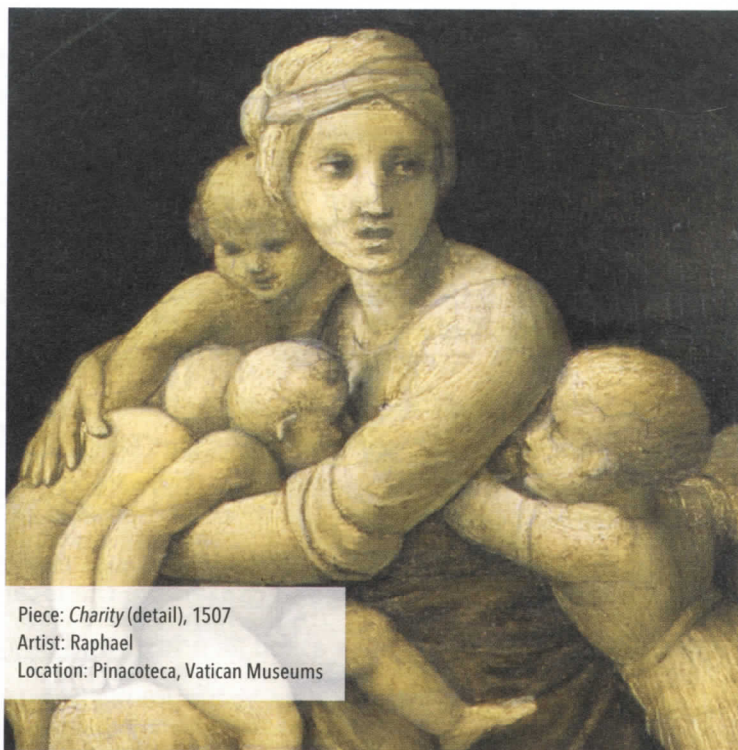


## What's Our ROI?

The Gospel today encourages good investments! Jesus heaps praise on the good servants who were faithful in small matters and rewarded with the joy of the master. The servant who gets called wicked and lazy is punished, not because he miscalculated a risk but because he feared his master and took no risk at all. He was frozen by the thought that he could lose everything, so he buries the talent and anxiously awaits the master's return. He is wicked not for investing poorly but for not investing at all.

God has given us all so many talents, and he does so for us to enjoy a grand return on investment (ROI). He wants us to use our talents, work them, develop them, and—at the end of our lives—enjoy showing him the way they have multiplied. Like a loving parent, he knows that much of our happiness is in developing and growing those talents with his grace. Those talents are a sign of his call and an invitation to step out in faith.

Parents, your job is to help your children develop their talents and dreams. A confident, enthusiastic, and risk-taking child is a sign of parents who know the balance of loving discipline, positive motivation, and a healthy distance. Children who feel secure in the love of their parents are willing to venture out and invest their talents, for they know someone will always be there to accompany them and catch them if they fall.



Piece: *Charity* (detail), 1507  
Artist: Raphael  
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

Our loving God is the first to know this and so invites us with this parable to trust, invest, and enjoy the returns.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*What are the most important talents I have? Think of virtues, abilities, qualities, time.*

*Which talent should I invest in more so I can enjoy the return God wants?*

*[Jesus said,] "It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them" (Matthew 25:14).*

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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

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

**Email:** cyclone.marak@gmail.com **Pastor:** Rev. George Thirumangalam CMI

**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.

### **November 19, 2017: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A**

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

#### **A special Announcement from His Excellency Joe Vasquez, Bishop of Austin:**

Over the years, I have been personally inspired by the love that the people of our Diocese have for the Blessed Virgin Mary, and how this love is expressed in beautiful devotions across various cultures.

Therefore, in this Fatima centennial year and in the 70th year since the founding of our diocese, I have decided to consecrate the local church of the Diocese of Austin to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On December 10, 2017 I have asked all priests and people to join me in a solemn prayer of consecration to the Mother of God, asking for her maternal help and protection. In doing so we are not only entrusting ourselves to her loving heart, but we are asking her to bring us even closer to her Son, Jesus.

I thank you for your continued prayers for me, our Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Garcia, and for the Diocese of Austin. May God Bless you. Webpage: <http://austindiocese.org/ihmconsecratio>

**SAINT OF THE Week—November 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr** (fourth century) lived in Alexandria, Egypt, during the reign of the Roman emperor Maxentius. Leger says that Catherine bravely confronted the emperor about his pagan beliefs. Maxentius gathered fifty pagan philosophers and challenged her to a debate. Her arguments were so convincing that many of the philosophers converted to Christianity. He then threatened to kill her unless she married him and denounced her faith. She refused and was condemned to death on a spiked wheel, but the wheel fell apart when she touched it. She was then beheaded, and legend says that angels carried her to Mount Sanai. She has been venerated since the tenth century.

**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 Wednesday- 11/22 Thanksgiving Eve

Lector : Alfred Vrazel Offertory: Kay & Ed Moraw Ushers: Volunteers

Altar Servers Chase Hubnik & Cade Hubnik Eucharistic Minister: Johnny Winkler

Sunday: November 26

Rosary: Liz Jungmann

Eucharistic Minister : Misty Green

Ushers: Raymond Jochec & G. Tomek

Lector: Rhonda Gelner

Altar Servers : Camryn Green & Colby Green Offertory: Richard & Janice Johnson

Sanctuary Light: 11/21 -26 Thomas Strmiska by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel

### MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

Today - +Jerry Plachy by Family

Wed. 11/22 Thanksgiving Eve 5:30 pm  
+August & Mary Hubnik  
by Liz & Arvell Jungmann

Sun. 11/26 - 10:15AM In Honor of  
Laddie & Edith Vaculin  
65th Wedding Anniversary

Stewardship: Thank you for your generosity . Sun. collection 11/12 \$1,444.00

### MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

11/21 Tues. 7am + Lucy Mihatsch  
by Janet Ferguson

11/22 Wed. 8 pm Thanksgiving Eve

11/23 Thurs. 9 am: + Larry Posvar  
by Ray & Angie Kosel

11/24 Fri. 7 am - + Lucy Mihatsch  
by Jane & Danny Bruggman

11/25 Sat. Vigil Mass 5:30pm -  
+ Randolph Green  
by Dewayne & Nancy Mesecke

11/26 Sun. 8:15 am - + Larry Posvar by  
Janice & Chuck McCourt

### UPCOMING EVENTS

International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima - Wed. Dec. 6th at St. Lukes-Temple from 9am-8 pm Veneration 11am—8 pm. See Bulletin Board for more information.

Parish Christmas Domino Social—Mon. Dec. 11th. Bring Pot Luck & Gift Exchange \$15.00 -Begins 6 pm.

Parish Christmas Pot Luck Dinner and Christmas Program -Sun. Dec. 17 hosted by K.J.Z.T. #21. More details next week

Confessions at St. Joseph's—Wed. Dec.6th 7pm

Confessions at St. Cyril & Methodius—Marak - Wed. Dec. 13th after 5;30 Mass. Three priests available.

K of C Meeting—Tues., Nov. 21st 7:30 pm St. Joseph's Hall.

Sympathy and Prayers to the Lawrence Vrazel , Jr Family. May God surround you with love and healing with your loss .

## Calendar

### Monday

November 20

#### Weekday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43,  
54-57, 62-63  
Lk 18:35-43

### Tuesday

November 21

Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18-31  
Lk 19:1-10

### Wednesday

November 22

St. Cecilia,  
Virgin and Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31  
Lk 19:11-28

### Thursday

November 23

#### Weekday

1 Mc 2:15-29  
Lk 19:41-44

### Friday

November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc,  
Priest, and Companions,  
Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59  
Lk 19:45-48

### Saturday

November 25

#### Weekday

1 Mc 6:1-13  
Lk 20:27-40

### Sunday

November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28  
Mt 25:31-46

# Dear Padre,

**Our daughter and son-in-law graduated from Catholic high schools, but they're not bringing up their children in the Catholic faith....I feel an obligation to the children, but I don't know what to do.**

I understand your concern and sadness, but we must always remember that parents have the primary responsibility for their children's religious education. People such as priests, teachers, grandparents, and godparents can help, but they cannot usurp the role of the parents.

If your daughter is truly alienated from the Church or has truly given up her faith in God, then anything you say or do will probably make her angry. In that case, your best approach is one of kindness to her and her family and regular prayer for her and for them.

Often, however, young parents aren't really alienated from God or the Church but have just drifted away. If they decide they should do something about their children's religious training, they often don't know who to contact. If this seems to be the case with your daughter and her husband, gently inform them that you will be glad to help get the children started. Contact your parish priest (or theirs) for the necessary information. This can be a big help to people who have been away from Catholic practice for a long time.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security....More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: "Give them something to eat" (Mark 6:37).*

—The Joy of the Gospel (*Evangelii Gaudium*), November 24, 2013