



## Get Ready

As we near the end of the liturgical year and prepare for Advent, the readings get us ready for the Second Coming of Jesus by addressing our own final encounter with him. The Church summarizes the last realities each person must reflect on: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. In short, when we die we will face personal judgment. If our response has been to return Jesus' love, the reward will be heaven. But if we reject Jesus, the result will be hell.

This should not be a source of anxiety or fear, but rather faith, serenity, and hopeful confidence. If we are not quite ready, now is the age of mercy, and God's grace abounds for those who seek it. It is a healthy thing to be prepared and wise. All of us know our final encounter with Jesus at the end of life is coming. It would be foolish to ignore it or not maturely reflect on its implications.

Oil is the natural resource mentioned in the Gospel because without the light and warmth that an oil lamp provided, the guests could get lost in the dark or need to abandon the wait because of the cold. As we journey through this life, awaiting the marriage feast of Jesus, our hearts can get dimmed and icy if we are not lit by the oil of love and the warmth of the Spirit. We don't know the day or the hour when Jesus will come take us into the eternal banquet, but we know for sure that day is coming.

The wise guest is the person fueled by the oil of love and ready for any eventuality. As the Boy Scout motto goes—Be Prepared.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*Am I constantly in contact with the mercy of God so I am always ready? How am I living now so that I am always prepared for the final encounter with Jesus?*

*[Jesus said,] "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13).*

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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

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### **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 12, 2017: 32nd Sunday in ORDINARY TIME A

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### **PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS :**

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As St Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God—virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, in love, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes. If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry. We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God, hastened toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet which will satisfy our souls

—Scott Hahn

**SAINT OF THE WEEK .** St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231), the queen of Hungary & mother of four children, had a special love for the downtrodden. She built a hospital in the basement of her castle, nursed the sick, fed the hungry, & provided life giving work for the poor. After the death of her husband, she took the habit of a Franciscan tertiary (Third Order Franciscan), devoting herself to a life of simplicity & almsgiving. Along with her selfless service to those in need, she actively pursued God through prayer & spiritual discipline. St. Elizabeth is the patron saint of Franciscan tertiaries, bakers, brides, the homeless, & charities (among others).

**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, November 19**

**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Vaculin

**Rosary:** Need Volunteer

**Ushers:** KJZT JRS

**Lector:** Kelley Laurence

**Altar Servers:** Erin Tomek & Pat Higgins

**Offertory:** KJZT JRS

**Sanctuary Light: 11/13-20th** Jerry Plachy by Robert & Vicki Plachy

**Prayer Chain**...Continue to pray for all those in need of prayer and especially Coleman Thompson, Chasity Blackwell (E. Marak Niece), Forest Sapp. Pray for Vocations & more priests. Prayers are powerful and God answers prayers.

### **MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK**

**Today** - +Martha Hertenberger by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel

**Wed. 11/15** 6 pm Viola Sevcik by Stuchly & Knappek Families

**Sun. 11/19 - 10:15AM** +Jerry Plachy by Family

**Thank you for your generosity:**  
All Saints Offering 11/1 \$163.00  
Sunday 11/5 \$1,647.00

### **MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE**

**11/14** Tues. 7am + Lucy Mihatsch by Dewaye & Nancy Mesecke

**11/16** Thurs. 7:00 pm + Marvin Wilde by Dorothy Wilde

**11/17** Fri. 7 am - + Lucy Mihatsch by Jane & Danny Bruggman

**11/18** Sat. Vigil Mass 5:30pm— +Randolph Green by Rachel Green

**11/19 Sun.** 8:15 am + Lucy Mithasch by Jane & Danny Bruggman

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mon., Nov. 13th Marak Parish Social** 6 pm Pot Luck Dinner & Dominos

**Wed., Nov. 15th—KJZT Meeting** after mass at Parish Hall

**Wed. Nov. 15th-Killeen/Temple Deanery Council of Catholic Women** Westphalia 10 AM

**Service Project**—Socks & T-Shirts Donations may be dropped in Basket in church entrance —NO WHITE SOCKS OR WHITE T-SHIRTS.

**Sun., Nov. 19th** Quilt & Craft Show—Westphalia Parish Hall 9am-4pm... Turkey Dressing Chicken Spaghetti casseroles for sale., vendors, raffle etc. Admission \$2.00.

**Sun., Nov. 19 : Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Joseph's—Cyclone 4 pm.** Refreshments after the service provided by the ladies of the parish.

**Tues., Nov. 21 KC Meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Hall 7:30 pm.**

**Parish Sympathy & Prayers to Robert & Vicki Plachy Family** in the loss of her Mom, Lois Orsag

## Calendar

### Monday

November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,

Virgin

Wis 1:1-7

Lk 17:1-6

### Tuesday

November 14

Weekday

Wis 2:23-3:9

Lk 17:7-10

### Wednesday

November 15

Weekday

Wis 6:1-11

Lk 17:11-19

### Thursday

November 16

Weekday

Wis 7:22b-8:1

Lk 17:20-25

### Friday

November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary,

Religious

Wis 13:1-9

Lk 17:26-37

### Saturday

November 18

Weekday

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Lk 18:1-8

### Sunday

November 19

Thirty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13,

19-20, 30-31

1 Thes 5:1-6

Mt 25:14-30 or

25:14-15, 19-21

# Dear Padre,

**How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us “through the gates”? Do you think that this will happen any time soon?**

We have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world's end is hidden. Jesus said: “But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone” (Matthew 24:36).

In spite of Christ's admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on their misinterpretation of the Book of Revelation.

Throughout history, many have attempted to use the Book of Revelation as a timetable. They misinterpreted symbols and numbers as a forecast of what would happen in their own century. Over and over again, such people have used Revelation to predict the end of the world.

The world might end tomorrow, in five billion years, or somewhere in between. Jesus tells us we can't know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ, our Judge. And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

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PEPELS



## A Word From Pope Francis

*Dear brothers, unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey? It isn't true that God's presence has been dimmed in them.*

—Address to Bishops of Brazil, July 27, 2013



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