

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

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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass
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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).

Oklee	Sunday	12/22/24	8:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	12/22/24	10:15 a.m.	Special Intention
Goodridge	Sunday	12/22/24	12:00p.m.	Diane Kalsnes family
Oklee	Monday	12/23/24	8:00 a.m.	Arnie Paradis
Oklee	Tuesday	12/24/24	4:00 p.m.	FTP
Goodridge	Wednesday	12/25/24	8:30 a.m.	Jodi & Joe Mayo family
Grygla	Wednesday	12/25/24	10:30 a.m.	† Edgar Miller
Oklee	Thursday	12/26/24	8:00 a.m.	Maya Vukelich
Oklee	Sunday	12/29/24	8:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	12/29/24	10:15 a.m.	† Tammy Johnson
Goodridge	Sunday	12/29/24	12:00p.m.	Bonnie & Rodger Njaa fam
Oklee	Monday	12/30/24	8:00 a.m.	†Louise Lessard
Oklee	Tuesday	12/31/24	4:00 p.m.	FTP
Goodridge	Wednesday	01/01/25	8:30 a.m.	+Paula Olson
Grygla	Wednesday	01/01/25	10:30 a.m.	Chloe Bakke
Oklee	Thursday	01/02/25	8:00 a.m.	Jeff Blickenstaff
Oklee	Sunday	01/05/25	8:00 a.m.	† Louise Lessard
Goodridge	Sunday	01/05/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	01/05/25	11:45.m.	Judy Dupree

CLERGY COLUMN

The undersea earthquake in 1906 on the Pacific Coast caused enormous damage in many areas. Fr. Bernardino Garcia of the Conception, who at the time was in the City of Panama, gave the following testimony regarding the terrible cataclysm that struck the area. **“Unexpectedly an enormous wave (we refer to them as tsunamis today) crashed into the port, reached into the market area and destroyed everything. Boats that had been drawn up on shore were picked up and hurled long distances away, causing heavy losses”**. The small island of Tumaco was spared by a miracle thanks to the faith of the people and the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament by Fr Gerardo Larrondo.

On January 31, 1906 on the small island of Tumaco at 10 o'clock in the morning, the earth shook violently for almost ten minutes. All the inhabitants of the village ran to the church and begged the pastor, Fr. Gerardo Larrondo, to lead a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. The sea was rising and had already engulfed part of the beach. It had plunged inland a kilometer and a half and a mountainous wall of water was building up and threatening to drown everyone and everything in one gigantic wave.

Fr. Gerardo consumed the small Hosts in the ciborium and set the large Host aside. He called out to his people: **“Let us go, my people. Let us go toward the beach, and may God have pity on us.”** Comforted by the presence of the Eucharistic Christ they began their march, weeping and crying out to God. Scarcely had Fr. Larrondo reached the beach with the monstrance in hand when he advanced courageously to the water's edge and as the wave came rushing in he calmly raised the Sacred Host and traced the sign of the Cross. It was a moment of tremendous solemnity. The wave hesitated, paused and backed off.

Fr. Larrondo and Fr. Julian alongside him saw what was transpiring, and the people, overjoyed, cried out “Miracle, miracle!”. In truth, a force beyond that of nature prevailed. The mighty wall of water that threatened to wipe the village of Tumaco off the face of the earth was halted and began to recede, and the sea resumed its normal level.

The inhabitants of Tumaco were overcome with joy at having been saved from death by the favor of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayers of fervent thanks poured out. The miracle of Tumaco became known across the world, and Fr. Larrondo received letters from Europe asking for his prayers.

"If Christ did not want to dismiss the Jews without food in the desert for fear that they would collapse on the way, it was to teach us that it is dangerous to try to get to heaven without the Bread of Heaven."

- St. Jerome

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan



Wishing St. Francis Xavier, St. Ann's and St. Clement's Catholic parishes and all their families a wonderful and Blessed Christmas!



We should all aspire to the extraordinary faith of the Holy Family. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus experienced journeys that were unthinkable, and yet all three surrendered to **God's plan**. Mary did. Joseph did. And Jesus did. They had unwavering faith. How were they able to get through all their pain and suffering? They trusted God.

Lean on the Lord. He has got you.



Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. We praise You for His birth and the hope that He brings to our lives. As we celebrate His birth, help us to also remember Your great love for us. Let this Christmas season be a reminder of all He has done. In Jesus' name, Amen.

March for Life
Saturday, January 18, 2025
12:00 Noon
Beltrami County Courthouse

St Francis Xavier's

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024
Sacristan: Phyllis Melby
Lector:: Bob Melby

Sunday, December 29, 2024
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Paul Cyr
Counters: Jan D. & Gerri

Sunday, January 5, 2025
Sacristan: Margaret Buer
Lector:: Paul Cyr
Counters: Ann Hammer & Dolores Grimm

St Ann's

Christmas Day, December 25
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, December 29
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

New Years Day, January 1, 2025
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, January 5, 2025
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

St Clement's

Sunday, December 22, 2024
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, December 29, 2024
Lector: Jim C.

Sunday, January 5, 2025
Lector: Laurie

Sunday, January 12, 2025
Lector: Gary

The Catholic Christmas season starts with the Christmas Eve Vigil Masses, celebrating the Nativity of the Lord as well as on December 25th and ends on January 5, 2025, the Sunday Mass celebration of the Epiphany.

The Octave of Christmas includes the eight days between Christmas Day and January 1, which is both the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, and New Year's Day.

The 12 Days of Christmas are the 12 days between Christmas Day and Epiphany and adapted to fit the Church calendar in celebration of the Nativity. Tradition also holds that the Three Kings' journey to meet the baby Jesus was twelve days.

Epiphany is the celebration of the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God – here on earth with us. The feast is also known as “Three Kings Day,” the day the Magi visited Jesus in Bethlehem.

Celebrating Christmas is a profound expression of our faith, as it marks the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. This event is central to Christianity because it signifies God's immense love for humanity, as expressed in John 3:16; “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.”

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Dec. 15 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1170.00
Loose Plate	20.00
Endowment for Priests	75.00
Campagne Human Dev	5.00
Total	\$1270.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

St. Clement's in Grygla

Dec. 15. 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1095.00
Loose Plate	50.00
Priest's Training	170.00
Front Rail Donations	7000.00
	\$8315.00

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†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
 †Jake Martell
 †Greg Eck
 †Annette LaCoursiere
 † Larry Fossom
 †JoAnn Hamm

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
 Donnie Tougas
 Kenneth LaCoursiere
 Shirley Dessellier
 Michael Bachand
 Debra Olson
 Ambrose Beaudoin
 Don LaCoursiere
 Cindy Determan
 Grace Rundell
 MaryAnn Lambert
 Bailey Herried Drotts
 George Pittman
 Doris Dessellier
 Danielle Swanson
 Mark Stromberg
 Sylvia Remick Morey
 Tony Radniecki
 Bob Radniecki
 Darren Tougas
 Jude Syvertson
 Richard Bourque

Rick Dulka
 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
 Jack Miller
 Mike Dessellier
 Adam Cwikla
 Bonnie Paquin
 Del Determan
 Bob Carriere
 Michelle Morrissey
 Debbie Perreault
 Dorothy Sebanaler
 Arnie Paradis
 Jake Bastyr



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Your Son, Jesus, whose entry into our world we celebrate. Fill our hearts with the peace that only He provides.

Amen

*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.