

Hello, everyone! Happy Lord's Day.

As I have mentioned on the website and in the statement published last week, I'm very glad to be here in Oklee, Goodridge, and Grygla. It's been a bit of a transition coming from the busy city life in the Twin Cities up to our small towns here, but I think I'm starting to get into a bit of a routine. Of course, if you ever want to break that routine by way of a meeting request or an invitation to eat, I'll be happy to be interrupted.

Keep an eye on this column moving forward. One thing I love doing is getting back to the basics of our Catholic-Christian Faith. I have it in mind to use this space to write about some of the foundational beliefs we have as Christians. Some of the ideas are general Christian principles, while others will be specific for us as Catholics. It could be the case that much of this will be a simple review for you, or it could be the case that some of it will be presented to you in a new way. Either way, I think it will be good for us to be clear in our understanding of the fundamentals we hold as Catholic-Christians. The topics will include a series on the overall Gospel message, the Sacraments, what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, the Bible, different devotional practices that you may or may not hold, some explanations of different parts of the Mass, and much more. If you have any topics you'd like to read/hear about, by all means let me know.

Lastly, keep an eye on the parish website and/or Facebook page. It's in my mind to produce some more material in various online forums (videos, literature, audio). I'm not sure when that will start, but hopefully it will be soon. If you'd like to listen to my homilies online or share them with family or friends, you can find them at soundcloud.com/frbryankujawa.

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan