

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon

Clergy Column

In the past weeks we've heard a lot about toppled statues and especially about statues of Saint Junipero Serra being vandalized in California. Saint Junipero Serra was a Franciscan Priest who founded the first nine Catholic churches in what is now the state of California. They were known as missions because their primary goal was not just offering Mass for Spanish soldiers, but to reach out and evangelize the native American Indian people. Modern secularists hate this very notion, of course. They hate that we Catholics came and preached the Gospel and led the native people away from their native religions. Thus, in the minds of the modern secularists, every statue and every memory of Saint Junipero Serra has to go. Last week one of the mission churches founded by Saint Junipero was destroyed by a fire, Mission San Gabriel Arcángel, in San Gabriel, California. That's the bad news. The good news is that just this past Wednesday Pope Francis bestowed an honor upon another of the missions founded by Saint Junipero by granting it the title of a basilica. It is the Mission Church of San Buenaventura, in Ventura, California. Henceforth, it will be known as the Mission Basilica of San Buenaventura. It is as if the Pope is strengthening our resolve to uphold the dignity and honor of Saint Junipero Serra by giving this esteemed title to the final mission he founded as he labored for the salvation of souls in California.

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:	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.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	10:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	12:00 p.m.	11:45 a.m.



Hagia Sophia declared a mosque hours after court ruling

Catholic News Agency Staff
Jul 10, 2020

Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has signed a decree converting Hagia Sophia, the former cathedral of Holy Wisdom in Istanbul, into a mosque.

The presidential decree was signed within hours of a court ruling Friday, which declared unlawful an 80-year old government decree which converted the building from a mosque into a museum.

Ayasofya Mosque, as it is known in Turkish, will now fall under the supervision of the government's religious directorate.

The decree is the culmination of a long-held goal of Erdoğan, who has called for the building to be returned to the status of a mosque for years.

The court's decision drew heavy criticism from the international community, as has the Turkish president's stated aim of ending the building's neutral usage.

The Greek culture minister, Lina Mendoni, released a statement condemning the decision, saying the court ruling "absolutely confirms that there is no independent justice" in Turkey, and that "the nationalism displayed by President Erdogan... takes his country back six centuries."

Eastern Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople has said that the

building's prior status as a museum made it "the symbolic place of encounter, dialogue, solidarity and mutual understanding between Christianity and Islam."

In a June 30 homily, Bartholomew said that Hagia Sophia, a UNESCO World Heritage site, belongs "belongs not only to those who own it at the moment, but to all humanity."

Hagia Sophia was founded in 537 under the Emperor Justinian. For a time it was the largest building in the world and the largest Christian church. It served as the cathedral of the Patriarch of Constantinople before and after the Great Schism split Western and Eastern Christianity into the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches.

After the Ottoman capture of Constantinople in 1453, the cathedral was converted into a mosque. Under the Ottomans, architects added minarets and buttresses to preserve the building, but the mosaics showing Christian imagery were whitewashed and covered.

In 1934, under the leadership of President Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of modern Turkey after the fall of the Ottoman empire, the mosque was turned into a museum.

The conversion of Hagia Sophia into a museum was considered a symbol of the Atatürk government's commitment to building a secular liberal state. Mosaics were uncovered, including depictions of Christ, the Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, Justinian I, and the Byzantine Empress Zoë Porphyrogenita.

When the museum reopens for worship as a mosque, it is believed that the mosaics will have to be covered during Muslim prayers, as well as the seraph figures located in the high basilica dome.

Hagia Sophia is one of Turkey's most recognizable landmarks and its most visited site, drawing more than 3.7 million visitors a year.

Erdoğan's spokesman, Ibrahim Kalin, said that "Opening up Hagia Sophia to worship doesn't keep local or foreign tourists from visiting the site."

Oklee	Sunday	07/19/20	8:00 a.m.	† Ronnie Kees
Grygla	Sunday	07/19/20	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	07/19/20	12:00 p.m.	Bountiful Harvest
Oklee	Tuesday	07/21/20	8:00 a.m.	†Gerald Cote
Oklee	Wednesday	07/22/20	8:00 a.m.	†Tom Marty
Oklee	Thursday	07/23/20	8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions
Oklee	Friday	07/24/20	8:00 a.m.	†Jim Dulka
Oklee	Sunday	07/26/20	8:00 a.m.	† Jim Dulka
Grygla	Sunday	07/26/20	10:15 a.m.	David Schafer
Goodridge	Sunday	07/26/20	12:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

July 12, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$1790.00
Loose Plate	\$95.00
Endowment Priest's	\$50.00
Holy Father	\$170.00
Flowers for Altar	<u>\$15.00</u>
Total	\$2120.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

July 5, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$1080.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$59.00</u>
Total	\$1139.00

July 12 N/A

St. Clement's in Grygla

July 12, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$480.00
Holy Father	\$115.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$124.00</u>
Total	\$719.00

Weekly Reflections



July 19, 2020 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)

As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Lector: Bob Melby

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Lector: Carol Bachand

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Lector: Jan Dulka

St. Ann's

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Lector: Gerri

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Lector: Eliza

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Lector: Carol

St. Clement's

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Lector: Jody

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Lector: Gary

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Lector: Laurie

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 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!!

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" and a smile goes a long way.

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Joey Johnson
 †Allen Paquin
 †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
 Marie Adams
 Grace Rundell
 MaryAnn Lambert
 Bailey Herried Drotts
 George Pittman
 Bambi Lambert
 Lucille Christianson
 Doris Dessellier
 Danielle Swanson
 Mark Stromberg
 Sylvia Remick Morey
 Penny Kalar