

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

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CLERGY COLUMN

THIS IS A 2-WEEK BULLETIN

On Thursday I am making a quick trip down to the Twin Cities to attend a cousin's wedding, so this is the only bulletin for the next two weeks. The wedding is on Friday, and I'll be back sometime on Saturday.

Last week, this week, and the next few weeks, the Gospels we have for Sunday Mass are part of the Bread of Life Discourse, which is a portion of the teaching of Jesus which appears in the Gospel of John 6:22-59 and was delivered in the synagogue at Capernaum. The title "Bread of Life" given to Jesus is based on this Biblical passage which is set in the Gospel of John shortly after the feeding the multitude episode (in which Jesus feeds a crowd of 5000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish), after which He walks on the water to the western side of Sea of Galilee and the crowd follow by boat in search of Him. I recommend that we all sit down and read these verses as a whole this week. In the Sunday Gospels at Mass we hear them all chopped up, but we can benefit from reading the whole at once as well.

Congratulations to Ellie Rae Larson (daughter of Jordan and Caitlin Larson) who was baptized yesterday at St. Clement's Church in Grygla! May God bless her and keep her!



St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

Mass Times Confessions

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.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

Mass Times Confessions

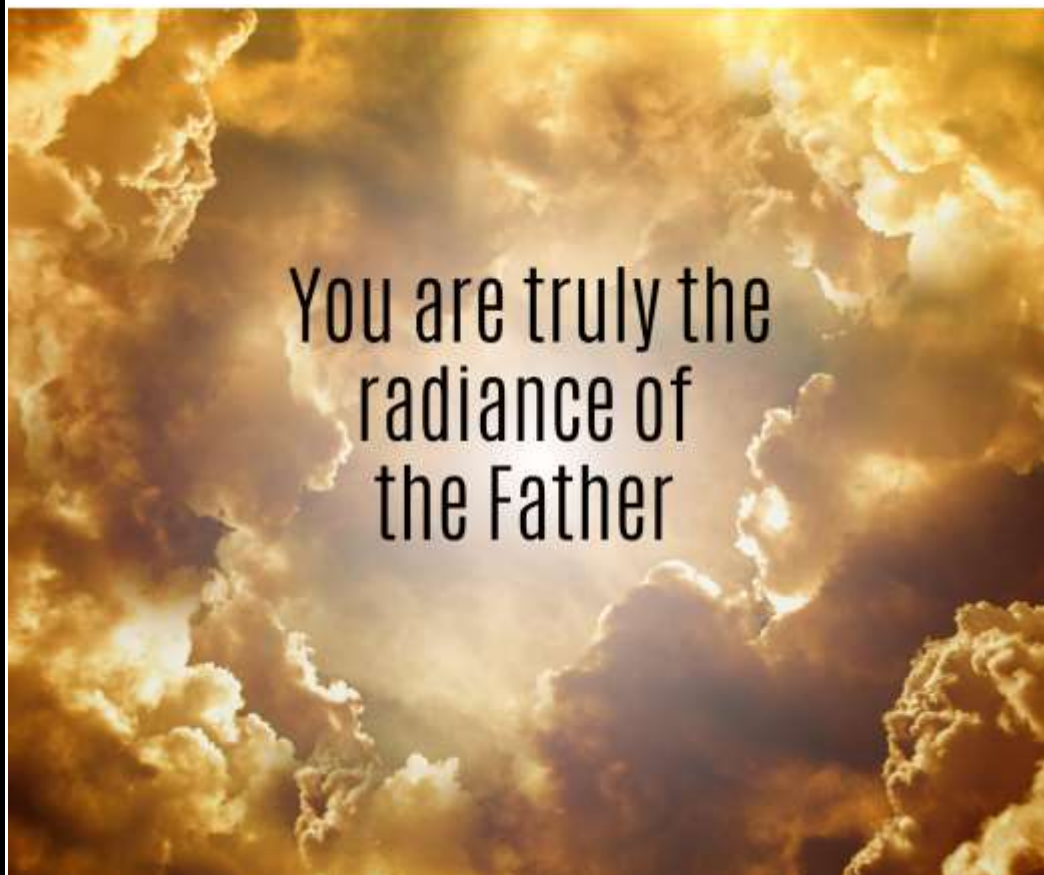
Sun: 10:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 12:00 p.m. 11:45 a.m.

The Transfiguration of the Lord



You are truly the
radiance of
the Father

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (17:1-9)
His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. "Tell no one about this vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord....

Both Roman and Eastern rite Catholics celebrate the Church's feast of the Transfiguration today, August 6, on its traditional date for both calendars.

The feast commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light.

Before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with his disciples Peter, James, and John. While Jesus prayed upon the mountain, his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and from his clothing.

During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that the voice of God was heard, confirming Jesus as his son (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:6, Luke 9:35). Peter and John make specific reference to the event in their writings, as

confirming Jesus' divinity and his status as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14). In his address before the Angelus on August 6, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI described how the events of the transfiguration display Christ as the "full manifestation of God's light."

This light, which shines forth from Christ both at the transfiguration and after his resurrection, is ultimately triumphant over "the power of the darkness of evil."

The Pope stressed that the feast of the Transfiguration is an important opportunity for believers to look to Christ as "the light of the world," and to experience the kind of conversion which the Bible frequently describes as an emergence from darkness to light.

"In our time too," Pope Benedict said, "we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light!"

For Eastern Catholics, the Feast of the Transfiguration is especially significant. It is among the 12 "great feasts" of Eastern Catholicism.

Eastern Christianity emphasizes that Christ's transfiguration is the prototype of spiritual illumination, which is possible for the committed disciple of Jesus. This Christian form of "enlightenment" is facilitated by the ascetic disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charitable almsgiving. A revered hierarch of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, the late Archbishop Joseph Raya, described this traditional Byzantine view of the transfiguration in his book of meditations on the Biblical event and its liturgical celebration, titled "Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

"Transfiguration," Archbishop Raya wrote, "is not simply an event out of the two-thousand-year old past, or a future yet to come. It is rather a reality of the present, a way of life available to those who seek and accept Christ's nearness."

Article from Catholic News Agency

Oklee	Sunday	08/01/21	8:00 a.m.	†Joan Carpenter
Grygla	Sunday	08/01/21	10:15 a.m.	†Kat Timpf
Goodridge	Sunday	08/01/21	12:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Oklee	Tuesday	08/03/21	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (S.C.)
Oklee	Wednesday	08/04/21	8:00 a.m.	†Jim Dulka
Oklee	Thursday	08/05/21	8:00 a.m.	†Iona Berry
Oklee	Friday	08/06/21	NO MASS	NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	08/08/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	08/08/21	10:15 a.m.	†Lawrence Kiesow
Goodridge	Sunday	08/08/21	12:00 p.m.	†Greg Grahn
Oklee	Tuesday	08/10/21	8:00 a.m.	†Kim Johs
Oklee	Wednesday	08/11/21	8:00 a.m.	†George Laniel
Pioneer	Wednesday	08/11/21	10:00 a.m.	†Ray Buckner
Oklee	Thursday	08/12/21	8:00 a.m.	Dale Bohn
Oklee	Friday	08/13/21	8:00 a.m.	Greg Whalen
Oklee	Sunday	08/15/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	08/15/21	10:15 a.m.	†Irene Kiesow
Goodridge	Sunday	08/15/21	12:00 p.m.	†Frank Cwikla

Latin Mass Group

There will be a holy hour with Adoration and Benediction at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 7th. There will be a potluck supper to follow. Everyone is welcome.

Matthew 7:1-5

“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

July 25, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$1005.00
Flowers Altar	\$25.00
Loose Plate	\$55.00
Total	\$1060.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

July 18, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$405.00
Loose Plate	\$20.00
Total	\$425.00

July 25, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$285.00
Loose Plate	\$.00
Total	\$285.00

St. Clement's in Goodridge

July 25, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$1010.00
Loose Plate	\$31.00
Total	\$1041.00

Transfiguration prayer:

On the mountain you were transfigured, O Christ God,
And your disciples beheld your glory as far as they were able
So that when they would behold You crucified,
They would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,
And would proclaim to the world,
That You are truly the radiance of the Father. Amen

St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Lector:: MaryLynn Bachand
Counters: Jo Lambert & Deb

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Lector:: Paul Cyr
Counters: Lora J & Margaret Buer

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Lector:: Jan Dulka
Counters: Anne H & Dolores G.

St Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Lector: Carol

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Lector: Paula

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Lector:: Eliza

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Lector:: Karyl

St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Lector: Gary

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Lector: Laurie

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Lector: Daniel

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Lector: Dawn

Weekly Reflections

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.



FRESH PRODUCE

Inter-County Community Council has received a big box of watermelon and a box of cabbage. There will also be another shipment of watermelon and cucumbers. If families are in need please go to the north side of D&R Grocery to pick up produce for their families.



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.



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Joey Johnson
†Allen Paquin
†Chris Tougas
†Larry O’Neill
†Yvonne Boucher
†Bonnie Buchmeier
†Janet Pearson
†David Dessellier
†Rita Bonagura Vaughn
†Ann Peterson
†Irene Dessellier
†Floyd Neuschwander
†Ted Lussier
†LaVonne Radniecki
†Brigitta Dobmeier
†Mary Jean Altendorf
†Mike Bourque
†Florence Dunham
†Betty Barsness
†Floyd Charest
†Jim Dulka
†Avis Frazer
†Laurette Stucy
†Tom Toulouse
†Marlyn Dessellier
†Gerald Cote
†Phyllis Martell
†Theresa “Bergeron” Lucken
†Jerome Hruby
†Irene Kiesow
†Donnie Knutson
†Ron Rustan
†Joan Carpenter
†Leroy Irlbeck
†Lowell Smeby
†Dorothy Plante
†Jim Lussier
†Tim Whalen
†Iona Berry
†Kim Johs
†Elias Abboud

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
Donnie Tougas
Kenneth LaCoursiere
Shirley Dessellier
Michael Bachand
Annette LaCoursiere
Debra Olson
Jack Miller
Ambrose Beaudoin
Steve Sebenaler
Don LaCoursiere
Cindy Deterrman
Marie Adams
Grace Rundell
MaryAnn Lambert
Bailey Herried Drotts
George Pittman
Bambi Lambert
Lucille Christianson
Doris Dessellier
Danielle Swanson
Mark Stromberg
Sylvia Remick Morey
Penny Kalar
Jo Lambert
Richard Perreault
Tony Radniecki
Darren Tougas
Elaine Radniecki
Bob Radniecki
Rick Dulka
Greg Whalen
Richard Bourque
Tony Weber
Jason Moe
Audrey Martell
Cindi Podnar

