

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

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Wednesday: Noon

C l e r g y C o l u m n

Trinity Sunday is here once again, and once again we are in what the church calendar calls Ordinary time. We wear green on Sundays of Ordinary Time, except for this Sunday and next because they are special celebrations of the liturgical year: Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi. The significance of green vestments is to symbolize growth and vigor. Ordinary Time is the time of the liturgical year devoted to the Holy Spirit. All of these Sundays in Ordinary Time used to be referred to as Sundays after Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit had come upon the Christians and helped them to grow and flourish. This is the season we are in, a time of growing and flourishing in our faith. The sweetness of the Nativity is over; the hardships of Lent and Passiontide are gone; and the glories of Easter have grown distant. This is a time of steady and regular growth, a time of being fed and watered by the Holy Eucharist and Sacred Scripture. A better term for this time of year is "Ordered Time" rather than "Ordinary Time." By use of the word "ordinary" a person thinks of plain and normal, with nothing special going on, but with the word "ordered," the message we convey is that we are in a countdown. We are leading up to something, namely the Feast of Christ the King at the end of the liturgical year in November, which symbolizes Heaven at the end of our lives.

Special Masses in Our Cemeteries

Wednesday, May 30th
5:30 p.m. Oklee
7:30 p.m. Grygla

In case of inclement weather Mass will be at the Church.

Bring a lawn chair for yourself!

First Friday, June 1st 11 a.m. Mass Grygla

Weekly Schedule

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
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.
Fri:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	11:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

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



Feast of the Holy Trinity

The fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptized. The feast of the Blessed Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as a prolongation of the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in this triune life of the Divine Persons, to which we have been given access by Baptism and by the Redemption won for us by Christ. Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, in union with Christ, to share as sons in the very life of God.

The feast of the Blessed Trinity was introduced in the ninth century and was only inserted in the general calendar of the Church in the fourteenth century by Pope John XXII. But the cultus of the Trinity is, of course, to be found throughout the liturgy. Constantly the Church causes us to praise and adore the thrice-holy God who has so

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: *Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.*

Why is this feast celebrated at this particular time? It may be interpreted as a finale to all the preceding feasts. All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of redemption. The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son." The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist *par excellence* to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler. On solemn occasions a thanksgiving *Te Deum* rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's *Te Deum* of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is *the* day of the Most Holy Trinity.



Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

Symbols of the Trinity: Equilateral Triangle; Circle of Eternity; Three interwoven Circles; Triangle in Circle; Circle within Triangle; Interwoven Circle and Triangle; Two Triangles interwoven in shape of Star of David; Two Triangles in shape of Star of David interwoven with Circle; Trefoil; Trefoil and Triangle; Trefoil with points; Triquetra; Triquetra and circle; Shield of the Holy Trinity; Three Fishes linked together in shape of a triangle; Cross and Triangle overlapping; Fleur de Lys; St. Patrick's Shamrock.

● [The Directory on Popular Piety](#) explains some of the pious exercises related to the devotion of the Holy or Blessed Trinity. Three very simple prayers are the Sign of the Cross, *Gloria Patri* (Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, etc.) and the *Trisagion* (meaning "thrice holy"): "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us." This is just one version, there are many others, and it is usually found in the Eastern liturgies.

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ... – ROMANS 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	05/27/18	8:00 a.m.	†Joey Johnson
Goodridge	Sunday	05/27/18	10:00 a.m.	†Aurelia Rogalla
Grygla	Sunday	05/27/18	11:45 a.m.	†Janet Pearson
Oklee	Tuesday	05/29/18	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Oklee	Wednesday	05/30/18	5:30 p.m.	†Pro DeFunctis
Grygla	Wednesday	05/30/18	7:30 p.m.	†Pro DeFunctis
Oklee	Thursday	05/31/18	8:00 a.m.	†Joey Johnson
Grygla	Friday	06/01/18	11:00 a.m.	Private Intention
Oklee	Sunday	06/03/18	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	06/03/18	10:00 a.m.	†Wesley Skibicki
Grygla	Sunday	06/03/18	11:45 a.m.	†Lawrence Kiesow

Tithing

May 20, 2018

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adult Envelopes	\$1706.00
Loose Plate	\$69.00
Catholic Communication	\$83.00
Priest Endowment	\$46.00
Flowers	<u>\$15.00</u>
Total	\$1919.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

NO REPORT

St. Clement's in Grygla

Adult Envelopes	\$390.00
Loose Plate	\$10.00
Catholic Communication	\$60.00
Priest Endowment	\$45.00
Cemetery	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$515.00

ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Sunday June 3, 2018

Commentator:	Gerri
Lector:	Cindi
EMHC:	Darwin & Marie
Ushers:	Russ & Stanley
Counter:	Marie & Audrey

ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Sunday June 3, 2018

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Jody
EMHC:	Jean & Justin
Usher:	Bill Z. & Jim C.

"DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER,

WITH A SOBER HEART WE COME BEFORE YOU THIS MEMORIAL DAY. WE PAUSE FOR A MOMENT AND CALL TO MIND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE DIED IN THE SERVICE OF OUR NATION SINCE 1776.

DEAR GOD, PLEASE LOOK WITH MERCY ON OUR BRAVE AND SELFLESS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHO DID NOT SHIRK FROM THEIR TASK BUT GAVE THEMSELVES COMPLETELY TO THE CAUSE OF DEFENDING AND PROTECTING US ALL. BLESS ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR THE SAKE OF LIBERTY, AND GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST WITH YOU.

Fathers Day Collection

We will take up the Father's Day collection on the weekend of the 16th and 17th of June. This collection is very important in that it provides for the health insurance, Medicare and unreimbursed medical and dental expenses for our retired priests. Priests in the Diocese of Crookston may not retire until they are 70 years old (unless their health dictates a rest) and many continue to serve as weekend substitutes, long term substitutes, spiritual directors, chaplains and participants in reconciliation services long after they officially retire. Msgr. Mike Patnode, who most recently served as Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Moorhead will be featured on the back cover of the May 16th issue of the OND. He speaks from the heart about his first year of retirement. Enjoy the article and please give generously to the Father's Day Collection!

Beginning Experience

A Beginning Experience Weekend will be held June 22 - 24, 2018, at Hankinson Retreat Center south of Fargo. "Beginning Experience" is a support program offered by the Catholic Church and open to divorced, widowed, and separated persons of all Faiths, or no Faith. For more information, or to register, contact Matt Tedrick (701-541-6095) or Marlene Wilde (218-998-4300) wild@prtcl.com and/or the website beginningexperience-easternnd.org.

I did my duty,
I paid the supreme price.
I pray you'll remember,
My sacrifice.
My life was short,
I did my best.
God grant me peace,
In my eternal rest.

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee
Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Pastoral Council & Finance Council

Virginia Weber	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)	P
David Bachand	3/3—June 2017 (1st)	P
Jacob Melby	3/3—June 2017 (1st)	F
Don LaCoursiere	2/3—June 2018 (2nd)	P
Phyllis Melby	2/3—June 2018 (1st)	P
Mitch Bernstein	1/3—June 2018 (1st)	F
Margaret Buer	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Rick Dulka	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Janet Halvorson	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	F

Parish Trustees

	2/2—Sept. 2017(1st)
Shirley Cyr	2/2—Sept. 2017(1st)

St. Clement, Grygla
Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Ron Kiesow	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)
Tom Morrissey	3/3—June 2017 (1st)
Jim Carriere	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Gary Polansky	2/3—June 2018 (2nd)
Bill Zavoral	1/3—June 2019 (1st)
Angie Kiesow	1/3—June 2019 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Jody Miller	1/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)
Jack Miller	1/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)

St. Ann, Goodridge
Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Darwin Eidelbes	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)
Gerri Rustan	3/3—June 2017 (1st)
Audrey Rogalla	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Cindi Kotrba	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Marlin Kotrba	1/3—June 2019 (1st)
Karyl Mayernik	1/3—June 2019 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Patty Skibicki	1/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)
Vernon Rogalla	1/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

† Joey Johnson
 † Allen Paquin
 † Kathleen Amiot
 † Chris Tougas
 † Larry O'Neill
 † Yvonne Boucher
 † Bonnie Buchmeier
 † Janet Pearson
 † Richard Radniecki
 † Geraldine Agnes

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Shirley Dessellier
- Irene Kiesow
- Annette LaCoursiere
- Bob Carriere
- Debra Olson
- Floyd Neuschwander
- Ann Peterson
- Mark Stromberg
- Frankie Cyr
- Jack Miller

Oklee Ministry List

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Sacristan: Mary Lynn Bachand
 Lector: Mary Ann Lambert
 EMHC: David Bachand & Janet Halvorson
 Usher: Don LaCoursiere & Frank Buer
 Greeter: Shirley Cyr & Delores Longtin
 Counter: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm

Sunday June 03, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
 Lector: Shirley Cyr
 EMHC: Mitch & Krista Bernstein
 Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby
 Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere
 Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Sacristan: Phyllis Melby
 Lector: Bob Melby
 EMHC: Mike & Audrey Bachand
 Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote
 Greeter: Ken & Shirley Boucher
 Counter: Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- Have Masses offered for friends or relatives, deceased or still living. Just drop a note in the collection basket, along with your donation; the usual amount is \$5.00/Mass. If this would be a financial hardship, please let me know, and I will be happy to offer one without a stipend.
- Offer Memorials in honor of your deceased loved ones to your parish's building and maintenance fund, or to your parish cemetery.
- Leave a legacy gift to the parish in your will, or name the parish as the beneficiary of your retirement policy or life insurance plan.