

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.

DECEMBER 20, 2020—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."
And the angel departed from her. Luke 38

What is announced to Mary in today's Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in today's Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world (see [Ephesians 1:9; 3:3-9](#)). Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David (see [Isaiah 7:13-14](#)). And nearly every word the angel speaks to her today evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible.

Mary is hailed as the "daughter Jerusalem," called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty savior (see [Zephaniah 3:14-17](#)). The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of "the Most High"—an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see [Genesis 14:18-19](#)).

He will fulfill the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God "my Father." As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man (see [Daniel 4:14; 7:14](#)), His kingdom will have no end.

He is to rule over the house of Jacob—the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai (see [Exodus 19:3](#)), and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob (see [Isaiah 2:1-5](#)). Jesus has been made known, Paul says today, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith.

We are called with Mary today to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we too must respond to this annunciation with humble obedience—that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.



12/13: Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,186.00

12/13: Retired Clergy Offering: \$200.00

12/13: Immaculate Conception: \$25.00

12/13: Building Fund: \$10.00

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 December 24

Christmas Eve Mass—9pm

Eucharistic Minister: Johnny Winkler

Offertory: Dennis & Monica Marek

Lector: Alfred Vrazel

Ushers: Garrett Prcin & Garrey Prcin

Altar Servers: Pat & Kate Higgins, Claire Kopriva

Ministries for December 27

Rosary: Liz Jungmann

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Vansa

Offertory: James & Halie Marek

Lector: Brad Vaculin

Ushers: Donald Hanel & Glen Goeres

Altar Servers: Chase, Cade and, Cutter Hubnik

****December 25th—Christmas Day Mass 10:15am —Need volunteers for all Ministries!**

Vigil Sanctuary Light: Dec. 14th-20th: Henry Sr. & Alma Litzman by Lynne Hornung

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 Juneke 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 — December 20-27, 2020

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today— 12/20	10:15am	+ Deceased Members of Henry Litzman Sr. & Frank Plachy Families by Lynne Hornung + John Slavik by Family
12/24—Christmas Eve	9:00pm	+ Albert Michalka by Carol & Georgia Stermer + Mary Ann Plachy by Beatrice Malory
12/25—Christmas Day	10:15am	+ Martha Hertenberger by Richard & Betty Brenek + Ethel Moraw by Lynwood Kleypas Family
12/27—Sunday	10:15am	+ Martha Hertenberger by Jane & Johnnie Marek + Doris Bruggman by Eileen Schneider

CYCLONE MASSES —December 20-27, 2020

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today – 12/20	8:15am	+ Randolph Green by Family
12/22—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Herbert F. Hoelscher by Ken & Jeanette Driska
12/24—Thursday	5:30pm	+ Michelle Crews by Sindy Greenwood
12/24—Thursday	11:00pm	+ Logan Balz by Terry & Pat Balz
12/25—Friday	8:15am	+ Larry Posvar by Family
12/26—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Albina Vrazel by Daniel & Linda Wilde
12/27—Sunday	8:15am	+ Rosa Pechal by Monica Mikeska

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **MIDNIGHT MASS CAROLS:** Due to Covid-19 and the current restrictions that are in place, there will not be an adult Christmas Choir.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Due to Covid-19, there will not be a Children's Choir or carrying of the Statues to the Nativity scene on Christmas Eve.
- **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please pick up your 2021 Envelopes in the church entry.
- **OFFERINGS:** The money counting team would appreciate if you could please place a separate check in each different offerings, such as holy days, regular offering, building fund and etc., due to financial record keeping. Also, please place your name on the envelope. Thank you so much for your understanding in making these changes to make a smoother money counting process.
- **WELCOME:** The parish would like to welcome Josh and Amy Holy on becoming members of our parish family. May God bless both of you! (Amy has been a lifelong member)