sin, and very often refused his love. Yet "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

God knows his merciful justice well and can kindly and provokingly ask in Ezekiel 18:25, "Is it my way that is unfair? Are not your ways unfair?"

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Christ Bearing the Cross*, circa 1535
Artist: Marco Palmezzano
Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Am I fair to God by giving him thanksgiving, adoration, and obedience for his love? Am I fair to others by offering them gratitude and humble kindness?

"Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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

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Mass Schedule: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 6PM

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 wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

October 1, 2017 : Twenty –Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

SAINT OF THE WEEK: October 7– Our Lady of the Rosary: The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, formerly known as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory and Feast of the Holy Rosary, is a feast day of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated on 7 October, the anniversary of the decisive victory of Christians over the Turks in 1571 at the Battle of Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as "the apostle of the rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to its present form—with the 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added five Mysteries of Light to this devotion. October is the Month of the Rosary, please remember to pray the Rosary.

NCCW Sunday celebrates our Catholic women in the United States with our organizations with the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women & for us in the Killeen/Temple Deanery. We are blessed to have such a strong organization as our Deanery & working with the Austin Dioceses.

**Fr. George will be out of town from Oct. 2-5 for Priest's Convocation
and also Oct. 9-12 on a pilgrimage to Chimayo, New Mexico**

Bulletin Information: MARAK: Merlene Slavik (254-697-1247) - **CYCLONE:** Nancy Posvar (254-869-2511) **Bulletin deadline :** Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for Sunday, October 1

Rosary: Lynn Hornung

Eucharistic Minister : Judy Vaculin

Ushers: Women of St. Ann's Altar Society Lector: Jeannine Dohnalik

Offertory: Evelyn Marek & Patsy Gaines

Altar Servers: Erin tomek & Pat Higgins

Sanctuary Light: 9/25 -10/1 Joe & Stephina Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel

Prayer Chain...Continue to pray for all those in need of prayer and especially for the victims that are affected by the recent natural disasters.. Pray for Vocations & more priests. Prayers are powerful and God answers prayers.

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

Today -+Deceased Members of St. Ann's Altar Society

10/4 Wed. -+ No Mass

10/8 Sun.—10:15AM - Stefina Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

10/3 Tues. 7am + No Mass

10/5 Thurs. 7am+ No Mass

10/6 Fri. 7 am - + Randolph Green by Monica Mikeska

10/7 Sat. Vigil Mass 5:30pm - + Johnny Klecka by Monica Mikeska

10/8 Sun. 8:15 am - + Larry Posvar by Monica Mikeska

Stewardship: Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday 9/24 Collection \$1,114.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 1st St. Matthews Catholic Fall Festival -

Sunday, Oct. 8th. Westphalia Picnic— Church of the Visitation—

Monday, Oct. 9th—Marak Parish Social—Pot Luck & Dominos 6 pm ...Join the fun.

Sunday, Oct. 15th. St. Stephens Picnic—Salado—

Sunday, Oct. 15th. St. Luke's Fest—Temple

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

A CULTURE OF LIFE: This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them. Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Calendar

Monday

October 2

The Holy

Guardian Angels

Zec 8:1-8

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday

October 3

Weekday

Zec 8:20-23

Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Neh 2:1-8

Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

October 5

Weekday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6,
7b-12

Lk 10:1-12

Friday

October 6

Weekday

Bar 1:15-22

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

October 7

Our Lady
of the Rosary

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

October 8

Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

Dear Padre,

Why do we offer Mass for a specific intention? Aren't Masses offered for the intentions of all present?

The Eucharist makes present, in this moment, the memorial sacrifice of Christ; the source of the Church's life and the focus of the Church's prayer (see the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 10). Mass always includes the intentions of a local community as well as the needs of all people throughout the world. In the eucharistic prayer, we pray for the community and those "scattered throughout the world."

What does a renewed liturgical practice mean for specific Mass intentions? Canon law speaks of applying the Mass for anyone living and dead (see Canon 901). The practice also has roots in history, especially during medieval times, when participation at Mass was at a low. Asking the priest to remember an intention kept people active and connected their needs to those of the wider Church. Vatican II stressed active participation in its liturgical renewal, so asking specific intentions needs a renewed understanding.



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Special intentions provide a value—we become aware of others' needs and troubles. If we are aware of how these troubles affect a member of our parish, we can not only pray for that person but reach out and help. However, the Eucharist does not give grace only to those named in special intentions. The grace God gives through the Eucharist is meant for the

whole Church. God's grace builds us up in holiness. Since people find special intentions important, the response from pastors is important in helping people understand how God's grace affects everyone.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"Priestly joy is a joy which is sister to obedience. An obedience to the Church in the hierarchy which gives us not simply the external framework for our obedience...but also union with God the Father, the source of all fatherhood. It is likewise an obedience to the Church in service....The availability of her priests makes the Church a house with open doors, a refuge for sinners, a home for people living on the streets, a place of loving care for the sick, a camp for the young....Wherever God's people have desires or needs, there is the priest, who knows how to listen and feels a loving mandate from Christ who sends him to relieve that need with mercy."

—Homily, Holy Thursday, April 17, 2014