

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

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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass
 Tuesday Confessions: 1 hr. post Mass



Oklee	Sunday	06/16/24	8:00 a.m.	Barb Asselin
Goodridge	Sunday	06/16/24	10:00 a.m.	Cory Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	06/16/24	11:45 a.m.	For the People
Oklee	Monday	06/17/24	8:00 a.m.	†Tony Weber
Grygla	Tuesday	06/18/24	5:30 p.m.	Cathy Friedt
Oklee	Wednesday	06/19/24	8:00 a.m.	†Therese Maxson
Oklee	Thursday	06/20/24	8:00 a.m.	†Lois Jahnke
Oklee	Sunday	06/23/24	8:00 a.m.	†Samantha South
Goodridge	Sunday	06/23/24	10:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	06/23/24	11:45 a.m.	†Theresa Sorenson
Oklee	Monday	06/24/24	8:00 a.m.	Children who have left the Faith
Goodridge	Tuesday	06/25/24	5:30 p.m.	†Dean Hanson
Oklee	Wednesday	06/26/24	8:00 a.m.	Cindy & Del Determan
Oklee	Thursday	06/27/24	8:00 a.m.	Pope Francis
Oklee	Sunday	06/30/24	8:00 a.m.	†Frankie Cyr
Goodridge	Sunday	06/30/24	10:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	06/30/24	11:45 a.m.	Betty Jo Kiesow

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).

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time!

Before last Sunday, it had been so long since we had had a Sunday in Ordinary Time - all the way back to February 11th. As I write this, I've looked at the readings for Mass, but don't yet know what I'll preach about. But one thing I've now remembered is how much I love the structure of the readings during Ordinary Time, even while it is also a little frustrating.

Some of us may know this, but the First Reading, the Psalm, and the Gospel are all meant to connect into one general theme. Sometimes the theme is very easy to notice and other times it can appear to be like something of a puzzle. And the theme is not a mandatory preaching topic by any means - **priests and deacons are allowed to preach on anything they'd like, though the homily *should* be focused on the readings proclaimed during Mass.** Anyway, the Gospel readings tend to simply move their way through the particular Gospel of the year (this year's Gospel is primarily from Mark, though we'll be taking a five-week break from it at the end of July and during the entire month of August). Sometimes there are passages skipped over, for various reasons that are not always easily understood, and other times one reading will pick right up where the previous reading left off. The First Readings, on the other hand, jump around the Old Testament (always the Old Testament during Ordinary Time), since the Church wanted to choose a passage that connects with the Gospel. The Psalm Response does the same thing, with everything being directed by the Gospel passage **for the day. From my perspective, it's a fun and engaging challenge to find the connection and then to pray with the readings as I study them, to see what the Lord may be inspiring for a homily.**

The Second Readings, however, present a different challenge. They are equally good in my mind - I mentioned last week how much I love St. Paul - **but they are not intended to connect with the other readings. It's my understanding that the Church simply wanted to include more of St. Paul in the liturgy, so that more people could hear his insights, so they added a reading from one of the epistles when they reformed the liturgy after the Second Vatican Council.** The challenge for me is that I often want to preach about the 2nd Reading while also wanting to preach about the Gospel. Now, I know I preach longer-than-average homilies, but can you imagine if I preached two homilies each Sunday? I can't imagine that would go over very well. Sometimes I'll try to make a connection, so that I can include all of the readings in the homily, but other times I'm left trying to figure out which to preach about. We're going to see this quite clearly during that five-week break from Mark in late-July and all of August. The 2nd Readings during those weeks are very good, but they are not at all easily connected with the Gospel readings. It's almost too much goodness!

Here's a reminder that I produce a Bible Study each week, three videos that take a little bit of time (usually 15 minutes or less) to look at each reading coming up for Mass. You can access these videos by going to: [youtube.com/@catholicbiblestudies](https://www.youtube.com/@catholicbiblestudies) and clicking on the appropriate video for the week. I release the videos on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week. Sometimes the videos have similar content as the homily and other times they aren't quite the same.

May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.





Tale of two martyrs: Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher

The English saints St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher are buried side by side. Executed a couple of weeks apart, their offense was the same – denying that Henry VIII was supreme head of the church.

Despite being permanently entwined in the afterlife, their paths seldom crossed. They are often described as soul mates, but were they really friends?

The Tower of London was probably the place where these two men would have been most in each other’s company. This is where any pilgrim will need to go in order to understand their piety in the face of adversity. It has often been stated that the two martyrs were imprisoned in the same building within the Tower. While this is probably not true, their bones were thrown together in a chapel within the royal complex.

The space they definitely shared was their place of execution. When you reach there, it would be a good time to say a prayer for the merciful end they both enjoyed. In a rare moment of compassion, Henry VIII changed the original sentence. As traitors to their king, they were supposed to be hanged, drawn and quartered, a punishment as excruciating and degrading as crucifixion. In the end they were beheaded, and neither was a botched job.

More and Fisher both spent over a year before their executions in the Tower of London. It has often been said that they shared adjacent cells in a building called the Bell Tower. In the absence of any proper accounts, it seems that only Fisher resided there. More was likely to have enjoyed a residence of comparative luxury. He visited Fisher at least once. His reaction, if it had ever been recorded, would have been despair for his fellow convict. St. Thomas lost some weight in custody; Fisher was left such a physical wreck the crowd at Tower Hill gasped when they saw him climb the scaffold. In a letter Fisher wrote to King Henry, he had to plead for food. The Cardinal-Bishop was even more distressed by the cold. He begged the king for clothing, “I have neither shirt nor sheet ...”

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” - 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

St Francis Xavier’s

Sunday, June 16, 2024
 Sacristan: Phyllis
 Lector: Gerri
 Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, June 23, 2024
 Sacristan: Margaret
 Lector: MaryLynn
 Counters: Linda & Margaret

Sunday, June 30, 2024
 Sacristan: MaryLynn
 Lector: Bob
 Counters: Jo L. & Gerri

St Ann’s

Sunday, June 16, 2024
 Lector: Paula
 Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, June 23, 2024
 Lector: Karyl
 Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, June 30, 2024
 Lector: Karyl
 Counters: Marie & Audrey

St Clement’s

Sunday, June 16, 2024
 Lector: Laurie

Sunday, June 23, 2024
 Lector: Gary

Sunday, June 30, 2024
 Lector: Robbie

It's no wonder that both these saints spoke about the release that death would bring. Their lives had been made miserable, especially for Fisher, who was not allowed visits from a priest. Their mortal remains continued to be abused after the axe had fallen. **Both men's heads were displayed, two weeks apart, on London Bridge.** Once again, More was fortunate compared to Fisher. After a short period Fisher's head was tossed in the Thames. Luckily for More, he had devoted children. His daughter was able to buy the severed head from its place of dishonor on the bridge before it was thrown in. As for the rest of their remains, from the neck down, the two saints were dumped into an unmarked grave.

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TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

June 9, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1406.00
Flowers for Altar	\$35.00
Retired Priests	\$10.00
Endowment for Priests	\$10.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total	\$1491.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

June 9, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$475.00
OND	\$.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total	\$505.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

June 9, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$475.00
OND	\$.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total	\$515.00

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†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
 †Lorraine Cote
 †Lorraine LaCoursiere
 †Tony Weber
 †Matt Genova
 †Elaine Radniecki
 †Richard Rolfson
 †Gary LaCoursiere
 †Theresa Sorenson
 †Julie Paquin
 †Frankie Cyr
 †Cliff Melby

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
 Donnie Tougas
 Kenneth LaCoursiere
 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
 Richard Bourque
 Rick Dulka
 Mary Radniecki
 Dave Zavoral
 Bernadette Lambert-Daymunde
 Josie Rodriguez
 Roy Rystad
 Dave Longtin, Shorty
 Bonnie Cote
 Joyce Tougas
 Brad Gunderson
 Brian Peterson
 Roger Lambert
 Theresa Mutnansky
 Carolyn Pittman
 Shirley Cyr
 Jack Miller
 Mike Dessellier
 Adam Cwikla
 Tyler Larson (deployed)
 John Lessard
 Bonnie Paquin
 Del Determan
 Jake Martell

*St. Michael, the Archangel,
 defend us in battle.
 Be our safeguard against
 the wickedness and snares
 of the devil.
 May God rebuke him,
 we humbly pray;
 and do you,
 O Prince of the heavenly host,
 by the power of God
 cast into hell Satan
 and all the evil spirits
 who wander through the world
 seeking the ruin of souls.
 Amen.*

Anyone wishing to have a MASS offered for a loved one, living or deceased, you may leave name and the customary donation of \$10.00 in the offering basket in an envelope.