

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

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Happy
 Mother's
 Day

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

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

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 11:45a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Rotating w/ Goodridge see MASS schedules	
Tues: 5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 10:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.
Rotating w/ Grygla see MASS schedules	
Tues: 5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.

CLERGY COLUMN

6th Sunday of Easter

Find the entire series at: oggcatholic.org/homilies-audio.html

Focus: Discipleship: The reason for this series.

1. **Review:** Created, Captured, Rescued, Response
 - a. Kerygma → Proclamation
2. **This week and next: Discipleship** (the reason for the series)
 - a. Matthew 28:18-20 → *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..."*
 - i. The one task given to the Church's ministers. The one task given to me.
 - ii. My dream: Three parishes full of disciples of Jesus Christ.
 - iii. An insight: Jesus talks about it differently than we do: *it's a privilege, not a right.*
 1. He establishes the terms. Not all will agree with the terms.
 2. Examples: Luke 14:25-27; Matthew 10:37-39
 3. 1 Peter 2:7-8; John 3:36; Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 7:21
 - iv. Are you a disciple of Jesus? Do you want to be one?
 1. Data: 5% of Catholics are disciples. How has the one task gone?
3. **What's a disciple?** Define the word:
 - a. One who learns from and adopts the way of life of the Lord/Master.
 - i. Is Jesus your Lord? Do you learn from him?
 - b. Someone who is striving to bring every area of his/her life under the Lordship of Jesus.
 - i. Words, actions, thoughts, living situation, relationships, marriage, finances, movies/shows, music, places you go, hobbies, how you treat people, how you spend your days
 - ii. Striving: imperfect, but putting forth great effort
 1. Are you striving?
 - c. Someone who steps out of the crowd
 - i. "Even though everyone else or most people are doing this, I won't."
 - ii. "Even though most people don't do this, I will."
 1. Have you stepped out of the crowd?
 - d. Someone who thinks differently...who thinks like Jesus.
 - i. Always with eternity in mind (rope, cave, etc)
 1. Do you always make your decisions with eternity in mind?
4. **What are some characteristics of a disciple of Jesus Christ?**
 - a. First and foremost: Obedience to Jesus and his Church. Luke 6:46; Luke 10:16; Matthew 28:20
 - b. Acts 2:42 → Devoted to the teaching of the apostles, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer
 - i. Devotion: love, loyalty, or enthusiasm toward something
 - ii. Teaching of the Apostles: Regular engagement with Scripture and Catholic Doctrine
 - iii. Fellowship: Time spent with other disciples of Jesus (not just with anyone)
 - iv. The Breaking of Bread: Mass (at least on Sundays)...and other Sacraments (e.g. Confession)
 - v. Prayer: Daily time with Jesus
5. **An apology.**
 - a. We've seen the leaders of the Church fail many times throughout history.
 - b. Church leaders haven't built a culture of discipleship.
 - i. How have the past 60 years gone? Very, very poorly.
 - c. The best way to bring about the change we need: become disciples of Jesus.
6. **Next week:** Disciples make disciples.

Reflection Questions and Reading:

1. Have you surrendered your life to Jesus and his Church yet?
2. What is a step you can take toward discipleship?
3. **Read:** Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-16; Romans 1:16

Weekly Bible Study: youtube.com/@fatherbryankujawa

Oklee	Sunday	05/14/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	05/14/23	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Students
Grygla	Sunday	05/14/23	11:45 a.m.	†Cade Blickenstaff
Oklee	Monday	05/15/23	8:00 a.m.	†Garret Qually
	05/16/23 - 05/18/23			NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	05/21/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	05/21/23	10:00 a.m.	Bishop Cozzens
Grygla	Sunday	05/21/23	11:45 a.m.	†Delbert Blickenstaff
Oklee	Monday	05/22/23	8:00 a.m.	George & Ardith Altstadt
Goodridge	Tuesday	05/23/23	5:30 p.m.	†Gayle Grossman
Oklee	Wednesday	05/24/23	8:00 a.m.	†Gayle Grossman
Oklee	Thursday	05/25/23	8:00 a.m.	†Beatrice McGowan
Oklee	Sunday	05/28/23	8:00 a.m.	†Gayle Grossman
Goodridge	Sunday	05/28/23	10:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	05/28/23	11:45 a.m.	Fallen Away Parishioners

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

May 7, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$2245.00
Endowment for Priests	\$20.00
Home Missions	\$100.00
Catholic Relief	\$100.00
Flowers Altar	\$56.00
Loose Plate	\$2.00
Total	\$ 2523.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

May 7, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$836.00
Loose Plate	\$70.00
Total	\$906.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

May 7, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$630.00
Loose Plate	\$60.00
Total	\$690.00

4 things Jesus did after the resurrection (and before the ascension)

We often fall into the trap of seeing the resurrection of Jesus as the “end of the story”. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, did miracles, was betrayed by a friend, arrested, and crucified for our sins. He then rose from the dead. Happy Easter! The end! That’s not the end of the marvelous story of Christ and his Church. In fact, Jesus does four things following His resurrection that we would do well to learn from and hear what Christ is saying to us through these actions. Let’s look at the Acts of the Apostles.

“In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak: for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit.” (Acts 1:1-5)

The first 5 verses of Acts give us a glimpse into what happens after Jesus rose from the dead. Let’s take a look at what those actions were and how we can apply them to our life:

1.) Jesus proved He was alive: “He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered.” (vs 3) The first order of business for Christ was to prove to his disciples that He had risen from the dead. This group of apostles had seen Jesus arrested, knew about the suffering He endured, and were in hiding. Imagine being an apostle who had taught about Jesus being Lord and Messiah, who had witnessed miracles and believed in Christ, and then to see him arrested and crucified. It was not only a damaging blow to their faith and belief in the claims of Christ regarding His identity, but it was also a source of fear. The government and religious leaders had conspired to kill Jesus because of their fear of his popularity. The disciples had participated in the spread of Jesus. They were hiding. The government and Jewish leaders wanted to squash this “Way” of Christ. It would include hunting the disciples down as well. They were afraid and defeated.

Jesus appears to them and shows them “many proofs” as a way to encourage them, build up their faith again, and to strengthen them for the persecution they would face. It was a way to solidify the truth of Jesus as God Incarnate and the Son of God. Jesus secured their belief that he was, indeed, the Messiah.

We must also have that encounter with Christ and that moment of belief. We must seek that confidence to know Jesus has risen from the dead, He is Lord of all, He is God, and He has given us redemption from our sins. We must allow the proof of the resurrection of Jesus to ignite the fire of our hearts and embolden us to share the Gospel with others. There is undisputable proof that Jesus rose from the dead.

2.) He stayed with them for 40 days: “...appearing to them during forty days” (vs 3) The significance of 40 days should not be overlooked. (Remember the temptation of Jesus for 40 days in the wilderness by Satan?) It is intentional. Jesus has just returned to his disciples after being crucified. He has proven to them he has been resurrected and now spends time teaching them. Jesus is certainly not one to waste a moment and so we can safely surmise that his teaching was a combination of instructing them, *page 4*

St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sacristan: Phyllis

Lector:: Bob

Counters: Mary Ann & Deb

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Sacristan: Margaret

Lector:: Paul

Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Sacristan: Emily

Lector:: Jacob

Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Sacristan: Mary Lynn

Lector:: Mary Lynn

Counters: Jo & Deb



St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Lector:: Eliza

Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Lector:: Carol

Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Lector:: Paula

Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Lector:: Eliza

Counters: Deb & Maggie



St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Lector:: Gary

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Lector:: Dawn



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teaching with parables, reminding them of what the Lord has done, and in prayer. Jesus spent his time on earth teaching, doing miracles, and in prayer. He did all these three after his resurrection. He taught them, he proved he rose from the dead, and we can be assured he spent time in prayer because the disciples immediately went and prayed after his ascension.

3.) He taught them about the kingdom of God: "...and speaking about the kingdom of God" (vs 3) To teach others about the Lord, we must know our faith. Our belief and faith do not need to be confined to Sunday Mass and leaving it within the parish walls when we walk out on Sunday. If we treat our faith as another "to do" item on our weekly list of "things to do" then we will never know our faith, our Lord, well enough to teach others. Jesus instructs them about the faith. He expects us to do the same with those we love. He expects us to teach them about Him. He is waiting for us to tell our family, friends, and neighbors about him. He is waiting for you to know your faith well enough to do so.

4.) He instructed them to be patient: "While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak." (vs. 4)

If you are like me, patience is not a virtue I have most of the time (road rage much?). Jesus tells his disciples to be patient. He tells them to wait for what comes next. He doesn't specify when it will take place or what exactly it is, but he directs them to wait. Jesus is oftentimes telling us to be patient, to wait for Him, but we get anxious. We get impatient. We want things now. Fast food, fast internet, immediate smartphone notifications are all part of our life. Many of us even have watches that show text messages and phone calls immediately when we receive them. God does not work on immediate. Jesus tells them to wait and be patient for what comes next. He is telling us the same thing – wait and be patient.

Just as the final actions and words of Christ before and during his crucifixion are key to understanding our faith and the work of God, his actions following his resurrection are just as vitally important. We must learn from what Jesus does and we must open our heart in prayer to ask him how he desires for us to apply that to our life.

Amelia Monroe Carlson

We are the Hands of Christ

Are you good at making people feel welcome?
When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home?

Many of us probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded.

A simple "hello" goes a long way.

Say Hello!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

NOTE: If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. Red Lake County Sheriff at 218-253-2996, Pennington County Sheriff at 218-681-6161, Marshall County Sheriff at 218-745-5411. In addition, the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).