

MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE

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for the Divine Office and the Eucharist



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CELEBRATIONS PROPER TO THE OMI

December 3, 2023: Saint Francis Xavier. Memorial. Patron of missionaries (cf. AAS, vol. XXXVI [1903-1904], pp. 580-582). 28th Anniversary of the canonization of St. Eugene de Mazenod.

December 6, 2023: Abduction and subsequent *dies natalis* of the Servant of God Fr. Ludwik Wrodarczyk (1907-1943).

December 8, 2023: 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, 2023: Blessed Martyrs of Laos. Blessed Fr. Joseph Thao Tien and companions (†1954-1970), martyrs. Optional Memorial.

January 21, 2024: *Dies natalis* of the Servant of God Sc. Alfons Mańka (1917-1941).

January 25, 2024: Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, **208th Anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation.**

January 26, 2024: *Dies natalis* of the Servant of God Fr. Bastiampillai Anthonipillai Thomas (1886-1964).

February 17, 2024: 198th Anniversary of the approval of the Constitutions and Rules of our Congregation. Solemnity. Until Vespers: Mass proper of Thanksgiving for our Oblate vocation. All priests offer the Mass for the Congregation. Renewal of vows. Act of Consecration to Mary Immaculate.

March 19, 2024: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Protector of the Congregation, patron of Brothers.

March 28, 2024: Holy Thursday. First Vows of the Founder and Father Tempier on Holy Thursday, April 11, 1816 in Aix-en-Provence.

March 29, 2024: Good Friday. The Founder's "Conversion", most probably March 27, 1807.

May 19, 2024: 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.

May 20, 2024: *Dies natalis* of Venerable Fr. Carlo Domenico Albini (1790-1839).

May 21, 2024: Saint Eugene de Mazenod (1782-1861), 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; 1st Vespers, *Te Deum*. At Midday Office: proper antiphon and Complementary Psalmody. Sunday Compline.

May 22-29, 2024: Time of prayer and animation for **Oblate vocations**.

May 29, 2024: Blessed Joseph Gérard (1831-1914), priest. Optional Memorial. From Vespers, except where it is moved to Sunday: **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** (Solemnity).

June 3, 2024: *Dies natalis* of Venerable Bishop Vital Grandin (1829-1902).

June 7, 2024: 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, 2024: Blessed Joseph Cebula and companions (1902-1941), martyrs. Optional Memorial.

July 10, 2024: *Dies natalis* of Venerable Bro. Antoni Kowalczyk (1866-1947).

August 15, 2024: 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, 2024: Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. At the initiative of the Venerable Bishop Ovide Charlebois, OMI, on 14 December 1927 Pope Pius XI proclaimed St. Therese the Principal Patroness of all missionaries (cf AAS 20 [1928] 147-148).

October 20, 2024: Mission Sunday. Since 1926, the Church has celebrated Mission Sunday. Public prayer and preaching on this day help all of Christ’s faithful to recognize the missionary nature of the Church.

October 29, 2024: *Dies natalis* of the Servant of God Card. Thomas Benjamin Cooray (1901-1988).

November 1, 2024: Solemnity of All Saints. Oblates recall the day in 1818 when the Missionaries of Provence first pronounced their vows.

November 5, 2024 (or a following day): Community Mass for our deceased Oblates.

November 12, 2024 (or another day): **Dedication of our Churches and Oratories.** The Anniversary of the Dedication (if the church or oratory is consecrated), is celebrated either on the anniversary or on the day specified in the particular calendar of the Oblates (November 12, Dedication of the Church of the General House) 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, *Gloria* and *Credo*; 1st Vespers, *Te Deum*. At Midday Office: proper antiphon, and Complementary Psalmody. Sunday Compline.

November 20, 2024: *Dies natalis* of the Venerable Bishop Ovide Charlebois (1862-1933).

November 28, 2024: Blessed Oblate Martyrs of Spain. Blessed Fr. Francisco Esteban Lacal and companions (†1936), martyrs. Optional Memorial.

November 29, 2024: *Dies natalis* of the Servant of God Fr. Victor Lelièvre (1876-1956).

For the pastoral good of the faithful, **Solemnities** that fall during the week may be observed on the preceding or following Sunday in Ordinary Time (cf. *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 58).

During the year it is possible to celebrate **Votive Masses** (including of the Immaculate Conception) and **Masses for Various Needs** or for **Various Circumstances** (for example in Thanksgiving for our vocation) according to No. 347, 355, 368-378, of *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*. However, Masses in honour of a Blessed are not allowed, not even Votive Masses, outside of the days listed here.