

## 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.

### OCTOBER 18, 2020—TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.” Psalm 17

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see **John 19:11**; **Romans 13:1**). In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: “I have called you . . . though you knew me not.”

The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see **Ezra 1:1-4**). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see **Romans 9:17**). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see **2 Maccabees 6:7-16**).

The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel: “Repay to Caesar” are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see **John 18:36**) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see **Philippians 3:20**), we are called to be a light to the world (see **Matthew 5:14**)—working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels.

We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws—unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see **Acts 5:29**). But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see **Genesis 1:27**). We owe Him our very lives—all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see **Romans 12:1-2**).

We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see **1 Timothy 2:1-2**)—until from the rising of the sun to its setting, all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.



**10/11: Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,485.00**

**10/11: Building Fund: \$225.00**

**10/11: Children's Offering: \$3.00**

**10/11: Picnic Donations: \$900.00**

**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 25

**Rosary:** Liz Jungmann

**Eucharistic Minister:** Johnny Winkler

**Offertory:** George Tomek Family

**Lector:** Jill Stermer

**Ushers:** Patsy Gaines and Debbie Vansa

**Altar Servers:** Camryn Green, Colby Green, Garrison Prcin

**Sanctuary Light: Oct. 12th-18th:** Julie Motyka Padgett by Glenn & 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 to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and for the following: Marilyn June Gonzalez, Jordan Young, Doris Matocha, and Monsignor Victor Goertz. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

### MARAK MASSES — October 18-25, 2020

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today— 10/18	10:15am	+ Joseph Andrew Tomek by Mike & Jane Simon + Annie Mae Hubnik by Arvell & Liz Jungmann
10/21 —Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Albert Michalka by Michael & Tonia Fulton + Ethel Moraw by Lynwood Kleypas Family
10/25—Sunday	10:15am	+ Larry Green by Charles McAtee Family + Daniel Hromcik by Joyce Vaculin

### CYCLONE MASSES —October 18-25, 2020

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today – 10/18	8:15am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's Altar Society
10/20—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Scot Eixman by Oleta Wilde
10/22—Thursday	7:00am	+ Royella Roessler by Denise & Edmund Garza
10/23—Friday	7:00am	+ Walter & Sylvester Streng Families by Walter & Kathleen Lutkenhaus
10/24—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Walter Greener by Monica Mikeska
10/25—Sunday	8:15am	+ Randolph Green by Family

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **THANK YOU:** A very special thanks to the St. Ann's Altar Society for their donation of \$500.00 to the Picnic Funds. We appreciate all you do for the church and May God Bless all of you!
- **DRESSING FOR SALE:** The Altar Society from St. Joseph's parish in Cyclone will be taking orders for dressing. Cost for a pan of dressing (unbaked & frozen) is 5 lbs. \$20 and 2 lbs. \$10. Please contact Linda Hering @ 254-718-1858 or 254-984-2701 to place your order. Hurry and place your order. Deadline is October 26.
- **TODAY—ST. MARY'S FALL FESTIVAL - BREMOND**—To Go Only Plates for pre-sold tickets—BBQ, Polish Sausage & Beef with trimmings and dessert served from 11:30am-2pm on October 18th. Bingo 2-6pm. See flyer on church bulletin board in entry.
- **TODAY—OCTOBER 18TH:** Special Collection for World Missions
- **OCTOBER 20TH:** KC meeting at 7:30pm at Cyclone Parish Hall.
- **OCTOBER 21ST:** Parish Council meeting following Mass.
- **BLOOD DRIVE:** Knights of Columbus #10186 is sponsoring a blood drive on October 25th— 8am to 1pm in front of St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Cyclone. Please schedule an appointment time by calling BS&W @ 254-724-4376 or go online @ BSWBlood.com. Walk-ins will be permitted only as space allows. Masks are required to be worn.
- **THANK YOU:** A very special thank you to Anna Teague and James Teague for cleaning the church flower bed. May God Bless you for your hard work.