



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*

Final Edition

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Celebrate!

50th anniversary of First Mass at Sacred Heart Church at Nelthorpe Street on 5 September '65

50 years at a glance:

'65: first Sunday mass on 5 September at Nelthorpe Street [*decision in December '63 to build the new church; sod turned in October '64; construction started in November '64*]; first Polish-language mass celebrated; construction on rectory started on 19 September;

'66: new rectory completed on 4 March; hymn singing, congregational participation and prayers in English at mass started on March 7; Bishop Remi de Roo dedicated new church on 26 June;

'67: 'red bag' collection started in March; parish became involved in Peace and Development; St. Vincent de Paul Society conference established on 17 July; first parish council elected on 5 November;

'68: Catechism program for public-school students started in the fall;

'70: Sacred Heart Parish School closed after 28 years; parishioners entered era of lay involvement in an expanded catechetics program;

'71: first board of trustees formed to administer parish's finances and assets and handle maintenance of buildings and grounds; parish sold school and convent site to the diocese on 3 October;

'72: first Portuguese-language mass celebrated at the church on 2 May;

'73: lay people began distributing communion;

'76: girls cracked glass ceiling to become altar servers; first family mass on Sundays with focus on children participation; children baptized and welcomed by the community

during Sunday mass; pew collection for 'red bag' discontinued;

'77: parish became first depositor in diocese's Mutual Investment Credit [MIC] fund on 10 July; rectory's carport converted into Pope John XXIII meeting hall and chapel in December;

'78: first parish bazaar held 11-12 November to raise funds exclusively for charities [*before, since its beginning in '36, the bazaar raised funds for the church and other uses; bazaar has evolved to now include: Spring Used Clothing and Attic Treasures Sale; ■ Fall Used Clothing and Attic Treasures Sale; ■ Fall Bazaar; and ■ Raffle during the Fall Bazaar*]; parish began preparing in fall '78 to receive "boat people" — Vietnam refugees [*helping refugees began with welcoming Hungarian refugees in '56; parish had a refugee committee from '82-'97 to help refugees*];

'79: Tools for Peace in Nicaragua began in July and program lasted until '90;

'80: social justice committee established;

'84: Portuguese-language mass ended at Sacred Heart Church on 6 October when Our Lady of Fatima Church opened at Elk Lake Road; Fr. Peter Ho celebrated his first mass at Sacred Heart Church on 9 December after being ordained the day before — the first priest to do so after his ordination; first Vietnamese-language mass celebrated and held until '94;

'85: Mary Walsh's annual bursary for high school and post secondary school students began from a \$30,000-donation [*money also used in '85 to buy of copies of Glory and Praise hymn book for use by parishioners*];

'86: Fr. Anthony Kwarta celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination at the church;

'87: parish leased part of its property to the diocese for the Pastoral Centre;

'91: parishioners became involved in Anawim House, a house for the poor, and the parish has been supportive ever since;

'98: parishioners began supporting the Lay Brothers of the Poor;

'00: bereavement ministry started;

'06: first Korean-language mass celebrated on 8 January; first Multicultural Celebration held in June;

'11: funeral reception committee established;

'12: Knights of Columbus Council #15445 established on 3 November;

'15: Parish's Catholic Women's League [Charter #939], established in '40, will observe its 75th anniversary on 24 November.

Did you know?

Parish Sunday bulletins in the '60s gave a detailed breakdown of the collection of the preceding Sunday.

For instance, on 12 September '65 [50 years ago]: *"Two gave 50¢; 15 gave \$1.00, 2 gave \$1.50, 33 gave \$2.00, 1 gave \$2.10; 1 gave \$2.25; 1 gave \$2.30, 2 gave \$2.50; 15 gave \$3.00, 1 gave \$3.50; 5 gave \$4.00; 32 gave \$5.00; 1 gave \$5.26; 2 gave \$6.00, 1 gave \$7.00; 1 gave \$8.00, 1 gave \$9.00, 7 gave \$10.00, 1 gave \$15.00, 2 gave \$20.00, 1 gave \$21.00; 1 gave \$25.00, 1 gave \$28, 2 gave \$50."*

The 131 parishioners gave a total of \$665.41, or an average of \$5.08.

In today's dollars term, this would be an average donation of \$38.27 for one Sunday's collection from 131 parishioners for a total of \$5,012.23!

Hymn to the Sacred Heart

words & music: Helen Krauch

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50th Anniversary 'Sacred Heart' Hymn Contest Winning Entry

'Hymn to the Sacred Heart'
Words and music by Helen Krauch

Lord Jesus with praise we behold
your heart with a wealth untold.

We ask you, your love to impart,
and to keep us safe in your Sacred Heart.

Lord Jesus with praise we behold
your heart with a wealth untold.

We ask you, your love to impart,
and to keep us safe in your Sacred Heart.

Your temple, holy, for ever endures.
As we receive you, make our temple
as pure as yours. Lord . . .

Your might, to shelter, your arms to receive
Your heart to love us, and to offer
a sweet reprieve. Lord . . .

Your gracious body, and blood divine
Draw us towards you, that our wills
may to you incline. Lord . . .

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