

We are the Community. We are the Church.

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

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September 27-28, 2014



Publications chronicle our faith community over decades

Special 50th Anniversary Souvenir Publication

Include yourself in special edition

When our Sacred Heart faith community celebrates its 100th anniversary on 3 May 2036, will the parishioners of the day, while looking through past parish publications, learn from seeing your name and photo that you were a member of the faith community when it celebrated in 2015 the 50th Anniversary of the First Mass at the church at Nelthorpe?

The special 50th anniversary souvenir publication will be a snapshot of this year-long celebration and you could be part of it and remembered as such.

IPC Canada Photo Services Inc. will be at the parish in the to take parishioners' portraits for this special edition:

- Monday, November 3 - Thursday, November 6 from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 10 - Friday, November 14, from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please book your photo session with Marilyn Turner and Claire Holmes from October 11-26. You will need to present your filled-out information form to be booked.

Remember, the early registrants get to select their most convenient time.

Each family photographed will get a free full-color photo album *while the parish will get a \$2-per-sitting donation.*

The special photo book also provides a chance for businesses, professionals, groups, families and individuals to extend their greetings and express their gratitude for Sacred Heart Church on its 50th anniversary milestone.

This can be done by buying space in the photo-book for your camera-ready, full-color messages — **a fund-raising initiative for a soon-to-be-announced anniversary legacy project** [remember, this special edition has a *decades-long* shelf life as it serves as a reference and a vault of memories for parishioners]:

- Full-page [10 inches x 7.75 inches]: \$2,000
- Half-page [5 inches x 7.5 inches]: \$1,000
- Quarter-page [5 inches x 3.87 inches]: \$500
- One-eighth page [2.5 inches x 3.87 inches]: \$250

Book your space for your message in the photo-album before 1 November '14

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

Did you know?

Sacred Heart Church belongs to the first — hence oldest — diocese in Western Canada.

The Vancouver Island diocese, formerly the vicariate apostolic of Oregon Territory, was erected on 24 July 1846 to become the "mother diocese" of B.C. because it embraced the mainland and all islands including Haida Gwaii. Apostolic vicariate was established in the mainland on 14 December 1863, which afterwards became the Vancouver diocese.

In 1867, Alaska was ceded by Russia to the U.S. and it became part of the Vancouver Island diocese until 1894. On 19 June 1903, the Vancouver Island diocese became an archdiocese and on 6 September 1904 became the Archdiocese of Victoria. Four years later, on 1 October 1908, it was lowered to a diocese.

Six bishops gave the Sacred Heart faith community spiritual guidance since it came into being in 1936:

- **Bishop John Hugh MacDonald:** born 3/4/1881 in Maryvale; appointed our bishop

- 11/8/1934; appointed coadjutor archbishop of Edmonton 12/12/1936; died 17/1/1965;
- **Bishop John Christopher Cody:** born 16/12/1899 in Ottawa; appointed our bishop 9/12/1936; appointed coadjutor bishop of London, Ontario, 6/4/1946; died 5/12/1963;
- **Bishop James Michael Hill:** born 12/10/1899 in Chatham, Ontario; our appointed bishop 22/6/1946; died 29/3/1962;
- **Bishop Emeritus Remi Joseph De Roo:** born 24/2/1924 in Swan Lake, Manitoba; appointed our bishop 29/10/1962; retired 18/3/1999;
- **Bishop Raymond Roussin, S.M.:** born 17/6/1939 in Saint Vital, Quebec; appointed our coadjutor bishop 14/9/1998; appointed our bishop 18/3/1999; appointed archbishop of Vancouver, 10/1/2004; resigned 2/1/2009;
- **Bishop Richard Joseph Gagnon:** born 17/6/1948; our appointed bishop 14/5/2004; appointed archbishop of Winnipeg 28/10/2013;

Our new bishop took on the challenges on August 28, 2014:

- **Bishop Gary Michael Gordon:** born 10/6/1947 in Burnaby, B.C.; appointed our bishop 14/6/2014.

Fifteen bishops, including two archbishops, served our diocese since it was established in 1846 and until Bishop MacDonald's appointment in

1934. The others, from the beginning were:

- **Bishop Modeste Demers:** [1809-1871 from St. Nicholas-de-Levis; appointed bishop 28/7/1846;
- **Bishop Charles-Jean Seghers:** [1839-1886] from Ghent, Belgium; appointed bishop 11/3/1873; appointed coadjutor archbishop of Oregon City, Oregon, 23/7/1878;
- **Bishop Jean-Baptiste Brondel:** [1842-1903] from Brugge, Belgium; appointed bishop 26/9/1879; resigned to be vicar apostolic of Montana, 7/4/1883;
- **Archbishop [personal title] Charles-Jean Seghers:** appointed 6/3/1884; died 28/11/1886;
- **Bishop Jean-Nicolas Lemmens:** [1850-1897] from Schimmert, Netherlands; appointed bishop on 29/5/1888; died 10/8/1897
- **Bishop Alexander Christie** [1848-1925] from Highgate, Vermont, U.S.; appointed bishop 26/3/1898; appointed archbishop of Oregon City 4/3/1899;
- **Archbishop Emeritus Bertram Orth:** [1848-1931] from Algert, Germany; appointed bishop 24/3/1900; appointed Vancouver Island archbishop 15/6/1903 and Victoria archbishop in 1904; resigned to be Amasea titular archbishop 8/5/1908;
- **Bishop Alexander MacDonald:** [1858-1941] from Mabon, Cape Breton; appointed bishop 1/10/1908; resigned to be bishop of Hebron 6/6/1923;
- **Bishop Thomas O'Donnell:** [1874-1936] from Kerry, Ireland; appointed bishop 23/12/1923; appointed coadjutor archbishop of Halifax 27/5/1929;
- **Bishop Gerald C. Murray, C.S.S.R.** [Redemptorist]; [1885-1951] from Montreal; appointed bishop 30/1/1930; appointed bishop of Saskatoon 21/12/1933;



Focus on Africa

Before North Africa's conquest by the Islamic Caliphate [AD 647–709] effectively ended Catholicism in Africa for several centuries, there was Saint Anthony of Egypt or Anthony of the Desert, born circa 251 AD in Herakleopolis Magna, Egypt.

Egypt's patron saint launched the Desert Fathers — hermits, ascetics and monks who lived in Egypt's western deserts. He died in 356 at Mount Colzim, Egypt. Other notable Desert Fathers include St. Athanasius [c. 296/298 -373] and St. Macarius of Egypt, also known as Lamp of the Desert [c. 300-391].

Catholicism attempted to make a comeback in Africa in July 1218, the Fifth Crusade [1213-1221], when the Frisian Crusaders took siege of Damietta, a port city on a Nile tributary, 15 kilometres from the Mediterranean Sea, with the objective of taking control of the Nile, and hence, Egypt.

A year later, in September 1219, St. Francis of Assisi, accompanied by another friar, Brother Illuminatus, went to Egypt to attempt to convert its Sultan and end the Crusades' conflict.

They went to Damietta after the crusaders had launched a bloody and futile attack on Damietta after besieging the walled city for over a year. The two friars crossed the Saracen or Muslim lines and were brought before Egypt's Sultan, Malik al-Kamil, to

whom they presented a copy of the Bible and preached. After a number of days, the two friars returned to the crusaders' camp, disappointed that their journey — to oppose the culture of war and enemy — did not result in any success. St. Francis and his companion left the Crusader camp for Acre, from where they embarked for Italy in the latter half of 1220.

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Our Pastors



Fr. Thomas Mangan, C.Ss.R.

Born: 27 September 1899 in Lindsay, Ontario

Ordained: 1927 in New York

Died: 10 June '51 after suffering a stroke

Fr. Thomas Mangan was a Redemptorist — the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer founded in 1732 by St. Alphonsus Liguori in Italy's Amalfi region near Naples.

He attended the Collegiate Institute and after graduating joined the former Redemptorist junior seminary, St. Mary's College, in Brockville, Ontario. He then went to the former Redemptorist seminary, Mount St. Alphonsus, in Esopus, New York.

In 1927, he was ordained by Cardinal Patrick Joseph Hayes, archbishop of New York. After his ordination he returned to Canada to conduct missions and retreats.

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In '41, Fr. Mangan was appointed by Victoria Bishop John C. Cody to be Sacred Heart Church's first, full-time pastor. In '49 he moved to Alberta to become pastor at St. Alphonsus Church in Edmonton.