

**MISSIONARY
OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE**

ORDO



for reciting the Divine Office
and celebrating the Eucharist
in our Congregation

YEAR 2020/2021

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CELEBRATIONS PROPER TO THE OMI

December 3, 2020

25th Anniversary of the canonization of St. Eugene de Mazenod.

December 8, 2020

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Titular and principal Patron of the Congregation. Solemnity. Everything as in the Missal and the Liturgy of the Hours. Act of Consecration to Mary Immaculate.

December 16, 2020

Blessed Oblate Martyrs of Laos. Blessed Joseph Thao Tien and companions. Optional Memorial.

January 25, 2021

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

205th Anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation

January 26, 2021: Death of the Servant of God Fr. Bastiampillai Anthonipillai Thomas OMI (1886-1964).

February 16*, 2021 (February 17: Ash Wednesday)

195th Anniversary of the approval of the Constitutions and Rules of our Congregation. Mass proper of Thanksgiving for our Oblate vocation. All priests offer the Mass for the Congregation. Renewal of vows. Act of Consecration to Mary Immaculate.

March 19, 2021: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Protector of the Congregation, patron of Brothers.

April 1, 2021: Holy Thursday: First Vows of the Founder and Father Tempier on Holy Thursday, April 11, 1816 in Aix-en-Provence.

April 2, 2021: Good Friday: The Founder's "Conversion", most probably March 27, 1807.

May 20, 2021: Death of Venerable Fr. Carlo Domenico Albini OMI (1790-1839).

May 21, 2021

Saint Eugene de Mazenod, Bishop and Founder of our Congregation. Solemnity. Mass proper; colour: white; *Gloria* and *Credo*, Preface proper. Liturgy of the Hours, according to the ritual for solemnities, is taken from the OMI Proper and from the Common of Pastors; *Te Deum*. At Midday Office: proper antiphon, gradual and psalms.

May 22-29, 2021

Time of prayer and animation for **Oblate vocations**.

May 23, 2021: Pentecost: The descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles in Jerusalem recalls for Oblates the Founder's sensitivity to the action of the Holy Spirit in his own soul.

May 29, 2021

Blessed Joseph Gérard, priest. Optional Memorial.

June 3, 2021: Death of Venerable Bishop Vital Grandin OMI (1829-1902).

Friday, June 11, 2021: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart: Oblate devotion to the Sacred Heart was strengthened by the decision of the General Chapter of 1873 to consecrate the Congregation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

June 12, 2021

Blessed Joseph Cebula, martyr. Optional Memorial.

July 10, 2021: Death of Venerable Bro. Anthony Kowalczyk OMI (1866-1947).

August 15, 2021: Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady. On August 15, 1822, the Founder blessed a statue of Mary Immaculate. This statue, for some moments, appeared to the Founder as though alive and visibly signifying approval of him and his Congregation. It now stands in the main chapel of our General House in Rome and is referred to as "the Oblate Madonna".

October 1, 2021: Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. At the initiative of the Venerable Bishop Ovide Charlebois OMI, in 1927 Pope Pius XI proclaimed St. Therese the Principal Patroness of all missionaries.

October 24, 2021: Mission Sunday: Since 1926, the Church has celebrated Mission Sunday. Public prayer and preaching on this day help all of Christ's faithful to recognize the missionary nature of the Church.

October 29, 2021: Death of the Servant of God Thomas Benjamin Cooray OMI (1901-1988).

November 1, 2021: Solemnity of All Saints. Oblates recall the day in 1818 when the Missionaries of Provence first pronounced the vows.

November 3, 2021 (or a following day)
Community Mass for our deceased.

November 20, 2021: Death of the Venerable Bishop Ovide Charlebois OMI (1862-1933).

November 29, 2021: Death of the Servant of God Fr. Victor Lelièvre OMI (1876-1956).

Dedication of our Churches and Oratories

The Anniversary of the Dedication (if the church or oratory is consecrated), is celebrated either on the exact day of the anniversary, or on the day specified in the local church calendar for celebrating the anniversary of the dedication of all the churches within the territory: **Solemnity**. All from the Common of the Dedication; 1st Vespers, *Gloria* and *Credo*.

During the year it is possible to celebrate **Votive Masses** (including of the Immaculate Conception) and **Masses for Various Needs** or for **Various Circumstances** (for example in Thanksgiving for our vocation) according to No. 347, 355, 368-378, of *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*. However, Masses in honour of a blessed are not allowed, not even Votive Masses, outside of the days listed here.

* See: *Apostolic Letter* «Mysterii Paschalis» No 60.