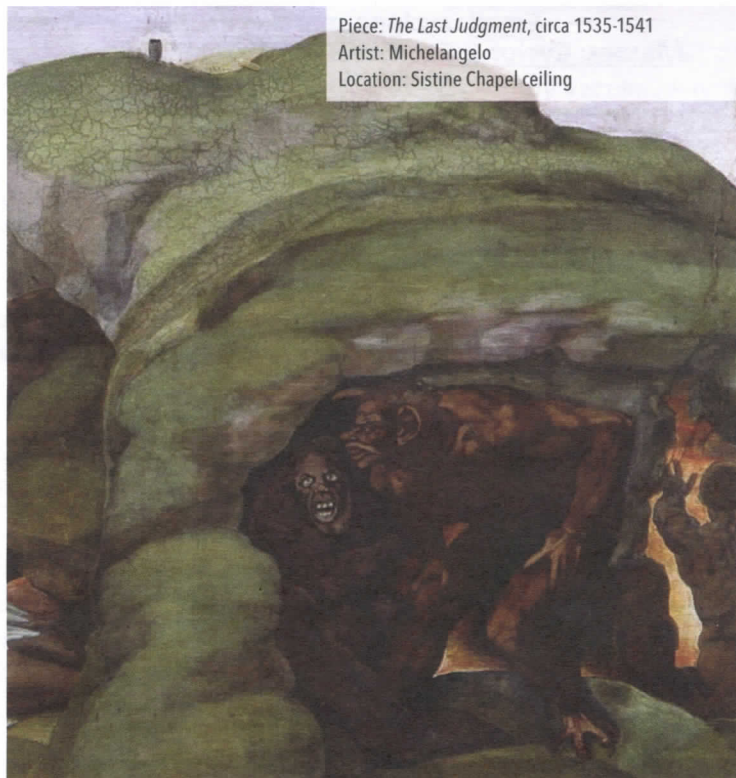


## Progress Isn't Always Easy

Jesus' miracles and preaching were part of what convinced people that he was the Son of God. He spoke like no other and then backed up his words with amazing and wonderful actions. For example, he confronted evil spirits and cast them out. The people were amazed and saw this as evidence of his divinity, because no one had absolute power over evil—except God himself. This is a power the Church continues to practice today through the ministry of healing and exorcism.

Jesus did not want to see people suffer under the power of Satan but rather wanted them to live full and happy lives. "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly," Jesus said in John 10:10. This strong desire of Jesus to heal and save drove him to tirelessly preach and do good. And because of this combination of goodness and power in his person, his fame spread. Yet the message he preached was challenging and demanding. Eventually many preferred to silence that good, powerful, but demanding voice.

Today, like Jesus, the Church still longs for nothing less than humanity's complete health and happiness. Yet, at times, the path to that human progress is not the easiest. Like temperamental children are chided by loving parents to eat healthy food rather than just what they like, so the good and powerful voice and



Piece: *The Last Judgment*, circa 1535-1541

Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling

actions of the Church are challenged.

We find our full flourishing as human beings and as Catholics by embracing Jesus' words and desires for us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Am I letting myself be tricked into eating any moral junk food that isn't healthy for my long-term spiritual and moral flourishing?*

*Jesus...said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" ....  
He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.  
(Mark 1:25, 27)*

## **WELCOME BACK FATHER GEORGE!!**

### **THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK**

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

**Pastor:** Rev. George Thirumangalam CMI

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**Masses: Cyclone:** Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

**Marak:** Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 6PM

#### **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.

### **January 28, 2018: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan. Notice that today's events take place on the Sabbath. The Sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation and His deliverance of his covenant people, Israel, from slavery. On this Sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil. "With an unclean spirit" is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons.

The demons' question: "What have you to do with us?" is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment. And as God by His word "rebuked" the forces of chaos in creating the world, and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus, Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons. Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading. Though He has authority over heaven and earth, He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle. In this liturgy, we hear His voice and "see" His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

**Saint of the Week—St. John Bosco (1815-1888)—January 31**—God gifted St. John Bosco with the ability to read and interpret the signs of the times. Living during rapid industrialization and growing anticlericalism, he became very concerned about the emotional and spiritual livelihood of people, especially the plight of the young. St. John worked to provide positive and affirming environments, including orphanages and oratories, where the young could learn and recognize their infinite potential. In the spirit of his favorite hero, St. Francis de Sales, he founded the Salesians, a religious congregation devoted to works of charity, which an emphasis on empowering young people to become strong pillars of faith in a culture of instability. His work among young men living in the slums proved to be a worthy endeavor. Whether he was presiding at Mass or playing games with children or carrying the sick to hospitals, it was obvious he lived until his "last breath...day and night, morning and evening" for the neglected and abandoned.



## Ministries for Sunday, February 4

**Rosary:** K.J.Z.T. Jrs.

**Eucharistic Minister :** Kelly Laurence

**Ushers:** K.J.Z.T. Jrs.

**Lector:** K.J.Z.T. Jrs.—Chase & Cade Hubnik

**Offertory:** K.J.Z.T. Jrs.

**Altar Servers:** Lilly Brunson—Gracen Dach—Sam Richter

**Sanctuary Light: 1/22-1/28:** Katherine Bedrich by Merlene Slavik

**Prayer Chain...**Continue to pray for all those in need of prayer especially for Dorothy Vaculin , Raymond Johech 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—JANUARY 28—February 4. 2018**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today- 1/28	10:15am	Cyril Vaculin by Tony & Debbie Dohnalik
1/31 – Wed.	5:30pm	Minnie Kuzel by Patsy Gaines
2/4- Sunday	10:15am	Eugene Marak by Cecilia Marak

### **CYCLONE MASSES - JANUARY 28– February 4. 2018**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 1/28	8:15am	Randolph Green by Sharon Kosel
1/30– Tuesday	7:00am	For Baby Kasa by Charlie & Jackie Green
2/1—Thursday	7:00am	Lucy Mihatsch by Howard & Connie Hall
2/2 - Friday	7:00am	Larry Posvar by Kyle & Carla Kacir
2/3 – Sat. Vigil	5:30pm	Lucy Mihatsch by Howard & Connie Hall
2/4- Sunday	8:15am	Marvin Wilde by Henk & Dinker Heelms

**Stewardship: 1/21 -Regular Offering—\$1225.00 Envelope Offering— \$15.00**  
**Solemnity of Mary—\$2.00 Thank you for your generosity!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- Thanks to **Rev. Bertini, Rev. Robertson and Rev. Frank** for providing Mass during Father George's Vacation.
- **Parish Council Meeting**—Wednesday, January 31st after Mass in the REP Classroom.
- **REP Coordinator** needed for next school year—contact Mary Hoelscher—575-491-1399
- **February 4— K.J.Z.T. Jr.'s will sponsor a Chip-N-Dip/Bake Sale—Super Bowl Sunday.**
- **February 21**—Killeen/Temple Deanery meeting—Christ the King Church—Belton—10AM
- **Cedarbrake Retreats for February and March**—If you are interested, check the bulletin board at the front of the church

**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

January 29

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;

16:5-13

Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday

January 30

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,

24-25a, 30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday

January 31

St. John Bosco,

Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday

February 1

Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

### Friday

February 2

Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### Saturday

February 3

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

### Sunday

February 4

Fifth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

# Dear Padre,

**Every year, someone with a cold wants to shake my hand at the sign of peace, and sick people drink from the Communion cup. Can't parishes ban the cup and the sign of peace during flu season?**

Many people share your concern. As a priest, I am hugged by an entire congregation throughout flu season. If I'm sick, I warn people as they approach, but some people want a hug anyway. For many, community fellowship wins out over prudence.

Of course it would be best if those who are sick don't drink from the cup containing the precious Blood. But even if they do, receiving the precious Blood is more important to me than the slight risk of illness.

However, if it bothers you that much, there's nothing wrong with electing not to receive the precious Blood. And instead of shaking hands and hugging at the sign of peace, try nodding and waving. If people don't understand and push for more, simply say, "Don't want to pass on the flu." That should stop them.

In today's society, far too many things keep us physically apart. I refuse to casually surrender anything that brings us together in love and fellowship except in dire circumstances, and for me, a normal flu season doesn't qualify.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*What an illusion it is when people today shut their eyes in the face of sickness and disability! They fail to understand the real meaning of life....The world does not become better because only apparently "perfect" people live there...but when human solidarity, mutual acceptance, and respect increase.*

—Jubilee for the Sick and Persons With Disabilities, June 12, 2016