

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK**

**St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak**

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**Masses: Cyclone:** Saturday 5:30PM & Sunday 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tues., 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 to schedule 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.

**MAY 14, 2023 — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel (see [Romans 8:14-17](#)). He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father. We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading. The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see [Acts 6:5](#)), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see [Acts 17:11](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#)) and are baptized.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized—that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our Sacrament of Confirmation (see [Acts 19:5-6](#)), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And, strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. This is the reason for our hope—the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake. Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, . . . you will live."



**5/7: Stewardship—Sunday Offering:**\$2,083.00 **5/7: Children's Offering:** \$9.00  
**5/7: Building Fund:** \$776.00 **Thank you for your Generosity!**

**Bulletin Information:** MARAK: Patsy Gaines (254-482-0570) - Email—[pagaines2002@yahoo.com](mailto:pagaines2002@yahoo.com)  
CYCLONE: Nancy Posvar (254-913-2696)

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

**Ministries for May 21, 2023**

**Rosary:** Julie Motyka

**Offertory:** Robert & Vicki Plachy

**Ushers:** Joe Mayer & Garrey Prcin

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kelly Laurence

**Lector:** Kelly Laurence

**Servers:** Adison, Lily, Ian

**Sanctuary Light:** May 15th-21st: Henry Hubnik Sr. & Johnathan Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik

**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 for the following: Sam Berry, Laddie Vaculin, Louis and Genevieve Tepera Family, Helen Moriarty, mother of Stacie Higgins, Brady Barton, son of Clay and Rebecca Barton, Rosalie Kostroun, Adrian Mitcham (Hubnik Family), Anton Vrazel, Paulette Foster, Reenie Hubnik, Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful!  
To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—[Slavik@farm-market.net](mailto:Slavik@farm-market.net)**

**MARAK MASSES—May 14-21, 2023**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today— 5/14 Happy Mother's Day	10:15am	+ Frank & Helen Hubnik by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa + Reba Loretta Winkler by Robert & Debbie Vansa
5/17—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ John Slavik by Merlene Slavik
5/21—Sunday	10:15am	+ Marcella Dohnalik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik + Joe Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Louis & Delia Vansa by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa Graduates by St. Anne's Altar Society

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **TODAY:** The second collection will be for the Seminarians and continuing education of Priests.
- **MAY 16TH:** KC meeting at 7pm at St. Joseph's Parish Hall—Cyclone.
- **JUNE 11TH:** KJZT Family Fun Days will be at the Splashway Waterpark in Sheridan, Texas. Tickets are \$31.99. See bulletin board for more information.
- **RETREATS AT CEDARBRAKE:** In the church entrance, you will find a flyer that shows many retreats offered at Cedarbrake. Please take one, if you are interested.
- **PICNIC RAFFLE:** Our 2022 homecoming Picnic was very successful ! We are asking for your help with this year's raffle. We would like to have tickets printed by June 25th. If you can donate a prize, please contact Julie or Tom Motyka at 254-722-0394.
- **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** The baby bottle campaign for the Place of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center begins today. There are bottles in the church entrance. Please pick one up and fill it with your coins, cash or check and return on or before Father's Day.
- **EIM COMPLIANCE INFORMATION:** The EIM (Ethics and Integrity in Ministry) Office has completed the conversion to VIRTUS. Active EIM accounts were transferred to VIRTUS Online and an email with login information and instructions was sent in January. New to the EIM process? Or have more questions? Visit [austindiocese.org/eim-instructions](http://austindiocese.org/eim-instructions) to learn how to create an account, sign up for a workshop (new applicants only) or update compliance. Contact us at [eim@austindiocese.org](mailto:eim@austindiocese.org) for further assistance or if you did not receive the welcome email from VIRTUS.
- **CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Joshua Ray Holy, Jr. who is being baptized today, parents are Joshua and Amy Holy. May God Bless all of you and keep you in his care.