

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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

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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 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.

MAY 24, 2020—ASCENSION OF THE LORD

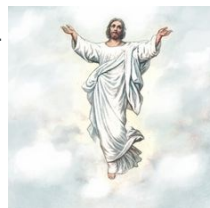
In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14-15](#)). Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" ([Acts 1:5](#)). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.



5/17: Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$800.00 5/17: Building Fund:\$50.00

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 May 31

Rosary: Veronica Hrozek

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Vaculin

Offertory: Labaron Graham Family

Lector: Jill Stermer

Ushers: Keith Kuzel & James Marek

Altar Servers: Sam Richter, Will Richter, Brady Barton

Sanctuary Light: May 25th-May 31st: John & Gertrude Michna by Glen & Kelly Laurence



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 the following: JoLeen Cayhill. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain, please contact:

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—May 24-31, 2020

Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 5/24	10:15am	+ In Honor of Clem & Martha Tomek's 65th Anniversary + Robert Moraw by Ed & Kay Moraw
5/27—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Ethel Moraw by Marilyn Ejem + Martha Hertenberger by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
5/31—Sunday	10:15am	+ Albina Vrazel by Terry & Barbara McNeill + Daniel Hromcik by Joyce Vaculin

CYCLONE MASSES— May 24-31, 2020

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today – 5/24	8:15am	+ William Schneider by David & Janet Kasner
5/26—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Michelle Crews by Charlie & Jackie Green
5/28—Thursday	7:00am	+ Lucille Bruggman by Larry & Pauline Hoelscher
5/29—Friday	7:00am	+ Royella Roessler by Bill & Carol Smetana
5/30—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Albina Vrazel by Beatrice Mallory
5/31—Sunday	8:15am	+ Dolores Motl by Donna McEntire

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **WELCOME BACK:** A great big welcome back to church (outside under the band Pavilion) — great to see everyone who is able to attend. May God continue to bless us and get us back to our church family. Please continue to check the website and Facebook for updates on upcoming Masses.
- **JUNE 7: Annual June Fundraiser—Holy Trinity Church—Corn Hill—Fried Chicken, sausage, dressing, noodles and green beans. Served 11am—1pm at the PAC—\$10/plate—DRIVE-THRU ONLY!**