

SECTION 1.3

Brief History of Parishes & Missions

<u>Location</u>	<u>Name of parish or Mission</u>
Assumption	Our Lady of Assumption (1928).- On 2 September 1928 Rev. Joseph Habay celebrated the 1 st mass in St.Etienne Chapel at Habay.
Atikameg	St. Benedict – In July 1936, Rev. Floc’h came to reside at the mission which had been visited from Grouard since 1873.
Beaverlodge	St. Mary’s (1948) On 26 Sept., Bishop Henri Routhier blessed the church.
Berwyn	St. Cecilia (1922) On 11 Oct., Mgr. Grouard canonically erected the parish under the name of St. Jacques le Majeur. The name was later changed to St. Cecilia.
Bezanson	(Formerly called Kleskun Hill) Our Lady of Perpetual Help (1948). On 18 July, Mgr. Routhier blessed the church.
Bonanza	1960’s Many Creek School served as the church, in the 1980’s Bonanza Gospel Chapel was used.
Cadotte Lake	Sacred Heart (1968) From August to November 1966, the mission moved from Marten River.
Calling Lake	St. Léon Le Grand (1951) On 4 March, Bishop Routhier blessed the Church.
Carcajou	(1911) Construction of a church – St. Michel.
Chipewyan Lake	
Clairmont	Marie Immaculate Church was blessed on 8 Nov. 1917 by Mgr. Emile Grouard.
Codessa (Rahab)	22 January 1933, the opening of the church.
Crooked Creek	Holy Rosary Mission. On 15 Sept. 1946, Bishop Routhier blessed the church under the name of Holy Rosary and St. Francois de Sales.
Desmarais	On 31 January 1896, Mgr. Grouard chose the site for the mission and gave it the name of St. Martin. Rev. Dupé was 1 st resident priest. 1897 – Foundation of the mission.
Donnelly	Eglise Sacré Coeur (1922) 22 Nov. marks the establishment of the parish by Mgr. Grouard.
Driftpile	Ste. Rose de Lima (1929) A house-chapel was constructed under the name of Ste. Theresa of the Child Jesus.
Dunvegan	St. Charles – On 26 Oct. 1867, Rev. Christopher Tissier arrived to reside.
Eaglesham	St. François Xavier, (1930) On 3 December, the 1 st Mass was celebrated by L’Abbé St. Pierre.
East Prairie	Good Shepherd Mission. The church of Enilda was transported by Eric Stubson.

Eleske	Ste. Bernadette – On 25 Dec. 1935 the church is but a 20' by 17' house.
Enilda	Permission was given to build a church on 31 Dec. 1920. On 1 Dec. 1921, Mgr. Grouard chooses St. André to be the patron saint of the mission.
Fairview	St. Thomas More (1929) On 28 March, Fairview becomes a village and Rev. Schwebius constructs the first church.
Falher	Ste. Anne (1917) Establishment of the parish by Mgr. Grouard on 15 June. <u>Incorporation June 4th, 1917.</u>
Faust	St. Anthony (1940) Rev. Habay had the first church constructed with a residence. On 5 Sept. 1943, Mgr. Joseph Guy, o.m.i. solemnly blessed the church.
Fort Vermilion	St. Henry's (1876) Rev. Husson starts to live there. On 29 Dec. 1866, the site of the church was chosen by Mgr. Faraud and Rev. Tisser.
Fox Creek	On 24 April 1949, Rev. Michalowski blesses the unfinished church. On 5 Sept. 1954 the church is solemnly blessed by Mgr. Henri Routhier, o.m.i., under the title of Our Lady of Czestochowa.
Fox Lake	Little Flower Mission (1957) 4 Sept. marks the arrival of the first Soeurs de Ste. Chrétienne. The church was blessed on 20 June, no year indicated.
Friedenstal	St. Boniface Church – On 12 March, Rev. Anton Biehler comes to reside. <u>Incorporated on 22 August 1917</u> by Mgr. Emile Grouard.
Garden River	St. Jean Baptiste – Mgr. Routhier blessed the church on 15 July 1964.
Gift Lake	St. John Bosco – On 14 Sept. 1958, Rev. Baratto, o.m.i., celebrated the first Mass in the new church.
Girouxville	Notre Dame de Lourdes. <u>Incorporated 1 Dec. 1928.</u> The parish is established by Mgr. Grouard.
Goodfare	St. Edouard. On 2 Sept. 1948, Bishop Routhier blessed the church.
Grande Prairie	St. Joseph (1920). <u>Incorporated on 26 April 1920.</u> Established as a parish by Mgr. Grouard.
Grimshaw	Holy Family (1925) Construction of the first church 1952 – Bell from St. Augustine Mission.
Guy	St. Guy (1931) On 26 June, the name St. Guy was chosen and L'abbé Jean-François Mallet was named the first pastor.
Hawk Hills	St. Peter Canisius
Hay River	1879 – Notre Dame des Victoires. Mgr. Faraud resides here with Fathers Grouard and Collignon.
High Level	Our Lady of Good Counsel (1963) Mgr. Routhier blessed the church on 9 June.
High Prairie	St. Paul (1915) named by Mgr. Grouard. <u>Incorporated 13 Nov. 1915.</u>

Hines Creek	Immaculate Heart of Mary (1953) Construction of the church. On 19 June 1955 the church is blessed and dedicated by Mgr. Henri Routhier, o.m.i.
Horse Lake Indian Reserve	
Hythe	St. Edmund (1929) Construction of the church by Rev. Serrand.
Jean Côté	Sacré Cœur. <u>Incorporated on Sept. 17th, 1936</u> by Mgr. Joseph Guy, o.m.i.
John D'Or Prairie	St. Joseph (1965). Rev. Robert Lesmerises is priest at the mission on 21 Oct. 1965.
Joussard	St. Bruno Mission. Mention of construction in 1912. Sisters were installed in 1913 by Mgr. Joussard. In 1930, Mgr. Grouard came to take possession of his post.
Joussard	Ste. Anne (1930) On 21 December, Mgr. Guy, assisted by Rev. Ubald Langlois, o.m.i., blessed the church (quasi-paroisse) on 1 August 1934. The definite foundation of St. Anne's Parish is by Mgr. Joseph Guy, o.m.i.
Kathleen	Ste. Marguerite de Cortonne. Built by Rev. Jules Bedault, o.m.i., and blessed by Mgr. Joseph Guy, o.m.i., on 9 November 1930.
Keg River	St. Jude-Thaddée (1934). In October, the church was built.
Kinuso	St. Félix de Valois, (1917) On 28 Oct., blessing of the church by Rev. Falher, dedicated to St. Félix de Valois by Mgr. Grouard. (Kinuso formerly called Swan River; the name Kinuso comes from a distortion of the chief's name, Kinosiw). The mission was named by Mgr. Emile Grouard on 28 January 1916, who also chose the site. The church was solemnly blessed by Rev. Constant Falher on 28 October 1917 under the authorization of Mgr. Grouard.
Little Buffalo	Holy Family
Little Red River	Sacré Coeur (1887) In 1874-1875, Rev. Dominique Collignon stays to build the church.
Manning	St. James the Major (1950). In February, L'abbé Claude de Champlain has a presbytery purchased by la Corporation. Solemnly blessed by Bishop Henri Routhier, on 16 June 1963.
Marie Reine	Paroisse Marie Reine des Coeurs(1951). On 1 July 1951. the parish was opened. On 1 June 1955, the erection of the (quasi-parish) by Mgr. Henri Routhier, o.m.i.
Meander River	Virgin of the Poor (1903). Rev. Joussard begins to construct a house-chapel called St. Edouard. In 1883 Rev. Laity begins to visit the Slave and Beaver communities.
McLennan	St. John the Baptist Cathedral (1928) In June, Mgr. Grouard established the parish and named Rev. Cozanet as the first priest.
Nampa	St. Charles (1937). On 5 December, the church was blessed by Rev. Eugène Beaucage. On 12 Nov. 1939, the official blessing by Mgr. Ubald

Langlois, o.m.i. On 1 June 1955, Nampa was canonically erected as a quasi-parish by Mgr. Henri Routhier, o.m.i.

North Star

On the date of 9 January 1929, the first baptism is inscribed in the register by Rev. Borsutski.

North Tallcree

Blessed Kateri

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(1931). Construction of the church.

Paddle Prairie

Christ the King (1929). 1 January, Rev. Jean Louis Marie Quémeneur, o.m.i. celebrates his first Mass in a family home.

Peace River

Immaculate Heart of Mary (1914-construction of a house-chapel). Rev. Camille Deman is the first resident priest. Incorporated Sept. 4th, 1916 (St. Augustine Mission – 25 July 1888: the Mission is opened by Rev. Husson. On 16 June 1965, the parish's name changed to Our Lady of Peace.

Peavine (Leicester)

St. Agnes

Peerless Lake

Rainbow Lake

St. Peter & Paul (1970).

Red Earth Creek

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Rio Grande

St. Patrick (1929). Blessing in June 1918 by Bishop Grouard, accompanied by Father Wagner, of a little church constructed in 1917-1918. Rev. Serrand built the second church.

Rocky Lane

In March, 1970, the first Mass was celebrated in the chapel.

Rycroft

St. Peter & Paul (1936). Rev. Adolphe Vallières from Spirit River began to serve the region. Mission opened in 1942.

St. Isidore

St. Isidore (1953) In September, Rev. Oscar Pinard, priest of Marie-Reine takes charge of the new parish.

Sandy Lake

St. Eugène

Sexsmith

Immaculate Conception (1920). The first Mass celebrated by Rev. Paul Serrand in the church that had been moved from Clairmont. The church was blessed on 6 June 1954 by Mgr. Henri Routhier, o.m.i.

Silver Valley

Slave Lake

St. Peter Celestin (1890). Rev. Dominique Collignon opens a mission and sends Rev. Falher for the Christmas Season. Incorporated May 10th, 1917 by Mgr. Emile Grouard, o.m.i.

Smith

St. James the Major (1922). On 22 May 1922, the church was blessed by Rev. Edouard Pétour, o.m.i. The new church was blessed on 24 July 1955 by Mgr. Henri Routhier, o.m.i.

South Tallcree

St. Michael's

Spirit River

St. Joseph (1902). Construction of the first house-chapel. On 24 August 1927, the church was blessed by Mgr. Emile Gouard, o.m.i.

Sturgeon Lake (Calais)

St. Francis Xavier (1896). Mgr. Isidore Clut names the mission. In 1903, Rev. Girard becomes the first resident priest.

Sucker Creek	Notre Dame de Fatima, (1905). Construction of the 1 st house-chapel. 21 Nov. 1961 – blessing of the new church by Mgr. Henri Routhier, o.m.i.
Sunset House	On 7 March 1954, L'abbé Paul Gagnon begins to serve the region while at the same time being chaplain of the High Prairie hospital.
Tangent	Saints Martyrs Canadiens (1929). On 18 April, the first Mass is celebrated by L'abbé Hamelin at Mr. Purcha's. Limits of the parish are established on 18 Feb. 1953 by Mgr. Henri Routhier, o.m.i.
Trout Lake	Kateri Mission (1940). At Easter was the inauguration of the first house-chapel by Rev. Alfred Bruckert.
Valleyview	St. Rita (1939). The first church was build under Rev. Joseph Paquin. On 26 Feb. 1956, Mgr. Henri Routhier, blessed the new church.
Wabasca	St. Charles (1935) On March 13 th , the mission of Wabasca North took the name of Saint Charles.
Wanham	St. Patrick (1936). On 13 Sept. the church was blessed by Mgr. Joseph Guy, o.m.i.
Webster	1928. Construction of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church by Rev. Serrand. August 14 th , 1938, Rev. Joachim Michalowski becomes the first resident priest.
Whitelaw	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus . On 3 Sept. 1934, Rev. Schwebius was named responsible for the mission by Mgr. Joseph Guy, o.m.i. On 6 August 1945, the church was blessed.
Whitemud Creek	St. Marcel
Worsley	St. Michael's (1966-1999) On 25 December 1966, Mass was celebrated in the church that had moved from North Star

Note highlighted parishes and missions are the ones that are closed