

**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.

**MARCH 2, 2025 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High." Psalm 13:6**

In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart. Sirach teaches that speaking is "the test of men" and their character. One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with "refuse" will be exposed, since the "fruit" of his mouth speaks volumes about the "tree" that produces it. Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat.

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks "out of the abundance of the heart." He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit." Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the "good treasure" that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: "by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" ([Matthew 12:37](#)). They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

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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, March 8

Communion: Pauline Marek  
Lector: Letha Novosad  
Altar Servers: Novosad Family  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, March 9

Communion: Andrew Brenek  
Lector: Becky Dolgener  
Altar Servers: I & A Stumbaugh—H & E Cowen  
Ushers: Charles Schneider & Tim Cowen

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### MARCH 5 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM Volunteers

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### UPCOMING MASSES

3/2 Sunday 8:15 am: + Naomi Green by Family  
+ Susan Clowers by Marie Macha  
3/4 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Carla Greener by Monica Mikeska  
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Brian & Joan Vanicek  
3/5 Wednesday 7:00 am: + Don Mikeska by Monica Mikeska  
+ Linda Hering by Pat Green Fuchs  
3/5 Wednesday 7:00 pm: + Barbara Macek by Frances Reese  
+ Jerome Schoppe by Adolph & Dorothy Vansa  
3/6 Thursday 7:00 am: + Georgia Stermer by David & Janet Kasner  
+ Maxie Roessler by Roy & Debbie Buckholt  
3/7 Friday 6:00 pm: + Glenda Hesse by Charlie & Jackie Green  
+ Stanley Motl by Charlie Tischler  
3/8 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Gilbert & Pauline Wilde by Daniel & Linda Wilde  
+ John Macha by Glenn & Kelly Lawrence  
3/9 Sunday 8:15 am: + Alice Stojanik by Fred Dach  
+ Lucille Stock by Justin Hering

### MARAK MASSES

3/2 Sunday 10:15 am  
3/5 Wednesday 5:30 pm  
3/9 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, Margaret Campbell.

Stewardship—February 23 —\$2257 Building Fund—\$25 Catholic Higher Education—\$55

Sanctuary Light—March 2—8—In Memory of Don Mikeska by Monica Mikeska.

**CELEBRATING 125 YEARS**—In 2027 St. Joseph's Church will celebrate 125 years of worship, faith, devotion, and memories! To commemorate this occasion, we will update our 100th anniversary booklet. If you have a story to tell about our history or are interested in helping compose the new commemorative book, please contact Pat Balz at 254-718-9660.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2 - Special Collection—Building Fund.

March 2—Ministry Appreciation Event—Parish Hall—Reception following mass—Lunch and recognitions 11:30 am.

March 2—Bingo Extravaganza—Christ the King in Belton—1:00 pm (doors open at 11:30 am) in the Family Life Center—Join the fun of playing bingo with fantastic prizes for the winners: jewelry, designer purses, auto detailing, cooking class, 2-night stay at Bed and Breakfast, a day at Belton/Temple's newest fun restaurant/cocktail bar with pickle ball courts and a speakeasy—The Commonwealth Texas—Single ticket \$40—Table of 8 \$320—Proceeds will help defray cost of new Family Life Center.

March 5—Special Collection—American Home Missions.

March 6—Bishop Vasquez is having his final mass of Thanksgiving—St. Luke Church—Temple—5:30 pm—Reception following in Parish Hall—Throughout the reception, photos of the bishop will be shown on the screen—If you have photos of the bishop you would like to share, please send to evangelization@slparish.com in care of Alyssa.

March 7—Way of the Cross following 6:00 pm mass.

March 7—Westphalia KC's Fish Fry—3:00 pm—7:00 pm—\$15/plate—To go only—Plates can be picked up in drive-thru lane behind Parish Hall.

### **ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS**

**March 9**—Next Altar Society Meeting following mass.