

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.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.” Psalm 31:20

Today’s Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light as one having authority to interpret God’s law. Jesus’ quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see [Isaiah 29:13](#)). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they’ve turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today’s First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus’ Gospel, which shows us the law’s true meaning and purpose (see [Matthew 5:17](#)). The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord’s presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life. Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations.

As James tells us in today’s Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we’ve received, we’re to be examples of God’s wisdom to those around us, the “first fruits” of a new humanity. This means we must be “doers” of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today’s Psalm and hear again in today’s Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts. The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor. “Hear me,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. Today, we’re called to examine our relationship to God’s law. Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip service?

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, September 7

Communion: Pat Balz
Lector: Kristen Parker
Altar Servers: K & H Hejl—T Parker
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, September 8

Communion: Christina Brenek
Lector: Patty Glasgow
Altar Servers: E & C Glasgow—I & A Stumbaugh
Ushers: Jason Hoelscher & Charles Castillo

UPCOMING MASSES

9/1 Sunday 8:15 am: + Jerome Schoppe by Louis & Louise Straka
+ Darwin Bruggman by Bartek Family
9/3 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Jay Paul Jahns by Carson & Helen Wallace
+ Kenneth Kasberg by Smetana Family
9/5 Thursday 7:00 am: + Linda Schneider by Monica Mikeska
+ Bubba Atkins by Charlie & Jackie Green
9/6 Friday 7:00 am: + Maxie Roessler by Becky Roessler
+ Raymond Sehon by Smetana Family
9/7 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: Monica Mikeska—For Health—by Pat Armstrong
+ Zachary Schneider by Pat Armstrong
9/8 Sunday 8:15 am: + Lucille Stock by Margaret Abel
+ Nancy Hubnik by Charlie & Jackie Green

MARAK MASSES

9/1 Sunday 10:15 am
9/4 Wednesday 5:30 pm
9/8 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.

Stewardship—August 25 —\$2644 Children's Mission Fund—\$100 Assumption of Mary—\$25

Sanctuary Light—September 1—7—In Memory of Maxie Roessler by Becky Roessler.

NEW BIBLE STUDY will be starting in October called "The Bible—The Virgin Mary: Mary as You've Never Seen Her Before." Please sign up in the church entrance if you are interested so materials can be ordered. Class will meet 2 Sundays a month after mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1—St. Joseph Church—Marlin—Fall Festival—Chicken Fajita meal—\$15/plate—Serving from 11 am—1 pm—Live auction 1:00 pm—Kids games, bake sale, live music—Raffle prize gift cards from \$100—\$1000.

September 3—Father Ranjan's Birthday Party—6:00 pm—Parish Hall—RSVP to Lacy Jahns at 254-931-4249.

September 8—Sts. Cyril & Methodius Picnic—Marak—Fried chicken & sausage—Serving begins at 11:00 am—Plates \$15—Serving while it lasts—Praha Brothers playing 12:00—3:00 pm—Auction 2:30 pm.

September 15—Holy Trinity Church Picnic—Corn Hill—BBQ & Fried chicken—Serving 11:00—1:00 pm—Adults \$15—Children \$8—Drive through available until 12:30 pm—Hamburgers available at 2:30 pm—Games, live and silent auctions, bingo, and kolaches for sale.

September 17-19—106.9 FM—93.9 FM—1330 AM—www.ArmorOfGodRadio.com is hosting a 3-day live radio special featuring amazing and inspirational stories about our Guardian Angels. Has your Guardian Angel impacted your life? Would you like to share that story? Contact Tom at 254-371-7566 or tom@armorofgodradio.com. Make plans to join us September 17-19 for the Live Membership Drive broadcasting live from Operation Phantom Support in downtown Killeen each day from 8-11 am and 3-6 pm.
