

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	06/01/25	8:00 a.m.	†Bernard 'Pete' Plante
Goodridge	Sunday	06/01/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	06/01/25	11:45 a.m.	Conrad Pietruszewski
Oklee	Monday	06/02/25	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Bourque
Grygla	Tuesday	06/03/25	5:30 p.m.	†Johnathon Linder
Oklee	Wednesday	06/04/25	8:00 a.m.	†Louise Lessard
Oklee	Thursday	06/05/25	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	06/08/25	8:00 a.m.	†Bernard 'Pete' Plante
Goodridge	Sunday	06/08/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	06/08/25	11:45 a.m.	†Cody Olafson
Oklee	Monday	06/09/25	8:00 a.m.	†Jake Martel
Goodridge	Tuesday	06/10/25	5:30 p.m.	Charlie Kiesow
Oklee	Wednesday	06/11/25	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Peterson
Oklee	Thursday	06/12/25	8:00 a.m.	Ardith Altstadt
Oklee	Sunday	06/15/25	8:00 a.m.	†Bernard 'Pete' Plante
Goodridge	Sunday	06/15/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	06/15/25	11:45 a.m.	†Conrad Pietruszewski
Oklee	Monday	06/16/25	8:00 a.m.	†Ambrose Bergeron
Grygla	Tuesday	06/17/25	5:30 p.m.	Jim Morrissey
Oklee	Wednesday	06/18/25	8:00 a.m.	Those suffering with pain
Oklee	Thursday	06/19/25	8:00 a.m.	†Louise Lessard



CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

Today's focus is a bit controversial, although it doesn't need to be, so I'll begin by restating something I mentioned back at the beginning of our Massterclass: the main purpose of the Mass is worship of God, which means our focus during Mass ought to be on God. Worship is an action that forgets about "me" and looks entirely to the one I'm worshiping. This is an essential reality for us to remember if we are going to approach our time at Mass with the appropriate disposition.

What is also incredibly important to remember is the role of the priest at Mass. The priest is acting in the person of Christ, who is our head. What does Christ do on earth? He offers Himself in sacrifice to the Father as an act of worship. He stands between God and man, giving Himself both to God in sacrifice and to humanity in covenant communion, all united in the Eucharist and the Cross. This is the mystery we enter into at every Mass, and it defines the priest's role: to stand in the person of Christ, offering the sacrifice on behalf of the people of God, which is the Church.

This idea has its origins even in Jewish worship in the Jerusalem Temple. The people would bring their offerings to the priests, who would then offer them to God on behalf of the people. The people, meanwhile, would spiritually offer those gifts in union with the physical offering of the priests. Everything was focused on giving to God what he had requested.

Because the priest is offering sacrifice to the Father on behalf of the people, it makes sense that his posture reflects that reality. Just as Christ turned His face toward the Father in His self-offering, the priest at Mass turns with the people toward the Lord. This posture—of both priest and people facing the same direction—has traditionally been called *ad orientem*, "toward the east." Liturgical worship was historically oriented to the east as a sign of awaiting the Lord's return: "For as lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matthew 24:27). Today, even if we are not geographically facing east, we face a common direction—what the Church calls liturgical east—toward the Lord.

I know this may be confusing for many of us. Many from our parishes grew up at a time when the priest "had his back to us" and the Mass was offered in a language most didn't understand—Latin. Because the Mass wasn't explained very well, it often felt inaccessible. Then, when priests began to celebrate *versus populum*—facing the people—and the language changed to the vernacular, it seemed like the Mass finally made sense. But unfortunately, the deeper meaning of the Mass was still not explained well, which led many to think of it more as a communal gathering than an act of divine worship.

It's important to know that the Church never mandated that priests face the people; it merely permitted it. In recent years, many priests—especially younger ones—have come to appreciate *ad orientem* because of the clarity it brings: the priest is not speaking to the people; he is leading them in offering worship to God.

Today, we will offer Mass *ad orientem*—facing the same direction together, toward the Lord. I had expressed to Bishop Cozzens my desire to adopt this posture more permanently, but he has asked that we limit its use to this one occasion for now, and I will honor his request. I hope this experience helps us all to reflect more deeply on the nature of the Mass as a sacrifice offered to God.

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

Discover How the Holy Spirit is Moving in Your Life

What

if someone told you that there's someone who wants to guide you, encourage you, and lead to into life?

Would you be excited by that?

Check out the new series on breadtobody.com featuring Fr. Bryan's series on the Holy Spirit. Fr. Bryan explains how receiving the Holy Spirit doesn't have to be complicated.

When you sign up, you'll learn:

- ✓ Who the Holy Spirit is and how He transforms your life
- ✓ When and how you received the Holy Spirit
- ✓ How to invite the Spirit into your daily walk with Christ
- ✓ The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
- ✓ How to discover the charisms given to you by the Holy Spirit to share with others



J u n e : S e r v e w i t h J o y

Feast Connection: Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 27)

The Sacred Heart reminds us of Christ's boundless love and calls us to reflect that love in our own lives.

Goal: Perform one act of kindness each day, offering it as a prayer for someone in need.

Good Catholic websites

<https://catholicsstrivingforholiness.com>

<https://mycatholic.com>

<https://www.catholiccompany.com>

<https://catholicexchange.com>

<https://mycatholic.life>

<http://thosecatholicmen.com>

<http://www.catholicsistas.com>

<https://breadtobody.com>

Oklee: Catholic Women's Group meets Tuesday, June 3rd, at 9:00 am in the church kitchen. See you then!



Ascension
DAY

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, June 01, 2025
Sacristan: Brady
Lector:: Jacob
Counters: Jo L. & Paul C

Sunday, June 08, 2025
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Brady
Counters: Jan & Gerri

Sunday, June 15, 2025
Sacristan: Phyllis
Lector:: Bob
Counters: Anne H & Dolores G

St Ann's

Sunday, June 01, 2025
Lector:: Amanda
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, June 08, 2025
Lector:: Karyl
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, June 15, 2025
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

St Clement's

Sunday, June 01, 2025
Lector: Robbie

Sunday, June 08, 2025
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, June 15, 2025
Lector: Laurie

Sunday, June 22, 2025
Lector: Gary

O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Savior and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labor diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. Amen

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

May 25, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$1215.00
Loose Plate	124.00
Endowment for Priests	10.00
Total	\$1349.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

May 25, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$456.00
Loose Plate	104.00
Total	\$560.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

May, 25, 2025



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Tony Weber
†Matt Genova
†Elaine Radniecki
†Richard Rolfson
†Gary LaCoursiere
†Theresa Sorenson
†Julie Paquin
†Frankie Cyr
†Cliff Melby
†Jake Martell
†Greg Eck
†Annette LaCoursiere
†Brad Gunderson
†Larry Fossum
†JoAnn Hamm
†Gail (Lambert) Bowlin
†Ambrose Bergeron
†Richard Bourque
†Delton Sebenaler
†Reinold Lambert
†Donna Bergeron
†Bernard "Pete" Plante
†Odette Abboud
†Doug Cullen

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Donnie Tougas	Roy Rystad
Kenneth LaCoursiere	Dave Longtin, Shorty
Shirley Dessellier	Bonnie Cote
Michael Bachand	Joyce Tougas
Debra Olson	Brian Peterson
Ambrose Beaudoin	Roger Lambert
Don LaCoursiere	Theresa Mutnansky
Cindy Determan	Carolyn Pittman
Grace Rundell	Jack Miller
MaryAnn Lambert	Mike Dessellier
Bailey Herried Drotts	Adam Cwikla
George Pittman	Bonnie Paquin
Doris Dessellier	Del Determan
Danielle Swanson	Bob Carriere
Mark Stromberg	Michelle Morrissey
Sylvia Remick Morey	Debbie Perreault
Tony Radniecki	Dorothy Sebanaler
Bob Radniecki	Arnie Paradis
Darren Tougas	Jake Bastyr
Jude Syvertson	Julia Neubert
Rick Dulka	Penny Kalar
Dave Zavoral	
Bernadette Lambert-	
Daymunde	
Josie Rodriguez	



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.