

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

I share with you today an ancient hymn in honor of the Most Holy Trinity. It was written in the 10th Century, probably by a Benedictine monk, and its title is *O Pater Sancte, Mitis Atque Pie*. In English that is “O Holy Father, Gracious and Forgiving.” Take a moment to reflect on the text of this hymn.

*Father most holy, gracious and forgiving,
 Christ, high exalted, prince of our salvation,
 Spirit of counsel, nourishing creation,
 God ever living;*

*Trinity blessed, Unity unshaken,
 Only true Godhead, sea of bounty endless,
 Light of the angels, succor thou the friendless,
 Shield the Forsaken.*

*All things thou madest—nothing doth but preach thee,
 Serving thee ever in its course ordained
 We too would hymn thee; this our prayer unfeigned
 Hear, we beseech thee.*

*Boundless thy praise be, whom no limit boundeth,
 God in three Persons, which in heaven living,
 Where adoration, homage and thanksgiving
 Ever resoundeth.*

This hymn was translated into English in the early 1900s by Msgr. Ronald Knox, who also translated the entire Bible into a poetic and beautiful form of the English language. If you ever come across the “Knox” translation of the Bible, it is a pleasure to read.

Weekly Schedule

| <u>St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee</u> | | | <u>St. Clement Parish in Grygla</u> | | <u>St. Ann Parish in Goodridge</u> | | | |
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| | <u>Mass Times</u> | <u>Confessions</u> | | <u>Confessions</u> | | <u>Confessions</u> | | |
| Sun: | 8:00 a.m. | 7:30 a.m. | Sun: | 11:45 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. | Sun. | 10:00 a.m. | 9:45 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. | | | | | | |

Trinity Sunday, officially called "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity," is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity. Eastern Churches have no tradition of Trinity Sunday, arguing that they celebrate the Trinity every Sunday. Westerners also commemorate the Trinity at every Eucharist, although they set aside a special feast day for the purpose as well.

The Trinity is one of the most fascinating - and controversial - Christian teachings. The Trinity is described as a "mystery." By mystery the Church does not mean a riddle, but rather the Trinity is a reality above our human comprehension that we may begin to grasp, but ultimately must know through worship, symbol, and faith. It has been said that mystery is not a wall to run up against, but an ocean in which to swim.

Common wisdom is that if you discuss the Trinity for longer than a few minutes, you will slip into heresy, because you are probing the depths of God too deeply. The Trinity is best described in the [Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed](#), commonly called the Nicene Creed.

Essentially the Trinity is the belief that God is one in essence (Greek *ousia*), but distinct in person (Greek *hypostasis*). The Greek word for person means "that which stands on its own," or "individual reality," and does not mean the persons of the Trinity are three human beings. Therefore Christians believe that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are somehow distinct from one another (not divided though), yet completely united in will and essence. How can this be? Well, think of the sight of two eyes. The eyes are distinct, yet one and undivided in their sight. Another illustration to explain the Trinity is the musical chord. Think of a C-chord. The C, E, and G notes are all distinct notes, but joined together as one chord the sound is richer and more dynamic than had the notes been played individually. The chords are all equally important in producing the rich sound, and the sound is lacking and thin if one of the notes is left out.

The Son is said to be eternally *begotten* of the Father, while the Holy Spirit is said to *proceed* from the Father through the Son. Each person of the Trinity interpenetrates one another, and each has distinct roles in creation and redemption, which is called the Divine economy. For instance, God the Father created the world through the Son and the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at creation.

The Nicene definition of the Trinity developed over time, based on Scripture and Tradition. The Scriptures call the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit "God," yet the three are also clearly distinct. For instance, St. John gives Jesus the titles *theos* and *monogenes theos* (God and Only-Begotten God) and has Jesus saying that the Father and Son are one, yet in his gospel Jesus also states that the Father and Son are not one witness, but two (John 1:1, 18; 8:17-18; 10:30). So John tells us that Jesus is God but not God the Father? Jesus is one with the Father, but they constitute two witnesses? It is scriptures such as these that led to the development of the Trinity doctrine. The Church had to reconcile the Divinity of Christ and the Holy Spirit with Jewish monotheism. Over time, and with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the Church reflected on the implications of God's nature, and even began using the word Trinity by the middle of the 2nd century to describe the relationship between the Father, Son, and Spirit. When in the 4th century a presbyter named Arius denied the Father and Son were both true God and co-eternal, his bishop Alexander of Alexandria challenged him and deposed him. Eventually the Arian controversy spread, and the emperor Constantine, newly fascinated with Christianity, convened a council of bishops in AD 325 in Nicaea to deal with Arianism. It is there that the Church drew up the beginnings of the current [Nicene Creed](#). In the latter half of the 4th century the Church dealt with those who specifically denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit, adding more text to the creed.

Ultimately, Trinitarianism posits a dynamic God, whose ultimate nature is beyond human conception, yet who voluntarily operates within the created world. Trinitarianism also shows a loving God that is willing to become as we are so that we may become like Him. The implications of believing in Arius' God, a God unwilling to involve himself in our redemption, but who instead sent an angel of the highest order, did not escape the earliest Christians. As St. Athanasius was fond of saying "that which has not been assumed has not been redeemed," meaning that unless God truly became completely human, we could not be fully redeemed, because only God Himself is capable of truly redeeming humanity; an angel does not have this ability. Thus, the Trinity is not about Greek philosophy or pointless metaphysical speculation, but about the heart of our salvation.

History

The Church has been celebrating the Trinity in its life and worship since the earliest days of the Church, as evidenced by the Trinitarian baptismal formula. The earliest known liturgies (including that contained in the [Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus](#)) include many references to the persons of the Trinity, including prayers that end with Trinitarian doxologies.

Nonetheless, there was no general feast of the Trinity in the early Church. Over time, dioceses and churches began celebrating feasts of the Trinity locally, perhaps in response to Arianism. Early dates of the localized feasts include the first Sunday after Pentecost, or the first Sunday before Advent. Both placements have symbolic value. The post-Pentecost date celebrates the Trinity as the final celebration of the Church Year, after Christ's resurrection, ascension, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The pre-Advent date, no longer observed, began the Church Year with the celebration of the Trinity, the source of all creation. Both show the importance of the Trinity as the foundation, beginning and end, of Christian belief and experience. Pope John XXII established the feast day for universal observance in the Western Church in AD 1334 on the present date. In addition to the yearly observance of Trinity Sunday, the Church's weekly, daily, and hourly worship is strongly Trinitarian in nature. Trinity Sunday has been especially popular in England, perhaps because Thomas Becket was consecrated on Trinity Sunday, AD 1162.

Mass Intentions

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| Oklee | Sunday | 06/16/19 | 8:00 a.m. | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 06/16/19 | 10:00 a.m. | †Patrick Mayernik |
| Grygla | Sunday | 06/16/19 | 11:45 a.m. | †Floyd Neuschwander |
| Oklee | Tuesday | 06/18/19 | 8:00 a.m. | †Larry O'Neill |
| Oklee | Wednesday | 06/19/19 | 8:00 a.m. | †Alice Bluemke |
| Oklee | Thursday | 06/20/19 | 8:00 a.m. | †Irene Dessellier |
| Oklee | Friday | 06/21/19 | NO MASS | |
| Oklee | Sunday | 06/23/19 | 8:00 a.m. | David Longtin |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 06/23/19 | 10:00 a.m. | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| Grygla | Sunday | 06/23/19 | 11:45 a.m. | †Janet Pearson |

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St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

June 9, 2019

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| Adults Envelopes | \$910.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$5600 |
| Endowment Priest's Training | \$60.00 |
| Total | \$1026.00 |

St. Ann's in Goodridge

June 9, 2019

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| Adult Envelopes | \$591.00 |
| Loose Plate | <u>\$ 72.00</u> |
| Total | \$663.00 |

Esto Vir Vocation Camp Bulletin Announcement through July 21:

Make plans for the young men in your life (ages 16+) to attend the Diocese of Crookston's "ESTO VIR" (Latin for: "BE A MAN") Vocation Camp!

ESTO VIR is an opportunity for young men who may be open to the priesthood to come together and spend some days in community with each other and the seminarians of the diocese. The camp includes sports and games, lakeside recreation, Mass, prayer, food, and fellowship.

Date: August 6-8, 2019

Location: Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp (Fosston, MN)

Cost: FREE!

For more information and registration >> www.crookston.org/estovir

St. Clement's in Grygla

June 9, 2019

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| Adult Envelopes | \$390.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 32.00 |
| OND | <u>\$12.00</u> |
| Total | \$434.00 |

St. Ann's

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Commentator : Carol
 Lector: : Gerri
 EMHC : Darwin & Marie
 Usher:: Russell & Charlie
 Counter; Deb & Maggie

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Commentator : Carol
 Lector: : Karyl
 EMHC : Darwin & Marie
 Usher:: Russell & Marlin
 Counter; Louann & Marie

St. Clement's

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Commentary: Angie
 Lector:: Jim C
 EMHC: Ron & Jean
 Usher: Bill N & Bob N.

Sunday, June 23 2019

Commentary: Angie
 Lector:: Coleen
 EMHC: Chris & Ron
 Usher: Jason D. & Bryan D.

St. Francis Xavier's

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Sacristan: Jan Dulka
 Lector; Mike Bachand
 EMHC: Rick & Jan Dulka
 Usher: Ken & Shirley Boucher
 Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere
 Counter: Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Sacristan: Mary Lynn Bachand
 Lector; David Bachand
 EMHC: Don L. & Carolyn Rystad
 Usher: Don L. & Jake Martell
 Greeter MaryAnn L. & Anne H.
 Counter: Anne Hammer & Delores Grimm

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.

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee
Lay Contacts

| <u>Body</u> | <u>Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)</u> | |
|---|--|---|
| <u>Pastoral Council & Finance Council</u> | | |
| Don LaCoursiere | 3/3—June 2018 (2nd) | P |
| Phyllis Melby | 3/3—June 2018 (1st) | P |
| Mitch Bernstein | 3/3—June 2018 (1st) | F |
| Margaret Buer | 2/3—June 2019 (1st) | P |
| Rick Dulka | 2/3—June 2019 (1st) | P |
| Janet Halvorson | 2/3—June 2019 (1st) | F |
| Virginia Weber | 1/3—June 2020 (3rd) | P |
| David Bachand | 1/3—June 2020 (2nd) | P |
| Jacob Melby | 1/3—June 2020 (2nd) | F |
| <u>Parish Trustees</u> | | |
| Joyce Paquin | 2/2—Sept. 2019(2nd) | |
| Shirley Cyr | 2/2—Sept. 2019(2nd) | |

St. Ann, Goodridge
Lay Contacts

| <u>Body</u> | <u>Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)</u> | |
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| <u>Joint Pastoral & Finance Council</u> | | |
| Audrey Rogalla | 3/3—June 2018 (1st) | |
| Cindi Kotrba | 3/3—June 2018 (1st) | |
| Marlin Kotrba | 2/3—June 2019 (1st) | |
| Karyl Mayernik | 2/3—June 2019 (1st) | |
| Darwin Eidelbes | 1/3—June 2020 (2nd) | |
| Gerri Rustan | 1/3—June 2020 (1st) | |
| <u>Parish Trustees</u> | | |
| Patty Skibicki | 1/2—Sept. 2020 (2nd) | |
| Anthony Carin | 1/2—Sept. 2020 (1st) | |

St. Clement, Grygla
Lay Contacts

| <u>Body</u> | <u>Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)</u> | |
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| <u>Joint Pastoral & Finance Council</u> | | |
| Jim Carriere | 3/3—June 2018 (1st) | |
| Gary Polansky | 3/3—June 2018 (2nd) | |
| Bill Zavoral | 2/3—June 2019 (1st) | |
| Angie Kiesow | 2/3—June 2019 (1st) | |
| Jean Schulz | 1/3—June 2020 (1st) | |
| Bill Neuschwander | 1/3—June 2020 (1st) | |
| <u>Parish Trustees</u> | | |
| Jody Miller | 1/2—Sept. 2020 (3rd) | |
| Jack Miller | 1/2—Sept. 2020 (3rd) | |

Happy Father's Day

When You (or someone you love) Visits the Hospital

None of us looks forward to time spent in a hospital bed. Altru Health System seeks to both help with what is wrong physically and also to support patients in other ways. That includes spiritual support.

Some of you may remember the days when the local hospital would call churches to inform pastors when a parishioner had become a patient. That went away years ago. These days a patient's privacy is protected carefully and hospitals are inspected in terms of protecting patient information and keeping it private.

So if you become a patient at Altru your information is kept private. You will have full control of who comes to see you.

“Will my pastor know I'm in so he/she can come to see me?” you might ask. There's two ways that can happen and you, the patient, control both.

One way is for you to tell your pastor, or to have your family contact the church. Your pastor wants to know. The second is to ask an Altru Chaplain to contact your pastor. Altru's Chaplains want to help and believe in the ministry and support your pastor can provide. If you ask, only if you ask, a chaplain will make that contact.

The chaplains at the hospital want to serve you and to serve the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastoral Services.

Altru's Pastoral Services 701-780-5300

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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

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
- Fr Don Brauckmann
- Kathy Vathauer
- Ambrose Beaudoin
- Steve Sebenaler
- Don LaCoursiere
- Cindy Determan
- David Longtin