

## Quit Grumbling!

Grumbling is terrible. It spreads discontent, discouragement, a negative spirit. It tells others you are unhappy and tries to drag them down. The Israelites grumbled against Moses and, indirectly, against God. He had taken them from slavery, yes, but led them into the desert with poor food and continual wanderings. At least as slaves they had food to eat and knew where they were. The devil can also trick us into believing that Jesus has done us no favors in saving us from the slavery of sin and feeding us with the gospel as we wander after his will.

Jesus faces this shortsightedness. After he multiplies the bread and feeds the people, they follow him—but not because they want to convert and begin living the life of generosity. They follow him because they got their fill. They want a God that satisfies and takes care of them. They want a credit-card God, an unending source of funds to bail them out—not a God who offers salvation through conversion and generosity.

It is common to want a God who obeys *us* and not the other way around. Saint Jerome went into the desert, just like the Egyptians, to learn this lesson

of humble obedience.

Rather than grumble, he prayed for conversion.

He learned that there is no doubt Jesus gives us all we could need,

but we must expand

our hearts and minds to receive it. Conversion is stretching our limits to the bountiful measure of God rather than grumbling and shrinking him to our miserly standards.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Do I need a bit more time praying with God to learn and enjoy his ways?*

*How can I accept all the good God gives me, and desire his will above my own?*



Piece: *The Penitent St. Jerome*, 1497  
Artist: Antonio del Massaro (Il Pastura)  
Location: Vatican Museums

*[Jesus said,] "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."*

*John 6:26*

## 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.

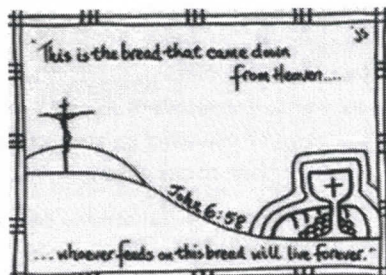
**Confessions:** Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

**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.

### **August 5, 2018 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

***The Lord gave them bread from heaven. Psalm 78***

The journey of discipleship is a life-long exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life. The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading. We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith. As Paul reminds us in this week's Epistle, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made. Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following him for the wrong reasons. They seek him because he filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food. Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him. The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence—that we should trust that he will provide. These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week's Psalm. This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our every day wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need. We have to trust God more. If we seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, all these things will be ours.



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**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, August 12 & Holy Day -August 15**

**Rosary:** Raymond Tomek

**Ushers:** Garrett Prcin & Andy LittleJohn

**Ushers: Aug. 15:** Volunteers

**Offertory:** Raymond Jochec Family

**Offertory: Aug. 15:** Merlene Slavik & Rhonda Gelner

**Altar Servers: August 12:** Camryn Green—Colby Green & Brady Barton

**Altar Servers: August 15:** Sydney Vaculin & Macey Vaculin

**Sanctuary Light :** August 6-12 —No Intentions

**Eucharistic Minister:** Misty Green

**Eucharistic Minister: Aug. 15:** Volunteer

**Lector:** Johnny Winkler

**Lector: Aug. 15:** - Janice Marek



**Prayer Chain...**Continue to pray for all those in need of prayer especially for John David Thompson, Ethel Marak, Dorothy Vaculin , Raymond Jochec, and Sharon Cartwell (friend of Bram Younts). Prayers for those in need of healing and also our soldiers and our Country. Prayers are powerful and with God nothing shall be impossible. **Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net** to be put on the prayer chain.

**MARAK MASSES—August 5-12, 2018**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 8/5	10:15am	+John & Mary Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik Family
8/8— Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Bernard Kostroun by Leon Hollas
8/12- Sunday	10:15am	+August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann

**CYCLONE MASSES— August 5-12, 2018**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 8/5	8:15am	+Larry Posvar by Rose Marie & Jerome Schoppe
8/7— Tuesday	7:00am	+Marvin Wilde by Family
8/9—Thursday	7:00am	+Lucy Mihatsch by Frank & Janice Klecka
8/10—Friday	7:00am	+Mark Kosel by Monica Mikeska
8/11 – Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+Randolph Green by Family
8/12— Sunday	8:15am	+Marietta Brenek by Robert & Debbie Vansa

**7/29 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,618.00**

**7/29 Building Fund: \$75.00**

**Thank you for your Generosity!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **AUGUST 5:** Building Fund Collection today—just a reminder these funds are also used for maintenance and upkeep of all buildings.
- **AUGUST 8:** Please submit work list for your picnic booth by August 8th to Jeannine Dohnalik - Email - jwdohnalik@yahoo.com or phone number 254-239-9188.
- **CONGRATULATIONS:** Blessings to James and Aline Juneke on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
- **EIM TRAININGS:** - August 11—Christ the King—Belton—Christus Center 10am—12 Noon
- August 11—St. Mary's Church—Waco—10am—12 Noon
- August 25—St. Joseph's—Killeen—Banquet Room 9—9am to 11am
- If you want to renew your EIM certification and/or need assistance in signing up for the workshop, please contact Shirley Hoelscher at 541-7950.
- **AUGUST 19:** KJZT Jrs. will sponsor a Back to School Breakfast. Donuts & Kolaches will be served.

## Calendar

### Monday

August 6

Transfiguration  
of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

### Tuesday

August 7

Weekday

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22

Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday

August 8

St. Dominic,  
Priest

Jer 31:1-7

Mt 15:21-28

### Thursday

August 9

Weekday

Jer 31:31-34

Mt 16:13-23

### Friday

August 10

St. Lawrence,  
Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10

Jn 12:24-26

### Saturday

August 11

Weekday

Hab 1:12-2:4

Mt 17:14-20

### Sunday

August 12

Nineteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

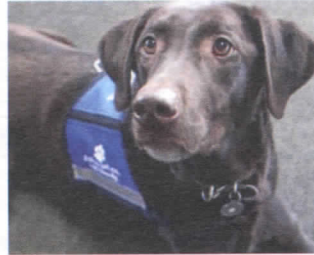
# Dear Padre,

**While attending Mass at a different church, my husband and I saw a woman clutching a dog. My husband was perturbed when she went to Communion carrying her dog. Are there guidelines about bringing animals to Mass?**

Animals are part of God's creation. "He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless and give him glory" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2416). We bless animals in honor of St. Francis, usually outdoors, showing our care for them in God's creation.

Seeing dogs inside church is uncommon, though some churches have been noted to be "pet friendly" by encouraging parishioners to bring pets to Sunday worship.

Your or any parishioner's experience requires parish leaders to make choices based on a clear rationale. Perhaps the pastor agreed to a special circumstance, allowing the dog because its presence offered emotional support. Service dogs, including emotional-support dogs, are certified and welcomed because of legitimate need.



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A parish policy about dogs should consider the safety and well-being of animals and parishioners. A strange environment with lots of people can make dogs anxious. Also, some people are anxious around dogs. In cases of conflict, human needs are typically taken more seriously.

Another concern is cleanliness and allergies. Well-trained dogs may be accident free, but animals that trigger allergies pose problems. Reactions are serious matters, so policies need to consider people's health.

Dogs in church should not be a distraction. Well-trained service dogs have specific functions and should pose minimal distractions; family pets are another matter. Understanding the real need helps us form an appropriate pastoral response that serves the good of all.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*Although there are many reasons to be discouraged, amid many prophets of destruction and condemnation, and so many negative and despairing voices, may you be a positive force, salt and light for this society.... May you be sowers of hope, builders of bridges, and agents of dialogue and harmony.*

—Meeting with priests, religious, and seminarians, April 29, 2017



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