

**MISSIONARY  
OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE**



**ORDO**

for reciting the Divine Office  
and celebrating the Eucharist  
in our Congregation

**YEAR 2017/2018**

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## CELEBRATIONS PROPER TO THE OMI

**December 8, 2017**

**Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Titular and principal Patron of the Congregation. Solemnity. Everything as in the Missal and the Liturgy of the Hours. Act of consecration to Mary Immaculate.

**December 16, 2017**

**Blessed Oblate Martyrs of Laos.** Blessed Joseph Thao Tien and companions. Optional Memorial.

**January 25, 2018**

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

**202<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation**

**January 26, 2018:** Death of the Servant of God Fr. Bastiampillai Anthonipillai Thomas OMI (1886-1964).

**February 17, 2018**

**192<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the approval of the Constitutions and Rules of our Congregation.** Mass proper of Thanksgiving for our Oblate vocation. All priests offer the Mass for the Congregation's intentions. Renewal of vows. Act of Consecration to Mary Immaculate

**March 19, 2018:** Solemnity of St. Joseph, Protector of the Congregation, patron of Brothers.

**March 29, 2018:** Holy Thursday: First Vows of the Founder and Father Tempier on Holy Thursday, April 11, 1816 in Aix-en-Provence.

**March 30, 2018:** Good Friday: The Founder's "Conversion", most probably March 27, 1807.

**May 20, 2018:** Death of venerable Fr. Carlo Domenico Albini OMI (1790-1839).

**May 20, 2018:** 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.

**May 21, 2018**

**Saint Eugene de Mazenod**, Bishop and Founder of our Congregation. Solemnity. Mass proper; colour: white; *Gloria* and *Credo*, Preface proper. Liturgy of the Hours, according to the ritual for solemnities, is taken from the OMI Proper and from the Common of Pastors; *Te Deum*. At Midday Office: proper antiphon, gradual and psalms.

**May 22-29, 2018**

Time of prayer and animation for **Oblate vocations**.

**May 29, 2018**

**Blessed Joseph Gérard**, priest. Optional Memorial.

**June 3, 2018:** Death of venerable Bishop Vital Grandin OMI (1829-1902).

**Friday, June 8, 2018:** Solemnity of the Sacred Heart: Oblate devotion to the Sacred Heart was strengthened by the decision of the General Chapter of 1873 to consecrate the Congregation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**June 12, 2018**

**Blessed Joseph Cebula**, martyr. Optional Memorial.

**July 10, 2018:** Death of venerable Bro. Anthony Kowalczyk OMI (1866-1947).

**August 15, 2018:** Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady. On August 15, 1822, the Founder blessed a statue of Mary Immaculate. This statue, for some moments, appeared to the Founder as though alive and visibly signifying approval of him and his Congregation. It now stands in the main

chapel of our General House in Rome and is referred to as “the Oblate Madonna”.

**October 1, 2018:** Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus. 1927, Pope Pius XI. proclaimed St. Therese the Principal Patroness of all missionaries.

**October 21, 2018:** Mission Sunday: Since 1926, the Church has celebrated Mission Sunday. Public prayer and preaching on this day helps all of Christ’s faithful to recognize the missionary nature of the Church.

**October 29, 2018:** Death of the Servant of God Thomas Benjamin Cooray OMI (1901-1988).

**November 1, 2018:** Solemnity of All Saints. Oblates recall the day in 1818 when the Missionaries of Provence first pronounced the vows.

**November 3, 2018** (or a following day)  
Community Mass for our deceased.

**November 20, 2018:** Death of the Servant of God Bishop Ovide Charlebois OMI (1862-1933).

**November 28, 2018**

**Blessed Oblate Martyrs of Spain.** Blessed Francisco Esteban and companions. Optional Memorial.

**November 29, 2018:** Death of the Servant of God Fr. Victor Lelièvre OMI (1876-1956).

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### **Dedication of our Churches and Oratories**

The Anniversary of the Dedication (if the church or oratory is consecrated), is celebrated either on the exact day of the anniversary, or on the day specified in the local church calendar for celebrating the anniversary of the dedication of all the churches within the territory: **Solemnity**. All from the Common of the Dedication; 1<sup>st</sup> Vespers, *Gloria* and *Credo*.