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ACTS 1:8

Power Unmasked

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the Lone Ranger and Tonto rode across our TV screens in days of old, someone would often ask, "Who was that masked man?" Folks never learned his identity, and it didn't matter. For that man had saved them from evil, restoring their lives. In a sense, the Ranger, with Tonto, had passed on to them the power to live safely and productively.

As he was about to return to his Father, the risen Lord said to the apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Yet being blessed with the power that raised the Lord Jesus does not always feel much like a blessing. At times it can feel more like a burden that falls upon our shoulders, one to heal and mend as we try to bring peace and a better world. We wonder why we always must be the one who says, "I'm sorry." Why must we always be the one who plans the evening out or writes the Christmas cards or calls Mom or spends time with the children or listens to someone's tale of woe? Yet such is the power of Jesus for bringing about healing to both spirits and bodies, for creating joy, for designing bridges into the hearts of others, all because the Messiah rode off on a cloud of silver to be welcomed to the right hand of God. Thus, he empowers us. ●

Reflect

Have you ever been surprised by the good God has brought about through you?

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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Masses: Cyclone: Saturday 5:30PM & Sunday 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tues., 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 to schedule 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 21, 2023 — SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.



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

Ministries for May 28, 2023

Rosary: Liz Jungmann
Offertory: Derek Rennspies & Family
Ushers: Garrett & Garrison Prcin

Eucharistic Minister: Ronald Kaulfus
Lector: Janice Marek
Servers: Paige, Claire, Kate

Sanctuary Light: May 22nd—28th: Joe Vansa by Robert & Debbie Vansa

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 for the following: Angela Junek Gonzalez, Blythe Babb, Sam Berry, Laddie Vaculin, Louis and Genevieve Tepera Family, Helen Moriarty, mother of Stacie Higgins, Brady Barton, son of Clay and Rebecca Barton, Rosalie Kostroun, Adrian Mitcham (Hubnik Family), Anton Vrazel, James & Paulette Foster, Reenie Hubnik, Doris Matocha. 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—May 21-28, 2023

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today— 5/21	10:15am	+ Marcella Dohnalik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik + Joe Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Louis & Delia Vansa by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa Graduates by St. Anne's Altar Society
5/28—Sunday	10:15am	+ Albert Michalka by Robert & Debbie Vansa + Jerry Sipula by Kevin & Anna Givens

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **PICNIC RAFFLE:** Our 2022 homecoming Picnic was very successful ! We are asking for your help with this year's raffle. We would like to have tickets printed by June 25th. If you can donate a prize, please contact Julie or Tom Motyka at 254-722-0394.
- **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** The baby bottle campaign for the Place of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center has begun. There are bottles in the church entrance. Please pick one up and fill it with your coins, cash or check and return on or before Father's Day.
- **GRADUATES:** Congratulations to all the Graduates being honored today.
College: Cailynne Hoelscher—Texas Christian University-Masters in Social Work
Rachel Cassandra Givens— Texas Tech University-Doctor of Jurisprudence
High School: Matthew Barron and Chase Hubnik—Cameron Yoe High School
Bryce Givens—St. Dominic Savio High School—Austin
Eight Grade: Bailey Anderle, Kate Higgins, Will Richter, Lucas Stifflemire and Jett Vaculin.
Kolaches and drinks will be served after Mass in honor of the Graduates, sponsored by St. Anne's Altar Society. May God continue to bless and protect all the Graduates.
- **NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY—MAY 24TH.**

5/14: Stewardship—Sunday Offering: \$1,609.00

5/14: Building Fund: \$20.00

5/14: Children's Offering: \$3.00

5/14: Seminarians: \$358.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

Dear Padre,

Why should I be confirmed?

In baptism, God calls you to be a priest, prophet and king. In confirmation, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out those vocations. A priest offers prayer and sacrifice. In confirmation, you are moved to make your everyday life a sacrifice that you join to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 12:1). *Prophet* is from *prophētēs*, a Greek word meaning “spokesperson.” In confirmation, you are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16), just as the apostles were when they received the Holy Spirit on the original day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2–4). When you were baptized, you were made a member of the royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a Servant King, so are we called to serve others in love. In confirmation, we are inspired by the love that God pours into us in his Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

In his first public preaching, Jesus quoted from Isaiah the prophet: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me” (Luke 4:18). That was the beginning of his public ministry. When the bishop anoints you with chrism, you can say the same. Your confirmation is the beginning of your own public ministry. ●



Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A disciple follows the Master daily and shares the joy of discipleship with others. Not by conquering, mandating, proselytizing, but by witnessing, humbling oneself alongside other disciples and offering with love the love that we ourselves received. This is our mission...to show by our lives...that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.

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MONDAY

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1–8
Jn 16:29–33

TUESDAY

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17–27
Jn 17:1–11a

WEDNESDAY

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28–38
Jn 17:11b–19

THURSDAY

May 25
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

FRIDAY

May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19

SATURDAY

May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31
Jn 21:20–25

SUNDAY

May 28
Pentecost
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
Jn 20:19–23