

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

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C l e r g y C o l u m n

The young man in today's Gospel reading went away sad; his face fell when he heard that he needed to go and sell his possessions if he wanted to follow Jesus. The Lord was testing this young man. Not every Christian is required to sell everything he possesses and live in abject poverty in order to be a Christian. This young man was tested in this way because his besetting sins were greed and selfishness. This young man could not give up his possessions in order to gain eternal life with Jesus. A great thought experiment would be to think about what way you will be tested. What are your besetting (biggest or most prominent) sins, and how will the Lord test you to see if you are willing to give up your sins in order to follow him? Think about it! You actually need to know the answer to that question and you need to be willing to give up your favorite sins if you would like to have eternal life.

October is well underway, and our minds turn to Halloween, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day. Feel free to bring in images of deceased loved ones and set them up in our little shrine, and inscribe their names in the book of the dead. Masses on All Souls' Day will be offered for those who are written in the book.

We must say goodbye to Ann Peterson who has been our faithful parish secretary and Oklee's bookkeeper for the last several years. She served us very well, and I have appreciated her hard work immensely. She will be missed! Deb Whalen, a parishioner from Oklee, will be taking over her duties. Welcome, Deb!

Weekly Schedule

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 noon	11:45 p.m.

Catholics and Halloween . . . is it a good or a bad mix? Here's the scoop.

HALLOWEEN FACTS

Halloween is short for *All Hallow's Eve*. It is the vigil of All Saints (All Hallows) Day. All Saints Day is a [Holy Day of Obligation](#), and thus a major feast on the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar.

- Halloween (October 31st) is connected with All Saints Day (November 1st) and All Souls Day (November 2nd). These three days taken together are the "Days of the Dead," a triduum of feasts also called Allhallowtide, Hallowtide, or Hallowmas ('hallow' means to honor as holy).
- Halloween is, therefore, the first day of Allhallowtide, the time of year when the living (i.e. the Church Militant) honors all the dead in Christ: all the saints in heaven (i.e. the Church Triumphant) as well as all the holy souls detained in purgatory on their way to heaven (i.e. the Church Suffering). It is a beautiful celebration of the communion of saints!
- Catholics historically believed that on these "Days of the Dead", their annual feast, the veil between heaven, hell, and purgatory is the thinnest (that means you might even see some souls you know!).
- Halloween begins the celebration these Christian holy days that remind the faithful of the reality of heaven and hell, the saints and the damned, demons and angels, and the holy souls suffering in purgatory.

In the year 844 A.D. Pope Gregory III transferred the feast of All Saints (which honored especially the unknown martyrs and "hidden" saints whom we do not know by name) from May 13th to November 1st to coincide with a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica which he dedicated to all the saints in heaven. His successor, Pope Gregory IV, extended the feast of the dedication to the universal Church.

Evening vigils with pious celebrations on the day before a major feast or solemnity were customary in historical Catholic Europe; the rhythms of their lives and culture moved with the liturgical calendar.

- In medieval times churches often displayed the bones and relics of their saints on Halloween (i.e. the vigil of All Saints Day) for public veneration.
- The true substance of Halloween belongs to the Catholic Church.
- Halloween is a Catholic holiday and does not have its origins in paganism, Samhain, Celtic/Druidic festivals, the occult, or Satanism. This common misconception is modern anti-Catholic propaganda, with roots going back to the Protestant Reformation, and has no basis in historical fact.
- English, Irish, and French immigrants to America brought their variety of local Catholic customs with them: Dressing up for Halloween comes from the French; Jack-o-Lanterns come from the Irish (originally carved turnips); and the English begged from door to door for "Soul Cakes," promising to pray for the departed loved ones of those who gave them these treats, the roots of trick-or-treating. These traditions converged in the American melting pot.
- When European Catholics immigrated to the predominantly Protestant America, bringing their cultural Catholic customs with them (i.e. celebrations of liturgical feasts), it was denounced as pagan (the same attempts were made regarding Christmas and Easter).
- The contemporary version of Halloween that glorifies the demonic with an emphasis on violence, horror, and sensuality is, at least in part, a result of Catholics believing the Protestant propaganda against their faith (that it is evil, rather than holy) and pulling away from a traditional and faithful celebration of this essentially religious holiday.
- It is true that Halloween has been badly corrupted and hyper-commercialized just like Christmas and Easter, but, just as that should never stop Catholics from fully celebrating the great feasts of the Church the *Catholic* way, neither should it stop Catholics from enjoying Halloween as a celebration of the great feast of All Saints Day.
- To avoid superstition and any negative influence of the occult, Halloween should not be honored or celebrated apart from Catholic truth (in the same way we should keep the birth of Christ at the center of Christmas, and the Resurrection of Christ at the center of Easter).

Halloween is a day to reflect on Christ's triumph over sin, death, and Satan; to meditate on our own mortality and duties to God; to shun sin and the devil; to give honor to the saints in heaven; and to pray for the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory. And, of course, to have fun with joyful feasting and merriment. Happy Halloween!

HOW TO CELEBRATE

Catholics should not neglect the celebration of any of the Church's major feasts, and All Saints Day is no exception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning that Catholics are obliged to attend Mass just as if it were a Sunday.

Celebrate the feast by taking the family to Mass on All Hallow's Eve, and pray for the intercession of the saints in heaven—especially those who are your patrons. Read about the lives of the saints, hand out holy cards, have a party with saint-based activities or costumes for kids.

On All Saints Day thank the saints for what they have done for you; adorn their altars and images with flowers, venerate their relics, recite special prayers and litanies in their honor. Enjoy a special meal with loved ones.

Then, on All Souls Day, pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and make sacrifices on their behalf, especially those whom you have known and loved, and for those who have no one to pray for them. Visit graveyards and cemeteries to pray for the dead who can no longer pray for themselves.

In this way you will faithfully and joyfully celebrate Hallowmas in a manner that is pleasing to God!

Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	10/14/18	8:00 a.m.	†Roger Hanson
Grygla	Sunday	10/14/18	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	10/14/18	12:00 p.m.	†Donna Horachek
Oklee	Tuesday	10/16/18	8:00 a.m.	†Larry O'Neill
Oklee	Wednesday	10/17/18	8:00 a.m.	†Verona Hanson
Oklee	Thursday	10/18/18	8:00 a.m.	Kim Johs
Oklee	Friday	10/19/18	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Peterson
Oklee	Sunday	10/21/18	8:00 a.m.	†Franklin Agnes
Grygla	Sunday	10/21/18	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	10/21/18	12:00 p.m.	†Marlene Hanson

Tithing October 7, 2018

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adult Envelopes	\$1962.00
Loose Plate	\$4.00
Flowers	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$1991.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$492.00
Loose Plate	\$30.00
Ladies Aide	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total	\$822.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

Adult Envelopes	\$726.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$70.00</u>
Total	\$796.00

Grygla News

There will be a parish council meeting on Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. Current parish council members and parish council members from the last 4 years are asked to attend.

“Two classes of people make up the world: those who have found God, and those who are looking for Him - thirsting, hungering, seeking! And the great sinners came closer to Him than the proud intellectuals! Pride swells and inflates the ego; gross sinners are depressed, deflated and empty. They, therefore, have room for God. God prefers a loving sinner to a loveless 'saint'. Love can be trained; pride cannot. The man who thinks that he knows will rarely find truth; the man who knows he is a miserable, unhappy sinner, like the woman at the well, is closer to peace, joy and salvation than he knows.”
— [Fulton J. Sheen, Life of Christ](#)

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

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS OCTOBER 2018

THE MISSION OF RELIGIOUS

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” MARK 10:25

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

St. Ann's Ministry

Sunday October 14, 2018

Commentary:: Gerri
Lector: Eliza
EMHC: Darwin & Eliza
Usher:: Russ & Stanley
Counter: Marie & Audrey

Sunday October 21, 2018

Commentator:: Gerri
Lector:: Carol
EMHC: Deb & Marie
Usher:: Joe & Darwin
counter: Deb & Maggie

Sunday October 28, 2018

Commentator : Carol
Lector : Gerri
EMHC : Tony & Marie
Usher:: Russ & Darwin
Counter: Audrey & Marie

St. Clement's Ministry

Sunday October 14, 2018

Commentary: Angie
Lector:: Dawn
EMHC: Coleen & Ron
Ushers: Bill Z. & Aaron

Sunday October 21, 2018

Commentator:: Angie
Lector:: Gary
EMHC: Bill Z. & Chris
Usher: Ron & Bruce

Sunday October 28, 2018

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS
FOR THEY ARE UNDER ATTACK.**

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee
Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Pastoral Council & Finance Council

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

Parish Trustees

Vacant	1/2—Sept. 2019(2nd)
Shirley Cyr	1/2—Sept. 2019(2nd)

St. Clement, Grygla
Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

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)

Parish Trustees

Jody Miller	2/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)
Jack Miller	2/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)

St. Ann, Goodridge
Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

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)

Parish Trustees

Patty Skibicki	2/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)
Vernon Rogalla	2/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)

Recently
Deceased Loved
Ones

† Alice Blumke
 † Mary Peterson
 † Joe Frog
 † Donna Horachek
 † Joey Johnson
 † Allen Paquin
 † Kathleen Amiot
 † Chris Tougas
 † Larry O'Neill
 † Yvonne Boucher
 † Bonnie Buchmeier
 † Janet Pearson

Pray For Those
Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
 Donnie Tougas
 LaVonne Radniecki
 Kenneth LaCoursiere
 Anne Hammer
 Shirley Dessellier
 Karyl Mayernik
 Irene Kiesow
 Michael Bachand
 Audrey Rogalla
 Annette LaCoursiere
 Bob Carriere
 Debra Olson
 Floyd Neuschwander
 Ann Peterson
 Mark Stromberg
 Frankie Cyr
 Jack Miller
 David Dessellier

Oklee Ministry List

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Sacristan: Mary Lynn Bachand
 Lector: Dorothy Sebenaler
 EMHC: Don LaCoursiere & Carolyn Rystad
 Usher: Don LaCoursiere & Frank Buer
 Greeter: Shirley Cyr & Mary Ann Lambert
 Counter: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
 Lector: Bob Melby
 EMHC: Bob & Emily Bernier
 Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby
 Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere
 Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Sacristan: Phyllis Melby
 Lector: Jan Dulka
 EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Anne Hammer
 Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote
 Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere
 Counter: Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

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.