

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

Clergy Column

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Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon

Trinity Sunday

The Holy Trinity, the Godhead of Three in One, is a profound mystery! We cannot understand God. We can know bits and pieces, because he has revealed to us so much about himself. Today we reflect on that which he has revealed through Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture. We bow our minds in respect for what we know we cannot fully comprehend, but nevertheless desire to understand. Through the centuries various churchmen have crafted statements that summarize what we believe. These are called a creed. The Apostles creed is a simple prayer taught to children, and we say it during the Rosary especially. We say the longer, more precise Nicene Creed at Sunday Mass, which was written by the bishops gathered at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. Since today we are considering the Holy Trinity, I wish to draw your attention to the Athanasian Creed printed on the following page. To say the least, it is utterly thorough about what we believe about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Give it a read. Perhaps you'll learn something new.

Cemetery Masses this Week

We will have requiem Masses this week at our parish cemeteries in Oklee and Grygla. Oklee's will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and Grygla's at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday. In case of bad weather, they will be moved to the church and start 10 minutes later. These requiem Masses are being offered *pro Defunctis* which means for all of the dead, not just for those buried in that particular cemetery. If you would have trouble standing for 30 minutes, then you might wish to bring a collapsible chair, and you might also want a towel or pillow to kneel on and an umbrella if the sun is too harsh.

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:	5:45 p.m.	5:30 p.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 a.m.

The Athanasian Creed

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all, keep the Catholic faith.

For unless a person keeps this faith whole and entire, he will undoubtedly be lost forever.

This is what the Catholic faith teaches: we worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity.

Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the substance.

For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, another of the Holy Spirit.

But the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit have one divinity, equal glory, and coeternal majesty.

What the Father is, the Son is, and the Holy Spirit is.

The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

The Father is boundless, the Son is boundless, and the Holy Spirit is boundless.

The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, and the Holy Spirit is eternal.

Nevertheless, there are not three eternal beings, but one eternal being.

So there are not three uncreated beings, nor three boundless beings, but one uncreated being and one boundless being.

Likewise, the Father is omnipotent, the Son is omnipotent, the Holy Spirit is omnipotent.

Yet there are not three omnipotent beings, but one omnipotent being.

Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.

However, there are not three gods, but one God.

The Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord.

However, there are not three lords, but one Lord.

For as we are obliged by Christian truth to acknowledge every Person singly to be God and Lord, so too are we forbidden by the Catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

The Father was not made, nor created, nor generated by anyone.

The Son is not made, nor created, but begotten by the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is not made, nor created, nor generated, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

There is, then, one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

In this Trinity, there is nothing before or after, nothing greater or less. The entire three Persons are coeternal and coequal with one another.

So that in all things, as it has been said above, the Unity is to be worshipped in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity. He, therefore, who wishes to be saved, must believe thus about the Trinity.

It is also necessary for eternal salvation that he believes steadfastly in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thus the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both God and man.

As God, He was begotten of the substance of the Father before time; as man, He was born in time of the substance of His Mother.

He is perfect God; and He is perfect man, with a rational soul and human flesh.

He is equal to the Father in His divinity, but inferior to the Father in His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ.

And He is one, not because His divinity was changed into flesh, but because His humanity was assumed unto God.

He is one, not by a mingling of substances, but by unity of person.

As a rational soul and flesh are one man: so God and man are one Christ.

He died for our salvation, descended into hell, and rose from the dead on the third day.

He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming, all men are to arise with their own bodies; and they are to give an account of their own deeds.

Those who have done good deeds will go into eternal life; those who have done evil will go into the everlasting fire.

This is the Catholic faith. Everyone must believe it, firmly and steadfastly; otherwise He cannot be saved.

Amen.

Oklee	Sunday	05/31/20	8:00 a.m.	Tom Marty
Goodridge	Sunday	05/31/20	10:00 a.m.	†Avis Frazer
Grygla	Sunday	05/31/20	11:45 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Oklee Cemetery	Tuesday	06/02/20	5:30 p.m.	† <i>Pro Defunctis</i>
Grygla Cemetery	Wednesday	06/03/20	5:30 p.m.	† <i>Pro Defunctis</i>
Oklee	Thursday	06/04/20	8:00 a.m.	†Jim Dulka
Oklee	Friday	06/05/20	8:00 a.m.	†Gerald Cote
Oklee	Sunday	03/15/20	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	03/15/20	10:00 a.m.	Robb Brown
Grygla	Sunday	03/15/20	11:45 a.m.	†Mark Polansky



Weekly Reflections

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...” (John 3:16)

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money, and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier’s in Oklee

May 21, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$1742.00
Loose Plate	\$125.00
Endowment Priest’s	\$0.00
Total	\$1867.00

St. Ann’s in Goodridge

May 31, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$1045.00
Loose Plate	\$20.00
Total	\$1065.00

St. Clement’s in Grygla

May 31, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$858.61.
Endowment Priest’s	\$20.00
Cemetery	\$1225.00
Loose Plate	\$229.00
Total	\$2059.61

Proverbs 11:24

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

St Francis Xavier’s

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Lector: Jan Dulka

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Lector: Bob Melby

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Lector: Paul Cyr

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Lector: Jacob Melby

St. Ann’s

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Lector: Cindi

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Lector: Carol

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Lector: Liza

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Lector: Gerri

St. Clement’s

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Lector: Laurie

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Lector: Daniel

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Lector: Dawn

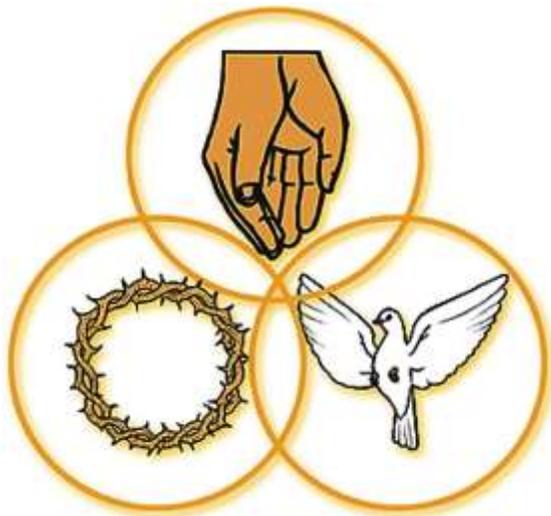
Sunday, June 28, 2020

Lector: Gary

St. Patrick explained the doctrine of the Holy Trinity to his flock in Ireland by using the three leaves of the shamrock. Each leaf represented one of the three persons, but yet it was still only one shamrock. If we take a look at our self, each human is made up of a mind, a body, and a soul, and yet we are still only one person. A fire has flames, heat, and light, but yet it is still just one fire. When you hear a person's speech, you are hearing three things - his words, his thoughts, and his voice. When you strum one chord on a guitar, it is made up of 3 separate notes, all equal to each other. Everything in nature is in 3 dimensions - length, width, and height (coincidence?). And while these examples help to explain the concept of three in one, the Holy Trinity is so much more.

For instance, where Jesus is present, the Father and Holy Spirit are also present, because they are one. Where the Father is present, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are also present simultaneously. Where the Holy Spirit is present, the Father and Jesus are also present in one person (*This constant three-in-one presence is called "circumincession".*) This means that when we receive the Eucharist at Mass, which is truly the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, we are also receiving the Father and the Holy Spirit, because they are one. When we are Confirmed and receive the Holy Spirit, we are also receiving the Father and Jesus as well. We know that Jesus Christ is physically present in every Tabernacle in every Catholic Church in the world, which means that the Father and the Holy Spirit are as well. This is very significant, because the Father and Jesus and the Holy Spirit also dwell in heaven at the same time, so the Tabernacle is a kind of gateway to heaven for the world, because of the Divine Presence that lives there every hour of every day of every month of every year.

And THAT is why it is so important to attend Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as often as possible, because you are accessing heaven when you do! How many people walk into church and never genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament? How many people never go to confession to get absolution for their mortal sins before receiving the blessed Trinity on their tongue? How many people talk and visit before Mass like they are waiting for the curtain to go up in a theater, instead of praying and showing reverence for the Divine Presence? How many Masses are said with hardly any reverence and respect for the Holy Trinity dwelling in the Tabernacle? Way too many. If the Pope were to come to our church, we would all be beating down the door to get a good seat to see, hear, and maybe even shake his hand; but how many of us regularly attend Eucharistic Adoration so that we can adore Jesus Christ and the Father and the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist? A minuscule percentage of those of us who would go and see the Pope, that's for sure.



**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Prayer Blankets**

You Matter. We care. You are not alone.

There are prayer blankets in the back of the church for those whom are sick, suffering or dying. Please sign the book to whom it is given to so we know who the prayers are for.

Thank you!!

**Recently
Deceased Loved Ones**

- †Alice Bluemke
- †Mary Peterson
- †Donna Horachek
- †Joey Johnson
- †Allen Paquin
- †Kathleen Amiot
- †Chris Tougas
- †Larry O'Neill
- †Yvonne Boucher
- †Bonnie Buchmeier
- †Janet Pearson
- †David Dessellier
- †Rita Bonagura Vaughn
- †Ann Peterson
- †Irene Dessellier
- †Floyd Neuschwander
- †Annette Magnell
- †Ted Lussier
- †LaVonne Radniecki
- †Brigitta Dobmeier
- †Mary Jean Altendorf
- †Mike Bourque
- †Fr. Don Braukmann
- †Florence Dunham
- †Msgr. Donald Krebs
- †Betty Barsness
- †Floyd Charest
- †Jim Dulka
- †Avis Frazer
- †Lauretta Stucy
- †Tom Toulouse
- †Marlyn Dessellier
- †Gerald Cote
- †Phyllis Martell
- †Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken

**Pray For Those
Who Are Sick**

- Delton Sebenaler
- Donnie Tougas
- Kenneth LaCoursiere
- Shirley Dessellier
- Irene Kiesow
- Michael Bachand
- Annette LaCoursiere
- Debra Olson
- Jack Miller
- Kimberly Johs
- Ambrose Beaudoin
- Steve Sebenaler
- Don LaCoursiere
- Cindy Deterrman
- David Longtin
- Richard Bronken
- Marie Adams
- Grace Rundell
- MaryAnn Lambert
- Bailey Herried Drotts
- Cliff Melby
- George Pittman
- Hunter Pinke
- Bambi Lambert
- Lucille Christianson
- Doris Dessellier

