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## BC News



### *Christmas Wishes*

May the Light and Joy of the Holy Family be with you and all the people you minister to at Christmas and throughout the year.

Wishing each and every one of you Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year...

*Andrzej Stendzina, OMI*



On behalf of the Oblate Associates of BC, we wish our Oblate family a blessed Christmas.

Our time of waiting is ending and the Holy Star of Christmas is rising once again. The Light is coming to shred the darkness - covid-19 or not! And we are all members of this Light for He has given Himself to us! Let us shine out with faith, hope and love to all, this Christmas and New Year.

Much love and joy to you and your families - Merry Christmas!

*David and Karen Sax  
Oblate Associates  
BC District Animators*

## *Celebrating our Feast Day ( by David and Karen Sax)*

On December 8<sup>th</sup> the BC District gathered (masked, socially distanced and plainly delighted just to be together again in covid times) for morning Mass at St. Augustine's Parish in Vancouver. Together as Oblate priests, brother, Associates and friends, we celebrated our patroness, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. Celebrant and our Superior, Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, spoke movingly of Mary in his homily, leading fellow Oblates in their Renewal of Vows and inviting Associates to join with them in the prayer of Consecration to Mary Immaculate. Associates Carol Gielens and Linda Arnold proclaimed the two readings, and Fr. Terry Conway led us joyfully in music. We broke bread together at Mass and again following Mass with a lovely sit-down luncheon and some toasts for birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you's were extended for the appetizers prepared and served by Pandosy Place staff, Alice and Delia. A very tasty chicken pot pie served with cheese biscuits were prepared by Cathie Oberndorf and Jo Creedon's coleslaw completed the meal. A special thank you to Elizabeth Tolentino, our district administrator, for organization and last-minute-as-ever flexibility in putting together our day of celebration.

