



## Prayers



**Fr. Maurice Blackburn, OMI**  
1924 - 2018

Father Maurice Blackburn, OMI passed away on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at Youville Home, St. Albert, AB at the age of 94.

Fr. Alfred Groleau, OMI celebrated a Funeral Mass on September 7, 2018 at St. Albert Catholic Parish; interment followed in the Oblate Plot of the St. Albert Catholic Cemetery.

Son of Adrien Blackburn and Antoinette (nee Labonté), he was born in Edmonton, AB on July 3, 1924.

Maurice pronounced his First Vows with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1944 and was ordained a priest on July 9, 1950 at Collège St. Jean, Edmonton, AB. Fr. Maurice exercised his ministry in Alberta at Edmonton and in Saskatchewan at North Battleford, Delmas, Paynton, Maidstone, Lashburn, Meadow Lake and Green Lake.

He retired at Foyer Lacombe in 2000, he moved to St. Thomas Health Centre, and then to Youville Home, St. Albert in 2017.

*May he rest in peace.*

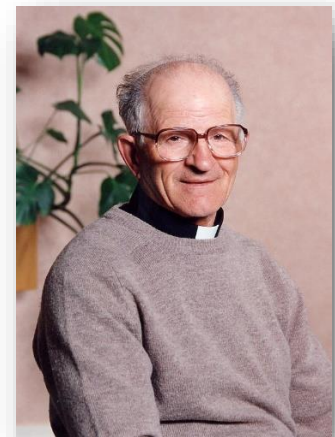
Father Virgilio Baratto, OMI passed away on October 13, 2018 at Youville Home, St. Albert, AB at the age of 93.

Fr. Alfred Groleau, OMI celebrated a Funeral Mass on October 18, 2018 at St. Albert Catholic Parish; interment followed in the Oblate Plot of the St. Albert Catholic Cemetery.

Son of Jean-Baptiste and Leonilda Baratto, he was born at Belluno, Italy on June 26, 1925 to a family of 17 children.

Father Virgilio pronounced his First Vows with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate on January 6, 1948 at Ripalimosani, Italy and he was ordained a priest on June 29, 1952 at San-Giorgi-Cavanese, Italy by Mgr Maturine Blanchet, OMI. He received Obediences to Sturgeon Lake (1953); McLennan (1953); Assumption (1955); Habay Mission (1957); Atikameg & Gift Lake, Loon and Laboucan Lake (1957); Wabasca-Desmarais and Sandy Lake (1979); and Joussard, Sucker Creek, Driftpile and Smith (1989). Father Baratto retired in 2010 at Foyer Lacombe, St. Albert, AB and moved to Youville Home in 2015.

*May he rest in peace.*



**Virgilio Baratto, omi**  
1925 - 2018

### **Basic Oblate Community Gathering**

November's **Star BOC** gathering will be held one week earlier than originally scheduled: switched from Nov 21 to new date: Wednesday, **November 14, 2018** at 7 pm.

Contact: Sandy Prather [sandramprather@gmail.com](mailto:sandramprather@gmail.com)

The next **Gareth BOC** is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 pm at St. Charles Parish (not Gareth Place).

Contact: Debbie Doornbos [debbiem.doornbos@gmail.com](mailto:debbiem.doornbos@gmail.com)

***All are welcome to attend these gatherings***

### **Day of Adoration**

In response to an invitation from Oblate Superior General, Father Louis Lougen, OMI, asking all Oblate communities to organize a day of adoration on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Rule, Brother Anthony District will hold a day of perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel of Foyer Lacombe/Covenant Care on Thursday, November 1st between 2:00 - 7:00 pm.

Oblates and Associates are invited to come when they want for as long as they want and spend time in silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Visitors may enter through the main entrance of Foyer Lacombe/Covenant Care.

As we recall the 200th anniversary of the first Constitution and Rules of the Oblates of Provence, we keep in mind Fr. Louis' recommendation:

"Let us do this in communion with all our Saints and Blessed Oblates, and in communion with all the Oblates who have gone before us. United with our entire family in heaven and earth, we will celebrate the solemnity of All Saints and the commemoration of our Faithful Departed as a time of special communion in charity. We can also do this in the light of the present situation of crisis in the Church,...in prayer for Pope Francis, for our Congregation and the entire Church."

We may also pray for our departed family members as well as those of our associates.

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Fr. Ignacy Warias, OMI and the parishioners of St. Albert Parish will be hosting this year's celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 7 at 7 pm. All are invited to join the Oblate community for this special Feast Day.

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# **Star of the North Retreat Centre**

**3A St. Vital Ave. St. Albert, AB T8N 1K1**

## **Centering Prayer Support Circle**

Join us for this silent contemplative/centering prayer practice.

2-3 pm Tuesdays, weekly. By donation. Come to the Office entrance.

## **Twilight Recovery Evening Retreats**

These evenings, will combine input, support group sharing and prayer. They are open to anyone in a 12 Step Program or loving one who is, and anyone wanting to learn more about addictions and the recovery process. Facilitator: Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie

7 pm-8:30 pm Thursdays: Nov 15, Dec 20 By donation.

## **Breaking New Ground Together**

Reconciliation and Right Relations: Reflections of a TRC Commissioner on Progress and Ongoing Challenges with Dr. Marie Wilson

Almost three years ago, Canada made history with the official completion of the first national Truth and Reconciliation Commission ever held in the 'developed' world. What difference is it making today? Where do all Canadians fit in to its unfinished business?

Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm. \$10 or by donation.

Register at: [www.starofthenorth.ca](http://www.starofthenorth.ca)