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Sights and Sounds

May 30th, 2025

Announcements

Anniversaries

May 21st Saint of the day
Feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod

Coffee Time at Trinity Manor

June 19th, 2025 2:45 to 3:45

July 17, 2025 2:45 to 3:45

Birthdays



May 16th - Fr. Paul Facht

May 12th - Marla Hartmann

May 26th - Fr. George Gruber

Community Days

June 12 & 13, 2025

May the month of Mary



Coffee Time at Trinity Manor



May 15th we gathered to celebrate Fr. Paul's birthday, officially May 16th. We were so happy to have Karen & David Sax join us ! Thankyou Jim & Adele Longstaff for making it happen! Thank you to Katarina Nechvatel for making the birthday cake! It was very good! Bonnie Roberts and Adele Longstaff served the birthday cake, and below, Fr. Joe Jacek & David Sax enjoy a little visit.





Fr. Richard Doll and I enjoyed a very busy shopping day. First shoes! Then to Sobeys we went.



Fr. Richard Doll also enjoyed a visit with long time parishioners from Paradise Hill, Patty and Dennis.

May: The Month of Mary

During the month of May the month of Mary, we are going to be thinking about Mary and her love for all of us and her love for God. She was so unapologetic in Her Yes to God and we remind ourselves of this Yes that she so willingly said and knew that Gods plan for her was steadfast and true.

We take a moment to pause for prayer and reflection to our mother Mary today



In 2015 Robert Prevost, born in Chicago but in Peru as an Augustinian, missionary for 20 years, was made the Bishop of Chiclayo in northern coastal Peru. In the photo Bp Prevost is celebrating Mass with the priests of his diocese. Fr. Heinner Paucar, OMI, whose home town is Chiclayo, was visiting his family so attended the Mass. (see photo)

In 2023 Bp. Prevost was named Cardinal by Pope Francis and so was eligible for the Conclave to elect a new Pope on Francis's death. The conclave started May 7. On May 8th Prevost was elected Pope and took the name Leo XIV.



Submitted by: Fr Moe Schroeder, OMI. May 12, 2025

A message from the SDC District Superior, Fr. Doug Jeffrey.

Communicating Hope on the Feast of the Ascension

This Sunday, June 1st, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. The Church invites us to celebrate the World Day of Communications. In January, before the illness which led to his death, Pope Francis wrote a message for this day. He entitled it: **Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts (cf. 1 Pet 3:15-16)**

In his message he speaks of the communication challenges we face in our modern-day culture, challenges that lead us to be less than honest, less than human, less than hopeful with each other. The short document is worth reading, pondering and praying. I can easily see in its structure and heart, its contents and invitation the vision of St. Eugene and the call of Jesus. I share with you the last section of the message and urge you to read and ponder the document beginning with this small excerpt. Perhaps each of us might be transformed in some small way as our life journey unfolds! May the wonder of the Ascension bless your heart with HOPE!

“Do not forget the heart

Dear brothers and sisters, in the face of the astonishing achievements of technology, I encourage you to care for your heart, your interior life. What does that mean? Let me offer you a few thoughts.

Be meek and never forget the faces of other people; speak to the hearts of the women and men whom you serve in carrying out your work.

Do not allow instinctive reactions to guide your communication. Always spread hope, even when it is difficult, even when it costs, even when it seems not to bear fruit.

Try to promote a communication that can heal the wounds of our humanity.

Make room for the heartfelt trust that, like a slender but resistant flower, does not succumb to the ravages of life, but blossoms and grows in the most unexpected places. It is there in the hope of those mothers who daily pray to see their children return from the trenches of a conflict, and in the hope of those fathers who emigrate at great risk in search of a better future. It is also there in the hope of those children who somehow manage to play, laugh and believe in life even amid the debris of war and in the impoverished streets of favelas. (continue)

Be witnesses and promoters of a non-aggressive communication; help to spread a culture of care, build bridges and break down the visible and invisible barriers of the present time.

Tell stories steeped in hope, be concerned about our common destiny and strive to write together the history of our future.

All this you can do, and we can do, with God's grace, which the Jubilee helps us to receive in abundance. This is my prayer, and with it, I bless each of you and your work."

Taken from the Vatican Website on Friday, May 30, 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/>

Community Days June 12 & 13, 2025

"Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Community Days to be held at the Travelodge on June 12 and 13.

On June 12th after our proposed mass and supper at Trinity Manor we will host the Men and Women Religious of Saskatoon and area for our Sung Evening Prayer with wine and cheese.

We will gather at St. Philip Neri Parish for Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm followed by a social. If you remember, this initiative was planned for December 8 but was cancelled due to the weather. Hopefully, we will be able to gather for prayer and visiting. **Please RSVP with Corrine as soon as you are able.**

On Thursday evening Diane & Bernard Lepage hosted Fr. Bill Stang, Fr. Mike Dechant, Tanya & her daughter Kaila, Blain Young and myself to a wonderful meal and evening of visiting with Fr. Mike before he heads back to Vancouver. It was a great time together.





The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate cordially invite you
to the installation of the Provincial and Council of OMI Lacombe Canada Province
on Tuesday, June 10th, 2025, at 7:00 pm
at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church, 100 Main St., Ottawa, ON.

All Oblates, Oblate Associates and friends are welcome to attend.
A reception will follow in the gathering room.

Les Missionnaires Oblats de Marie Immaculée vous invitent à célébrer
l'installation du Provincial et Conseil de la Province d'OMI Lacombe Canada
le mardi 10 juin 2025 à 19h00
À la paroisse Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church, 100 rue Main, Ottawa, ON.

Bienvenue à tous les oblats, les oblats associés, et les amis.
Une réception suivra dans la salle de rassemblement.

RSVP by May 9th / Veuillez confirmer votre présence avant le 9 mai

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Provincial and Council – Provincial et son Conseil

Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI
PROVINCIAL

Provincial Councillors – Conseillers Provinciaux

To be appointed / Nomination à venir

Provincial Treasurer and Lay Advisor – Trésorier provincial et Conseiller laïc

To be appointed / Nomination à venir

Things My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me RELIGION.....you better pray that will come out of the carpet!

My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.....if you don't straighten up, I am going to knock you into the middle of next week!

My mother taught me LOGIC....because I said so, that's why!

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC...if you fall off that swing and break your neck, you are not coming to the store with me!

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



A message from the SDC Treasurer's Office

Please make sure to send in all your cash & debit receipts for the GST credit.

If your visa is being paid through the Treasurer's office, please remember to send in your visa receipts so that I am able to reconcile your visa amount owing and calculate the GST charged. Thanks so much.

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

OMI Lacombe Canada Website: www.omilacombe.ca

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