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# **Sights and Sounds**

**December 5th, 2024**

## **Announcements**

**Coffee Time at Trinity Manor**

**Dec 19 2:45pm to 3:45pm**

**Community Days**

**December 8 & 9, 2024**

## **Birthdays**

Diane Lepage—Dec 2nd

Corrine Pambrun—Dec 24th

Paula Fournier—Dec 28th

## **Anniversaries**

Fr. Paul Fachet- Ordination— Dec 22 (59 yrs)

Fr. Albert Lalonde- Ordination—Dec 23 (60 yrs)

**Oblate Feast Day  
of the Immaculate Conception**

**December 8, 2024**



## Trinity Manor 10th Anniversary Celebration



On Wednesday November 13th 2024, Trinity Manor celebrated their 10th Anniversary. Fr. Bill, Fr. Albert and I enjoyed watching Fr. Eugene, Fr. George, Bishop Gerry and Fr. Richard receive their certificates as part of the original residents that arrived in October 2014. It was a wonderful afternoon and the treats prepared by the kitchen staff were delicious!







General Councillor, Fr. Jim Brobst, arrived November 11, 2024 to meet with the SDC Oblates & Associates to discuss the future leadership of OMI Lacombe Canada.

Fr Doug hosted Fr. Jim and Tuesday evening the community gathered at St Philip's for a fabulous pot luck supper, great visiting, and a whole lot of good stories and many laughs.

Fr. Richard Doll enjoyed his turn meeting and sharing his thoughts with Fr. Jim.

Fr.Doug, Mark Lich, Fr. Nestor, Adele Longstaff, Sandy&Bernard Normand, Fr.Jim, JoAnne Chrones, Jim Longstaff, Fr.Bill, Katarina Nechvatal, Corrine Pambrun, Fr.Albert, Brian Zimmer, Fr.Paul, Fr. Joe and Darcie Lich.





### Introducing

Evelyn Sandy Bergren, born November 19, 2024 at 9:29am. Evelyn Sandy, is the first child for Elise & Sol, Bernard & Sandy Normand's second oldest daughter. Their beautiful smiles tell us that Little Miss Evelyn has already stolen the hearts of her grandparents. Congratulations, Bernard & Sandy, Evelyn is as precious as can be.

Saskatchewan's first snowfall of 2024, hit some areas more than others. Fr. Heinner sent these pictures and said, "That was lots of snow! So much snow to be shoveled. My driveway and house were both blocked with snow. I am fine, thank God."





## Coffee Time at Trinity Manor

Thursday November 21, 2024, we gathered for coffee at Trinity Manor. JoAnne made a delicious cake and we all enjoyed the visiting and laughter that came with it.



Above: Jim Longstaff, JoAnn Chrones, Fr. Joe Jacek, Adele Longstaff, Brian Zimmer and Bishop Gerry Wiesner.

Below: Fr. Paul Fachet, Fr. Eugene Warnke, Fr. Bill Stang, Fr. Richard Doll and Fr. Albert Ulrich.



As we prepare to celebrate the beginning of Advent and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we recall Constitution 10 which reads:

*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 all 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 instill genuine devotion to the Immaculate Virgin who prefigures God's final victory over all evil.*

I want to draw our attention to the lines that read, "...she consecrated herself totally as lowly handmaid to the person and work of the Saviour" and "She received Christ in order to share him with all the world, whose hope he is".

Mary was a lowly handmaid to Jesus, giving her whole self to this. Today we do not see women, or men for that matter, as lowly handmaids to our wishes and wants, to some nebulous God construct. We consecrate ourselves to Jesus Christ, to the Jesus Christ who is revealed in Sacred Scripture and in the Creed we profess. Mary, open to the Spirit, consecrated herself to the person and the work of Jesus. In addition, Mary took her relationship with Jesus and shared that relationship and all that she received with the world. Mary recognized that the world needed the hope that Jesus Christ offered.

Today, in light of all that is taking place in our world, our country, our community, our Oblate family and within ourselves we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. Once again, we consecrate ourselves to Jesus Christ and to his work. As we grow in faith, we learn what giving our whole self to him means. This gift of self, this oblation, intensifies and becomes more manifest as we grow closer to him.

While life around us may disappoint, discourage, or even frighten us, we commit ourselves to Jesus Christ. We believe with our Blessed Mother Mary that being in relationship with Jesus Christ is everything. In our common commitment as Oblates we take courage, we stand together, we are nourished and because of our relationship with Christ we offer hope to the world..

**Submitted by: Fr. Doug Jeffrey**



Remembering Fr Fix this November 27th 2024. This day marks the 10th anniversary of Fr. Fix's last day with us. It is a day I will remember forever with true gratefulness.

Fr. Fix was there for me when I entered my life's faith journey through Baptism in 1960 and I was there for him when God called him home.

Submitted by: Corrine Pambrun

If you would like to share a story with the community, please send in your story with one or two pictures, and I will make sure to include your story in the next Sights & Sounds.



On behalf of The SDC Leadership Team and Treasurer's Office, we want to wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May 2025 bring you health, happiness and many reasons to smile and be grateful.

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

OMI Lacombe Canada Website: [www.omilacombe.ca](http://www.omilacombe.ca)

St. Philip Neri Parish at: [www.stphilipneriparish.ca](http://www.stphilipneriparish.ca)