

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

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O almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.
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.
Rotating w/ Goodridge see MASS schedules	
Tues: 5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 10:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.
Rotating w/ Grygla see MASS schedules	
Tues: 5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.

CLERGY COLUMN

4th Sunday of Easter

oggcatholic.org/homilies-audio.html

Focus: Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist

1. Review:

- a. Lent: Created, Captured, Rescued
- b. Easter: Response
 - i. Surrender to Jesus, the Light of the World, as he leads you out of darkness into light.
 - 1. John 12:46 → *"I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."*
 - 2. Repent! Save yourself from this crooked generation.

2. Back to the cave, the darkness:

- a. He stands in front of you, tells you to follow him, and starts walking.
- b. He's your only hope. Without him, there is no getting out of the darkness.
- c. Remember why things became so drastic: hunger and thirst.
 - i. As you follow him, you think to ask, "Do you have anything to eat, anything to drink?"
 - 1. If he gives you anything, what is the response to that?
 - a. "Thank you!"
- d. Summary: You were lost, left for dead; he came to you to rescue you and feed you.
 - i. What is he worth to you? He has to be worth everything. You had no life without him.

3. Jesus is the Way to the Father (John 14:6) and he provides Food along the way.

- a. What is your response? Surrender, Repentance, and Thanksgiving.
- b. What is the food? The Eucharist.
- c. What is the Eucharist?
 - i. His own Body and Blood. His Soul and Divinity.
 - ii. "Eucharistia" → Thanksgiving.
 - 1. The Eucharist is both the food and the "thank you"! Incredible!
 - 2. What is that worth to you? Worship = worth-ship
 - a. Is it not worth everything? Does it not stand above all else?
 - iii. At the Passover in Exodus 12, they were to do two things:
 - 1. Eat the flesh of the Passover lamb and sprinkle the blood on their doorpost
 - 2. *"This day shall be a memorial day"*
 - iv. The Last Supper was a Passover meal. No lamb is mentioned in the Gospel account.
 - 1. John 1:29 → *"Behold the Lamb of God."*
 - 2. Last Supper: *"This is my body ... This cup is the new covenant in my blood."*
 - a. *"Do this in memory of me."* Anamnesis. The past becomes present.
 - 3. **We believe:** The bread and the wine are entirely changed into the real Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. This is not merely a symbol or representation.

4. How do we thank him enough?

- a. Receive the food that he gives. That food is Thanksgiving, the Eucharist.
- b. This flows out of a relationship that is surrendered to Jesus.
 - i. I surrender to him, give him authority over my life.
 - ii. He tells me to repent, to turn from the darkness and toward him.
 - iii. Then he feeds me with his own Body and Blood.

5. More on this next week, especially looking at John 6. It will be helpful to bring your Bible.

Reflection Questions and Homework:

- 1. Have you surrendered your life to Jesus and his Church yet?
- 2. Does anything keep you from believing this?
- 3. Read: John 6

Weekly Bible Study: youtube.com/@fatherbryankujawa

Oklee	Sunday	04/30/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	04/30/23	10:00 a.m.	Jack Miller
Grygla	Sunday	04/30/23	11:45 a.m.	Mack Hilleren
Oklee	Monday	05/01/23	8:00 a.m.	David Vukelich
Goodridge	Tuesday	05/02/23	5:30 p.m.	Isaiah Blickenstaff
Oklee	Wednesday	05/03/23	8:00 a.m.	Jeff & Debbie Blickenstaff
Oklee	Thursday	05/04/23	8:00 a.m.	Mason Hilleren
Oklee	Saturday	05/06/23	4:00 p.m.	
Oklee	Sunday	05/07/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	05/07/23	10:00 a.m.	Brooklyn Blickenstaff
Grygla	Sunday	05/07/23	11:45 a.m.	Jason Moe



ROLLS & COFFEE—FELLOWSHIP
AFTER MASS at ST. FRANCIS - May 7
 Free will offering to support
 Repairs for the Rectory

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

April 23, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$2643.00
Endowment for Priests	\$20.00
Flower for Altar	\$10.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	\$ 2693.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

April 23, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$390.00
Endowment for Priests	\$0.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total	\$450.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

April 16, 2023

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Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is a month of growth, when nature is reborn. This month normally belongs to the Easter season, between Easter and Pentecost. Many Catholics may be aware that May is consecrated to Mary, but it may be unclear why this month was selected for this particular distinction. Other months have more important feasts dedicated to Our Lady, such as August (Feast of the Assumption) and December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception). What is it about this month that makes it a fitting time to reflect on the Virgin Mary's role in salvation and to honor her as the Mother of God? The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Our Lady is centuries old, dating back at least 700 years. Blessed Pope Paul VI wrote an encyclical on the month of May, focusing on the Virgin Mary. He wrote that the piety of the faithful has long dedicated the month of May to the Mother of God. He stated in his encyclical, *Mense Maio*:

We are delighted and consoled by this pious custom associated with the month of May, which pays honor to the Blessed Virgin and brings such rich benefits to the Christian people. Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise.

The reason for dedicating May to Our Lady is associated with the particular season of the year. May is certainly known for its spring-time beauty (at least in the Northern Hemisphere). It is associated with flowers and blossoms, with trees which spring back to life, and grass which sprouts. It brings to mind the idea of promise and hope, of new life. Blessed John Henry Newman offers various reasons why May in particular is dedicated to Our Lady in "Meditations and Devotions". He states:

The first reason is because it is the time when the earth bursts forth into its fresh foliage and its green grass after the stern frost and snow of winter and the raw atmosphere and the wild wind and rain of the early spring. It is because the blossoms are upon the trees and the flowers are in the gardens. It is because the days have got long, and the sun rises early and sets late. For such gladness and joyousness of external Nature is a fit attendant on our devotion to her who is the Mystical Rose and the House of Gold.

Blessed Newman admits that sometimes May is a rainy, cool month. However, it always remains a month of promise and hope, the prelude to summer, the season of light. It is in this sense that it represents Mary. She reflects the light of Christ.

LITURGICAL CONTEXT

May is normally part of the Easter season, the period of fifty days which lasts from Easter to Pentecost. During this time we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, a celebration which culminates with his Ascension to the Father and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church on Pentecost. It is a fitting time to dedicate to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to recall her intense joy over her Son's Resurrection and the comfort and guidance she gave to the Apostles during this difficult period.

During the Easter season, Mary's presence in the beginnings of the Church is emphasized. She was present in the first community of disciples. In Acts 1:14, she was present with the Apostles in the upper room as they prayerfully waited for the descent of the Holy Spirit with hopeful expectation. As Pope St. John Paul II stated in *Redemptoris Mater*, "Mary was in the Upper Room, where the Apostles were preparing to take up this mission with the coming of the Spirit of Truth: she was present with them. In their midst Mary was "devoted to prayer" as the "mother of Jesus" (cf. Acts 1:13-14), of the Crucified and Risen Christ." Her maternal presence was humble and discreet but fundamental. Among them, she acted as a guide, an exceptional witness of the mystery of Christ, a role she had since His conception and birth, as well as a model of true faith.

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI vividly described Mary's maternal presence among the disciples after Jesus' Resurrection. He stated: In the days that followed the Lord's resurrection, the Apostles stayed together, comforted by Mary's presence, and after the ascension, they persevered with her in prayerful expectation of Pentecost. Our Lady was a mother and teacher to them, a role that she continues to play for Christians of all times...

St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Sacristan: Mary Lynn

Lector:: Jacob

Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Sacristan: Emily

Lector:: Mary Lynn

Counters: Jo & Deb

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sacristan: Phyllis

Lector:: Bob

Counters: Mary Ann & Deb

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Sacristan: Margaret

Lector:: Jacob

Counters: Lora & Margaret



St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Lector:: Carol

Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Lector:: Paula

Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Lector:: Eliza

Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Lector:: Carol

Counters: Deb & Maggie



St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Lector:: Gary

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Lector:: Laurie



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
†Gayle Radniecki Grossman
†Delores Longtin

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
Donnie Tougas
Kenneth LaCoursi-
ere
Shirley Dessellier
Michael Bachand
Annette LaCoursiere
Debra Olson
Ambrose Beaudoin
Steve Sebenaler
Don LaCoursiere
Cindy Determan
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

Rick Dulka
Richard Bourque
Carolyn Pittman
Jude Syvertson
Mary Radniecki
Dave Zavoral
Bernadette Lambert-
Daymunde
Josie Rodriguez
Jake Martell
Roy Rystad
Virginia Larson
Dave Longtin, Shorty
Bonnie Cote
Joyce Tougas
Brad Gunderson
Tim Lundeen
Matt Genova
Brian Peterson
Jim Carriere
Antoinette Holtusen
Roger Lambert
Theresa Mutnansky



The Easter season is a fitting time to recall Mary's immense joy over her Son's Resurrection and to rediscover her role as mother and teacher in our lives. Mary has a **unique role in the God's plan of salvation and in the Church**. She consented to the coming of the Savior and cooperated in developing His mission. She brought Him into the world, raised Him and lovingly stood by His side during the years of His hidden life. She supported Him during His public ministry in a quiet way, beginning at Cana, where by her intercession Jesus performed His first miracle ([John 2:1-12](#)). She cooperated in His work, even uniting her own suffering with that of her Son, standing at the foot of His cross. **Mary was Jesus' first disciple**, humbly following Him during every step of His journey and mission. She trusted in God completely and lived by His grace. She is our model of true discipleship and of complete faith.

During the Easter season we are more aware of Mary's motherly presence and love. It is perhaps for this reason that popular tradition has dedicated the month of May, which falls during this liturgical season, to Our Blessed Mother.

Turning to Our Heavenly Mother

The Blessed Virgin Mary offered the disciples her prayers, motherly care, and witness. She continues to offer us her motherly love and intercession. During this month of May, let us rediscover her maternal role in each of our lives. Let us offer our spiritual mother our sincere prayers, that just as she aided the first Apostles with her prayers, she may also guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith. Let us learn from her how to love and trust God completely and how to be faithful witnesses of the risen Lord.