

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

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Wednesday: Noon

St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



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.
Tues: 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.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 10:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.

CLERGY COLUMN

Brothers and sisters,

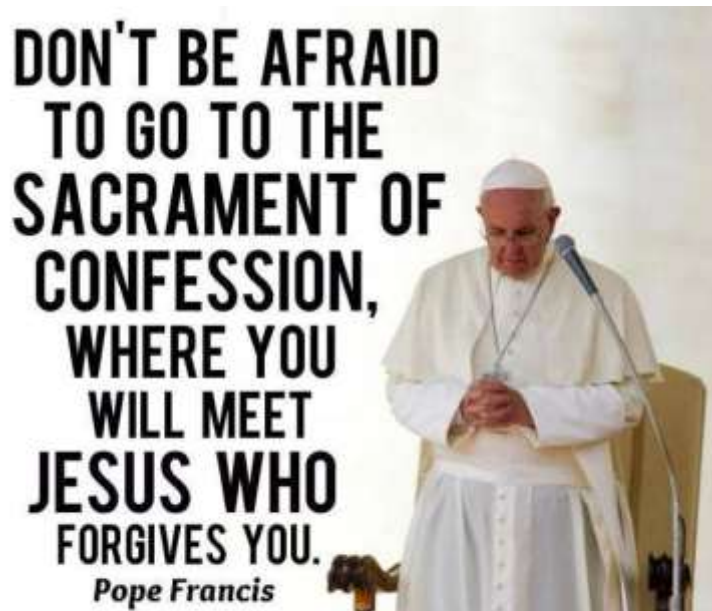
It's been a bit of time since I've written about the Sacraments, more than a month. This time of year is always a bit busier than usual, with such beautiful days and feast days. If you remember (or if you read), the most recent Sacrament I wrote about was the Sacrament of Confirmation. This week and next we'll look at the Sacraments of Healing, beginning today with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession/Penance is such a beautiful sacrament given to us by the Lord in the Gospels. We'll look at that in a moment, but first we should mention the sign. What happens in Confession? A person comes to the priest and audibly confesses his/her (mortal) sins. The priest then audibly gives absolution, which means he sets that person free from guilt. This is what takes place on the outside. Invisibly, Jesus working through the priest removes the stain of guilt from the soul of the one confessing sins. Our sin binds our souls to guilt and prevents us from receiving the fullness of God's grace. The absolution Jesus gives sets our souls free from the guilt, returning us to the state of purity we received at our Baptism. Beautiful!

This sacrament was instituted by Christ most clearly at the end of the Gospel of John in chapter 20. Jesus rose from the dead, appeared to his apostles in the Upper Room, and breathed on them. As he told them to receive the Holy Spirit, he added, *"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."* Let's be clear about this: if Jesus gives someone the ability to determine whether or not a person's sins are forgiven, he expects that person to use the ability. And how will he know to forgive a person's sins unless that person comes to confess the particular sins? He is here giving his Apostles this ability and expects them to use it: people will come to audibly confess their sins and the Apostles will determine whether the sins should be forgiven or retained. This is exactly what happens in Confession.

As I mentioned a couple of paragraphs ago, the grace of the Sacrament of Confession is a restoration of the grace received in Baptism. Baptism saves us, as St. Peter told us. Sin "unsaves" us. More directly, sin damns us (there's a word we don't use often!). The Sacrament of Confession provides the grace we need to return to the state of being saved by Jesus *AND* it provides us the spiritual strength we need to avoid sin in the future. A double grace, which is so needed. But, you might ask, why do we still sin if we receive the grace necessary to avoid it? Great question. The answer: because we want to. It's a sad reality that our hearts are too often not entirely focused on living in God's grace. All the more beautiful, then, is the gift of Reconciliation, which we can (and must) receive very often.

May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan



Oklee	Sunday	01/15/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	01/15/23	10:00 a.m.	†Pope Benedict
Grygla	Sunday	01/15/23	11:45 a.m.	†Conrad Pietruszewski
Oklee	Monday	01/16/23	8:00 a.m.	†Cecilia Christianson
Oklee	Tuesday	01/17/23	8:00 a.m.	Irene O'Shea
Oklee	Wednesday	01/18/23	8:00 a.m.	†Dean Lambert
Oklee	Thursday	01/19/23	8:00 a.m.	†Cecilia Christianson
Oklee	Sunday	01/22/23	8:00 a.m.	†Cecilia Christianson
Goodridge	Sunday	01/22/23	10:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	01/22/23	11:45 a.m.	†Jerome Carriere



ROLLS & COFFEE—FELLOWSHIP
AFTER MASS at ST. FRANCIS
January 22
Free will offering to support
Hospice of the Red River Valley

If you would like to help serve there will be a signup sheet in the entry on the table.

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

January 8, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$2700.00
Loose Plate	\$133.00
Candles	<u>55.00</u>
Total	\$ 2888.00

Mail contributions	\$850.00
First Sat. Mass	\$190.00
Violence Intervention	\$70.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

NA

St. Clement's in Grygla

January 8, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$320.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$65.00</u>
Total	\$ 385.00

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Fr. Michael Van Sloun, The Catholic Spirit, 1/11/2019

St. Hilary was born in Poitiers, a town in southwest France, in 315, into an upper-class, non-Christian family. He was raised as a pagan, given a solid liberal education, and was fluent in both Latin and Greek. He was married as a young man, and had a daughter named Apra.

Sometime later he became aware of the Bible, and out of curiosity, and with his facility in the biblical languages, he began to read Scripture. He was fascinated with the prologue to the Gospel of John (Jn 1:1-18), and developed a deep appreciation for Jesus, the gospels, and the wisdom and truth of the Bible, which led to his conversion and baptism in 350.

Three years later, in 353, Hilary was elected bishop of Poitiers, over his objections, while still a married layman. He was a staunch defender of the Trinitarian doctrine of the Council of Nicaea (325) which declared that Jesus is divine, eternal, and consubstantial, of the same substance, as the Father. Furthermore, he strenuously opposed Arianism which held that Jesus is the greatest of human beings but less than God, created, and not eternal.

Arianism had many adherents, both in France and throughout the West. The emperor, Constantius II, himself an Arian, called a synod in Milan in 355 which Hilary refused to attend. The synod produced a document that condemned Athanasius, the chief proponent of Nicaea in the East, which all bishops were required to sign. Hilary defiantly refused. The synod of Beziers followed in 356, comprised mainly of Arian bishops, which condemned Hilary for his orthodox beliefs. Subsequently, Constantius exiled Hilary to Phrygia, a region in Asia Minor.

Upon his arrival in the East, Hilary was invited to attend the Council of Seleucia in 359, where he, like Athanasius, remained insistent about the divinity of Jesus. He was deeply disappointed that so many resisted him and clung to their erroneous ideas, and that so many bishops who supposedly were his allies remained silent and in effect yielded to the opposition. The Arians detested his presence, regarded him as “the sower of discord and the troublemaker of the Orient,” and petitioned the emperor to end his exile and allow him to return to Poitiers, and they were overjoyed when he departed in 360.

Hilary was warmly received upon his return. He convoked a synod of Gallic bishops in Paris in 361 to unify and solidify their support of Nicaea. He exerted his leadership, not only in France, but throughout Europe, and he traveled extensively, constantly a vigorous proponent of the Nicene Trinitarian doctrine. In 364 he publicly denounced Auxentius, the Arian bishop of Milan. He also objected to the emperor's interference in the church, and insisted on separation between the church and government.

Hilary wrote De Trinitate, his most famous work, a multivolume treatise on Trinitarian theology, as well as De synodis and Opus historicum. He also wrote scripture commentaries, most notably on the gospel of Matthew and the Psalms, and composed a number of liturgical hymns. Hilary died at the age of 53 of exhaustion, worn out from his travels, his exile to the East, and the relentless bitter wrangling. St. Augustine called him “the illustrious doctor of the churches,” and in 1851 Pope Pius IX declared Hilary a Doctor of the Church.

St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, January 15, 2023
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: MaryLynn
Counters: Deb & Jo L.

Sunday, January 22, 2023
Sacristan: Rick D
Lector:: Jan
Counters: Jan & Deb

Sunday, January 29, 2023
Sacristan: Margaret B.
Lector:: Paul Cyr
Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, February 5, 2023
Sacristan: MaryLynn
Lector:: Jacob Melby
Counters: Lora & Margaret



St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, January 15, 2023
Lector:: Eliza
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, January 22, 2023
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, January 29, 2023
Lector:: Eliza
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, February 5, 2023
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie



St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, January 15, 2023
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, January 22, 2023
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, January 29, 2023
Lector:: Jim C.

Sunday, February 5, 2023
Lector:: Laurie



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Irene Kiesow
†Joan Carpenter
†Leroy Irlbeck
†Lowell Smeby
†Dorothy Plante
†Jim Lussier
†Tim Whalen
†Iona Berry
†Kim Johs
†Elias Abboud
†Audrey Martell
†Harold Cyr
†Judie Hendrickson
†Alden Morinville
†Kathleen Erickson
†Joseph Cullen
†Laura Nadeau
†Lucy Christianson
†Vernon Rogalla
†Donovan Stoneouse
†Adelore Plante
†Richard Perreault
†Cecelia Christianson
†Corlan Magnell Kleinschmidt
†Judy Zavoral
†Dean Lambert
†Richard Bronken
†Jerome Carriere

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
Doris Dessellier
Danielle Swanson
Mark Stromberg
Sylvia Remick Morey
Penny Kalar
Jo Lambert
Tony Radniecki
Bob Radniecki
Darren Tougas
Elaine Radniecki



Pray for our parishioners who have been away from the sacraments.

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.

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).