

**Our Lady of the Angels Parish Fonds
1887-1902**

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1 cm of textual records.

Administrative History:

Our Lady of the Angels Parish began as a mission of the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lamoureux, served by the Franciscan Fathers from North Edmonton in 1908. The first mass was said by Father Arthur Rappard, OFM on May 17th.

In October 1909 a church was built, Roman style, measuring 40' x 70', on a solid stone-cement foundation; the cross on the spire reached the height of 90'. The first Mass in the church was said on Christmas Eve 1909. This church was solemnly blessed by Bishop Legal, omi, on May 18, 1910. On July 31, 1910 a bell weighing 400 pounds was blessed by Fr. Berchmans, OFM.

In 1950, after being served for 40 years by the Franciscans, Our Lady of the Angels again became a mission parish of Lamoureux, the Archdiocese having taken over the parish from the Order.

Our Lady of the Angels Parish church burned to the ground on Sep. 22, 1967 during a violent windstorm. A short-circuit caused an explosion in the electrical panel in the sacristy. Services were held in homes and in Our Lady of the Angels School while the Christmas Eve midnight mass in 1967 was held in First United Church.

Sod-turning ceremony for the new church was conducted by Archbishop Anthony Jordan, omi, on May 26, 1968. He also led the official dedication and blessing of the new church Sunday, May 11, 1969.

On October 4, 1993 Archbishop J.N. MacNeil blessed the church extension.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of combined Baptism, Marriage and Burial register for Lamoureux, 1887-1902.

Archival/Custodial History:

The records formed part of the holdings of Archives of the Oblates of Missionary Immaculate (OMI) that were housed at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

When the Provincial Archives of Alberta was negotiating the donation/acquisition of all OMI Lacombe Canada records, it became very clear to the Oblates that they did not consider the sacramental registers to be Oblate records. Hence the decision by both OMI Lacombe Canada and the Provincial Archives to facilitate their return to the appropriate dioceses.

The registers of parishes within the present jurisdiction of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton were obtained from OMI Lacombe Canada on June 28, 2017.

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2019/483	1 of 1	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Lamoureux Baptisms, Marriages, Burials	1877-1902