

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

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CLERGY COLUMN

We congratulate our five seniors who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday afternoon in Oklee, and we thank Bishop Pates for coming to offer this gift of the Holy Spirit!

Today we finally get back into Ordinary Time on Sundays. It is not called thus because this time of year is meant to be plain or uneventful. In fact, a better understanding would be to call this “Ordered Time,” because each week we focus on the chronological sequence of preachings and teachings of Jesus taken from a single Gospel Book (on a three-year cycle). This year, in Year B, we are following through each week on sequential readings from Saint Mark’s Gospel. In Year A, we hear the Gospel of Saint Matthew in Ordinary Time, and in Year C, we hear the Gospel of Saint Luke. The Gospel of Saint John is interspersed in every year, but especially during Easter Time.

Today’s Gospel is on the Parable of the Mustard Seed and it appears in three different Gospel Books.

Matthew 13:31-32
Mark 4:30-32
Luke 13:18-19

When you get home, look up Ezekial 17:22-24 and Daniel 4: 10-12, 20-22 in the Old Testament to see what is said about the Cedars of Lebanon. Very Interesting!

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

Mass Times Confessions

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.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 11:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 10:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation which completes baptism through sealing in Holy Spirit and anoints the recipient as priest, prophet, and king.

Who can receive Confirmation?

In the Catholic Church, anyone that has been baptized properly can and should be confirmed.

What is Catholic Confirmation?

Confirmation is a Sacrament in the Catholic Church in which the one who is confirmed (confirmandi) receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hand and anointing with oils by the bishop. It's considered a sacrament of initiation which means that it brings you deeper into communion with the Church.

Who administers Confirmation?

Bishops are the original ministers of Confirmation along with other Catholic sacraments

"Bishops are the successors of the apostles. They have received the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders. The administration of this sacrament by them demonstrates clearly that its effects is to unite those who receive it more closely to the Church, her apostolic origins, and her mission of bearing witness to Christ." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1313)

What is the matter and form of Confirmation?

Catholic Confirmation is performed with the ordinary minister extending his hand over the one to be confirmed and anointing his/her head with the oil of chrism saying, "be sealed with the Holy Spirit." The actual Confirmation ceremony is much longer than this, but this is the "meat" of the action. The oil of chrism is consecrated by the bishop at the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday and is reserved for special things like Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, blessing of tower bells, consecration of churches, altars, chalices and patens.

What are the effects of Confirmation?

In short it is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Confirmation brings Catholics a deepening of baptismal grace and unites us more firmly to Christ. It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit and leaves an indelible mark on the soul just like baptism.

What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit received through Confirmation are

1. Wisdom,
2. Understanding,
3. Knowledge,
4. Fortitude or Courage,
5. Counsel,
6. Piety or Love, and Fear of the Lord.

Where is this sacrament found in Scripture?

Anointing with oil is an ancient Biblical tradition originating in the old testament with the Jewish people. The Jews had a messiah and it was usually their king at the time, however they were also awaiting a greater messiah, one that would deliver them and raise them up. This messiah happened to be Jesus. The sign of the Messiah was that he was royal and messiahs were put in their position by being anointed with oil and an appointment from God. This tradition carried on in Christianity with the teaching of the sharing in Christ's messiahship and his royal priesthood. In fact, the first example of Catholic Confirmation can be found in Acts 8:14-17.

What does a Confirmation sponsor do?

Confirmation sponsors "bring the candidates to receive the sacrament, present them to the minister for anointing, and will later help them fulfill their baptismal

promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit whom they have received." (*Rite of Confirmation, 5*)

There are a few requirements to be a Confirmation sponsor. They must be spiritually fit to take on their responsibility which is evidenced by

1. sufficient maturity to fulfill their function;
2. membership in the Catholic Church and having received all of the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation, and eucharist);
3. freedom from any impediment of law to fulfilling the office of sponsor. This means that a sponsor must be in good standing with the Church (no public dissent, believes in the teachings of the Church, and in full communion with the Church).

Since a sponsor has such a significant role to play in the development of confirmation candidate it is important that this person be one who is a living example of faith, one whose actions reflect the actions of Jesus. A confirmation sponsor offers support and encouragement during the confirmation preparation process.

Confirmation sponsors need not be of the same sex as the candidate nor do they need to be from the same family. As long as they fulfill the requirements above it can really be anyone.



Oklee	Saturday	06/12/21	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Students
Oklee	Sunday	06/13/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	06/13/21	10:00 a.m.	Robb Brown
Grygla	Sunday	06/13/21	11:45 a.m.	†Irene Kiesow
Oklee	Tuesday	06/15/21	8:00 a.m.	Private intention of D & ML B.
Oklee	Wednesday	06/16/21	8:00 a.m.	†Joan Carpenter
Oklee	Thursday	06/17/21	8:00 a.m.	†Steve Klasen
Oklee	Friday	06/18/21	8:00 a.m.	Re-evangelization of America
Oklee	Sunday	06/20/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	06/20/21	10:00 a.m.	Steve Novak
Grygla	Sunday	06/20/21	11:45 a.m.	†Lawrence Kiesow

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

June 6, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$5734.00
Flowers for Altar	\$53.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	\$5807.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

June 6, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$.00</u>
Total	\$.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

June 6, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$820.00
Cemetery Maint.	\$50.00
Catholic Communication	\$15.00
OND	\$60.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	\$965.00



CONGRATULATION TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

St. Francis Xavier ~ Oklee

Dominica Bernstein - The Blessed Virgin Mary

Wakely Bryl - Saint Isidore the Farmer

Andrew Gryskiewicz - Saint Nicholas

Lauren Melby - Saint Mary Magdalene

St. Clement ~ Grygla

Hailey Knutson - Saint Cosmas

Please pray to the chosen Patron Saints listed for the Confirmands.

Quotes

"Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the home begins the disruption of peace of the world."

Mother Teresa

St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, June 13, 2021
Lector: Jan Dulka

Sunday, June 20, 2021
Lector: David Bachand

Sunday, June 27, 2021
Lector: Bob Melby

St Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, June 13, 2021
Lector: Carol

Sunday, June 20, 2021
Lector: Eliza

Sunday, June 27, 2021
Lector: Carol

St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, June 13, 2021
Lector: Gary

Sunday, June 20, 2021
Lector: Laurie

Sunday, June 27, 2021
Lector: Daniel

Weekly Reflections

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?



The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31-32 (NRSV)

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

Mark 4:30-32 (NRSV)

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

Luke 13:18-19 (NRSV)

¹⁸ He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”

Compare the differences of this parable in the three Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. What scenes are represented in this story?