

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

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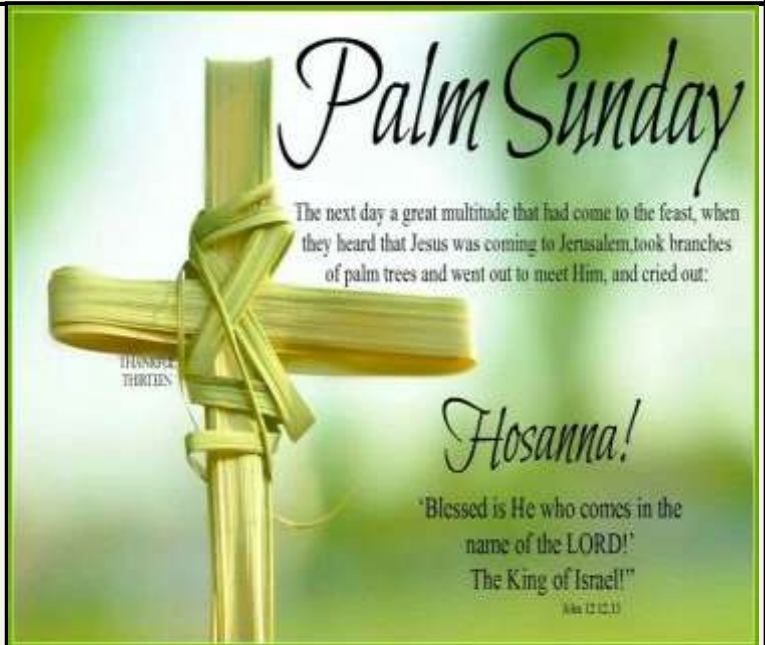
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## Lenten Opportunities

Tuesdays: Mass, Adoration, and Confessions  
Mass: 6:00 p.m.; Adoration & Confessions 6:30-7:30 p.m.

April 4: St Francis Xavier



Palm Sunday prayers can acknowledge Jesus's triumph, as when crowds celebrated Him at Jerusalem, as well as His sacrifice, which we remember during the reading of the Passion.

Consider these short prayers:

"God, You are indeed King of Kings and I am blessed by Your love and mercy. May my day today be guided by Your spirit and may I approach any obstacles knowing that my life and our world all belong to Your kingdom. In Jesus's name I pray. Amen."

"Heavenly Father, crowds cheered and welcomed Jesus and later yelled for his crucifixion. I try to honor and celebrate You, but I know there are areas of my life where I reject or ignore You. Today, give me the strength to sing Your praises at times I might otherwise dishonor You. Amen."

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### St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Mon:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Tues:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Wed:	8:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.
Thurs:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

### St. Clement Parish in Grygla

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

# CLERGY COLUMN

Palm Sunday: God's Response to Sin, Part 2

[oggcatholic.org/homilies-audio.html](http://oggcatholic.org/homilies-audio.html)

**Focus:** Jesus, the ambush predator

## 1. Last week: Jesus is sent by the Father to be the Passover Lamb of God.

- a. This week: What was Jesus' perspective?

## 2. A look at Jesus.

- a. CONSIDER: How do you normally think or talk about him?
  - i. Patient, kind, gentle, compassionate, merciful, etc.
- b. Compare that to some Scripture passages:
  - i. Isaiah 49:24-26 - *...I will contend with those who contend with you...*
  - ii. 1 John 3:8 - *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*
  - iii. John 12:31 - *Now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.*
  - iv. Luke 1:68-79 - *He has come to save us from our enemies...*
  - v. Luke 11:21-22
    - 1. *"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace; but when one stronger than he assails him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoil."*
    - 2. Christianity: The invasion of one kingdom by a stronger Kingdom.

## 3. Look at the Crucifixion

- a. Church Fathers: Jesus is going to war to rescue us.
  - i. What do you see?
  - ii. What do we know about Jesus?
    - 1. He is the Word, he is God. (John 1:1-3, 14)
      - a. *Enemy occupied territory - that's what this world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful King has landed, you might say landed in disguise. (CS Lewis)*
  - iii. Ambush predator:
    - 1. Sweats blood, arrested, chained, judged, stripped, mocked, spit on, crowned with thorns, nailed to a tree.
    - 2. Trying to draw the prey close, in order to pounce.
    - 3. He dies. Jesus, the eternal Word of God, the Light of the World, enters into Satan's kingdom of darkness.
    - 4. His divine light scatters the darkness. Jesus conquers the darkness from within.
  - iv. Other images: bait on a fishhook (Gregory of Nyssa); bait on a mousetrap (Augustine)

## 4. A First Look at the Resurrection

- a. *"Who is he who contends with me? Let him stand in opposition to me..."* (Melito of Sardis)
  - i. Above all, Jesus is unconquerable. He conquers the one who holds us captive.
  - ii. This is God's response to sin.
  - iii. More to come for next week.

## Reflection questions and homework:

- 1. Does this have any meaning to you? Does it open your eyes in any way?
- 2. Do you understand this, that you matter this much to God?
- 3. **Read: Colossians 1:13-14; Colossians 2:13-15; Hebrews 2:14-15; Revelation 1:9-18**

Oklee	Sunday	04/02/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	04/02/23	10:00 a.m.	Special Intentions
Grygla	Sunday	04/02/23	11:45 a.m.	†Conrad Peitruszewski
Oklee	Tuesday	04/04/23	8:00 a.m.	Holly O'Shea
Oklee	Wednesday	04/05/23	8:00 a.m.	†Joel Johnson
Goodridge	Holy Thursday	04/06/23	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Goodridge	Good Friday	04/07/23	3:00 p.m.	
Goodridge	Holy Saturday	04/08/23	8:30 p.m.	For the People
Oklee	Easter Sunday	04/09/23	8:30 a.m.	†Louie Violette
Grygla	Easter Sunday	04/09/23	10:30 a.m.	†Conrad Peitruszewski




  
 2023  
**STRATEGIC  
 VISIONING**  
 ——— JOHN 15:1-12

**1-QUESTION  
 FEEDBACK SURVEY**

**LIVE UNTIL APRIL 10**

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

St. Francis Xavier in Oklee has a DAA goal of \$7,930. Twenty-three donors have offered \$7,310.01 leaving a DAA deficit of \$619.99. We are at 92.18% of our parish goal. If you are able, please contribute to the 2023 DAA by going to [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA) or dropping a check for the DAA in the parish offertory basket. We will make sure your gift gets to the Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Center. As of 3/16/23, 69.67% of the Annual goal of \$925,000 has been met. Thank you to all the faithful who have made early gifts to the DAA

St. Ann's in Goodridge has a DAA goal of \$2,103. Nine donors have offered \$1,205 leaving a DAA deficit of \$898. We are at 57.30% of our parish goal. If you are able, please contribute to the 2023 DAA by going to [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA) or dropping a check for the DAA in the parish offertory basket. We will make sure your gift gets to the Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Center. As of 3/16/23, 69.67% of the Annual goal of \$925,000 has been met. Thank you to all the faithful who have made early gifts to the DAA

St. Clement's in Grygla has a DAA goal of \$3,233. Eight donors have offered \$2,049.99 leaving a DAA deficit of \$1,183.01. We are at 63.41% of our parish goal. If you are able, please contribute to the 2023 DAA by going to [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA) or dropping a check for the DAA in the parish offertory basket. We will make sure your gift gets to the Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Center. As of 3/16/23, 69.67% of the Annual goal of \$925,000 has been met. Thank you to all the faithful who have made early gifts to the DAA!

### *TITHING* St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee March 26, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$970.00
Easter Flowers	\$100.00
Flower for Altar	\$ .00
Loose Plate	\$88.00
Total	\$ 1158.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge March 26th , 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$550.00
Loose Plate	\$40.00
Total	\$590.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla March 26th , 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$38000
Easter Flowers	\$25.00
Loose Plate	\$70.00
Total	\$475.00

### *Life Care Center*

The Life Care Center is in need of items for new moms. There is a Pack-n-Play in the entry of the Church for donations of Diapers, wipes, nursing pads, baby bath wash, lotion, and anything a new mom can use. Gas cards and cash are always welcome too. Thank you for your generosity.

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!!

### St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, April 2, 2023  
Sacristan: Emily  
Lector:: Jacob  
Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, April 9, 2023  
Sacristan: Margaret  
Lector:: Mary Lynn  
Counters: Jo & Deb

Sunday, April 16, 2023  
Sacristan: Rick  
Lector:: Jan  
Counters: Mary Anne & Jan

Sunday, April 23, 2023  
Sacristan: Margaret  
Lector:: Paul  
Counters: Anne & Dolores



### St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, April 2, 2023  
Lector:: Eliza  
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, April 9, 2023  
Lector:: Carol  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, April 16, 2023  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, April 23, 2023  
Lector:: Eliza  
Counters: Deb & Maggie



### St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, April 2, 2023  
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, April 9, 2023  
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, April 16, 2023  
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, April 23, 2023  
Lector:: Jim C



#### Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Irene Kiesow  
†Joan Carpenter  
†Leroy Irlbeck  
†Lowell Smeby  
†Dorothy Plante  
†Jim Lussier  
†Tim Whalen  
†Iona Berry  
†Kim Johs  
†Elias Abboud  
†Audrey Martell  
†Harold Cyr  
†Judie Hendrickson  
†Alden Morinville  
†Kathleen Erickson  
†Joseph Cullen  
†Laura Nadeau  
†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

#### Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler  
Donnie Tougas  
Kenneth LaCoursiere  
Shirley Dessellier  
Michael Bachand  
Annette LaCoursiere  
Debra Olson  
Jack Miller  
Ambrose Beaudoin  
Steve Sebenaler  
Don LaCoursiere  
Cindy Deterrman  
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  
Elaine Radniecki



Pray for our parishioners who have been away from the sacraments.

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.

#### We are the Hands of Christ

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home?

Many of us probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded.

A simple "hello" goes a long way.

*Say Hello!*



#### 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).