

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.

OCTOBER 4, 2020—TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him, Lamentations 3:25

In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood. God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading. Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls. In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son, and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit. We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1–8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11) and to be the “first fruits” of a new creation (see James 1:18). We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.



9/27: Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$986.00

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 October 11

Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Offertory: REP

Ushers: REP

Eucharistic Minister: Kayla Laurence

Lector: REP



Altar Servers: Lily Brunson, Adison Dach, Bailey Anderle, Cash Anderle

Sanctuary Light: Sept. 28th– Oct. 4th: Jerry & Angeline Sipula by Chester & Margaret Hays

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 June 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 — October 4-11, 2020

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today– 10/4	10:15am	+ Julie Motyka Padgett by Robert & Debbie Vansa + Albina Vrazel by Terry & Barbara McNeill
10/7 —Wednesday	5:30pm	NO MASS
10/11—Sunday	10:15am	Living members of the Henry Litzman, Jr. Families by Lynne Hornung + Mary Ann Plachy by Richard and Betty Brenek

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Today – 10/4	8:15am	+ Jim & Joycelyn Litzman by Lynne Hornung
10/6—Tuesday	7:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
10/8—Thursday	7:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
10/9—Friday	7:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
10/10—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Royella Roessler by Donna Holbrook
10/11—Sunday	8:15am	+ Rosa Pechal by Charlie and Emilie Tischler

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** Parish Council nomination ballots will be available on October 4th and October 11th. Please return ballots by October 18th.
- **TODAY-OCTOBER 4TH:** St. Matthew Catholic Church Fall Festival—BBQ pulled pork & sausage with all the trimmings—Serving begins at 11am—Raffle drawing for \$5,600 in prizes. Drive Thru only!
- **TODAY-OCTOBER 4TH:** Second Collection for Building and Maintenance Fund.
- **CEDAR BRAKE RETREAT CENTER:** Various Virtual retreats have been posted on the bulletin board at the church entrance.
- **DRESSING FOR SALE:** The Altar Society from St. Joseph's parish in Cyclone will be taking orders for dressing. Cost for a pan of dressing (unbaked & frozen) is 5 lbs. \$20 and 2 lbs. \$10. Please contact Linda Hering at 254-718-1858 or 254-984-2701 to place your order. Hurry and place your order. Deadline is October 26.
- **PICNIC FUNDS:** IF you have not contributed to the Picnic fund—IT'S NOT TOO LATE. To date we have collected \$11,073.00. God Bless everyone for their generous donations.