



Invitation



Come celebrate with the Oblates
the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
on Friday, December 8, 2017

St. Charles Parish of Edmonton will once again be hosting this important Oblate Feast.

Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm and will be followed by a reception. The Oblates are most grateful to the parishioners of St. Charles Parish for welcoming the Oblate Community for this special Feast.

St. Charles Parish is located at:
17511 - 112 Street NW, Edmonton.

Everyone is invited.

Welcome Fr. Kibete Nkwar

Father Guislain Kibete Nkwar, OMI arrived in St. Albert this past week. Father Guy, who is originally from the Dem. Rep. of Congo, has spent the last 17 years ministering in Belgium. In the new year, he will be joining Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, as he continues to improve his English language skills. For the time being, he is staying at Vital Grandin Centre, St. Albert. *Welcome Father Guy!*

On the Move

Fr. Alfred Hubenig, OMI has moved in with the Foyer Lacombe Oblate community. His new mailing address is 3 St. Vital Ave, St. Albert, AB T8N 1K1. Fr. Hubenig is in Room 105 and his telephone number is 780-458-3525; his cell phone number remains 780-628-4578.

Welcome to Oblate Mission Hill Father Hubenig!

December Anniversaries

Birthdays

December 7 – Br. Tom Cavanaugh

December 11 – Fr. Ignacy Warias

December 18 – Fr. Wes Szatanski

First Vows

December 8 – Br. Louis Andreas (43 yrs.)

December 8 – Br. Edouard Prince (50 yrs.)

Ordinations

December 20 – Fr. Alfred Groleau (53 yrs.)

December 21 – Fr. Camille Piché (54 yrs.)





Sacred Heart Welcomes Oblate Associates

On November 8th, 2017, Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI, the new pastor of Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, hosted 15 Oblate Associates and Fr. Alfred Groleau, OMI for a potluck supper and some of his Indian cooking. The purpose of this initiative was to brainstorm how the associates could become more involved in the ministry of Sacred Heart as an Oblate Mission Centre. After the meal, a productive discussion took place with enthusiastic and very happy Oblate associates who initially volunteered to help with the December 9th annual Christmas party for the homeless and children of the area, and the Dec 19th delivery of 400 hampers to the needy. Many associates expressed their joy in becoming more involved in the inner-city ministry of the parish on an ongoing basis. There will be a similar gathering monthly to plan further involvement. Thank you to all the associates who attended and are volunteering to help.



The Star Board of Directors Needs Your Gifts and Talents

Star of the North Retreat Centre is seeking volunteer Board Directors to fill positions in the roles of:

- accounting, budgets, finance
- long term capital expense planning,

- facility care planning
- and fundraising

We are seeking people who understand and value the vision and mission of the Star; committed collaborators for the present and future well-being of the Star of the North as a gathering place for spiritual seekers and the people of God. You will be a community-minded/connected Christian who also appreciates the value of interculturality and will bring passion, positivity and creative problem-solving to the Star's Vision and Mission. For more information, please call Lucie Leduc at 780-459-5511. You may send your resume and your message of interest to director@starofthenorth.ca

Website: www.starofthenorth.ca/about-us/our-board/

Programs at Star of the North: Registration: 780-459-5511 or www.starofthenorth.ca

Trust in Difficult Times: An Advent Retreat with St. Joseph

We know little about St. Joseph, but he was an important part of God's plan for the salvation of the world. How can his experience of being asked to 'take Mary as his spouse' speak to our lives today? Through focusing on St. Joseph and time for quiet prayer, this retreat offers participants an opportunity to deepen their journey with God.

Facilitator: Sister Elizabeth Poilievre is the former Program Director and Co-Director of the Domano Renewal Centre in Prince George, BC. She is an experienced spiritual director and leader of prayer/retreats for groups.

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 from 7 to 9 pm - \$20

Twilight Recovery Retreat Evenings

There is a saying that one does not graduate from the program. Nor does anyone ever stop learning, growing and healing. These evenings, will combine input, support group sharing and prayer. You are invited to participate in this exciting venture of faith, fellowship and personal growth. The evenings are open to anyone either in a 12 Step Program or loving one who is, as well as anyone wanting to learn more about addictions and the recovery process.

Facilitator: Sylvain L.

Participants will be invited to practice Tradition 7, a free will offering, to help cover costs.

Thursday, December 21, 2017

TLC for Caregivers

An afternoon of quiet reflection and some sharing and rest to honour those who are in for the long haul of caring for someone with little ability to care for themselves. This is also a time to honour the feelings that come with selfless giving and compassion; a time to be with others who understand the wave of emotions that are often mixed with sorrow and joy. A time to be spiritually embraced and uplifted for the continuing journey.

Facilitator Helen Gledhow is a certified grief counsellor and former pastoral associate of a large parish where she served in the Pastoral Care ministry and grief support.

Wednesday January 24, 2018 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - \$25

Slow Down! Retreat Days with Sandy Prather

Feeling like you need a time out? Busy lives often leave us feeling tired, lacklustre and spiritually empty. A Slow Down Day is your opportunity to rest your body and refresh your spirit. Each day consists of thought-provoking presentations on a spiritual topic combined with ample time for personal reflection and prayer; small group faith sharing is an option. Come slow down with us by following the Star to an oasis of peace.

Thurs. January 18: "How I Love Your Word!": Soaking in Scripture.

Thursdays: Jan 18, March 15, April 19 - 9:30 to 3 pm - \$40/retreat day (includes lunch)

Brother Anthony Oblate District, Vital Grandin Centre, 5 St. Vital Ave, St. Albert, AB T8N 1K1
Tel. 780-459-2116 / Fax 780-459-2650 / mcloutier@omilacombe.ca / www.omilacombe.ca