

**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 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

“The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.” Luke 24:34

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation. At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see [Jonah 1:17](#)). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see [Hosea 6:2](#)). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld (see [Psalm 16:9-10](#)).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word—“tomb.” What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see [Mark 9:31](#); [10:34](#)). What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see [Deuteronomy 21:22-23](#)), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now “hidden with Christ in God,” as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb. We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: “I shall not die, but live.” They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, “will appear with Him in glory.”



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Bulletin Information: Marak: Irene Kaulfus (254-248-2069) – Cyclone: Nancy Posvar (254 913 2696)

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

## MINISTRIES

### Saturday, April 6

Communion: Pauline Marek  
Lector: Kim Campbell  
Altar Servers: T Parker—S Simmone—RJ Cook  
Ushers: Volunteers

### Sunday, April 7

Communion: Andrew Brenek  
Lector: Becky Dolgener  
Altar Servers: K Hejl—E Glasgow—I & A Stumbaugh  
Ushers: Lewis Moeller & Jeff Posvar

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#### UPCOMING MASSES

3/31 Sunday 8:15 am: + Josie Kleypas by David & Janet Kasner  
+ Jerome Schoppe by Louis & Louise Straka  
4/2 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Ervin Ketterman by Robert Ketterman  
+ Don Mikeska by Charlie & Jackie Green  
4/4 Thursday 7:00 am: + Billy & Bernadine Goonan by Brita & Ricky McNeill  
+ Dean Mikeska by Charlie & Jackie Green  
4/5 Friday 7:00 am: + Nancy Hubnik by Jay & Joyce Wimberley  
+ Louis & Barbara Maspero by Bill & Carol Smetana  
4/6 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm: + Albina Vrazel by Daniel & Linda Wilde  
+ John Macha by Alfredo & Marilyn Barrera  
4/7 Sunday 8:15 am: + Dolores Motl by Ted Motl  
+ Denise Posvar by Family

#### MARAK MASSES

3/31 Easter Sunday 10:15 am  
4/3 Wednesday 5:30 pm  
4/7 Sunday 10:15 am

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Leora Hering.

Good health: A. J. Stermer, Bill Stock, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Deacon Bill Smetana, Buddy Roessler, Lucille Stock, Al & Lou Buckholt, Mary Jane Underwood, Lindsey Pierce, Barbara Macek, Monica Mikeska.

Stewardship—March 24—\$1792

Sanctuary Light—March 31—April 6—In memory of Frank & Mary Stojanik by Ellen Stojanik.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE is a 5-session grief support series to be held at St. Luke Catholic Church, Temple in the John Paul II Room of the Religious Ed Building. Each 2-hour session begins at 6:30 pm. The first session is April 2 continuing each Tuesday through April 30. Cost \$10 to cover workbook. For more information or to register, call St. Luke Catholic Church at 254-773-1561.

April 7 & 21—Bible Study following mass—Bring a breakfast dish if you would like—Everyone welcome.

April 8—TOTAL CONSECRATION ROSARY & MASS—St. Mary Cathedral—Austin 6:00 pm—St. Helen Church—Georgetown 5:15 pm—St. Peter Catholic Student Center—Waco 5:30 pm.

April 14—St. Mary's Church—Temple—Parish Festival—BBQ plates, hotdog and hamburger baskets, music—11:00 am—8:00 pm.

April 15 (Monday)—Pet Vaccination—Parish Hall—5:00—7:00 pm—Youth will be selling hamburgers.

May 4—Cyclone—Marak KC's Fundraiser—Flag Hall—Tickets \$125—6:00 pm—Tickets can be purchased from Charles Green at Green's Sausage House.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

KC 10186 is offering 4-\$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. Please contact Michael Brenek or Ricky Brenek for application. Deadline is April 16.

St. Mary's Altar Society is offering 2-\$1000 scholarships. Application forms in church entry. Deadline April 30.

Burlington—Cameron branch of Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring a \$300 scholarship to graduating high school seniors. Please contact Charles Schneider or your CCD teacher for application.

KC 4th Degree 2024 Patriotism Scholarship for graduating seniors of St. Luke, Church of the Visitation, St. Joseph, and Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parishes—Due April 30—See bulletin board for more details.

#### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

- Next Meeting—April 14 following mass.