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Sights and Sounds

April 27, 2023

For the Month of May

Upcoming celebrations in May

Birthdays

May 16 Fr. Paul Fachet OMI

May 19 Br. Walter De Mong OMI

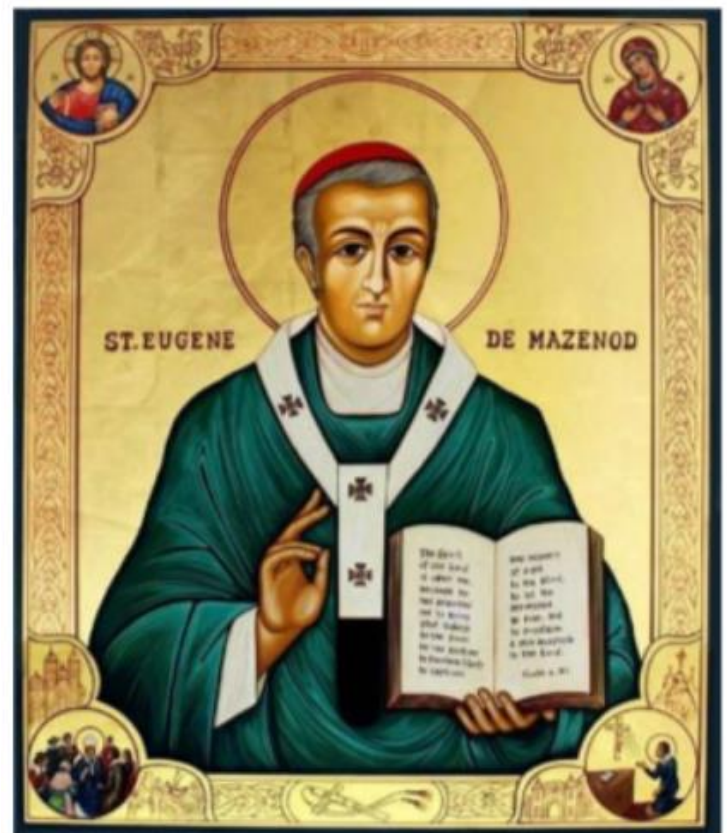
May 26 Fr. George Gruber OMI

Notable Dates for OMI

May 20 Dies natalis of Venerable Fr. Carlo Domenico Albini (1790-1839)

May 21 Saint Eugene de Mazenod, Bishop and Founder of our Congregation. Solemnity. Celebrated May 22nd due to the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on May 21st.

May 28 Solemnity of 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.





Oblate Vocations Week

May 22–29, 2023



Mission attracts and builds vocations more than vocations determine the mission.

General Councillor for Canada-US, Jim P. Brobst OMI

Three elements help to make it possible:

mission (poor & evangelization)

community (welcoming & joyful)

vocation (directors & province culture)



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN OBLATE ASSOCIATE?

By Jim and Adele Longstaff

Our association and involvement with the Oblates really began in January of 1980 when we, as a presenting team with Worldwide Marriage Encounter, traveled to North Battleford to help facilitate a Marriage Encounter weekend.

In subsequent months and years, as we got to know the Oblates, we began to recognize that Oblates were “a different group”. We were always so welcomed when we were among them; and so, the attraction to be among the Oblates grew. So, in about 2005 when JoAnne Chrones and Glenn Zimmer asked us if we would consider becoming Oblate Associates, we were excited to say yes. We were honored to be named Honorary Oblates in 2019.

And so, what does it mean to us to be Oblate Associates? It really means that we get to be part of a community of clergy and lay people who, at the core, have an option for the poor; that when “push comes to shove”, if there is an opportunity and a choice, we will always try to be aware of the poverty around us. Of course, poverty does not only refer to those with no money - there are many forms of poverty. We have come to appreciate the

value of trying to live that option. Other core values for Oblates are to live in community and have an active prayer life.

To have an option for the poor means to us many things. It may mean facilitating a prayer service at the Preston Care Home. It may also mean serving the parish by setting up and providing lunch for mourners after a funeral. It may mean being aware of the ministries provided at The Bridge on 20th where we have been able to assist with providing a men's supper once a month (pre-Covid) or helping to coordinate a group of people in providing a significant portion of their Christmas dinner for their clients. This has been an initiative brought on by Covid where a cadre of Oblate Associates and parishioners from St. Philip Neri, have, for the last three years, delivered up to 12 hot roasted turkeys and numerous cooked hams as well as vegetables and many other food items for Christmas dinner.

Having an option for the poor can also mean praying for and talking to a friend who lost their daughter through tragic circumstances.

It also means serving on our Parishes' Truth and Reconciliation Committee where we are endeavoring to provide educational opportunities for our parishioners, and the members of other churches in our neighborhood, about the whole reconciliation movement.

Being an Oblate associate has, as core values, prayer, and the desire to "live in community". We look forward to any opportunity we have to come together with other Oblates (vowed and associate) to pray and to break bread together. We always look forward to our Community Days where we have the opportunity to share with one another about what is happening in our life. We come together as community to pray, to support one another, and celebrate. Community Days also provides some of us with the opportunity to teach others the fine art of cribbage playing.

Being an Oblate Associate means being a part of a community of like-minded people in prayer and action. It is a relationship we treasure greatly.



From www.omilacombe.ca "Today we speak of a Mazenodian Family, a term promoted throughout the Congregation by Oblate Father Frank Santucci. In Canada, this Mazenodian Family includes people from all states and walks of life, and together with St. Eugene we are all "co-operators of Christ the Saviour." In OMI Lacombe Canada Province people are presently connected with the Oblates in a variety of ways: Honorary Oblates, Members of MAMI, Parishioners of Oblate Parishes, Staff at Oblate Institutions and Parishes, Orders and Institutes founded by Oblates and Oblate Associates."

Mark Your Calendars!

May 11

Coffee Time 2:45pm - 3:45pm

Trinity Manor in the small dining room

(yes, we've reverted back to the original date!)

May 17 – 19

Community Days/Extended Council Meeting

Proposed Schedule/Agenda

Wednesday, May 17

- 12:00 pm Optional Lunch and Check In
- 1:00 pm Reports from Qu'Appelle House of Prayer & Parish Ministries
- 4:00 pm Queen's House Annual General Meeting
- 5:00 pm Preprandials
- 6:00 pm Supper followed by Social celebrating May birthdays

Thursday, May 18

- 9:30 am Report from Queen's House & Associates
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm OMI Lacombe report on Synodality and its implications for SDC
- 3:00 pm Report from Elder Care
- 4:00 pm Eucharist
- 5:00 pm Preprandials
- 6:00 pm Supper followed by Social

Friday, May 19

- 9:30 am Discussion around OAMI (Oblate Associates of Mary Immaculate) in SDC
- 12:00 pm Lunch



What a beautiful group photo! Everyone had a lovely time visiting at the Trinity Manor Coffee Time on April 20, 2023. We were especially happy to see Fr. Ron Zimmer and we hope he comes again!

15th annual Queen's House Golf Tournament

Registration is now open!

When June 25, 2023 7:30 AM CST to 3:00 PM CST

Where 905 Valley Rd, Moon Lake Golf and Country Club,
Saskatoon, SK

This is a fundraiser to support the mission and ministry of Queen's House. The day begins with a scramble start to 18 holes of golf at Moon Lake Golf and Country Club. It is then followed by a casual gathering of all the golfers & volunteers at Queen's House for lunch & refreshments. We have room for 100 golfers so bring your friends and make a team. Register today.



Click here to register:

<https://trellis.org/queens-houses-15th-annual-golf-tournament>

Hello from the Treasurer's Office



- Remember to continue to send in your 2023 GST receipts. It is always easier to complete when they are sent in during the year rather than at year-end.
- Tax season is coming to an end, and I am happy to say the tax returns for the SDC District are almost completed. Thank you Ana for your great work during your first tax season with the SDC.



Thanks, from the Treasurer's Office of Fr Bill Stang and Corrine Pambrun

Jokes Corner

Where was King David's temple located?

Beside his ear.

Why can't you hear a pterodactyl going to the bathroom?

Because the "P" is silent.

What do you call a well-balanced horse?

Stable.

What do you call an angry carrot?

A steamed veggie.

Why do cows wear bells?

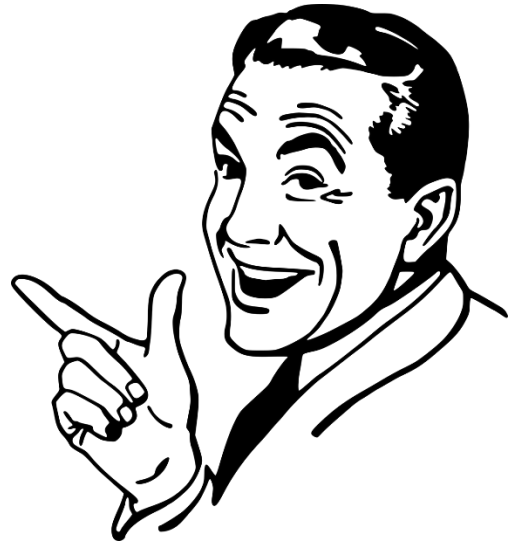
Because their horns don't work.

What did the triangle say to the circle?

You're pointless.

What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a tricycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle?

Attire.



Fr. Nestor Gregoire's blog: <https://withmyfeetonmydesk.blogspot.com>

Meadow Lake Website: <https://www.meadowlakecatholicchurch.com>

OMI Lacombe Canada Website: www.omilacombe.ca

Qu'Appelle House of Prayer Website: www.qhpstillness.ca

Qu'Appelle House of Prayer blog: <https://qhpconnection.blogspot.com/>

Queen's House Website at: www.queenshouse.org

St. Philip Neri Parish at: www.stphilipneriparish.ca