

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-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.

JANUARY 23, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.” Psalm 96:1

The meaning of today’s liturgy is subtle and many-layered. We need background to understand what’s happening in today’s First Reading. Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple (see [Ezra 6:15-17](#)) and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls (see [Nehemiah 6:15](#)). The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people’s rule of life. That’s what’s going on in today’s First Reading, as Ezra reads and interprets (see [Nehemiah 8:8](#)) the Law and the people respond with a great “Amen!” Israel, as we sing in today’s Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in today’s Gospel. Read all of Isaiah 61. The “glad tidings” Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion (61:3-4; see also [Isaiah 60:10](#)); the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests (61:6; [Exodus 19:6](#)); and the forging of an everlasting covenant (61:8; [Isaiah 55:3](#)). It sounds a lot like the First Reading.

Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it (compare [Luke 4:16-17, 21](#) and [Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10](#)). We witness in today’s Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year (see [Leviticus 23:24](#)). Jesus also proclaims a “sabbath,” a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God (see [Leviticus 25:10](#)). The people greeted Ezra “as one man.” And, as today’s Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God—the Church—is made “one body” with Him.



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Bulletin deadline: Please call or send by email all info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

MINISTRIES

Saturday, January 29

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

Sunday, January 30

Communion: Sherry Kosel
Lector: Patty Glasgow
Altar Servers: C. Landeros—E. & A. Glasgow
Ushers: Brian & Brandon Kosel

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

1/23 Sunday 8:15 am: + Darwin Bruggman by M/M Justin Hering
+ Vertis Mesecke by Bill & Carol Smetana
1/25 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Doris Zabcik by Bill & Carol Smetana
+ Edward Brenek by Bill & Carol Smetana
1/27 Thursday 7:00 am: + Jim & Joy Litzman by Lynne Hornung
+ Melvin Joe Tyroch by Bill & Carol Smetana
1/28 Friday 7:00 am: + J. D. Ranly by Bill & Carol Smetana
+ Dean Mikeska by Skip & Ann Cockrell
1/29 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: +Patrick Geistman by Sandra & Henry Mayo
+ Zachary Schneider by Danny & Jane Bruggman
1/30 Sunday 8:15 am: + Randolph Green by Family
+ Wilbert Mikeska by Ernest Janacek

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

1/23 Sunday 10:15 am: +Albina Vrazel by Robert & Debbie Vansa +Larry Green by Lynn Hornung +Paul & Rosalie Hubnik by Vicki McNulty Roberts +Albert Michalka by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
1/26 Wednesday 5:30 pm: +Dorothy Vaculin by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel +Annie Mae Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik +Martha Tomek by Steve Tomek +Joe Vansa by Leroy Vansa
1/30 Sunday 10:15 am: +Martha Tomek by Leroy & Kathy Vansa +Albina Vrazel by Albert Vrazel +Annie & Joe Dohnalik by Debbie Dohnalik Bush +Eugene Vaculin by Tom & Julie Motyka

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering, Alice Stojanik, Edward Zavodny, Jerome Schoppe. Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Viola Duskocil, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter.

Stewardship—January 16—\$2134 Building Fund—\$30 Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS GIVE AWAY BOOKS TITLED “Life is Messy” from Dynamic Catholic: We received extra copies. If you have a family member who would like a copy, please take one for them.

CHURCH RENOVATION—The new confessional is being framed out this week. Also, work on the floors will begin soon.

Upcoming Events

January 23—Holy Trinity of Corn Hill BBQ Pork Dinner—11:00 am—1:00 pm—Parish Activity Center—Adults \$12/Children \$6.

February 19—Seaton Brethren Church Sausage Supper, Bake Sale, & Silent Auction—Seaton Star Hall—3:00 pm—\$12/plate.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- The Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Center Banquet has been cancelled. It will be virtual.
- Next Altar Society Meeting—February 13 following 8:15 am mass.
- February 16—Killeen/Temple Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Deanery Meeting—St. Stephen’s—Salado—10:00 am.
- The storage building has arrived! It is located next to the outside restrooms. We will have further discussion on utilization of the storage area. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!