

St. Eugene DeMazenod and Our Lady

St. Eugene DeMazenod, The Founder of the Oblates had a profound and deep devotion to Our Lady all his life. He started our Congregation in order to share the Gospel with the poor his time. He believed this mission would be strengthened by also preaching a genuine devotion to Mary. We were given the name Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1826. When the Feast was officially named by the Church in 8th. December, 1854, Eugene was instrumental in it's proclamation.

Our Oblate Rule tells us:

Mary Immaculate is Patroness of our Congregation... we shall always look on her as our Mother... Wherever our ministry takes us, we will try to instill genuine devotion to the Immaculate Virgin who prefigures God's final victory over all evil. (C. 10)

Our Lady of Lourdes, *Pray for us*

Our Lady of Lourdes, Source of Love, *Pray for us*

Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of the Poor, *Pray for us*

Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of the Sick, *Pray for us*

Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of the Church, *Pray for us*

Our Lady of Lourdes, Guide of Travelers, *Pray for us*

Our Lady of Lourdes, Strength of the Weak, *Pray for us*

Our Lady of Lourdes, Comforter of the Suffering, *Pray for us*

Our Lady of Lourdes, Help of the Dying, *Pray for us*

Queen of Heaven, *Pray for us*

Queen of Peace, *Pray for us*

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

*From your home
you are invited to share
in the Oblate Pilgrimage to Lourdes
14 – 19 September 2019*

Blessed are the Poor; For theirs is the Kingdom of God

*Through these short reflections,
we join our prayers with the prayers of our
Pilgrims in Lourdes.*

*As we pray for them, we are assured
that they are also praying for us.*

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Daily Prayers and Reflections

Saturday 14 September: Opening Eucharist

Where two or three gather in my name, I am with them. This evening, our Pilgrims will celebrate their first mass in Lourdes. Although we are not there with them, we can accompany them with our prayers; we can become pilgrims with them as we unite ourselves with them each day. During these Sacred Days of Prayer, let us keep all them and the many volunteers who are with them in our thoughts and prayers.



St. Bernadette of Lourdes, guide and protect me and all our Pilgrims in Lourdes. Hail Mary...

Sunday 15 September: Stations of the Cross

Our Pilgrims in Lourdes today will have the opportunity to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. This is a very sacred experience, especially in Lourdes. It offers us the chance join our suffering with the suffering of Jesus in a very prayerful and powerful way. Today, let us keep all our Pilgrims and our volunteers in prayers as they walk and pray the Stations of the Cross for us here at home.



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Monday 16 September: Mass of St. Eugene

Today in Lourdes as members of the Oblate Family, our Pilgrims will celebrate the mass of St. Eugene DeMazenod, the Founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He dedicated and his life to Jesus, the Church and to serving the poor with their many faces and voices. Today, Oblates all over the world and those who work with us are still proclaiming, living and sharing the Good News to the Poor with their many faces and voices.



Today in your personal prayer, please pray for all Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes, guide and protect me and all our Pilgrims in Lourdes. Hail Mary...

Tuesday 17 September: Eucharist at the Grotto

Today in Lourdes our Pilgrims will have the privilege and honour of celebrating the Eucharist at the Grotto in Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette on February 11th. 1858. Through Mary, God called Bernadette by her name. Like Mary had done herself, Bernadette responded faithfully and wholeheartedly. God did and is still doing great things through St. Bernadette and Lourdes.



Today in your personal prayer, please continue to pray for and remember all our pilgrims in Lourdes and the countless volunteers who there to help and accompany them.

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Wednesday 18 September: Mass of Anointing

Today during mass in Lourdes our Pilgrims will the opportunity to be anointed with the Holy Oil of Healing. In one Gospel, someone who was sick, said to Jesus, *'If you want to you can heal me.'* Jesus replied, *'Of course I want to heal you.'* When we approach Jesus with honestly and humility, Jesus reaches out, touches us and says, *'Of course I want to heal you.'* Let us pray for the gift of healing and remember all those who are in Lourdes.



During the Final Liturgy, our Pilgrim Candle will be lit and brought to the Lourdes Grotto. This will hold all the prayers of our Pilgrims. But it is also being lit for us here at home. As it burns brightly in Lourdes, we can join our prayers with those of our Pilgrims as we remember the words of Jesus; *'I am the Light of the World.'*

St. Bernadette of Lourdes, guide and protect me and all our Pilgrims in Lourdes. Hail Mary...

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us