

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.

MARCH 29, 2020— FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view. That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see [John 12:3, 7](#)). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will "die with Him" if they go back.

When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see [John 20:1, 6, 7](#)).

Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for "dead man"—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death. John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see [John 11:37](#)). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal "the glory of God" (see [John 9:3](#)). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see [John 11:40](#)).

If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life. By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin. Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live. "I have promised and I will do it," the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.



3/22: Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$150.00 via mail

Children's Offering:

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 April 5

Rosary: Lynne Hornung

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Vaculin

Offertory: Garrey Prcin Family

Lector: Suzanne Daskocil & Jeannine Dohnalik

Ushers: Louis Vansa and Leroy Vansa

Altar Servers: Camryn Green, Colby Green, Garrison Prcin

Sanctuary Light: March 30th-April 5th: Vicki Collins by Pat Thompson



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: JoLeen Cayhill. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain, please contact:

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—March 29– April 5, 2020

| Date | Time | Intentions |
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| Today– 3/29 | 10:15am | + Albina Vrazel by Doris Matocha Family + Joseph Andrew Tomek by Mike & Jane Simon |
| 4/1—Wednesday | 5:30pm | + Lynette Jocheb by Veronica Strutz + Albert Michalka by Robert & Debbie Vansa |
| 4/5—Sunday | 10:15am | + Dorothy Klecka by Cecilia Marak + Eugene Marak by Cecilia Marak |

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| Today – 3/29 | 8:15am | + William Schneider by Bill & Lucille Stock |
| 3/31—Tuesday | 7:00am | + Alice Gerngross by Georgia & Carol Stermer |
| 4/2—Thursday | 7:00am | + Sylvester Strang Family by Kathleen Lutkenhaus |
| 4/3—Friday | 7:00am | + Clarence Bartek by Family |
| 4/4—Saturday Vigil | 5:30pm | + Albina Vrazel by Beatrice Mallory |
| 4/5—Sunday | 8:15am | + Royella Roessler by Carol & Dennis Mauer |

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE—MARAKCHURCH.ORG FOR ANY UPDATES DURING THIS CRISIS!**
- **ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED PER THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- **ALL BOOKED EVENTS AT THE PARISH HALL HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL THE END OF APRIL.**
- **CANCELLED—STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Mass and Stations of the Cross will be held every Wednesday at 5:30pm during the Lenten season.
- **CANCELLED:** St. Joseph's Springfest has been cancelled for April 5th.

LET US ALL CONTINUE TO PRAY TO OUR ALMIGHTY GOD TO KEEP THIS CORONAVIRUS FROM CONTINUING TO SPREAD. PRAY FOR PEACE AND PERSEVERANCE AMONG OUR FAMILIES TO ADAPT TO THIS NEW WAY OF LIFE THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US. WE KNOW LORD THAT YOU WILL GUIDE US AND KEEP US SAFE. LET US BE PRAY EVERY DAY..AMEN