

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-MARAK
St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

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The Sacraments

Baptism: Saturday 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: SATURDAYS 4:00-5:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT.

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

JANUARY 19, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.” Psalm 23:5

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of “epiphanies.” The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial—Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us coheirs of Israel’s promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism.

This week we’re at a wedding. We’re being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we’re sons and daughters of God, it’s because we’ve married into the family. Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve’s in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (compare [Genesis 2:23-24](#) and [Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17](#))? Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today’s First Reading.

When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see [Jeremiah 2:20-36; 3:1-13](#)). But God promises to take her back, to “espouse” her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see [Hosea 2:18-22](#)). That’s why in today’s Gospel Jesus performs His first public “sign” at a wedding feast.

Jesus is the divine bridegroom (see [John 3:29](#)), calling us to His royal wedding feast (see [Matthew 22:1-14](#)). By His New Covenant, He will become “one flesh” with all humanity in the Church (see [Ephesians 5:21-33](#)). By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband (see [2 Corinthians 11:2](#)). The new wine that Jesus pours out at today’s feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today’s Epistle says. This is the “salvation” announced to the “families of nations” in today’s Psalm.



Bulletin Information: Cyclone: Nancy Posvar (254 913-2696) Marak: Anna Givens 512 809-9889)

Bulletin Deadline: Please call or send by email all info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

MINISTRIES

Saturday, January 25

Communion: Jackie Green
Lector: Kim Campbell
Altar Servers: K & H Hejl—T Parker
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, January 26

Communion: Andrew Brenek
Lector: Monica Jahns
Altar Servers: J Dolgener—J & J Stumbaugh—R Jahns
Ushers: Jason Hoelscher—Charles Castillo

UPCOMING MASSES

1/19 Sunday 8:15 am: + Barbara Macek by David & Lois Skala
+ Maxie Roessler by Dennis & Carol Maurer

1/21 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Carla Greener by Monica Mikeska
+ Alice Stojanik by Shirley Dach

1/23 Thursday 7:00 am: + Eugene Haisler by Monica Mikeska
+ Jerome Orsag by Angeline Gerik

1/24 Friday 7:00 am: + John Macha by Marie Macha
Good Health for All by Charlie & Jackie Green

1/25 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Georgia Stermer by David & Janet Kasner
+ Nicolas Martinez by Cruz Martinez

1/26 Sunday 8:15 am: + Nancy Hubnik by Bill & Carol Smetana
+ Lucille Stock by Justin Hering

MARAK MASSES

1/19 Sunday 10:15 am
1/22 Wednesday 5:30 pm
1/26 Sunday 10:15 am

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering.

Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Buddy Roessler, Al & Lou Buckholt, Mary Jane Underwood, Lindsey Pierce, Monica Mikeska, Amanda Beltran, Holly Knecht, Rebecca Marek.

Stewardship—January 12 —\$1972 Building Fund—\$25 Solemnity of Mary—\$25

Sanctuary Light—January 19-25—In Memory of Jerome Schoppe by Family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19—CYO will be selling breakfast tacos following mass. Please support our youth!

January 19—Bible Study group will meet following mass.

January 21—KC Meeting—7 pm.

January 31—February 2—CYO (12 members) will be attending Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) in Waco. If you would like to help defray expenses, non-perishable single-wrapped snacks or monetary donations by January 26 would be appreciated. Snacks can be left in the church entry; monetary donations can be given to Michael Brenek.

February 1—Holy Trinity Catholic High School Annual Gala fundraiser with a Masquerade theme—Christ the King Catholic Church—Belton—6:00 pm—Live and silent auction, delicious dinner, and the highly anticipated Golden Ticket drawing—<https://give.hellofund.com/HTGala2025> to purchase tickets. For questions, contact Renee Morales at 254-771-0787 x 1114.

February 2—KC Council 13902 Blood Drive—Westphalia Parish Hall—8:00 am—11:00 am—Photo ID required—To donate: 877-724-4376 or BSWBlood.com.

February 9—CYO Bake Sale—Proceeds will help support youth in attending The Pines Camp this summer.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

February 9—Next Altar Society meeting following mass.

St. Mary's Altar Society has copies of the original cookbook edition for sale. These are great for wedding, hostess, birthday, or Christmas gifts. They are \$10 each. Contact Linda Machicek at 254-718-2909 for your gifting needs.