



Anniversaries in June



Birthdays

June 3 – Fr. Peter Doherty
June 26 – Br. Louis Gendre

Ordinations

June 3 – Fr. Edward McSheffrey (47 years)
June 8 – Fr. Alfred Hubenig (63 years)
June 8 – Fr. Maurice Joly (63 years)
June 17 – Fr. Les Kwiatkowski (32 years)
June 17 – Fr. Ignacy Warias (19 years)
June 20 – Fr. Wes Szatanski (27 years)
June 21 – Fr. Marek Pisarek (14 years)
June 24 – Fr. Gerry LeStrat (52 years)
June 28 – Fr. Gilles Gauthier (60 years)
June 29 – Fr. René Bélanger (59 years)

Episcopal Ordination

June 8 – Mgr Denis Croteau (33 years)

Basic Oblate Community Pot Luck Dinner

On Thursday, June 20th, 2019, Star and Gareth BOCs will be a hosting pot luck dinner at Star of the North. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm. For more information, please contact Lucie at 780-459-5511 or director@starofthenorth.ca

All are welcome!!!

Birthday Celebration (by Fr. Alfred Groleau, OMI)



On Sunday, May 19th, Liliane McCallum dropped by to visit Fr. Gilles Gauthier, OMI; she had collaborated with him in building a core for the Native Pastoral Centre that was later moved into Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. This began in the mid eighties when Father Gilles had been assigned to work downtown with an open agenda. He succeeded in getting a classroom on the ground floor of Sacred Heart School where he would meet with small groups from the area of 97th Street.

At the time Father Maurice Joly, as Provincial of Alberta-Saskatchewan Province, had hired psychologists Claude Prefontaine and Marian McIntyre to offer training for skills in Church leadership. Liliane was one who attended these sessions faithfully. Monique Piché was also one of Father Gilles' associates at that time. When a certain core group was formed, they

moved into in hall rented from the Brick Warehouse and launched the Native Pastoral Centre. A community developed that celebrated Sunday Liturgy and other sacraments of initiation over a number of years until a community was formed that was ready to move into Sacred Heart Church. We know how the Church for First Peoples in Edmonton has grown over the years at Sacred Heart, but the foundation was laid by people like Father Gilles and Liliane. Lucienne Meek coordinated activities at the Native Pastoral Centre for a number of years, followed by many others.

Father Gilles celebrated his 87th birthday on May 16th and Liliane continues to attend at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples over the years.

Retreat

The annual Brother Anthony District Retreat for Oblates and Associates will take place at Star of the North Retreat Centre from September 30th to October 3rd, 2019. Father Richard Sudlik, OMI from the US Province, will animate this retreat. More information to follow in coming issues of Happenings.

Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage

The annual Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage will take place at Lac Ste Anne from Saturday, July 20th to Thursday, July 25th, 2019. For more information, please visit the official pilgrimage website: <https://lacsteannepilgrimage.ca>

Program at Star of the North

To register or for more information, please call 780-459-5511

Iconography Retreat

This icon retreat will introduce participants into the ancient tradition of icon writing. During this five-day retreat through meditation, practise and contemplation you will learn the techniques of writing an icon. Using a gesso wood panel board, egg tempera, natural pigment, bole and gilding with 24 kt gold leaf, you will write an icon. The icon that will be written is "John the Baptist."

Facilitator: Gisele Bauche was drawn into the mystery of icons which offered her a sacred space for prayer, contemplation and spiritual growth. www.spiritualityandart.ca

Monday, June 3rd, 9:00am - Friday, June 7th, 2019, 4:00pm

9:00 am – 5:00 pm each day, ending on Friday at 4pm

(be prepared to continue to write your icon in the evenings, if necessary)

Live-in: \$750 Commute: (includes lunch) \$550. Limited to 10 participants

Cost includes supplies (icon boards, natural pigment, bole, 24 kt gold).

Participants are responsible to bring their own brushes.

Twilight Recovery – June 2019

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.

Please call or email by the day before to get building access information.

Facilitator: Sylvain L. (Free will offering) 7 pm-8:30 pm June 20, 2019

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