

25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Fr. Susai Jesu

Colossians 2: 6-7

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. Let your roots grow down into Him and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."



On Sunday, July 27th, 2025 Fr. Susai Jesu celebrated his 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. We celebrated this milestone with Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. A joyous celebration took place with many Oblates, Associates, family and friends. There was also a large group that attended the fellowship following Mass.

Fr. Susai is now the Superior of Brother Anthony District under our new structure. In July 2025, Father Susai Jesu, OMI officially became the Pastor of Lac Ste. Anne parish as well as Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Enoch First Nation, the Catholic Community of Alexander, Our Lady of the Lake parish in Alexis First Nation and the Catholic Community of Paul Band First Nation. See the link below for details of his new assignment.

[Lac Ste Anne Parish – The first permanent Catholic mission in Alberta](#)

OBEDIENCES – Fr. Susai Jesu

Date	Location	Assignments
2000	Balaghad, MP, North India	Assistant Parish Priest
2003	Surala Kappa, North India	Parish Priest
2005	Kombadimadurai, TN, South India	Assistant Parish Priest
2007	OMI Lacombe (course, orientation, enculturation)	First Nations Ministry
2008	Pelican Narrows, SK	Learn Cree Language
2009	St. Gertrude Church, Pelican Narrows & Our Lady of 7 Sorrows, Sandy Bay	Pastor
2016	Ottawa, ON	Studies
2016	Became Canadian Citizen	
2017	Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, Edmonton, AB	Pastor
2019	OMI Lacombe Canada Provincial Council (6 yrs)	Council Member
2025	Br. Anthony District/Lac Ste. Anne, Enoch, Alexander, Alexis, Paul Band	Superior/Pastor

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We must not only proclaim the Gospel but also embody it in our actions.

~ St. Eugene de Mazenod

Since 1861 St. Albert Parish has been served by Missionary Oblates beginning with Fr. Albert Lacombe. This legacy continues with the current steadfast lead of Fr. Jack Herklotz who just celebrated his 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.

St. Albert Parish remains a vibrant and faithful Parish. See the link for their new website below:

[St Albert Parish Catholic](#)

Summer Message from Fr. Jack

That old adage is true – the older you get - the faster time flies. Here we are – summer is back again. And for many, vacations will soon begin. I am sure many of us are looking forward to spending time with family and friends on various excursions or just a few days away from the busy life we lead to relax and recharge. I trust you will have a safe and enjoyable time this summer. Please accept my deep gratitude to the office staff, the volunteers, and to all the parishioners for creating such a vibrant faith community and for the wonderful generosity and hospitality shown to all who participate in our liturgies at St. Albert Parish the past year.

Masses, marriages, funerals, hospital visits, and outreach continue to take place even when you are away. Your prayers will mean a great deal to your church family and staff even while you are not with us here. Many of you will not be away for any length of time, but we do want you to know that you will be missed when you are absent. Our prayer is for you to enjoy some leisure time and to use your witness for your faith wherever you go.

In gratitude for the opportunity to serve you.

~ Fr. Jack, OMI



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Date	Location	Assignments
2000	Whitehorse, NT	Missionary
2007	Ottawa, ON	Studies
2007	Chicago, Ill	Studies
2008	Ottawa, ON	Studies
2011	The Pas, MB	Missionary
2015	Edmonton, AB (Gareth Community, St. Albert)	Replacement Ministry
2016	Aug - St. Charles Parish, Edmonton, AB	Pastor
2019	St. Peter's Parish, New Westminster, BC	Pastor
2022	St. Albert Parish, St. Albert, AB	Pastor

Upcoming Monthly Anniversaries

4th Quarter – October, November and December 2025

OCTOBER

08-Oct-47	Birthday	LaBoucane, Garry	Brother Anthony District
10-Oct-85	Ordination	Peter Doherty	Brother Anthony District
19-Oct-74	Ordination	Sylvain Lavoie	Resident Foyer Lacombe
19-Oct-51	Birthday	Jack Herklotz	Brother Anthony District
23-Oct-67	Birthday	Heinner Paucar	Brother Anthony District
23-Oct-32	Birthday	Denis Croteau	Resident NWT
27-Oct-50	Birthday	Wladek Karciarz	Foyer Lacombe House

NOVEMBER

27-Nov-43	Birthday	Gordon Cook	Foyer Lacombe House
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DECEMBER

08-Dec-67	First Vows	Edouard Prince	Foyer Lacombe House
20-Dec-64	Ordination	Alfred Groleau	Foyer Lacombe House

Psalm 42: 1-2

“As the deer pants for the water stream, so pants my soul for You, O God”



Sabbatical Time

Fr. Les, Foyer Lacombe House Superior, is on Sabbatical until mid-November. He will return the St. Albert and will reside at Foyer Lacombe at such time. Please pray for rest and renewal for him during his time of travel and study while abroad.

Hebrews 4: 9-10

There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

Canmore Cottage

The Provincial Council has informed us that they are ready to invest in the Canmore property. Bids will be ascertained from contractors to put together a list in order of priority and sequence of what needs to be done. These quotes will be sent to the Provincial for follow up from the Bro. Anthony Council.

On November 15, 2025, we will open the Canmore Cottage Calendar for 2026 bookings. Please note that the Rental Policy will be adhered to and all bookings will be received via email at bgushue@omilacombe.ca for confirmation of your stay.

Jack Fish Lake

As we only have two cottages left in the Province and both are in Alberta. And as, each property offers a different setting (the view vs. the lake). Both cottages – Jack Fish Lake and Canmore will be retained by OMI Lacombe.

Jack Fish Lake has been winterized for the season. The dock has been pulled up and the sheds tarped in. Many thanks go to Bishop Sylvain, Fr. Marek, Leo Beaudry and Bernie Hryciw .



BOC Associates

Oblate Associate Report

We gathered at the beginning of June for our annual June BBQ at Star of the North. It offered us an opportunity to gather in fellowship. Unfortunately, many of the Oblates were unable to join us due to other commitments. The summer offered many opportunities for Associates to gather. We enjoyed time with visitors from as far away as London, England (Fr. Tom Devereux, OMI) hosted by JoAnne Chrones and Brian Zimmer. Together with Dan and Joanne Friedt, they toured Mission Hill in St. Albert, Sacred Heart Church of the First People's and made a quick whirl wind trip to the Canadian Rockies.

In July, many Oblate Associates from Sacred Heart Church participated at the Lac St. Anne Pilgrimage. They prepared lunches and participated at the mass and other activities including hospitality to those pilgrims coming from afar.

Congratulations to Debbie and John Doornbos who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August in Canmore with family and friends (pictured right).



This summer also offered time for more outdoor recreation and time to imagine things for the fall, coming together as pilgrims of hope. Many associates continue to connect with the retired Oblates at Foyer Lacombe and we look forward to planning new ways of supporting them in the coming year.

Effective now, Lucie Leduc has accepted the invitation from the local Oblate superior, Fr. Susai to serve as Brother Anthony District Associates Animator.

See the report from Sandy who attended the 3rd Oblate Associate Congress 2025 in Aix en Province this summer.

Aix 2025: "Charting New Paths for Oblate Laity"
August 3-10, 2025. Submitted by Sandra Prather,
August 26, 2025.



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We had eight days to be together and most of us arrived as strangers to one another. But on the sacred ground of the Oblate Foundation House, we quickly discovered that we are family.

We ate together, prayed together, laughed and occasionally wept together, but most of all we worked together, united by our love for the Oblate charism and our fervent hopes and dreams for this beautiful Oblate family. Within the hallowed halls of the Mission Centre, the joyful mix of Spanish, French and English, with the occasional Polish or Italian thrown in, witnessed to the diversity of cultures that make up the world-wide Oblate family.

We felt firsthand the energy of the delegates, young and old, all passionate about the Gospel, and all committed to the Oblate mission of bringing the Good News to the poor. Through the beauty and discipline of synodal conversations, we uncovered an inspiring convergence of ideas to, ‘chart a new path for Oblate Laity.’

The resulting message to the Congregation and the wider Oblate world focuses on the four pillars of Oblate Lay Identity, Communion, Formation, and Mission. Containing concrete proposals for action, it signals not an ending but the beginning of new journeys.

Together, Spirit-led, we are committed to step out with hope, courage and joy, strong in our newfound communion. Oblates and Associates Year End BOC. We celebrated the 'year-end' with a BBQ, on June 4, 2025 at The Star. A huge thank you to The Star for allowing us the space to get together for Fellowship.

~ Sandra Prather

Dan and Joanne Friedt

Provincial Oblate Associate Animators
OMI Lacombe Canada



Star of the North

Star of the North Website, press Ctrl + Click to open

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All are welcome to subscribe for the Star Gazer Newsletter!

Alberta Community Meetings

September 23-24, 2025

25 Oblates and Associates met together and covered a full agenda throughout the sessions lead by Fr. Andrew and Fr. Richard.

Outside of the regular business, time was set aside for the Opening Reflection, "Slow me Down, Lord" as a reminder of our upcoming Fall season.

The first day covered many topics including our new structure. A Presentation was given by Serena Shaw, Lay Advisor on Synodality and Associates.



See the link from the Superior General's: InterChapter 2025 Opening Meditation

<https://www.omiworld.org/2025/08/18/superior-general-interchapter-2025-opening-meditation/>

As well as Tara Hurford, Centre Oblat, Social Justice did an informative presentation.



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The meetings were completed by celebrating the Eucharist. A Social and Supper at the Star of the North followed.



A meeting also took place on Wednesday evening on Truth and Reconciliation chaired by Tara Huford.

Many Oblates and Associates were in attendance.

Administrative Item

Please note that the 2026 Brother Anthony and Foyer Lacombe House Draft Budgets are due on Oct. 27th to the Provincial Office.

Individual Oblate Budget forms are available in the District Office.

Orange Day Celebration

September 30, 2025



Lac Ste. Anne, AB – tying ribbons on the Tree of Life.



Paul Band First Nations

September 30, 2025

