

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

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CLERGY COLUMN

The anniversary of the Ascension actually took place this past Thursday, but for the sake of convenience we celebrate it this Sunday. I have to admit, that I don't really like this shifting around of the Liturgical Calendar. The Feast of Corpus Christi always gets messed around with in this way, too, because it is traditionally pegged to a Thursday as well, but we celebrate it on a Sunday for convenience. There's that word again... convenience. It seems such a contradiction; as Christians, we are constantly invited into prayer, penance, and self-mortification, so why are we fussing about convenience when it comes to these feast days? It's beyond my understanding.

Despite that, have you ever noticed a genre of Sacred Art that centers around the Ascension of Lord, wherein the Blessed Mother and Apostles are all looking up into the sky at a pair of feet (just a pair of feet) sticking out of a cloud? These are the feet of Jesus as he ascends into Heaven. (I'll see if Deb can find room for an image of what I am talking about somewhere in the bulletin.) I am sure that non-believers think that we are all a bit whacko when they see images like this, and even I get a chuckle out of it, but I do also try to take it seriously. These feet have walked into Hell and back out again, and broken down the doors on the way back. They are worthy of our worship. This puts me in mind of the verse from the Old Testament (Isaiah 52:7) "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'"

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

Mass Times Confessions

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.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 11:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 10:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m.



MAY: The Month Dedicated to Mother Mary

The month of May ([Overview - Calendar](#)) is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A *partial indulgence* is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation.

Excerpted from *Enchiridion of Indulgences*.

The Month of Mary and the Popes

The pious practice of honoring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical *on the Sacred Liturgy* ([Mediator Dei](#)) characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" (no. 182).

Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the [Month of Mary](#) devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honored and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts" (no. 2).

In May of 2002 Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favorite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"

Devotion to Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the

Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life.

So He was for the Blessed Mother; so also He is for the least of us; so also He is for the rest of the Church, even for those who are its unconscious but conscientious members.

Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us...

If, then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary — or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled.

— *Cardinal John Wright*



An Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mary, Mother of God and Virgin, I choose thee this day for my queen, patron, and advocate, and firmly resolve and purpose never to abandon thee, never to say or do anything against thee, nor to permit that aught be done by others to dishonor thee. Receive me, then, I conjure thee, as thy perpetual servant; assist me in all my actions, and do not abandon me at the hour of my death. Amen. — *St. John Berchmans*

Oklee	Sunday	5/16/21	8:00 a.m.	Sandy Lambert
Goodridge	Sunday	5/16/21	10:00 a.m.	Will Rost
Grygla	Sunday	5/16/21	11:45 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Oklee	Tuesday	5/18/21	8:00 a.m.	Healing for D & ML B
Oklee	Wednesday	5/19/21	8:00 a.m.	Gail & Art Bowlin & Family
Oklee	Thursday	5/20/21	8:00 a.m.	†Rosalyn Sorenson
Oklee	Friday	5/21/21	8:00 a.m.	†Julie Slayton
Oklee	Sunday	5/23/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	5/23/21	10:00 a.m.	Robb Brown
Grygla	Sunday	5/23/21	11:45 a.m.	†LeRoy Irlbeck

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St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

May 9 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$1074.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total	\$1114.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

May 9, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$641.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$651.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

May 9, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$445.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$.00</u>
Total	\$445.00



*Congratulations to our
graduating Seniors and
Confirmation Candidates*

Oklee
 Dominica Bernstein
 Wakely Bryl
 Andrew Gryskiewicz
 Lauren Melby

Grygla
 Hailey Knutson



St. Clement's in Grygla

May 9, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$445.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$.00</u>
Total	\$445.00

“QUOTES”

"America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance - it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded.

~ Fulton J. Sheen ~

B: May 08, 1895 - D: Dec 09, 1979

St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, May 16, 2021
Lector: Michael Bachand

Sunday, May 23, 2021
Lector: David Bachand

Sunday, May 30, 2021
Lector: Jan Dulka

St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, May 16, 2021
Lector: Carol

Sunday, May 23, 2021
Lector: Karyl

Sunday, May 30, 2021
Lector: Carol

St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, May 16, 2021
Lector: Gary

Sunday, May 23, 2021
Lector: Laurie

Sunday, May 30, 2021
Lector: Daniel

Weekly Reflections

Ascension of Our Lord

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.



BLESSING OF FIELDS

Heavenly Father,
Lord of all creation and Giver of all life,
We praise You for Your goodness to us.
Give us the weather we need to grow our crops.
Bless † these fields,
And make them yield bountiful harvests.
Bless † those who work here,
And grant that all our work
May bring You greater honor and glory
And lead us closer to You.
We ask this grace
In the Name of Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

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" 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
†Ted Lussier
†LaVonne Radniecki
†Brigitta Dobmeier
†Mary Jean Altendorf
†Mike Bourque
†Florence Dunham
†Betty Barsness
†Floyd Charest
†Jim Dulka
†Avis Frazer
†Lauretta Stuey
†Tom Toulouse
†Marlyn Dessellier
†Gerald Cote
†Phyllis Martell
†Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken
†Jerome Hruby
†Irene Kiesow
†Donnie Knutson
†Ron Rustan
†Joan Carpenter
†Leroy Irlbeck
†Lowell Smeby
†Dorothy Plante
†Jim Lussier
†Tim Whalen
†Iona Berry
†Kim Johs

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
Donnie Tougas
Kenneth LaCoursiere
Shirley Dessellier
Michael Bachand
Annette LaCoursiere
Debra Olson
Jack Miller
Ambrose Beaudoin
Steve Sebenaler
Don LaCoursiere
Cindy Deterrman
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
Jo Lambert
Richard Perreault
Tony Radniecki
Darren Tougas
Elaine Radniecki
Bob Radniecki
Rick Dulka
Greg Whalen

