



# HIGHLIGHTS

## ONTARIO DISTRICT NEWS

April 2020

### Coming Together in New Ways

With the COVID19 Pandemic altering our daily life and our Churches not being open here's a couple of locations where we are invited to join in with Mass.

*Update: Masses*

March 17, 2020

THE FOLLOWING ARE UPDATES TO OUR MASS SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP CROSBY.

<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	A daily weekday mass will be <u>live-streamed</u> on our St. Patrick's Facebook page from Tues-Fri at 12:15 PM.
<b>SUNDAY MASSES</b>	One mass every Sunday at 11:30 AM will be <u>live-streamed</u> on our St. Patrick's Facebook page.

 [facebook.com/stpatrickshamilton](https://facebook.com/stpatrickshamilton)

 St. Patrick Parish  
Hamilton, Ontario

This is from St. Patrick's Church in Hamilton and the services they are offering:

And this is from Our Lady of the Snows Retreat Centre in Belleville, IL USA



#### Daily & Weekend Masses

Masses – Online only

Monday – Friday, 7:30 & 11:30am

Saturday, 9:00am & 4:00 pm

Sunday, 9:30am & 11:30am

Sunday, 2:00pm - Spanish

Please share your “go to sites” with us and we will share them with everyone else.



**McCosham – Rev. Bernard Benedict, O.M.I.**, passed away on March 21, 2020 at St. Vincent's Langara, Vancouver BC. Fr. McCosham was born July 6, 1931 in Cornwall ON. He was ordained to the Priesthood in the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, June 15, 1958 in Ottawa ON. He is predeceased by his parents, John Angus and Marcella (nee McGillis) McCosham and siblings: Phyllis, Donald, Larry, Frances, Steve and Catherine.

Fr. Bernie's obediences included assignments in Alberta - Calgary, Edmonton, Provost & St. Albert; Ontario – Ottawa & Toronto; and in British Columbia – Chase, Duncan, Kamloops, Nelson, Penticton, New

Westminster and Vancouver.

In compliance with government and health authority directives related to COVID-19, a Memorial Mass to celebrate Fr. Bernie's life will be held at a future date.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**April 19 – Oraison: Praying with the Mazenodian Family** a reminder of the upcoming Monthly Mazenodian Family Oraison. *"In the prolonged silent prayer we make each day, we let ourselves be molded by the Lord, and find in him the inspiration of our conduct."* (OMI CC&RR, C33).

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>** for the annual **District (Oblates and Associates) Retreat Day** which will be held at Galilee Centre – with prayer and reflection followed by Mass at 4PM and then BBQ dinner. Stay tuned for future information and registration.

**August 16-21** are the days set aside for our **yearly Oblate Retreat**. This year **Fr. Seamus Finn OMI** from the US Province will join and lead us on the topic of **Laudato Si**. More information to follow in the coming months.

### ON HOLD

**Ontario District Community Days** originally scheduled for April 27- 30 2020. Stay tuned for further notices.

**Lets Talk** until further notice.

*Want to remind all of us of other commondates? Send us an email and we'll include what we can.*

## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries Birthdays

Glenn Doughty	April 4	David Morgan	April 23
Jarek Pachocki	April 12	Jane McDonald	April 29
Ken Mansfield	April 13		

## From St. Eugene de Mazenod

### TODAY LET US HELP ONE ANOTHER TO FOCUS ON THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION

Posted on [March 24, 2020](#) by [franksantucci](#)

***The cross of Jesus Christ is central to our mission. Like the apostle Paul, we “preach Christ and him crucified” (1 Cor 2: 2). If we bear in our body the death of Jesus, it is with the hope that the life of Jesus, too, may be seen in our body (cf. 2 Cor 4:10). Through the eyes of our crucified Saviour we see the world which he redeemed with his blood, desiring that those in whom he continues to suffer will know also the power of his resurrection (cf. Phil 3: 10).***



*OMI Constitutions and Rules, Constitution 4*

For the young Eugene de Mazenod, his encounter with the Cross was a stepping stone to new life – to resurrection. Some of us were brought up to keep our gaze at the foot of the Cross, reflecting on our misery and on how much Jesus suffered because of us.

It is true that we can never meditate sufficiently on the price paid by Jesus to rescue us from our misery. He did, however, die to remove us from our misery and bring us to the fullness of life in the resurrection. “If we bear in our body the death of Jesus, it is with the hope that the life of Jesus, too, may be seen in our body.”

*Taken from “Eugene de Mazenod speaks to us...” March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

## In love and prayers ...

**Tim Coonen** continues to grow stronger and improve. He along with the other men at Springhurst Residence are under complete “Lockdown Mode”

We continue to keep **Ron Kedrosky, Maureen Pinsonneault HOMI, Jane McDonald, Yvon Oullet** in our ongoing thoughts and prayers.

Lets keep each other and the world in prayer as we pray together:

**LORD OF LIFE AND GIVER OF ALL GOOD,**  
through the intercession of Mary Immaculate,  
St. Eugene and the Blessed Oblates,  
we turn to you to ask for the grace of your protection for us  
and for every person in the world.

We pray to you for all those who are affected by this virus  
so that they will recover. We entrust to you those who are  
most committed to dealing with the emergency of the  
epidemic: the rulers, scientists, doctors, nurses, law  
enforcement agencies and those who, in various ways, are  
involved in the collaboration.

Support those who suffer most from the consequences of the  
economic damage, especially the poor, in your providence.  
In your goodness have mercy on all those who have died, and  
relieve the pain of those who suffer from the loss of their  
loved ones. Do not let us be discouraged, but give us the  
grace to trust you, and to contribute, as much as we can, to  
the good of others. To you we entrust our life and the life of  
the whole world and we pray that, in facing this moment  
together, people may grow in solidarity and peace.



*The*  
**OBLATES**  
ALWAYS CLOSE *to the* PEOPLE

**UNITED IN PRAYER**  
**#COVID-19**