

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.

JULY 7, 2024 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.” Psalm 34:9

As we’ve walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we’ve witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead. But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. Today’s Gospel is blunt: “He was not able to perform any mighty deed there.” Why not? Because of the people’s lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God. All they could see was how much “this man” was like them—a carpenter, the son of their neighbor, Mary, with brothers and sisters. Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus’ brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham.

That’s the point in today’s Gospel. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today’s First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God. The servant is not above the Master. As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear in today’s Psalm. And isn’t it often hardest to live our faith among those in our families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be—before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in today’s Epistle, insults and hardships are God’s way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace. Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him (see Luke 7:23). Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants—knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens.

Bulletin Information: Cyclone: Nancy Posvar (254 913 696) 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, July 13

Communion: Janie Walker
Lector: Steve Walker
Altar Servers: K & H Hejl & T Parker
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, July 14

Communion: Carla Kacir
Lector: Donna Poteet
Altar Servers: J Dolgener—J & J Stumbaugh—S Glasgow
Ushers: Glasgow Family

UPCOMING MASSES

7/7 Sunday 8:15 am: + Randolph & Evelyn Green by Family
+ Kenneth Halfmann by Roy & Debbie Buckholt

7/9 Tuesday 7:00 am: COMMUNION SERVICE

7/11 Thursday 7:00 am: COMMUNION SERVICE

7/13 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Georgia Stermer by Francis Reese
+ Maxie Roessler by Deborah Dokupil

7/14 Sunday 8:15 am: + Josie Kleypas by David & Janet Kasner
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Brian & Joan Vanicek

MARAK MASSES

7/7 Sunday 10:15 am

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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.

Stewardship—June 30 —\$1627 Peter's Pence—\$447

Sanctuary Light—July 7—13—In memory of Zachary Schneider by Pat Armstrong.

PICNIC RAFFLE DONATION ITEMS ARE BEING ACCEPTED BY STEVE & PATRICIA PECHAL OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 254-217-6622.

NEW MINISTRY LISTS ARE IN THE CHURCH ENTRY.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14—Cyclone-Marak Summer Party for all parishioners hosted by KC's—Under the Father Walter Pavilion at Marak—4:00—8:00 pm—Serving hotdogs, chips, and drinks—Meal at 6:00 pm—There will be water slides for kids and tables & chairs set up under pavilion. Come when you can and enjoy visiting with all our church family.
