

Jesus' Coming Down Among Us

Marc Chagall, a painter in the late last century and one of the favorites of Pope Francis, shows Jesus' crucifixion as a global mystery. It is not just an event in the past. Jesus is still coming down among the throngs of needy souls of the modern day, laying down his life and accompanying them in their sufferings.

The Gospel of John uses this term of "coming down" to take up the theme of the Incarnation. Jesus left his heavenly home and came down among us. He lowered himself to dirty his feet along the tortuous routes on which humanity travels. He is not unapproachable, far from the sufferings of his followers, but has become like them in all things but sin. He knows the hunger and needs of his people.

This is nothing new for God. He came down to walk in the Garden with Adam and Eve. He came down to see the people building the Tower of Babel. He came down to Moses in the burning bush and in giving the Ten Commandments. And he came down to console and feed Elijah, who was despairing of his life. He gave Elijah food for his journey, strengthening him to travel in the desert.

In the Eucharist, Jesus comes down to you today to carry your



Piece: *The Martyr*, 1970
Artist: Marc Chagall
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Jesus comes down to be with me. Am I available in my heart to be with him?

burdens and give you his life. He urges us to get up, eat. He is the Living Bread come down from heaven that, if we unite with him in holy Communion, he will give us his divine force and we will live eternally with him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

John 6:51

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.

August 12, 2018 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Look to Him that you may be radiant with joy.—Psalm 34

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures— that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us. We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to "murmur" against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert. The Gospel today uses the same word, "murmur," to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert. Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the "son" of Joseph and Mary. Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm. At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself, touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world. This taste of the heavenly gift comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism, to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert. So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert. Let us say to God as Elijah did, "Take my life." not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the cross and in the Eucharist.

*OTASTE And SEE
THAT THE Lord
IS Good.
PSALM 34:8*

8/5 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,374.00 8/5 Building Fund: \$293.00

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

Ministries for Sunday, August 19

Rosary: Volunteers

Eucharistic Minister: Bernice Vrazel

Offertory: KJZT Jrs.

Ushers: KJZT Jrs.

Lector: KJZT Jrs.—Adison Dach, Kenley Harris & Reagan Mueck

Altar Servers: Addison Dach—Bailey Anderle & Tessa Vaculin

Sanctuary Light : August 13-19 —No Intentions



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: John David Thompson, Ethel Marak, and Dorothy Vaculin. Prayers are powerful and with God nothing shall be impossible.

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

MARAK MASSES—August 12-19, 2018

Date	Time	Intentions
Today—8/12	10:15am	+August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann
8/15—Wednesday—Holy Day	5:30pm	+Fr. Walter Matus by Christa Wade
8/19—Sunday	10:15am	+Henry J. Litzman, Jr. by Lynne Hornung

CYCLONE MASSES— August 12-19, 2018

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Today — 8/12	8:15am	+Marietta Brenek by Robert & Debbie Vansa
8/14—Tuesday—For Holy Day	6:30pm	+Lucy Mihatsch by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
8/16—Thursday	7:00am	+Lucy Mihatsch by Karen & Lloyd Morgan
8/17—Friday	7:00am	+Mark Kosel by Monica Mikeska
8/18 — Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+Larry Posvar by Katherine & Kenneth Pechal
8/19— Sunday	8:15am	+Dolores Motl by Charles & Jackie Green

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **Our Deepest Sympathy to Michelle Kostroun and Family** on the loss of her Father, Robert Dach. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during your time of sorrow.
- **August 13:** Parish Social and Pot Luck—6pm to 9pm—Marak Hall
- **August 15:** DCCW Meeting in Copperas Cove—At Holy Family Catholic Church—Mass at 8AM For the Holy Day, if you would like to attend. Meeting starts at 10AM
- **Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas:** KJZT: *Cynthia Strmiska*, your local licensed insurance agent, can help you with your families' needs such as life insurance for ages birth to 80, becoming a Junior member, certificate of deposit alternatives, and more. Life is too important to wait. Call or text her at **254-721-3785**.
- **August 19:** St. Monica's Homecoming Festival—BBQ Beef & Sausage Plates—\$10—serving starting at 10:30am. See Bulletin Board in back of church for more information.
- **THANKS:** Special thanks to the Building Committee for putting on new chair tips for the Parish Hall chairs —Rhonda Gelner, Robert Vansa, James & Jeannine Dohnalik, Arvell & Liz Jungmann, Alfred & Bernice Vrazel & Patsy Gaines. Your Hard work was greatly appreciated!! May God Bless all of You!
- **August 25—Welcome Party for Father Darrell:** St. Joseph's and Sts. Cyril & Methodius will host a welcome party for Fr. Darrell at the Parish Hall in Cyclone after 5:30pm Mass. Details to follow.

Calendar

Monday

August 13

Weekday

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr

Ez 2:8-3:4

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

August 15

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

Thursday

August 16

Weekday

Ez 12:1-12

Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday

August 17

Weekday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63

or Ez 16:59-63

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

August 18

Weekday

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32

Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

August 19

Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6

Eph 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58

Dear Padre,

What does *doxology* mean?

The verses of a popular gospel song, "How Can I Keep From Singing," speak of our struggle with sorrow and darkness, and the ultimate joy we have knowing "Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, / How can I keep from singing?" The songwriter joyfully sings out because of God's love; it's a doxology of praise.

Doxology, "a glorious utterance," is a prayer the Church uses to give God praise. We have countless examples in Scripture, such as the psalms, which by their nature give God rightful praise. The Sanctus acclamation is another

example. Taken from Isaiah 6, it directs our focus to praising God for his power and might. On Christmas night we sing "Glory to God in the highest," a doxology from the angels. The eucharistic prayers end with a doxology to the Trinity showing how "the Holy Spirit who thus awakens the memory of the Church then inspires thanksgiving and praise (*doxology*)," *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1103.

We use doxologies to emphasize our worship of God, acknowledging his rightful praise. Doxologies are part of major liturgical prayers such as the eucharistic prayers, the communion rite where we add a doxology following the Our Father. We

also add doxologies to our personal prayers. The rosary contains a well-known doxology called the *Gloria Patri*, a prayer praising the eternal nature and love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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A Word From Pope Francis

In Jesus his Son, God has come down among us. He took flesh and showed his solidarity with humanity in all things but sin.... He saw and embraced all of creation. But he did more than

just see; he touched people's lives, he spoke to them, helped them and showed kindness to those in need.

—World Day of Peace, January 1, 2016