

Offering the Gospel to All

If you asked Jesus what he did while on earth, I believe he would say, “preached and healed.” Those were his missions. He had good news to share and a longing to convince his listeners of the truth of this gospel of love and freedom. He was moved because he saw them like sheep without a shepherd. The gospels are nothing other than documentation of Jesus’ efforts to preach the gospel!

Paul shared Christ’s ardor. He was entrusted with preaching to the Gentiles the truth of the Gospel, and he did all he could to convince them of his message. He says he became all things to all, to save at least some. He worked hard during the day so he could pay his own way and offer his message for free. He adapted himself to his audience—their customs and ways of thinking—so they wouldn’t take offense at him, closing their hearts to his message.

How many missionaries have used this same approach? Just think of the French Jesuits Sts. Jean de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues of the Great Lakes region, St. Junípero Serra in the West, or Mother Cabrini serving European

immigrants on the East Coast. They learned new languages, ate new foods, and adopted new traditions to insert themselves into these cultures and share the gospel. They took a page out of Paul’s book, becoming all things to all to save at least some.

We are modern-day apostles and missionaries. Let’s take a page out of Paul’s book, and offer this gospel of hope and love to so many souls in need.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Scenes From the Life of Christ: The Sermon on the Mount*,
circa 1481-1482
Artist: Cosimo Rosselli
Location: Sistine Chapel



For Reflection

When you look around, what needs for the gospel of love do you see? Which of these needs can you fill as Jesus’ apostle?

[Jesus said,] “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.”

(Mark 1:38)

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 6PM(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 wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

February 04, 2018: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyone is looking for you."

Peter's mother-in-law is lifted up as in the Resurrection we celebrate in Easter. And she



begins to serve - just as the apostles are sent out to serve, as we celebrate in Pentecost. She is the church's first deacon. She announces the Gospel by her action. Healed, transformed, and readily at service she slips into her role as easily as if her life-time had prepared her for it.

She serves, like Jesus himself. "For the son of man came not to be served but to serve." She receives the Light into her home, she is raised up by the Light, the Light shines through her as she ministers to others.

And, say witnesses, the place designated as her home in Capernaum is to this day the site of many healings.

Saint of the Week—St. Paul Mikki and companions: February 06: St. Francis Xavier came to Japan in 1549, and many Japanese became Christians. The new ruler feared that Christians would take over the government. In 1587 he banished them and destroyed many of their churches. Some missionary priests stayed and went into hiding, dressing like Japanese in order to minister to the Christians. More than 3,000 Christians were martyred in Japan. On December 8, 1596, the leaders of the community were arrested and condemned to death. Among them were three Japanese Jesuits, six Franciscans (four of them Spanish), and seventeen Japanese laymen. Charged with attempting to harm the government, they were sentenced to crucifixion. Some of these men were very young: Louis was 10; Anthony, 13; Thomas, 16; and Gabriel, 19. The best known is Paul Miki, who was a Japanese of a noble family, a Jesuit brother, and a brilliant preacher.

Ministries for Sunday, February 11

Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Eucharistic Minister : Cynthia Prcin

Ushers: REP

Lector: REP

Offertory: REP

Altar Servers: Erin Tomek & Pat Higgins

Sanctuary Light: 1/29—2/4: Joe Sevcik by Stuchley & Knappek Families

Prayer Chain...Continue to pray for all those in need of prayer especially for Dorothy Vaculin , Raymond Jochec and Sharon Cartwell (friend of Bram Younts). Pray for Vocations & more priests. Prayers are powerful and God answers prayers.

Contact Ethel Marak—254-697-2565 or email—emmarak@juno.com , if you would like to be on the prayer chain or know of someone to place on the prayer chain.

MARAK MASSES—FEBRUARY 4— FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 2/4	10:15am	Eugene Marak by Cecilia Marak
2/7 – Wed.	5:30pm	NO MASS
2/11 - Sunday	10:15am	Living & Deceased Members of Hubnik & Sipula Families by Rudy & Liz Tepera

CYCLONE MASSES - FEBRUARY 4—FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 2/4	8:15am	Marvin Wilde by Henk & Denker Heelms
2/6 – Tuesday	7:00am	NO MASS
2/8—Thursday	7:00am	NO MASS
2/9 - Friday	7:00am	NO MASS
2/10 – Sat. Vigil	5:30pm	Della Green by Jackie & Charlie Green
2/11— Sunday	8:15am	Larry Posvar by Carla & Kyle Kacir

Stewardship: 1/28 -Regular Offering—\$989.00 Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- Father George on Priest's Retreat at Belton Retreat Center—February 4th –PM till February 10th in the AM.
- Today: — K.J.Z.T. Jr.'s will sponsor a Chip-N-Dip/Bake Sale—Super Bowl Sunday. Please support our youth.
- Altar Society Meeting—Wednesday—February 7th at 9am at the Cameron Museum –All Altar Society members, please turn in your volunteer hours by Feb. 21st to Merlene Slavik or Kay Moraw.
- Sts. Cyril & Methodius Patron Saint Celebration Dinner—Sunday, February 18th after Mass—Chicken & Sausage will be furnished—Please bring sides for meal. Everyone is invited to celebrate this special day.
- For Sale: 2000 John Deere 4300 SST with John Deere loader and belly mower—794 hours—viewing of tractor by appointment only. All bids must be signed by bidder and received by April 1st. We reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Send bids or make appointments to Dennis Marek—768 CR 116 Rogers, Texas 76569 or call 254-541-6351.
- Thank you letter from Joe & Patti Zetka for donations received for Hurricane Harvey recovery. See bulletin.

Bulletin Information: MARAK: Patsy Gaines (254-482-0570) - CYCLONE: Nancy Posvar (254-869-2511)

Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Calendar

Monday

February 5

St. Agatha,
Virgin and Martyr
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

February 6

St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

February 7

Weekday
1 Kgs 10:1-10
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

February 8

Weekday
1 Kgs 11:4-13
Mk 7:24-30

Friday

February 9

Weekday
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

February 10

St. Scholastica,
Virgin
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

February 11

Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

Dear Padre,

How can I ask my priest for better homilies?

First, let me commend you for not just accepting bad preaching as a necessary evil. Priests are just like anyone else: Each has his gifts, and not everyone is a gifted preacher.

One of the best things parishioners can do for their priest is to give him



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some honest, specific, helpful feedback instead of the generic, "Nice homily, Father." Many people say that so automatically that it's been said to me even when I wasn't the priest who delivered the homily!

Most priests don't get a lot of quality feedback on their preaching.

Some may find it hard to hear a critique, but most would welcome sincere, constructive criticism as long as it comes from the heart and the goal is to make them better preachers. You can even do this in a letter. Just be sure to sign it so he will take it seriously and be able to contact you for further feedback.

Keep in mind that a homily is not the same as a sermon. Whereas a sermon often includes a lot of moralizing, a homily must artfully draw the listener into questions of the human heart and bring that day's Scripture reading to bear on those questions. In that homily we hear in faith how hope, love, sacrifice, and belief in God guide us on our life journey.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
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A Word From Pope Francis

Jesus sends his disciples out to all nations....We too were part of all those people of two thousand years ago. Jesus did not provide a short list of who is, or is not, worthy of receiving his message and his presence. Instead, he always embraced life as he saw it.

—Canonization of Fr. Junípero Serra, September 23, 2015