

# Bulletin for the Catholic Parishes of Oklee, Grygla, and Goodridge

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**Bulletin Deadline**

**Wednesday:** Noon

C l e r g y C o l u m n

Give thanks and rejoice! Ann Peterson was able to return to work this week. Thank you for all of your prayers on her behalf!

I have been praying lately for rain to fall where it is most needed. I believe God will answer our prayers, but until then, we must keep asking Him for what we truly need. Here are two good prayers to say if you are in need of rain for your crops or gardens.

Lord, cover the heavens with clouds. And prepare rain for the earth. That grass may spring up in the hills. And vegetation for men's use. Sprinkle the hills from the clouds up above. And the earth will be saturated from the work of your hands. Amen

God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us rain in plenty, so that as we amply experience your gifts of the present time we may all the more confidently desire those of eternity. Grant, we beg you, almighty God, that we who put our trust in you in this affliction may ever be shielded from all adversities. Lord, give us, we pray, a plentiful rainfall, and graciously pour out on the parched earth moisture from the heavenly vaults; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Weekly Schedule**

**St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee**

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Tues:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Wed:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Thurs:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Fri:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

**St. Clement Parish in Grygla**

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	10:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

**St. Ann Parish in Goodridge**

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun.	12:00 noon	11:45 p.m.

## Queen of Heaven

Our Church has a long tradition of honouring Mary alongside Jesus, her son. As early as the fourth century Saint Ephrem used the term “Queen” in praise of Mary, and later church usage continues applying this title to her. Marian Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries have phrases like “Hail, Holy Queen” and “Hail, Queen of Heaven.” The fifth decade of the rosary as well as numerous invocations in the litany of Loreto celebrate her queenship. The bishops at Vatican II urged us to persevere in prayer to the Mother of God and Mother of mankind. “Let them implore her that as she helped the beginnings of the Church by her prayers she may now, exalted above all the saints and angels in heaven, intercede with her Son in the fellowship of all the saints.” (*Constitution on the Church*, 69).

When Pius XII proclaimed this feast in 1954 he pointed out that Mary deserves the title “Queen” as the Mother of God, for three reasons:

1. her close association with Jesus’ redemptive work;
2. her preeminent perfection of holiness and
3. her intercessory power on our behalf.

The themes for the feast are drawn from Holy Scripture, when the angel announced that Mary’s Son would *receive the throne of David* and would *rule forever*. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary “mother of my Lord.” In her whole life, Mary was closely associated with Jesus, so that in popular devotion her queenship is a share in his kingship. We may note how in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court life, as when Batsheba secured the kingship for her son, Solomon.

The feast is linked to that of the Assumption and is now celebrated on the octave day, that feast. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in faithful dependence on Jesus, was to be its queen. As Jesus was king by serving his Father and by compassion to others, so is Mary a queen as the handmaid of the Lord and the mother of mercy.

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## The Queenship of Mary

As early as the Middle Ages Mary, the mother of Jesus, was honoured as Queen of angels and saints. Then, at the close of the Marian Year of 1955, Pope Pius XII set up the Queenship of Mary as a feast of the universal church. The feast was dated on August 22, to stress its connection with the feast of the Assumption, exactly a week earlier. Today’s Gospel suggests that if Mary now reigns with her Son in heaven, it is because she gave herself over to God’s purpose for her earthly life, as did Jesus her Son.

There are many “vocational stories” in the gospels and in the bible as a whole. Today’s Gospel highlights the call of Mary, and her three successive responses to God’s approach to her. Initially, she was *disturbed* at being called God’s favoured one, who would conceive and bear a son. Then she *questioned* how this promise would come about, and finally she *surrendered* completely to what God was asking of her, “Let what you have said be done to me.”

The story suggests Mary’s struggle for discernment before reaching her famous response, which came to be so vital for the salvation of our human race. It is normal to experience uncertainty in our relationship with God, in our efforts to discern the Lord’s call. Just as Mary’s response of total surrender to God’s prompting did not come easy to her, we too have to discern the right way to go. But in our efforts to live in harmony with God’s purposes, we have the assurance of Gabriel’s words to Mary, “Nothing is impossible to God.” Likewise we can take to heart the words of Saint Paul, “By the grace of God I am what I am. His grace toward me has not been in vain” (1 Cor 15:10).

## Mass Intentions

Oklee	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>08/19/18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	† <b>Josephine Agnes</b>
Grygla	Sunday	08/19/18	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	08/19/18	12:00 p.m.	† <b>Patrick Mayernik</b>
Oklee	Tuesday	08/21/18	8:00 a.m.	†Larry O'Neill
Oklee	Wednesday	08/22/18	8:00 a.m.	†Lois Jahnke
Pioneer Home	Wednesday	08/22/18	10:00 a.m.	†Al Paquin
Oklee	Thursday	08/23/18	8:00a.m.	Special Intentions of C. B.
Oklee	Friday	08/24/18	11:00a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	08/26/18	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Mary Peterson</b>
Grygla	Sunday	08/26/18	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	<b>08/26/18</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	† <b>Patrick Marynick</b>
Oklee	Tuesday	08/28/18	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Wednesday	08/29/18	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Thursday	08/30/18	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Friday	08/31/18	8:00a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	09/02/18	8:00 a.m.	<b>Holly O'Shea</b>
Grygla	Sunday	09/02/18	10:15 a.m.,	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	09/02/18	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	† <b>Patrick Mayernik</b>

The Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24, today honors the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated. Today's Gospel relates the circumstances of his execution. He had the courage to blame Herod to his face for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. Herodias contrived to make Herod imprison him and took advantage of an unexpected opportunity to obtain through her daughter Salome the beheading of the saint.



According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the feast of St. Sabina. The titular church of St. Sabina of the Aventine is a gem of Christian architecture. It owes its origin to the generosity of a Roman lady of the name of Sabina who gave to the Christian community the house that she possessed in this aristocratic quarter of Rome. The martyrologies also commemorate another St. Sabina who died in Umbria. The identity of name has caused confusion between the two women.

### Pope Francis Monthly Intention for August 2018

#### The Treasure of Families:

**That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasurers of humanity.**

## Tithing

August 5 & 12th 2018

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adult Envelopes	\$3627.00
Loose Plate	\$113.00
Flowers	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$3765.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

NO REPORT

### St. Clement's in Grygla

Adult Envelopes	\$1075.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$206.00</u>
Total	\$1281.00

### **ST. ANN'S MINISTRY**

Sunday August 19,, 2018

Commentator: Gerri  
Lector: Eliza  
EMHC: Eliza & Darwin  
Ushers: Russell & Charl  
Counter: Audrey & Marie

Sunday August 26, 2018

Commentator: Gerri  
Lector: Carol  
EMHC: Deb & Marie  
Usher: Joe & Stanley  
Counter: Deb & Maggie

Sunday September 2, 2018

Commentator: Carol  
EMHC: Darwin & Marie  
Usher: Joe & Russell  
Counter: Marie & Audrey

### **ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY**

Sunday August 19, 2018

Commentator: Angie  
Lector: Kaylani  
EMHC: Ron & Coleen  
Usher: Justin & Kim

Sunday August 26, 2018

Commentator: Angie  
Lector: Jodi  
EMHC: Jean & Justin  
Usher: Bill Z.. & Jim C.

Sunday September 2, 2018

Commentator: Angie  
Lector: Gary  
EMHC: Laurie & Kaylani  
Ushers: Ron & Bruce

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee  
Lay Contacts

*Body*                      *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Pastoral Council & Finance Council

Don LaCoursiere	3/3—June 2018 (2nd)	P
Phyllis Melby	3/3—June 2018 (1st)	P
Mitch Bernstein	3/3—June 2018 (1st)	F
Margaret Buer	2/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Rick Dulka	2/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Janet Halvorson	2/3—June 2019 (1st)	F
Virginia Weber	1/3—June 2020 (3rd)	P
David Bachand	1/3—June 2020 (2nd)	P
Jacob Melby	1/3—June 2020 (2nd)	F

Parish Trustees

Vacant	1/2—Sept. 2019(2nd)
Shirley Cyr	1/2—Sept. 2019(2nd)

St. Clement, Grygla  
Lay Contacts

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Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Jim Carriere	3/3—June 2018 (1st)
Gary Polansky	3/3—June 2018 (2nd)
Bill Zavoral	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Angie Kiesow	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Jean Schulz	1/3—June 2020 (1st)
Bill Neuschwander	1/3—June 2020 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Jody Miller	2/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)
Jack Miller	2/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)

St. Ann, Goodridge  
Lay Contacts

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Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Audrey Rogalla	3/3—June 2018 (1st)
Cindi Kotrba	3/3—June 2018 (1st)
Marlin Kotrba	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Karyl Mayernik	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Darwin Eidelbes	1/3—June 2020 (2nd)
Gerri Rustan	1/3—June 2020 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Patty Skibicki	2/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)
Vernon Rogalla	2/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)

Recently  
Deceased Loved  
Ones

† Mary Peterson  
 † Joe Frog  
 † Donna Horachek  
 † Joey Johnson  
 † Allen Paquin  
 † Kathleen Amiot  
 † Chris Tougas  
 † Larry O'Neill  
 † Yvonne Boucher  
 † Bonnie Buchmeier  
 † Janet Pearson

Pray For Those  
Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler  
 Donnie Tougas  
 LaVonne Radniecki  
 Kenneth LaCoursiere  
 Anne Hammer  
 Shirley Dessellier  
 Karyl Mayernik  
 Irene Kiesow  
 Michael Bachand  
 Audrey Rogalla  
 Annette LaCoursiere  
 Bob Carriere  
 Debra Olson  
 Floyd Neuschwander  
 Ann Peterson  
 Mark Stromberg  
 Frankie Cyr  
 Jack Miller

Oklee Ministry List

Sunday August 19, 2018

Sacristan: Mary Ann Bachand  
 Lector: Paul Cyr  
 EMHC: Bob & Emily Bernier  
 Usher: Don LaCoursiere & Frank Buer  
 Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere  
 Counter: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm

Sunday August 26 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka  
 Lector: Mary Ann Lambert  
 EMHC: Don LaCoursiere & Carolyn Rystad  
 Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby  
 Greeter: Ken & Shirley Boucher  
 Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday September 02, 2018

Sacristan: Phyllis Melby  
 Lector: Krista Bernstein  
 EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Anne Hammer  
 Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote  
 Greeter: Mary Ann Lambert & Ann Hammer  
 Counter: Lora Johnsn & Margaret Buer

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- Have Masses offered for friends or relatives, deceased or still living. Just drop a note in the collection basket, along with your donation; the usual amount is \$5.00/Mass. If this would be a financial hardship, please let me know, and I will be happy to offer one without a stipend.
- Offer Memorials in honor of your deceased loved ones to your parish's building and maintenance fund, or to your parish cemetery.
- Leave a legacy gift to the parish in your will, or name the parish as the beneficiary of your retirement policy or life insurance plan.