

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon

Clergy Column

We hear of Talents as a unit of wealth in the Gospels. Here is some background information to help you understand the meaning of today's parable:

A talent weight was an ancient unit for measuring value in Greece, Rome, and the Middle East. In the Old Testament, a talent was a unit of measurement for weighing precious metals, usually gold and silver. In the New Testament, a talent was a value of money or coin. The talents Jesus Christ spoke of in the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35) and the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) referred to the largest unit of currency at the time. For example, the ten thousand talents owed by the unforgiving servant would come to at least 204 metric tons of silver, reflecting an astronomical sum of 60 million denarii. Thus, a talent represented a rather large sum of money. One who possessed five talents of gold or silver was a multi-millionaire by today's standards. Some calculate the talent in the parables to be equivalent to 20 years of wages for the common worker. Other scholars estimate more conservatively, valuing the New Testament talent somewhere between \$1,000 to \$30,000 dollars today.

Having discussed the largest unit of wealth in the New Testament, let's also consider the smallest. A Lepton (also known as a Mite) was a Jewish coin used in Jesus' times. It was a low denomination; its value was almost insignificant. While Jesus was in the Temple, wealthy people made huge donations that meant nothing to them, while a widow donated two of these insignificant coins. Jesus valued her gesture more, for she gave all that she had, and her gesture is now remembered as the "widow's mite."

This tiny, bronze coin is the Lepton or Mite.



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 p.m.	11:45 a.m.

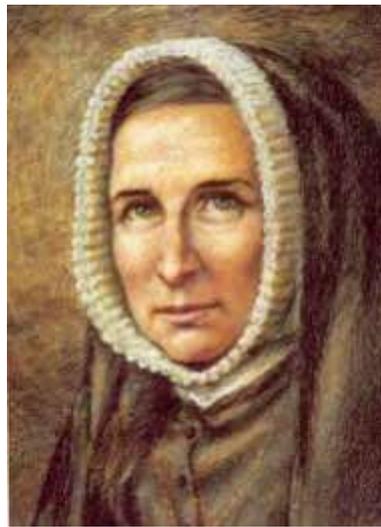
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin (Feast day - November 18) Born in Grenoble, France, in 1769, Rose joined the Society of the Sacred Heart. In 1818, when she was forty-nine years old, Rose was sent to the United States. She founded a boarding school for daughters of pioneers near St. Louis and opened the first free school west of the Missouri. At the age of seventy-one, she began a school for Indians, who soon came to call her "the woman who is always praying". Her biographers have also stressed her courage in frontier conditions, her singlemindedness in pursuing her dream of serving Native Americans, and her self-acceptance. This holy servant of God was beatified by Pope Pius XII in 1940 and canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1988.

During her childhood, Duchesne had heard many stories in her parish church from missionary priests of life in Louisiana, founded as a colony of New France, and had long felt a desire to serve the Native Americans who lived there. In 1817, William Dubourg, S.S., Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana and the Two Floridas, visited the convent in Paris. Bishop Dubourg was looking for a congregation of educators to help him evangelize the Indian and French children of his diocese.^[5] After meeting him, Duchesne, who had never lost her desire to serve as a missionary, begged permission from Barat to serve in the bishop's diocese.

M I S S O U R I

In 1818, with Barat's blessing, Duchesne headed out to the United States with four other Sisters of the Society. After ten weeks at sea, they arrived in New Orleans. To their shock, however, the bishop had made no provisions for housing them. After they had rested briefly with the Ursuline nuns, they took advantage of the newly established steamboat service up the Mississippi River to travel to St. Louis, and finally settled in St. Charles, in what was then the Missouri Territory, a journey of seven weeks. She was later to describe the location as "*the remotest village in the U.S.*"; nonetheless the community established a new Sacred Heart convent in a log cabin there, known as the Duquette Mansion, the first house of the Society ever built outside France^[5] the first in St. Charles County, Missouri, and the first free school west of the Mississippi. "Poverty and Christian heroism are here", she wrote of the site, "and trials are the riches of priests in this land". The following year Dubourg moved the community across the river to the town of Florissant, Missouri, where they opened a school and a novitiate.

The United States had purchased the area from France only fifteen years earlier, and settlers, many poor but others with



money and slaves, were streaming in from the East. Their new foundation faced many struggles, including lack of funds, inadequate housing, hunger and very cold weather, and the Sisters struggled to learn English. By 1828, the Society's first five members in America had grown to six communities, operating several schools.^[9] Other founda-

tions in Louisiana followed: at Grand Coteau, near Opelousas, at Natchitoches, at Baton Rouge, at New Orleans, and at Convent, Louisiana. In 1826 Pope Leo XII, through a *decretum laudis*, formally approved the Society of the Sacred Heart, recognizing their work. The Jesuits acquired the Sisters' former school property in St. Charles in 1828, where they built a parish church, and asked the Sisters to return – to that same log cabin where they had lived, in fact, because it was still the biggest house in town – and conduct the parish school.

K A N S A S

In 1841 the Jesuits asked the Sisters to join them in a new mission with the Potawatomi tribe in eastern Kansas, along Sugar Creek, where father Christian Hoecken was taking charge. At age seventy-one, she was not among those initially selected for the trip. Father Verhaegen insisted, "She may not be able to do much work, but she will assure success to the mission by praying for us." Since Duchesne was unable to master their language, she was not able to teach, so she would spend long periods in prayer. The children named her *Quahkahkanumad*, which translates as *Woman Who Prays Always*. Inspired by stories about the famed Jesuit Pierre-Jean De Smet, she became determined to continue on and help Native Americans as far as the Rocky Mountains.

D e a t h

In 1842, after a year among the Potawatomi, it was clear that Duchesne's health could not sustain the regime of village life and she returned to St Charles. She spent the last decade of her life living there in a tiny room under a stairway near the chapel. Toward the end of her life, she was alone, going blind, feeble, and yearned for letters from Mother Barat. She died on November 18, 1852, aged 83.

Oklee	Sunday	11/15/20	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	11/15/20	10:15 a.m.	†Irene Kiesow
Goodridge	Sunday	11/15/20	12:00 p.m.	Bob Dahlen
Oklee	Tuesday	11/17/20	8:00 a.m.	Debbie Olson
Oklee	Wednesday	10/18/20	8:00 a.m.	Carol Saga
Oklee	Thursday	11/19/20	8:00 a.m.	Bonnie Paquin
Oklee	Friday	11/20/20	8:00 a.m.	†Eldon Rystad
Oklee	Sunday	11/22/20	8:00 a.m.	Heidi Harmoning
Grygla	Sunday	11/22/20	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	11/22/20	12:00 p.m.	Georgian Wysocki

Job Notice: we are looking for some custodial help in Oklee. Pam Asselin has been doing a fine job, but she needs to step away now. We are looking for someone to come in once a week for half an hour to tidy up the bathrooms, plus coming in one other day each month for 3 or 4 hours to do more thorough cleaning. We are willing to pay a competitive rate, and you are free to come in to work when it suits your schedule. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. This could be a good job for a teenager in need of some spending money.

Weekly Reflections

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. **He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us.** He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

November 8, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$673.00
Loose Plate	\$.00
Flowers for Altar	\$.00
Total	\$673.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

November 8, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$696.00
Loose Plate	\$32.00
Men's club	\$.00
Total	\$728.00

NA

St. Clement's in Grygla

November 8, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$835.00
Loose Plate	\$90.00
World Mission Sunday	\$.00
Priest's Training	\$.00
Total	\$925.00

St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Lector: Mary Lynn Bachand

Sunday, November 22, 2020
Lector: Virginia Weber

Sunday, November 29, 2020
Lector: Jan Dulka

St Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Lector: Carol

Sunday, November 22, 2020
Lector: Geri

Sunday, November 29, 2020
Lector: Carol

St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Lector: Jim C.

Sunday, November 22, 2020
Lector: Laurie

Sunday, November 29, 2020
Lector: Daniel

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.

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!!

**The St Francis Xavier Cemetery Association
would like to thank the following for donations received:**

- John and Eileen Crystal
- Pat Larson
- Carol Bachand
- Gerald Cote Family
- Irene Dessellier Family
- Mike Bourque Family

In the month of November as we remember our deceased loved ones, please keep in mind their final resting place. The Cemetery Association would appreciate donations for upkeep and maintenance of our parish Cemetery. Donations may be placed in the collection plate or mailed to:

St. Francis Xavier Cemetery / PO Box 275 / Oklee, MN 56742

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
 †Annette Magnell
 †Ted Lussier
 †LaVonne Radniecki
 †Brigitta Dobmeier
 †Mary Jean Altendorf
 †Mike Bourque
 †Fr. Don Braukmann
 †Florence Dunham
 †Msgr. Donald Krebs
 †Betty Barsness
 †Floyd Charest
 †Jim Dulka
 †Avis Frazer
 †Lauretta Stucy
 †Tom Toulouse
 †Marlyn Dessellier
 †Gerald Cote
 †Phyllis Martell
 †Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken
 †Jerome Hruby
 †Irene Kiesow
 †Msgr. Michael Patnode
 †Donnie Knutson
 †Jerry Johnson

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
 Donnie Tougas
 Kenneth LaCoursiere
 Shirley Dessellier
 Michael Bachand
 Annette LaCoursiere
 Debra Olson
 Jack Miller
 Kimberly Johs
 Ambrose Beaudoin
 Steve Sebenaler
 Don LaCoursiere
 Cindy Deterrman
 David Longtin
 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
 Leroy Irlbeck

