

**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.

**OCTOBER 27, 2024 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face." Psalm 105:3-4**

Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth. The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst.

Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David (see [2 Samuel 7:12-16](#); [Isaiah 11:9](#); [Jeremiah 23:5](#)). Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come (see [Mark 11:9-10](#)). As we hear in today's Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God (see [Psalm 2:7](#)). He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek (see [Psalm 110:4](#)), who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history (see [Genesis 14:18-20](#)).

Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion of whom we sing in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life. Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by—in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate (see [Matthew 25:31-46](#))—and yet we don't see Him. Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His Apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church. Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him—what can we do for all that He has done for us?



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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 2

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

### Sunday, November 3

Communion: Cathy Bruggman  
Lector: Cheyenne Jahns  
Altar Servers: A Glasgow—H & E Cowen—I Stumbaugh  
Ushers: Bryce Brashear & Steve Bruggman

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### UPCOMING MASSES

10/27 Sunday 8:15 am: + Linda Hering by Monica Mikeska  
+ Viola Duskocil by Ernest & Irene Smith  
10/29 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Kenneth Kasberg by Monica Mikeska  
+ Ronnie Skala by Nancy Posvar  
10/31 Thursday 7:00 am: + Rubin & Leona Gottschalk by Clyde Gottschalk  
+ Naomi Green by Family  
11/1 Friday 7:00 am: + Alice Stojanik by Garry & Valerie Kelarek  
+ Dean Mikeska by Charlie & Jackie Green  
11/2 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: Monica Mikeska—for health—by Pamela Belyeu  
+ Georgia Stermer by Dewayne & Nancy Mesecke  
11/3 Sunday 8:15 am: + Viola Duskocil by Stanley May  
+ Wilbert Mikeska by John Chupik

### MARAK MASSES

10/27 Sunday 10:15 am  
10/30 Wednesday 5:30 pm  
11/3 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.

Stewardship—October 20 —\$1663 Building Fund—\$15 World Missions—\$409

Sanctuary Light—October 27-November 2—In Memory of Jerome Schoppe by Family.

The Ladies Society is conducting a Diaper Drive from October 13—November 10 for Our Lady of Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple. They are in need of diapers in all sizes but mainly sizes 5, 6, 7 and pullups in sizes 2T, 3T, 4T, and 5T and also unscented baby wipes. For questions, please contact Pauline Marek at 254-231-1812.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 26—27 and November 2—3—Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) - Pledge cards will be distributed October 26-27 to those who have not received them previously at their home address.

October 27—The CYO will be selling breakfast tacos after mass. Please support our youth!

October 27—Bible Study following mass.

October 30—Trunk or Treat—6:00 pm—8:00 pm—Nachos & frito pie, desserts—Games & treats—Bring silk flowers & get extra treat.

November 1 & 2—Bell County Extension Education Association Fall Sale—Barclay Community Center—Garage sale items, baked goods, misc. November 1 8:00 am—6:00 pm; November 2 8:00 am—2:00 pm—Benefits Bell County 4-H scholarships.

November 2—Seaton Church Christian Sisters Annual Bake Sale—9:00 am—2:00 pm—Foods, canned goods, cookbooks, re-sale shop—Sandwiches & soup available for lunch—Raffle prizes—First prize handmade quilt.

November 3—All Soul's & Veteran's Day program after mass at the cemetery—Past parishioners and veterans will be honored. We need silk flower donations that can be left in the cry room before November 3. Thank you.

November 3—St. Joseph Church—Marlin—Turkey & Dressing meal—\$15/plate—11:00 am—sold out—Dine in & take out.

November 9—St. Mary's Catholic School Casino Night—Cultural Activities Center—Temple—Doors open 6:00 pm—\$50/ticket—Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided—Live auction—Silent auction—Drawings for prizes—Must be 21 years old to be admitted—For tickets go to [www.smtrust.org](http://www.smtrust.org)—for questions call Mike Navarro at 254-493-4346—See bulletin board for more info.

November 15-17—Grief Retreat—Cedarbrake—\$295 for Private Room, \$225 for Shared Room, \$150 for Commuters—To register visit [CEDARBRAKE.ORG](http://CEDARBRAKE.ORG)—More info on bulletin board.

### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

November 10—Altar Society meeting following mass.

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.