

**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.

**NOVEMBER 17, 2024 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in god the Lord." Psalm 73:28**

In this, the second-to-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem. Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory. Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see [Mark 13:9](#)). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see [Mark 13:7–8](#)). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also [Isaiah 13:10](#); [34:4](#)). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come. Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see [Mark 8:31](#)). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see [Daniel 7:13](#)). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see [Isaiah 43:6](#); [Jeremiah 32:37](#)).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust. We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

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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, November 23

Communion: Janie Walker  
Lector: Steve Walker  
Altar Servers: L & S Jahns  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, November 24

Communion: Christina Brenek  
Lector: Cathy Bruggman  
Altar Servers: C & E Glasgow—I & A Stumbaugh  
Ushers: Lewis Moeller & Jeff Posvar

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### UPCOMING MASSES

11/17 Sunday 8:15 am: + Lucille Stock by Betty Smith  
+ Maxie Roessler by Deborah Dokupil  
11/19 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Viola Daskocil by Stanley May  
+ Kenneth Kasberg by Monica Mikeska  
11/21 Thursday 7:00 am: + Raymond Sehon by Smetana Family  
+ Dean Mikeska by Charlie & Jackie Green  
11/22 Friday 7:00 am: + Josie Kleypas by David & Janet Kasner  
+ Linda Hering by Raymond & Kay Rabroker  
11/23 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Gilbert & Pauline Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde  
+ Glenda Hess by Charlie & Jackie Green  
11/24 Sunday 8:15 am: + Raymond Daskocil by David & Janet Kasner  
+ Darwin Bruggman by Family

### MARAK MASSES

11/17 Sunday 10:15 am  
11/20 Wednesday 5:30 pm  
11/24 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—November 10 —\$2231 Building Fund—\$50

Sanctuary Light—November 17-23—In Memory of Joe & Martha Dubcak by Nancy Posvar.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON? 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

November 17—Westphalia Altar Society Quilt & Craft Show—Westphalia Parish Hall—Admission \$2—9:00 am—4:00 pm—Chicken dressing and chicken spaghetti casseroles—\$12 each—Lunch available.

December 7—KC Christmas Gathering—Marak Parish Hall—Socializing starts at 5:00 pm—Meal at 6:00 pm—Widows of past members are welcome—Sign-up sheet in church entry through December 1.

### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

November 20—Killeen—Temple Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Meeting—St. Stephen's—Salado—10:00 am.

November 23-24—College care package donations due—We have 5 college students.

December 8—Altar Society meeting following mass.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY IS SPONSORING A REP FAMILY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. THEY ARE IN NEED OF FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE DECEMBER 8 MEETING OR LEAVE IN THE CRY ROOM.