

**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 8, 2024 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

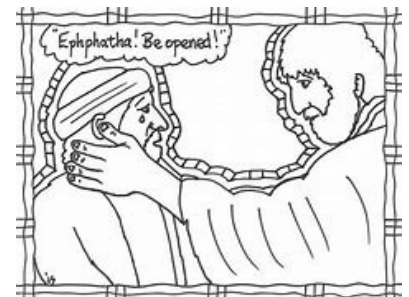
“You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.” Psalm 119:137

The incident in today’s Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: “He has done all things well.” In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good (see [Genesis 1:31](#)). Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah’s promise, which we hear in today’s First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man’s condition (*mogilalon* = “speech impediment”) that’s only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today’s Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the “dumb” singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today’s First Reading: “Here is your God.” Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see [Revelation 21:1-5](#)). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today’s Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today’s Epistle. He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, “Here is our God, He comes to save us.” Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.



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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, September 14

Communion: Pauline Marek  
Lector: Kim Campbell  
Altar Servers: LaCoure Family  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, September 15

Communion: Debbie Buckholt—Ricky Brenek—  
Carla Kacir  
Lector: REP  
Altar Servers: D & R Jahns—L Schneider—A Glasgow  
Ushers: REP

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#### UPCOMING MASSES

9/8 Sunday 8:15 am: + Lucille Stock by Margaret Abel  
+ Nancy Hubnik by Charlie & Jackie Green  
9/10 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Linda Hering by Bill & Carol Smetana  
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Brian & Joan Vanicek  
9/12 Thursday 7:00 am: + Alice Stojanik by Rose Lollar & Faye Brantly  
+ Naomi Green by Family  
9/13 Friday 7:00 am: Lindsey Pierce For Health by Roy & Debbie Buckholt  
Amanda Beltran For Health by Roy & Debbie Buckholt  
9/14 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Georgia Stermer by Bill Stock  
+ John Macha by Glenn & Kelly Lawrence  
9/15 Sunday 8:15 am: + Viola Duskocil by Ernest & Irene Smith  
+ Kenneth Halfmann by David & Janet Kasner

#### MARAK MASSES

9/8 Sunday 10:15 am  
9/11 Wednesday 5:30 pm  
9/15 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 Roesler, Al & Lou Buckholt, Mary Jane Underwood, Lindsey Pierce, Monica Mikeska, Amanda Beltran.

Stewardship—September 1 —\$2300    Building Fund—\$759    REP Donations—\$400

Sanctuary Light—September 8-14—In Memory of Jerome Schoppe by Family.

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 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—KC Meeting—7:00 pm.

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.

#### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

September 9—Altar Society Meeting—6 pm in Parish Hall—Light meal will be served.