

We are the Community. We are the Church.

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*Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the First Mass
at Sacred Heart Church at Nelthorpe Street
on September 5, 2015*

November 8-9, 2014



Have you checked the names of individuals who received either one, or two, or all of the three initiation sacraments — baptism, confirmation and first communion — at Sacred Heart Church at Nelthorpe Street since the first Mass on September 5, 1965? The names are posted on the inside bulletin board.

If you know any of them who are no longer a member of our faith community, please invite them to visit during our year-long 50th anniversary celebration. There is a guest book that they can sign when they visit.

Thanks to Marilyn Turner and Claire Holmes for their dedication and work in producing the lists.

We've got talent!

No. This is not about the parable of the five talents [Matthew 25: 14-30], a description of the last judgement, where the word *talent* meant a piece of money in biblical times. But the parable does have a message about hiding one's *talent*.

Coming in January, as a major 50th Anniversary celebration activity, is a Talent Evening where *talent* is an aptitude or a gift for music, dancing, acting or other skills.

It is an opportunity to share one's talent and not hide it.

Music could be alternative, blues, classical, country, hip-hop, inspirational/gospel, jazz, pop, reggae, rock, r&b/soul, et al.

Dance could be ballet [classical or contemporary], ballroom, break dance or b-boying, cultural [classical or folkloric], disco,

gangnam style, hip-hop, jazz, latin, liturgical, pogo, rocknroll, sequence [square and line], street, swing, et al.

The choices are limitless. And everyone is encouraged to consider sharing their special talent.

Parishioner Gilbert Santos [gilbert.santos24@gmail.com] is the event organizer and needs the assistance of the various ethno-cultural groups in our parish to make the event a success.

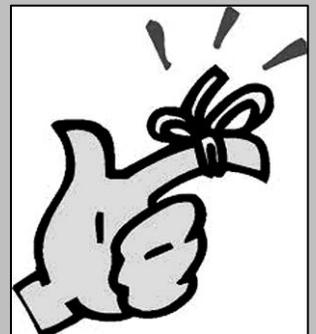
There will be sign-up sheets in the church foyer for those who wish to share their talent.

The Talent Evening will focus on ethno-cultural diversity and will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2015, so:

♪ **Start spreading the news, I'm joining today. I want to be a part of it . . .** ♪

Reminders:

- ✓ *Book space for greetings/gratitude ad in Directory/Photo Book, Deadline extended to November 24.*
- ✓ *Complete the parish "census" form to be included in the directory of our faith community. Deadline is November 24.*
- ✓ *Select photos for 'Fond Memories on the Vine' project [see Bulletin #3]. You can drop them off in the box in the church foyer.*
- ✓ *Join 'Sacred Heart Hymn-Writing Contest' [see Bulletin #5].*



50th Anniversary bulletins can be viewed at: <http://www.sacredheartvictoria.com/anniversary>



Catholicism in the continents

Focus on Asia

The Asian continent is the birthplace of most of the world's religions: Hinduism, 2000 BCE in India; Judaism, 1500 BCE in Israel; Zoroastrianism, 628-527 BCE in Iran; Jainism, 599-527 BCE in India; Taoism, 580-500 BCE in China; Buddhism, 563-483 BCE in India; Confucianism, 551-479 BCE in China; Christianity, 1-33 in Palestine; Shintoism, 100 in Japan; Islam, 570-632 in Saudi Arabia; Sikhism, 1469-1538 in India; and, Bahai, 1817-1892 in Iran.

Asia is the birthplace of **Jesus** [Bethlehem], **Mary** [Probatica or Bethsaida], **Joseph** [Bethlehem], the 12 apostles — five were from Bethsaida: **Peter** and his brothers **Andrew** and **Philip**, and **John** and his brother, **James**, son of Zebedee; three were from Galilee: **Thomas**, **James**, son of Alphaeus, and **Thaddeus** [or Jude]; two were from Cana: **Bartholomew** [same as Nathaniel] and **Simon** the Zealot; one from Capernaum: **Matthew**; and one from Judah: **Judas** Iscariot. Many of the disciples were also born in Asia.



The Catholic Encyclopedia New Advent, online, suggests that Jesus, besides his trip to Egypt, in Africa [Matthew 2:14], stayed mainly in Asia. The chronology of His travels during His public life indicates that they were in present day Israel, Palestine, Lebanon and Jordan.

He either walked or rode a donkey. To provide some perspective, the distance between Jerusalem and Capernaum is 186 kilometres. That was a lot of walking or riding a donkey for His travels during his public life.

The encyclopedia describes his travels as nine journeys:

- 1st:** Nazareth ► Bethany ► Jordan River ► Judea desert ► Cana ► Capernaum;
- 2nd:** Capernaum ► Jerusalem ► Judea ► Ennon ► Galilee ► Cana ► Capernaum ► missionary tour through Galilee ► Jerusalem ► Galilee ► Sea of Galilee ► Mountain of Beatitudes ► Capernaum;
- 3rd:** Capernaum ► missionary tour through Galilee ► Naim ► Magdala ► Capernaum;
- 4th:** Capernaum ► crosses lake ► Gerasens ► Capernaum ► missionary tour of Galilee ► Capernaum;
- 5th:** Capernaum ► crosses northern part of Sea of Galilee ► Capernaum;
- 6th:** Capernaum ► Genesar ► Tyre ► Sidon ► Decapolis ► near Dalmanutha and Magedan ► crossed lake ► Bethsaida Julias ► Caesaria Philippi ► Mt. Tabor ► Capernaum;
- 7th:** Capernaum ► east of Jordan River ► Galilee ► Jericho ► Bethany ► Mt. Olivet ► missionary tour through Judea and Perea ► Jerusalem;
- 8th:** Jerusalem ► missionary tour of Perea ► Bethany ► Ephrem;
- 9th:** Ephrem ► Perea ► Jericho ► Bethany ► Bethpage ► Jerusalem.

Did you know?

When the dialogue mass was introduced around the late 1950s, parishioners were hesitant to voice the responses. One Sunday, our pastor, Fr. Geoffrey Penfold, asked another pastor to celebrate the mass while he walked up and down the aisle encouraging everyone to respond loudly in Latin.

At the church at Palmer Road, a new parishioner was surprised when ushers collect a 10-cent pew "rent" [about \$1.70 in 2014] from every adult in their cupped hands! An old timer explained that it was easier to make change that way.

The homily was solemn and serious. Fr. William Bulloch, our pastor ['73 - '76] had the faith community listening attentively when he declared slowly: "And the Lord said." He then paused for effect, But then the parishioners heard: "Mooooo! Mooooo!" It was one of the cows in the pasture behind the church.

A small boy, attending a benediction for his first time, quietly watched the altar candles being lit. It was the era when there were many candles on the altar. After they were all aglow, he exclaimed loudly and happily: "Happy Birthday!"

Our Pastors



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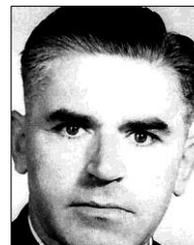
Fr. Jan Planeta

Fr. Planeta was ordained on 29 June 1934, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Tarnow, Poland, by Tarnow's Bishop Franciszek Lisowski [1876-1939] with 16 others.

He served as an assistant priest at Sedziszow from 1934-1938 in a large church with 11,000 parishioners. "I was director of the Catholic Men's, Women's, Boys' and Girls' Societies [four separate organizations], the Children's Eucharistic Crusade, Caritas [a charitable group] and I also taught Catechism in three schools," he said in an interview in 1959.

He was at Porabka, from 1938-1939, when Hitler's armies invaded Poland on September 1, 1939.

"Seven days later, they were already in my parish. And of course, they closed the schools. I gathered the children of my parish at the convent to teach them Catechism and this was the reason for arresting me," he said.



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