

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

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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	05/26/24	8:00 a.m.	Terry Lambert
Goodridge	Sunday	05/26/24	10:00 a.m.	Cory Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	05/26/24	11:45 a.m.	For the People
Oklee	Monday	05/27/24	8:00 a.m.	Kathy Masberg
Goodridge	Tuesday	05/28/24	5:30 p.m.	Private Intention
Oklee	Wednesday	05/29/24	8:00 a.m.	†Ty Emmitt Berning
Grygla	Wednesday	05/29/24	5:30 p.m.	Those buried in Cemetery
Oklee	Thursday	05/30/24	8:00 a.m.	Gregory Stevens
Oklee	Sunday	06/02/24	8:00 a.m.	Don LaCoursiere
Goodridge	Sunday	06/02/24	10:00 a.m.	Cameron & Jocelyn Bauer
Grygla	Sunday	06/02/24	11:45 a.m.	For the People
Oklee	Monday	06/03/24	8:00 a.m.	Clara Helvug
Grygla	Tuesday	06/04/24	5:30 p.m.	†Dean Hanson
Oklee	Wednesday	06/05/24	8:00 a.m.	Cyndi Podnar
Oklee	Thursday	06/06/24	8:00 a.m.	Dayton Hammers
Oklee	Sunday	06/09/24	8:00 a.m.	Mike Asselin
Goodridge	Sunday	06/09/24	10:00 a.m.	†Alyssa Rogalla
Grygla	Sunday	06/09/24	11:45 a.m.	For the People

## CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

Happy Memorial Day, too. I think our current celebrations of Memorial Day are fascinating for a number of reasons, mostly because of the people we tend to hold in memory. I could be wrong about this, but it seems as though we've strayed from the original intention of the day, which is to honor and remember those who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. What I tend to see most often is people wanting to remember all of their beloved dead on this day. Strictly speaking, this isn't a problem. However, as Catholic-Christians, I would like to propose to you something different.

As Catholics, we already have a day during the year on which we can honor and remember all of our beloved dead, and that day is All Souls' Day, celebrated each year on November 2nd. This is the day the Church has set aside for us to offer prayers for the faithful departed, and the entire month is set aside for visiting cemeteries to visit the graves of those buried there. This day and this month seem to have been forgotten from our minds, which has caused us to look for another day on which to remember our beloved dead. We don't need to look around for another day - although it is true that we can (and should) pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed all year long. Every time I drive past a cemetery, Catholic or not, I pray for all those buried there: *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen."* I invite you to do the same - it's a great lesson I learned from my grandfather. Anytime we drove past a cemetery, he would mumble something under his breath and I couldn't figure out what it was. Eventually I figured it out and started the same practice. It makes me look forward to the day when I'll meet those souls that I helped on their way to Heaven, who will then help me by their prayers when they see God face-to-face.

Anyway, maybe this year we can let the emphasis remain on those who died while serving in our military - even if we do still offer prayers for our deceased family members and friends. Funny enough, we are going to have a Mass at the St. Clement's Cemetery in Grygla on Wednesday of this week, offered for those buried there. Bishop Cozzens will come and consecrate our new cemetery altar during Mass, which will be followed by a meal back at the church. All are welcome from anywhere! It's not very often that people could have a chance to be present for the consecration of an altar, which will include anointing the altar with oil and saying some prayers of blessing, so come and be with us that evening. Mass is at 5:30 p.m. at the cemetery, regardless of weather, with the meal starting around 6:15/6:30. We'll also anticipate offering Mass at the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery sometime this summer.

In addition to all of that, if anyone would like to make a donation to either cemetery's perpetual care fund, which makes the payments for groundskeeping etc, I know the cemetery committees would be glad to connect with you. These are separate funds from their respective parishes. And if anyone is still looking for a future burial spot, there is plenty of room at both places - money collected from those plots also goes toward upkeep costs.

May the Lord give you his peace!  
Fr. Bryan

Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.



## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 28:16-20*

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

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*“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?

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### St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, May 26, 2024  
Sacristan: Mary Lynn  
Lector:: Paul Cyr  
Counters: Linda & Margaret

Sunday, June 2, 2024  
Sacristan: Brady  
Lector:: Jacob  
Counters: Jo L. & Geri

Sunday, June 9, 2024  
Sacristan: Emily  
Lector:: Brady  
Counters: Mary Anne & Jan

### St Ann's

Sunday, May 26, 2024  
Lector: Paula  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, June 2, 2024  
Lector:: Karyl  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, June 9, 2024  
Lector:: Carol  
Counters: Audrey & Marie

### St Clement's

Sunday, May 26, 2024  
Lector: Robbie

Sunday, June 2, 2024  
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, June 9, 2024  
Lector: Jim C

Sunday, June 16, 2024  
Lector: Laurie

## Gospel Reading for Corpus Christi

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

### 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

### 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  
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

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier’s in Oklee

May 19, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$2060.00
Endowment Priests	\$15.00
Catholic University	\$25.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$134.00</u>
Total	\$2234.00

Memorial Frankie Cyr \$40.00

### St. Ann’s in Goodridge

May 19, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$281.00
Endowment for Priests	\$20.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	\$321.00

### St. Clement’s in Grygla

May 19, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$38500
Endowment Priests	\$35.00
Catholic University	\$15.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$25.50</u>
Total	\$460.50