

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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October 4-5, 2014

*There's something about a fine old hymn
That can stir the heart of a man;
That can reach to the goal of his inmost soul*

*Such as no mere preaching can.
It's more than the tune of the song he sings,
And it's more than the poet's rhyme;*

*It's the Spirit of God working through these
things
That gives them their power sublime.
—Anonymous*

'Sacred Heart' hymn contest unveiled

Musical praises to our Creator go back to the time of Moses: "Then Moses and the Israelites sang praise to the Lord, and this was their song: A psalm for the Lord, so great he is and so glorious; horse and rider hurled into the sea!" [Exodus 15:1]

Even Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn together at the Last Supper: "And so they sang a hymn, and went out to the Mount of Olives." [Mark 14:26]

To this day we sing hymns to address and celebrate God through praise and adoration, and during worship, they help us to focus our attention on the Lord's goodness and glory.

For example, the hymn "How Great Thou Art," a favorite of our faith community, reminds us of God's majesty, revealed in creation, and His sacrifice on the cross.

During our year-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the First Mass at our church Nelthorpe, we are drawn to a focus on the "Sacred Heart."

To this end, a Sacred Heart Hymn Contest, is being launched with our talented musical director, Rafael Oei, in charge. He will head a panel of judges that will select contemporary 'Sacred Heart' hymns, particularly those that resonate with the youth, as anniversary legacies — **legacies for the benefit of our youth.**

The competition is open to all.

To enter the contest, please fill the form that is inserted in the parish bulletin.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, 24 April 2015. Submissions can be sent by mail, hand-delivered or through e-mail: sacredheartvictoriabc@gmail.com. Please see application form for details.

The winning entries should be determined by mid June.

The panel of judges will be looking for:

- warm, welcoming processional hymns;
- meditative hymns for communion; and,
- rousing, joyous recessional hymns

The composition should be catchy, easy to follow and remember, and the pitch range should not be too high nor too low so that it does not exclude anyone from singing.

There are some 'Sacred Heart' hymns that have been sung for decades:

- Heart of Jesus, Hear
- Heart of Jesus, May Thy Reign
- O Sacred Heart, What Shall I Render Thee
- O Take Me to Thy Sacred Heart
- Sacred Heart
- Sacred Heart — All Ye Who Seek a Comfort Sure
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Meek and Mild
- Sacred Heart! O Love Devine
- Sweet Heart of Jesus
- To Jesus Heart All Burning

How many of these hymns do you know? How many of these hymns do the youth know and, if they do, do they resonate with them?

HYMN. To Jesus' Heart All Burning: 109.
Aloys Schläpfer (1852) (Den Herzen Jesu Singe) Rev. Fr. W. J. MAHER, S.J. Traditional.
(Fr. Rev. A. J. GIBB) (Fr. J. J. Cuthbert) (Fr. J. J. Cuthbert) (Fr. J. J. Cuthbert)

1. To Je - sus' Heart all burn - ing With fer - vent love for
2. O Heart, for me on fire With love no tongue can

Have you: [a] filled out the form for your information for the roster of parishioners, and [b] scheduled your portrait-taking for the photo book? If not, please do so after weekend Masses, from October 11-26. See bulletin #2 for information on the photo book.

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

Did you know?

Is it on your 'bucket list' to visit 'Sacred Heart' churches/missions in Canada during our year-long 50th Anniversary celebration to invite their parishioners to join us since we have a common name and devotion?

Good luck! You can choose from more than 1,100 of them in Canada and the United States.

In Canada alone we have 119, including five Sacred Heart Cathedrals in Kamloops, Prince George, Bathurst, Prince Albert and Whitehorse.

Here's where the 'Sacred Heart' churches/Missions are by province:

Alberta [10]: Cadotte Lake, Edmonton [Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples], Edson, Gibbons, Oyen, Red Deer, Saddle Lake, Strathmore, Vilna, and Wetaskiwin.

British Columbia [12]: Delta, Golden, Grand Forks, Kamloops [Cathedral], Kaslo, Kimberley, Merritt, Prince George [Cathedral], Rossland, Vancouver, Victoria, and Williams Lake.

Manitoba [10]: Arbourg [Ukrainian], Birch River, Elphinstone, Erickson [Ukrainian], Gimli, Melita, Roblin, Rossburn, Tolstoi [Ukrainian], and Virden.

New Brunswick [4]: Bathurst [Cathedral], Norton, Haute-Aboujagane, and Rivière-Verte.

Newfoundland [14]: Badger, Bonavista Bay, Bishop's Falls, Conche, Corner Brook, Cull's Harbour, Fox Harbour, Marystown, Open Hall, Placentia Bay, Rencontre East, St. Bernard's, St. Bride's, and St. Patrick's.

Northwest Territories[1]: Fort Simpson.

Nova Scotia [8]: Big Pond, MacKinnon's Harbour, Marion Bridge, Millbrook, Saulnierville, Sydney, Timberlea, and Yarmouth.

Ontario [36]: Alexandria, Arthur, Batawa, Bourget, Cardinal, Chapleau, Chippawa, Corbeil, Delaware, Etobicoke, Godfrey, Harwood, Ingersoll, King City, Kitchener, La Salle, Lanark, Langton, New Liskeard, Ottawa, Paris, Parkhill, Peterborough, Port McNicoll, Sarnia, Sioux Lookout, Sioux Narrows, South Bruce Sturgeon Falls, Timmins, Toronto, Trout Creek, Uxbridge, Warminster, Windsor, and Wingham.

Prince Edward Island [1]: Alberton.

Québec [12]: Chicoutimi, Crabtree, East Broughton, Lemieux, L'Islet, Matagami, McMasterville, Port-Cartier, Québec City, Sacré-Coeur, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, and Salaberry-de-Valleyfield.

Saskatchewan [10]: Davidson, Debden, Eston, Goodsoil, Kindersley, Leader, Macklin, Prince Albert [Cathedral], Spiritwood, and Watson.

Yukon [1]: Whitehorse [Cathedral].



Catholicism in the continents

Focus on Africa

While the Fifth Crusade [1213-1221] failed in its attempt for a Catholic comeback in Africa, reports suggest Catholicism persisted from the Tripolitania region [present-day western Libya] to present-day Morocco for several centuries after the Arab conquest completion by 700.

There are, reportedly, also: records of a Christian community in 1114 in Qal'a in central Algeria and of Christian inhabitants; around 1145 AD, Bishop Cosmas of Mahdia, Tunisia, made a trip to Rome to be confirmed by Pope Eugene III; a bishop in Kairouan city in Tunisia around 1150 AD; Christian tombs near Tripoli and Gebel Nafusa in Libya dating to those years, and a 14th-century letter in church archives indicating that there were still four bishops in North Africa, down from more than 400 before the Arab conquest.

Ethnic Berber Christians, from west of the Nile, continued to live in Tunis and Nefzaoua in the south of Tunisia until the early 15th century.

Meanwhile, the Kingdom of Africa [1146-1153] — Algeria, Tunisia and Libya — became a Norman conquest under Roger II, King of Sicily and for a few decades the local Christian community, until then largely servile and enslaved, were protected and benefited from Roger's rule. But in 1156-1160 AD the Almohads re-conquered the region and the small local Christian communities were attacked and disappeared. Some very small communities survived in southern Tunisia and western Tripolitania for another century.

Our Pastors



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Fr. Thomas Mangan, C.Ss.R.

In 1941, Fr. Mangan was appointed by Victoria Bishop John C. Cody to be Sacred Heart Church's first, full-time pastor after changing it from a mission to a parish. Fr. Mangan lived in the church's small sacristy. His first concern was to build a rectory and, in 1942, Bishop Cody blessed the rectory at 1130 Palmer Road. The church was at a few houses away at 1120 Palmer Road.

That spring, he opened a parish school in the rectory's basement and bought a house at 3905 Quadra Street for a new rectory. The next year, the "Hollywood Sisters" — Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters from Hollywood, California — arrived to teach at the school, but a new school building was needed and in 1946, a site was selected at 880 McKenzie Avenue and the sod was turned by Bishop Cody and Fr. Mangan.

On 19 March 1949, Fr. Mangan had a paralytic stroke. He partly recovered but suffered the loss of his memory. He was a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, Mount St. Mary's, and at St. Mary's Priory where he "received vigilant care from the Sisters of the Love of Jesus," according to a newsletter clipping from the archives of the Redemptorists. Fr. Mangan had a 'final stroke' on 9 June and passed away on 10 June at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Bishop James Hill celebrated the Pontifical Requiem Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral on 12 June and Fr. Mangan was laid to rest at Royal Oak Cemetery.