



HIGHLIGHTS

ONTARIO DISTRICT NEWS

December 2022

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for He has looked with favor on His humble servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His Name.



He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of His servant Israel
for He has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise He made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen

“Mary Immaculate is patroness of our Congregation. Open to the Spirit, she consecrated herself totally as lowly handmaid to the person and work of the Saviour. She received Christ in order to share him with the world, whose hope he is. In her we recognize the model of the Church’s faith and of our own.

We shall always look on her as our mother. In the joys and sorrows of our missionary life we feel close to her who is the Mother of Mercy. Wherever our ministry takes us, we will strive to instil genuine devotion to the Immaculate Virgin who prefigures God’s final victory over all evil.”

(Constitution 10)

Advent 2022

Looking for a small daily Advent Reflection?

St. Eugene de Mazenod Speaks to us is offering a short daily Reflection made up of a daily quote from Saint Eugene linked to the Gospel of the day during the season of Advent. Monday through Friday.

You can access this by going directly to the website: [Eugene de Mazenod speaks to us](#). To receive it by email use the same link, then go to the bottom of the page on the right hand side and follow the directions to Subscribe to St. Eugene Speaks E-Mail by entering your email address and clicking on Subscribe.

or

you may want to access Ron Rolheiser’s daily Advent videos. You can access these by going to [Advent Reflection videos with Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI](#) and selecting the date that you wish to join for a 2 to 4 minute video reflection to help enhance your Advent experience.



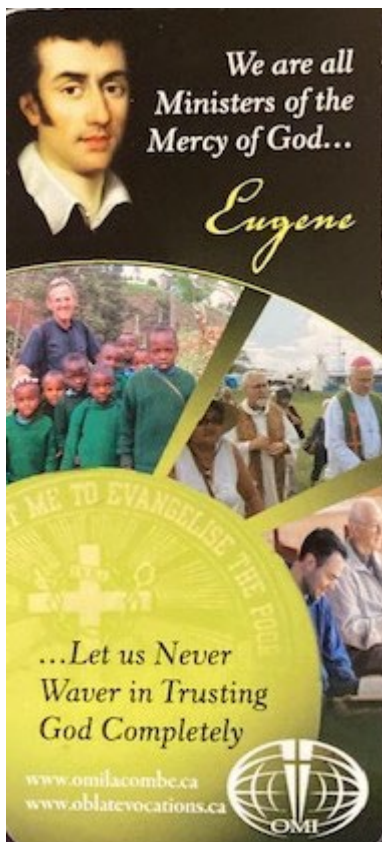
Advent is a time of waiting. Our whole life, however, is Advent – that is, a time of waiting for the ultimate... Learn to wait, because he has promised to come.”

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

27th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Eugene de Mazenod

December 3 – today is the 27th Anniversary of the canonization of St. Eugene de Mazenod. With this Eugene's spirit, his charism is shared with the whole Church. In the short video ([Canonization of St. Eugene de Mazenod](#)) of the Pope announcing the canonization we hear him repeat the words from The Preface: "We must lead men to act like human beings, first of all, and then like Christians, and, finally, we must help them to become saints."

The following is a short prayer offered by Oblate Vocations (Canada) some years ago:



St. Eugene, Your charism is a gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church and to the whole world.

Through your intercession, help me to reach out with the healing touch of Christ, who calls each one of us to holiness and to Mission.

Guide me to accept God's call in my life and with strength and love.

Let me act and make choices that bear witness to my belief in the dignity of each person and the compassion of God for all the peoples, especially the poor and marginalised.

By your example, help me to see Jesus in others, to help all those in need, and to have the courage to do God's will, leaving nothing undared for the Gospel.

I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Eugene, pray for us.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.

Loving Father, you blessed your Bishop Saint Eugene de Mazenod with the gift of hope.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 8th, 2022 – Looking forward to seeing all of you as we gather at Canadian Martyrs Church at 7PM for liturgy and refreshments.

Ontario District Community Days, led by OMI Lacombe Provincial Team Community will take place on **December 13th and 14th, 2022**. We know that they will be held at St. Paul University once again this year. No details on what the focus will be but hopefully as the time draws a little nearer the focus will be made known.

IN OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS...

Please pray for Roy Boucher as his future health care needs are determined.

All the members of our communities and families who are struggling with health concerns – both physical and emotional. We pray with gratitude for all that we have been given, even as we ask the Beloved to accompany us in new ways we try to walk. St. Eugene shed your light on every member of our family.

Let us not forget about all who are listed in our **‘At the foot of the Cross:’ Saint Eugene’s Prayer Group** which is announced and can be found in the Member’s section of OMI Lacombe website. You can email your prayer requests to:

PRAYERS@OMILACOMBE.CA

If you are interested in joining the St. Eugene’s Prayer Group, please contact JoAnne Chrones at prayers@omilacombe.ca or 306-222-2819 (phone or text). Prayers can be for general or specific intentions.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Andy Boyer – December 5

Mike McCarthy - December 24

Claude Tardif – December 31

John Renken – January 18

Marie Morgan – January 28

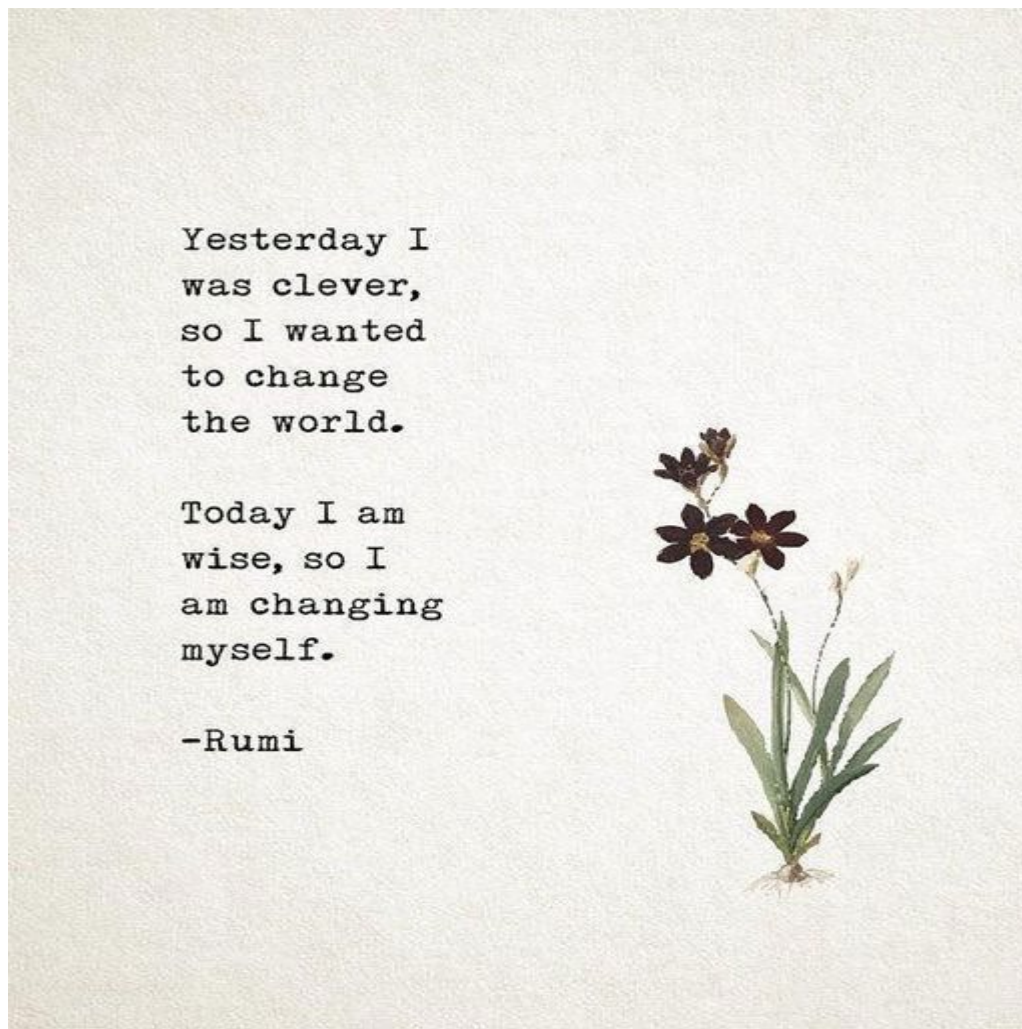
Ken Hart – December 10

Ed MacNeil - December 29

Christie Joachimpillai – January 6

Joe Lasowski – January 20

Henry Arruda – January 29



Upcoming from Galilee Centre in Arnprior

Save the date for these upcoming events and check our website for more details as they become available. <https://www.galileecentre.com/workshops-events/>

Programs:

January 5, 12, 19, 26 - Sister Water and The Sultan with Len Desroches

January 20-22 - Listening to Indigenous Voices

February 18 - Women of Faith: Connecting in Relationship

March 17 - 19 - Catholic Devotionalism: Growing Up in Our Thinking with Fr. Jim Clarke

September 15 - 17 - Retreat with Ron Rolheiser

Christmas Blessings



*Wishing you Christmas blessings of love
and joy, now and into the New Year.*

Robert

Normand

Eugene

Tim

Pamela

Jane

See you in the New Year.