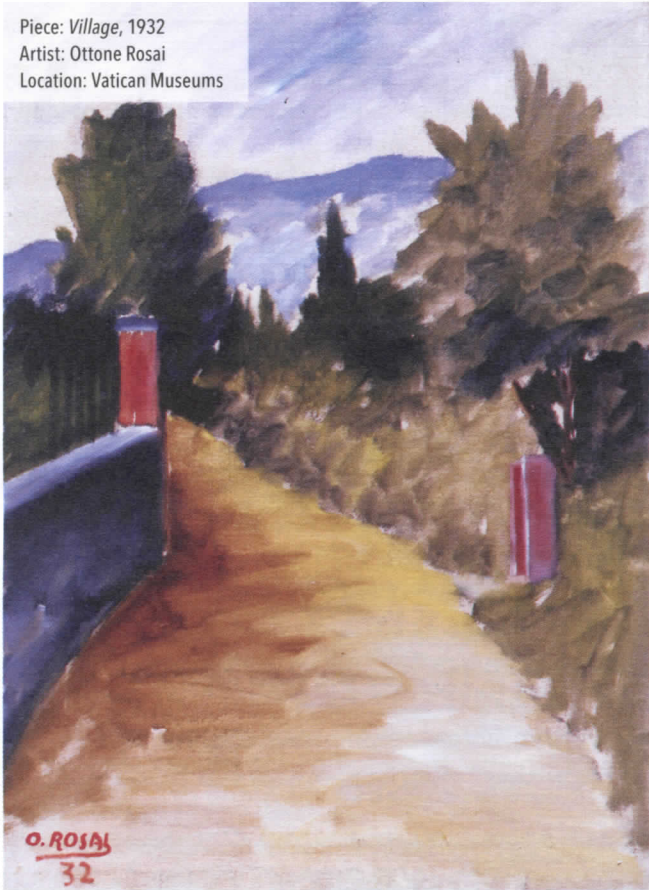


## Becoming Attentive Travelers

Jesus, on the road to Jerusalem, passes through the town of Jericho. His intention was to move right through, yet when he catches sight of Zacchaeus, he stops and changes plans. Jesus was on the move,

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yet not so obsessed with plans and objectives that he didn't notice the needy soul of Zacchaeus peering down upon him from a sycamore tree.

Part of being an apostle of Christ is having a heart that's always attuned to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. We can't be so consumed with our good fortunes that we miss opportunities to offer Christ's salvation to those around us.

Zacchaeus was a public sinner and a publican who, as we know, were the hated tax collectors and collaborators of the Romans. Rather than a person to visit he was, for the Jews, someone to be avoided. Not for Jesus! Our Lord came to seek and save the lost. And Zacchaeus wanted to be found. He was so driven to see Jesus, he made himself look ridiculous by climbing a tree, admitting to his short stature and curiosity.

How many souls along our path are showing their unquenchable thirst to discover Jesus and, even more, to be discovered by him. While amassing worldly riches, they realize that their deep hunger can only be satisfied by something else. Only spiritual things can satiate the Spirit. Let's be willing to go off-road and facilitate these encounters with Jesus—of course, after we ourselves have been encountered by him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*What am I doing to find or to be found by Jesus Christ in my daily life?*

*What am I doing each day to help others find or be found by Jesus Christ?*

*[Jesus said to Zacchaeus,] "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."*

*Luke 19:10*

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK**

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**NOVEMBER 3, 2019— THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Our Lord is a lover of souls, the Liturgy shows us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, He is slow to anger and compassionate toward all that He has made. In His mercy, our First Reading tells us, He overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us space that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness (see Wisdom 12:10; 2 Peter 3:9).

In Jesus, He has become the Savior of His children, coming Himself to save the lost (see Isaiah 63:8-9; Ezekiel 34:16).

In the figure of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel, we have a portrait of a lost soul. He is a tax collector, by profession a "sinner" excluded from Israel's religious life. Not only that, he is a "chief tax collector." Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud. But Zacchaeus' faith brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to "see" Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy.

Zacchaeus is not like the other rich men Jesus meets or tells stories about (see Luke 12:16-21; 16:19-31; 18:18-25). He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor. By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham (see Romans 4:16-17). As He did last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation.

We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And we should make our own Paul's prayer in today's Epistle: that God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus.



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Ministries for November 10

Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Offertory: REP

Ushers: REP

Eucharistic Minister: Bernice Vrazel

Lector: REP



Altar Servers: Sam Richter, Will Richter, Brady Barton

Sanctuary Light: Nov. 4th-10th: Ida Hertenberger 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: 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](mailto:Slavik@farm-market.net) to be added to the prayer chain.

**MARAK MASSES—November 3-10, 2019**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 11/3	10:15am	+ Eugene Tomek by Family + Joseph Andrew Tomek by Kevin & Anna Givens + Joe Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
11/6- Wednesday	5:30pm	NO MASS
11/10—Sunday	10:15am	In Honor of Laddie & Edith Vaculin—67th Anniversary + Mary Ann Plachy by Billy & Mary Ann Seaton

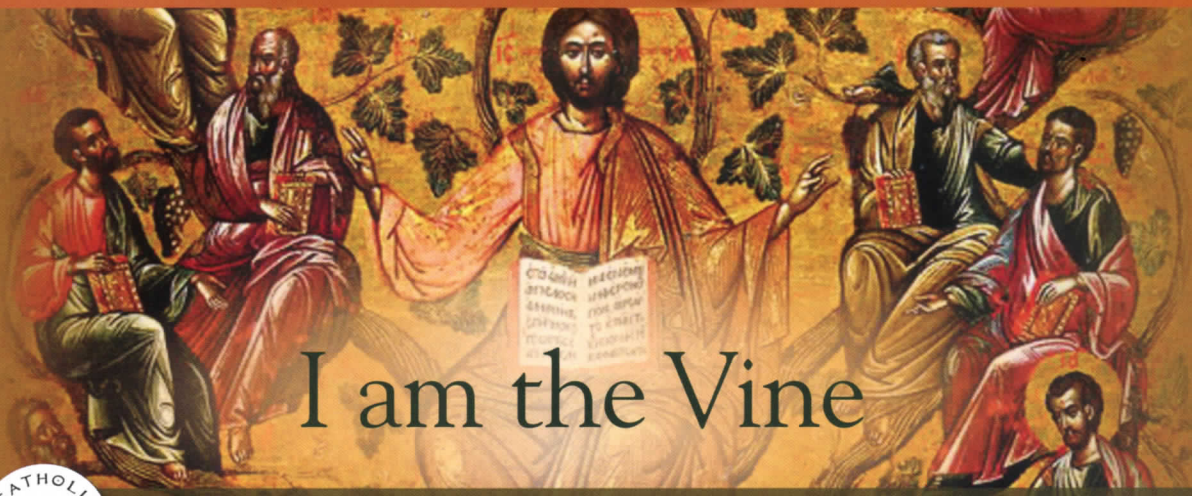
**CYCLONE MASSES— November 3, 2019**

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 11/3	8:15am	+ Dolores Motl by Skip & Ann Cockrell

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **TODAY & NOVEMBER 10TH:** Election ballots for the parish council will be provided to parishioners.
- **NOVEMBER 6TH:** Altar Society Meeting at the Milam County Museum in Cameron at 9:30am.
- **THRIFT SHOP:** KJZT Jrs. will be sponsoring a food drive of non-perishable items for the Cameron Area Thrift Shop. Baskets will be in the church entry from November 3rd—17th.
- **EIM CLASS:** Class will be provided by St. Monica's Church in Cameron. Class time is Saturday, November 16th from 10am to noon at St. Anthony's office. If you have any questions, contact St. Monica's Church.
- **NOVEMBER 10TH:** Sausage & Fried Chicken Dinner at St. Ann Center in Rosebud, Texas. \$10.00 per plate. See flyer on bulletin board in the church entry.
- **HALL MANAGER:** If anyone would like to take the position of Hall Manager, please contact Rhonda Gelner 254-482-1144 by December 1st.
- **IT IS WITH SADDENED HEARTS THAT FATHER DARRELL WILL BE LEAVING OUR PARISH AS OUR PRIEST, LEADER, SPIRITUAL GUIDER AND FRIEND. TODAY IS HIS LAST DAY AND WE WILL MISS HIM DEARLY, BUT VERY EXCITED ON HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT TO WESTPHALIA. THANK YOU FATHER DARRELL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AT MARAK AND WE WISH YOU THE BEST. MAY GOD BLESS YOU TODAY AND ALWAYS.**





# I am the Vine

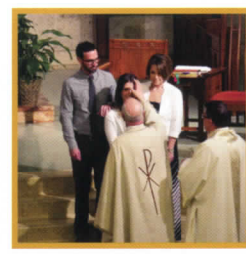
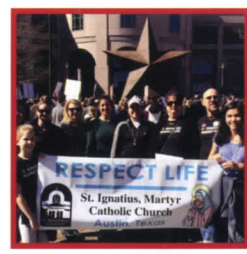
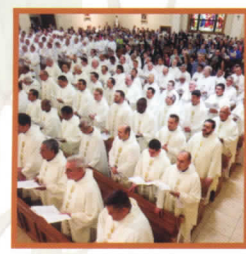
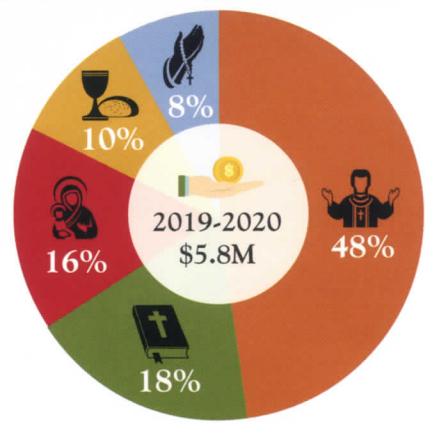


I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. ~John 15:5

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