

The Power of Humility

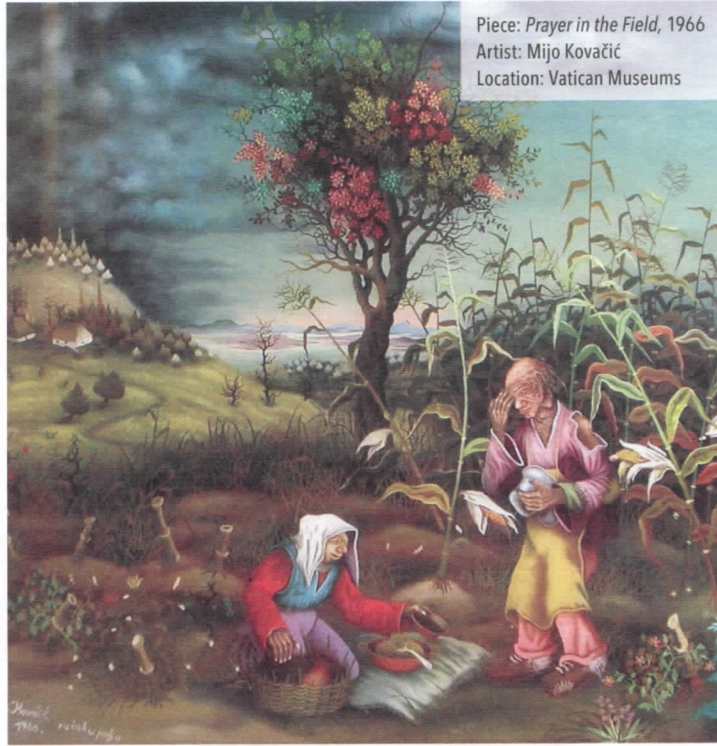
Humility isn't a popular virtue! In fact, among the Greeks and the Romans it wasn't considered a virtue at all. In a sixth-century BC list of 147 wise maxims, humility isn't even mentioned. For the ancient Greek or Roman, obtaining and defending honor was more a goal than humility ever could be.

Yet the Jewish faith values humility, as seen in Old Testament texts like the one we read today. The humble strength of conducting affairs quietly and justly makes you more loved—more so than someone who gives many gifts. Parents should reflect on this.

As Christians following a Savior who was great through his service, humility is not only recommended but becomes the ideal. Let the first be last. Let the greatest be the servant. Humility is simply living the truth of who you are. You are both great and insignificant. We can and should use all our knowledge and strength to sow the fields of creation, as in this painting. But only God gives growth.

Humility is favored by true self-knowledge. We are creatures and not the Creator. We don't make the rules of life or define right and wrong. We discover, accept, and love these laws. A healthy awareness of our limitations doesn't enslave us. It sets us free. A humble knowledge of the truth is empowering.

We are amazingly talented people, each uniquely loved and gifted by God. Each of us can achieve, and



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should strive for, the greatness he offers us. Humility makes us capable of true and lasting greatness—just look at Christ.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How well do I know myself—both my strengths and weaknesses?

Do I see everything as a gift and respond with humility?

*My son, conduct your affairs with humility,
and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.*

Sirach 3:17

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.

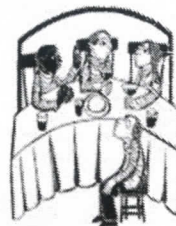
Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"The just rejoice and exult before God." Psalm 68

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel. Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see Luke 22:24-27). This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages—filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see Luke 1:52-53). We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm—how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a "Father of orphans."

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table (see Luke 6:7; 15:21). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous. We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see Proverbs 25:6-7)



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 the following: Gerald Beach, Andrea Enga(Cousin of Ethel Marak), JoLeen Cayhill, and Ethel Marak. Prayers are powerful!

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net to be put on the prayer chain.

8/25 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,258.00

8/25 Children's Offering: \$7.00

Thank you for Your Generosity!

Bulletin Information: MARAK: Patsy Gaines (254-482-0570) - Email—pagaines2002@yahoo.com

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

Ministries for September 7—Worker's Mass

Offertory: David Hertenberger & Raymond Tomek

Eucharistic Minister: Johnny Winkler

Lector: Janice Marek

Ushers: Garrey Prcin & Garrett Prcin

Altar Servers: Camryn Green, Colby Green, Garrison Prcin

Ministries for September 8

Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Eucharistic Minister: Misty Green

Offertory: KJZT JRS.

Lector: KJZT JRS.

Ushers: KJZT JRS.

Altar Servers: Gracie Dorskocil, Carter Dorskocil, Tessa Vaculin

Sanctuary Light: September 2nd– 8th —August & Mary Hubnik by Arvell & Liz



MARAK MASSES—September 1-8, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today– 9/1	10:15am	+ August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann + Albina Vrazel by Terry & Barbara McNeill
9/4– Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Bernard Kostroun by Robert & Debbie Vansa + Kristi Kopriva by Mike & Janice Marek
9/7—Saturday—Worker's Mass	7:15pm	+ Joseph Andrew Tomek by George Tomek Family + Cyril & Dorothy Vaculin by Richard & Betty Brenek— Robert & Vicki Plachy
9/8—Sunday	10:15am	+ Lawrence Vrazel, Jr. by Albert Vrazel + Joe Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel

CYCLONE MASSES— September 1-8, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 9/1	8:15am	+ Dolores Motl by Raymond & Gayle Schmiedekamp
9/3– Tuesday	7:00am	NO MASS
9/5— Thursday	7:00am	+ Louis Driska by Ken & Jeanette Driska
9/6—Friday	7:00am	+ Clarence Bartek by Cheryl Arldt
9/7– Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Albina Vrazel by Larry Maresh
9/8— Sunday	8:15am	+ Royella Roessler by Nelda & Larry Fritz & Louise Thompson

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **TODAY:** Second Collection for Building & Maintenance Fund
- **TODAY:** REP class Registration after Mass. Classes begin September 4th— Class time: 6:15pm—7:15pm.
- **PICNIC:** Reminder to all who were asked to bring cornbread /bread, it must be turned today. Contact Jeannine Dohnalik or Cecilia Marak. Sodas are due today—place in the cry room or contact Patsy Gaines.
- **RCIA CLASSES:** Beginning September 11 at 6:15 pm at St. Cyril & Methodius Parish. See bulletin insert. Monica Marek, Director; Phone 254-541-6350 Email: monicamarek@icloud.com. Kristen Parker, Assistant. St. Joseph's phone #254-985-2280 Email: cyclone.marak@gmail.com.
- **ATTENTION: EIM CLASSES:** EIM classes will be held at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish Hall on Saturday, September 28th from 9am-11am. If you plan to attend, please register before the class. If you have any questions, please contact Patsy Gaines.
- **PLACE OF HOPE:** 8 Weeks of bible study for "Healing the heartbreak of Abortion" will be held in Rockdale at the Place of Hope building starting September 24th—6-8pm. See bulletin board for more Information.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.” Rev 3:20



*Jesus said, “Come, follow Me,”
Jn 1:43. Are You Considering
Becoming Catholic? Are You
A Catholic Interested in Being
Confirmed? Are You A
Confirmed Catholic Who’s
Ready to Explore Your
Faith Anew?*

If you have been discerning one of these questions and would want to take the next step in exploring more about Catholicism you may want to enroll in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). RCIA beginning on September 11th, 2019, at 6:15 pm, at St. Cyril and Methodius parish in Marak. Monica Marek and Kristian Parker will be teaching the classes every Wednesday up until the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. This is a combined RCIA for both St. Joseph and St. Cyril and Methodius. Please bring a baptismal certificate if

attending, and of course a person is not committed to entering the church simply by attending classes—as it is a process of discernment and prayer guided by the Holy Spirit. If interested in attending please contact the church office at **St. Joseph: 985-2280 or email: cyclone.marak@gamil.com or contact Monica Marek: 254-541-6350. Email: monicamarek@icloud.com**

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13-18

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor
of the Church

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 4

Weekday

Col 1:1-8

Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 5

Weekday

Col 1:9-14

Lk 5:1-11

Friday

SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday

Col 1:15-20

Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

Col 1:21-23

Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 8

Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b

Phmn 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33

Dear Padre,

Life seems to be an endless grind of work, family responsibilities, and more work? Can you help me find meaning in my work?

You've hit upon one of life's great mysteries! We struggle to make sense out of our work, our pain, and our joy. There's no simple answer to your question, but let's begin by looking at nature.

Leaves fall when autumn presages winter. Cold winds howl, and spring eventually refreshes us before the summer swelter envelops us. Again and again, one season must "die" before the next one gives life. A similar process happens within us. Our work, tears, and lonely times are part of a cycle of death and rebirth. Like the changing seasons, these open us to new growth.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: "Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardships of work...[we] collaborate in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work" (CCC 2427). Christ went this way before us, and he will be with us in our difficulties.

Work can be difficult, hectic, and sometimes seem senseless. But we can

trust that Christ is present in these ups and downs. We can let go of anxiety and say, "Jesus, I trust you are with me now, in this moment of work or pain, and that together we will get through this."

May you find hope this Labor Day weekend amid your struggles through the wonderful journey of life.

—Fr. Pat Grile, CSSR

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A Word from Pope Francis

One must not exaggerate the "mystique" of work. The person "is not only work"; there are other human needs that we must cultivate and consider, such as family, friends, and rest. It is important, therefore, to remember that any work must be at the service of the person, not the person in the service of work.

—Letter to conference on human development, November 23, 2017



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