

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

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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass
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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).

Oklee	Sunday	08/11/24	8:00 a.m.	† Donna Asselin
Grygla	Sunday	08/11/24	10:15 a.m.	Michelle Morrissey
Goodridge	Sunday	08/11/24	12:00 p.m.	For the People
Oklee	Monday	08/12/24	8:00 a.m.	†Cliff Melby
Oklee	Tuesday	08/13/24	8:00 a.m.	Mason Hilleren
Oklee	Wednesday	08/14/24	6:00 p.m.	†Rich Bronken
Goodridge	Thursday	08/15/24	5:00 p.m.	†Mike Minter
Grygla	Thursday	08/15/24	6:30 p.m.	For the People
Oklee	Sunday	08/18/24	8:00 a.m.	† Joan Bronken
Grygla	Sunday	08/18/24	10:15 a.m.	Michelle Morrissey
Goodridge	Sunday	08/18/24	12:00 p.m.	For the People
Oklee	Monday	08/19/24	8:00 a.m.	†Donna Asselin
Grygla	Tuesday	08/20/24	5:30 p.m.	Steve & Carla Moritz family
Oklee	Wednesday	08/21/24	8:00 a.m.	Waino & MaryAnn Paavola
Oklee	Thursday	08/22/24	8:00 a.m.	Clayton Blickenstaff
Oklee	Sunday	08/25/24	8:00 a.m.	† Donna Asselin
Grygla	Sunday	08/25/24	10:15 a.m.	Lyle Kvasager
Goodridge	Sunday	08/25/24	12:00 p.m.	For the People
Oklee	Monday	08/26/24	8:00 a.m.	†Marv Bronken
Goodridge	Tuesday	08/27/24	5:30 p.m.	Special Intention
Oklee	Wednesday	08/28/24	8:00 a.m.	†Terry Lambert
Oklee	Thursday	08/29/24	8:00 a.m.	Cade Blickenstaff
Oklee	Sunday	09/01/24	8:00 a.m.	Noah & Taylor Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	09/01/24	10:15 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	09/01/24	12:00 p.m.	For Safe Harvest

CLERGY COLUMN

In 1263 a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena, Italy while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He is described as being a pious priest, but one who found it difficult to believe that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina (located in the church named for this martyr), he had barely spoken the words of Consecration when blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands onto the altar and the corporal. The priest was immediately confused. At first he attempted to hide the blood, but then he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, the city where Pope Urban IV was then residing.

The Pope listened to the priest's account and absolved him. He then sent emissaries for an immediate investigation. When all the facts were sorted out, he ordered the bishop of the diocese to bring to Orvieto the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of blood. With archbishops, cardinals and other Church dignitaries in attendance, the Pope met the procession and, amid great pomp, had the relics placed in the cathedral. The linen corporal bearing the spots of blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto.

It is said that Pope Urban IV was prompted by this miracle to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Proper for a Mass and an Office honoring the Holy Eucharist as the Body of Christ. One year after the miracle, in August of 1264, Pope Urban IV introduced the saint's composition, and by means of a papal bull instituted the feast of Corpus Christi.

After visiting the Cathedral of Orvieto, many pilgrims and tourists journey to St. Christina's Church in Bolsena to see for themselves the place where the miracle occurred. From the north aisle of the church one can enter the Chapel of the Miracle, where the stains on the paved floor are said to have been made by the blood from the miraculous Host. The altar of the miracle, which is surmounted by a 9th- century canopy, is now situated in the grotto of St. Christina. A reclining statue of the saint is nearby.

In August of 1964, on the 700th anniversary of the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi, Pope Paul VI celebrated Holy Mass at the altar where the holy corporal is kept in its golden shrine in the Cathedral of Orvieto. (His Holiness had journeyed to Orvieto by helicopter; he was the first pope in history to use such a means of transportation). Twelve years later, the same pontiff visited Bolsena and spoke from there via television to the 41st International Eucharistic Congress, then concluding its activities in Philadelphia. During his address Pope Paul VI spoke of the Eucharist as being ". . . a mystery great and inexhaustible."

Nearby Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times (August 15th - the Assumption of Mary)

Okee: 8/14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Red Lake Falls 8/14 @ 6:30 p.m.

Thief River Falls: 8/15 @ 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Brooks: 8/15 @ 8:30 a.m.

Goodridge: 8/15 @ 5:00 p.m.

Fosston: 8/15 @ 6:00 p.m. (Eucharistic Procession, then Mass, then root beer floats!)

Grygla: 8/15 @ 6:30 p.m.

The Assumption of Mary

As we approach the great feast of the Assumption of Mary, I, having written a post on the biblical evidence for the Assumption of Mary, thought I would change gears and consider the historical evidence for the Assumption in honor of this year's feast day.

The doctrine of the Assumption of Mary began with a historical event to which Scripture alludes and that been believed in the Church for 2,000 years. It was passed down in the oral tradition of the Church and developed over the centuries, but it was always believed by the Catholic faithful. Let us examine the facts:

1. Archaeology has revealed two tombs of Mary, one in Jerusalem and one in Ephesus. The fact that Mary lived in both places explains the two tombs. But what is inexplicable apart from the Assumption is the fact that there is no body in either tomb. And there are no relics. Anyone who peruses early Church history knows that Christian belief in the communion of saints and the sanctity of the body—in radical contrast to the Gnostic disdain for “the flesh”—led early Christians to seek out with the greatest fervor relics from the bodies of great saints. Cities, and, later, religious orders, would fight over the bones of great saints.

This is one reason why we have relics of the apostles and so many of the greatest saints and martyrs in history. Yet never was there a single relic of Mary's body? As revered as Mary was, this would be very strange, except for the fact of the assumption of her body.

2. On the historical front, Fr. Michael O'Carroll, in his book, *Theotokos: A Theological Encyclopedia of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, writes:

We have known for some time that there were widespread “Transitus Stories” that date from the sixth century that teach Mary's glorious Assumption. It was the promulgation of the dogma of the Assumption by Pope Pius XII that rekindled interest in these stories of the end of Mary's life. In 1955, Fr. A.A. Wenger published *L'Assomption* (p. 59).

Fr. Wenger found a Greek manuscript that verified what scholars had previously believed to be true. Because there were whole families of manuscripts from different areas of the world in the sixth century that told a similar story of Mary's Assumption, there had to be previous manuscripts from which everyone received their data. Fr. Wenger discovered one of these earlier manuscripts, believed to be the source later used by John of Thessalonica in the sixth century in his teaching on the Assumption. Fr. O'Carroll continues:

Some years later, M. Haibach-Reinisch added to the dossier an early version of Pseudo-Melito, the most influential text in use in the Latin Church. This could now, it was clear, be dated earlier than the sixth century. . . . V. Arras claimed to have found an Ethiopian version of it which he published in 1973; its similarity to the Irish text gave the latter new status. In the same year M. Van Esbroeck brought out a Gregorian version, which he had located in Tiflis, and another, a Pseudo-Basil, in the following year, found in Mount Athos.

Much still remains to be explored. The Syriac fragments have increased importance, being put as far back as the third century by one commentator. The whole story will eventually be placed earlier, probably in the second century.

This is significant. Recently discovered Syriac fragments of stories about the Assumption of Mary have been dated as early as the third century. And there are undoubtedly more manuscripts to be found. It must be remembered that when we are talking about these “Transitus stories,” we are not only talking about ancient manuscripts and fragments of manuscripts, but we are talking also about two different “families” of manuscripts written in nine languages. They all agree on Mary's Assumption and they presuppose that the story was already widely known.

By Tim Staples / Catholic Answers

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, August 11, 2024
Sacristan: Brady
Lector:: Mary Lynn
Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, August 18, 2024
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Bob M
Counters: Linda & Margaret

Sunday, August 25, 2024
Sacristan: Phyllis
Lector:: Jan
Counters: Jo L & Gerri

St Ann's

Sunday, August 11, 2024
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, August 18, 2024
Lector:: Amanda
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, August 25, 2024
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & MAggie

St Clement's

Sunday, August 11, 2024
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, August 18, 2024
Lector: Jim C.

Sunday, August 25, 2024
Lector: Laurie

Sunday, September 1, 2024
Lector: Gary

LET'S
Rock & Roll
FOR
Alzheimer's!

SATURDAY - SEPT 7TH, 2024
ALLISON PARK - WARROAD

15th Annual Walk to Remember
9am - Registration Opens
9-11:30 - Silent Auction, Photo Booth & more
11:30 - Ceremony & Walk
Free Will Donation lunch served following the walk

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST SOCK HOP OUTFIT!

If you cannot join us
please consider sending
your donation to:
Walk to Remember
C/O Paula Peterson
303B 9th Ave SE
Roseau, MN 56751

Jim Wolfe (218)242-0343 Paula Peterson (218)242-2850
& WTR Committee

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

August 4, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1935.00
Endowment for Priests	\$10.00
Flowers for Altar	\$20.00
Loose Plate	\$250.00
Total	\$2215.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

August 4, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$540.00
Loose Plate	\$10.00
Total	\$550.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

August 4, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$785.00
Loose Plate	\$156.00
Total	\$941.00

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Lucy Christianson
†Vernon Rogalla
†Donovan Stoneouse
†Adelore Plante
†Richard Perreault
†Cecelia Christianson
†Corlan Magnell Kleinschmidt
†Judy Zavoral
†Dean Lambert
†Richard Bronken
†Jerome Carriere
†Gary Paquin
†Gayle Radniecki Grossman
†Delores Longtin
†Lorraine Cote
†Lorraine LaCoursiere
†Tony Weber
†Matt Genova
†Elaine Radniecki
†Richard Rolfson
†Gary LaCoursiere
†Theresa Sorenson
†Julie Paquin
†Frankie Cyr
†Cliff Melby
†Jake Martell

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
Donnie Tougas
Kenneth LaCoursiere
Shirley Dessellier
Michael Bachand
Annette LaCoursiere
Debra Olson
Ambrose Beaudoin
Steve Sebenaler
Don LaCoursiere
Cindy Determan
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
Jude Syvertson

Richard Bourque
Rick Dulka
Mary Radniecki
Dave Zavoral
Bernadette Lambert-Daymunde
Josie Rodriguez
Roy Rystad
Dave Longtin, Shorty
Bonnie Cote
Joyce Tougas
Brad Gunderson
Brian Peterson
Roger Lambert
Theresa Mutnansky
Carolyn Pittman
Shirley Cyr
Jack Miller
Mike Dessellier
Adam Cwikla
Tyler Larson (deployed)
John Lessard
Bonnie Paquin
Del Determan
Bob Carriere
Michelle Morrissey



Anyone wishing to have a MASS offered for a loved one, living or deceased, you may leave name and the customary donation of \$10.00 in the offering basket in an envelope.



*St. Michael, the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our safeguard against
the wickedness and snares
of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do you,
O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*