

Firmly Rooted

Celebrating 125 Years of God's Faithfulness

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish
Tacoma, Washington
2017

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The Founding of the Parish

Tacoma was a town of 36,000 people when Holy Rosary Parish was founded. At this time, the only parish in the city was Saint Leo the Great, with Rev. P. F. Hylebos as pastor. The devout German Catholics of Tacoma wished to hear an occasional sermon in their mother tongue. They decided to establish a second parish in Tacoma with the understanding that the German language would be used at least part of the time.

Autumn 1890 A group of German-speaking Catholics band together to discuss the formation of the new parish. When Mr. Stephen Tschida speaks to this group, it is the beginning of the establishment of the Order of Saint Benedict in Washington State. He had come to Tacoma from Minnesota, and he speaks about the work being done by the Benedictines at Saint John's Abbey in his native State. He concludes by making the suggestion that the group ask the Bishop of Nesqually to invite one of these Benedictine Priests to be their Pastor.



Mr. Stephen Tschida

Jan. 25, 1891 The *Founders' Committee* meets officially for the first time in the home of Frank Ziegan, 2311 C Street. Thirty nine members are present. They elect Mr. Frank Hopfensitz President, Mr. H.

Berens Treasurer, and Mr. Joseph Klee Secretary.

Feb. 1, 1891 The Committee reports that six lots have been purchased at South 30th Street and Tacoma Avenue for \$7,000.00. A down payment of \$1,225.00 was made, which had been gathered from the future parishioners, with the rest was to be paid in three years. A special subcommittee is appointed to obtain funds and to draw up plans for the new church. A few days later the work begins on the building, most of it volunteer labor, for the total cost of the church was to be no more than \$1,500.

March, 1891 Bishop Aegidius Junger of Nesqually requests more information on the proposed parish and asks for a list of future parishioners. The following is a list of the names submitted to the Bishop:

Joseph Auer	Joseph Klee
Mathew Bainer	John Lauer
Joseph Bailer	Mathew Lauer
Joseph Becker	Casper Loska
Anton Berens	George Mailer
Henry Berens	Jacob Miller
Leo Berens	J. F. Miller
George Bichsell	Frank Neumann
Michael Blau	John R. Niemerfich
Stanley Branach	Joseph Rademacher
Mathew Datzmann	Philip Schall
William Erpelding	Anton Schaupp
George Fechter	F.A. Schaupp
George Feldkamp	P. Schiller
Alex Franz	John Schulte
Herman Franz	Laurence Staubschle
M. Friehage	Joseph Steinback
John Gruedl	Stephen Tschida
William Heine	George Waldheim
William Hermann	D. Warter
Henry Hermsen	Joseph Warter
Charles Hockhaus	M. Warter
Max Hopfenzitz	John Weber
Ferdinand John	Joseph Ziegan
Peter Joß	Frank Ziegan

These men and their families, as well as the first Benedictine monks and sisters, are the Pioneers of Holy Rosary Parish.



The Original Holy Rosary School and Church

Mar. 9, 1891 The Saint Anne Altar Society is formed and provides all the vestments used at the Parish.

Mar. 29, 1891 The furnishings for the new Church are selected by the parishioners.

April 12, 1891 The color for the interior of the Church is discussed and a shade of azure blue is selected. This particular shade later comes to be known as "Holy Rosary Blue".

June, 1891 Bishop Junger had notified the Abbot of Saint John's Abbey, Minnesota of the formation of the new Parish and offered it to him. Abbot Bernard Locnikar O.S.B. personally comes out to visit. He was so impressed with the area, that he envisions a future Abbey and College in the State of Washington.

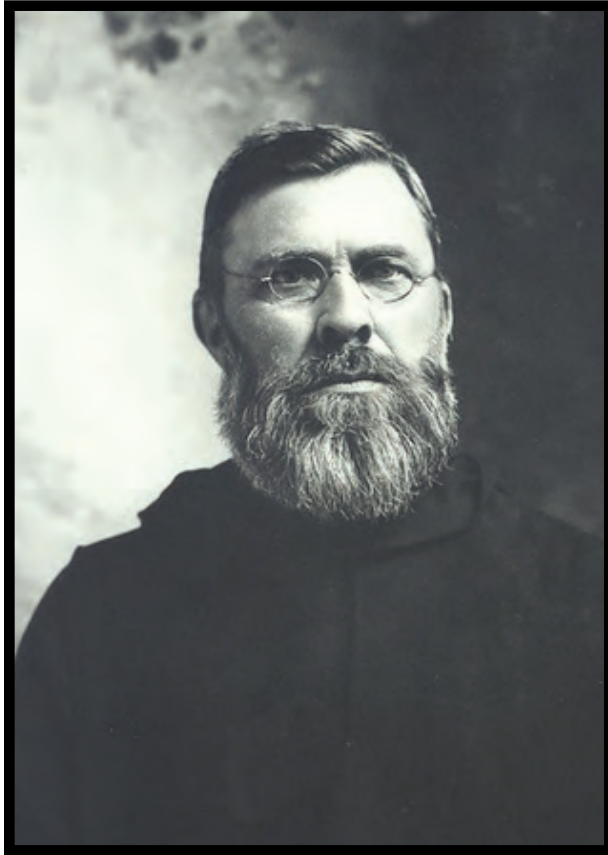
Holy Rosary Parish is credited with the origin of the Saint Martin's Abbey and University, as well as Saint Placid Priory, and is therefore known as "the

Mother Church" of the Benedictines there.

Abbot Locnikar inspects the new Church and delivers an enthusiastic sermon, complimenting the people on their Catholic spirit. The Abbot advises the parishioners that their Pastor, a German-speaking Benedictine, would be with them within thirty days.

Previous to the Abbot's visit, the parishioners were undecided about whether to call the new church Saint Joseph's or Saint Mary's. The Abbot, being devoted to the Blessed Virgin and having been so impressed with the abundance and variety of roses blooming in Tacoma at the time, names the church OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

**Rev. William Eversmann, O.S.B.
(1891–1899)**



July 16, 1891 Rev. William Eversmann, O.S.B. arrives in Tacoma, and for eighteen months he takes up temporary residence quarters in the sacristy of the new Church that is still being completed. Father eats his meals at the Rhein Hotel, whose proprietor is Mrs. Siegle, a member of the new Parish. The hotel was located on 21st Street about ten blocks from the new Church.

July 19, 1891 Father Eversmann celebrates Mass for the first time in the new church. He sings a High Mass and preaches to the people in German. He learns that the Parish now has a debt of \$6,250.00.

Aug. 8, 1891 The Church is formally dedicated as *Our Lady of the Holy Rosary* by the Most Rev. Ægidius Junger, Bishop of Nesqually. Later a reception is held at the home of Mr. Joseph Klee, one of the founders and the principal contributor for the new Church. Also on this date the first baptism is held at Holy Rosary Parish, that of Pauline Thecla

Weidman, who was born on June 6, 1891 to Gotlieb and Christina Spitzmesser Weidman. Also baptized on the same day is Bertha Alma Erpelding.

Aug. 17, 1891 Father Eversmann visits Bishop Junger to give a report on his new Parish. He is also seeking a solution to the problem of building a school for the many children in the Parish.

The Bishop shows a favorable reaction to his request for a school, and Father Eversmann returns to Tacoma to find a teacher for the intended school.

Mr. John Stellbrink, a musician and also the Organist and Director of the Holy Rosary Choir, agrees to teach.

Aug. 25, 1891 Father Eversmann is briefly hospitalized, becoming one of the first patients of treated at the newly opened Saint Joseph Hospital.

Sept. 21, 1891 School starts with about a dozen pupils in the choir loft of the Church. Before long there are 35 students enrolled in the School. Holy Rosary School is the first parochial school in the city of Tacoma. The school is a success, and it isn't long before plans are drawn up to build a schoolhouse. The plans for the school are for a three-story building measuring 50 x 40 feet to be built at the side of the new Church. It will contain six classrooms. Meanwhile, School continues in the choir loft and the Parish continues to grow.

Oct. 4, 1891 The first funeral is held at Holy Rosary Parish: Leo Fuchs died on October 2, 1891 at the age of 25 years.

Oct. 29, 1891 The first Marriage is celebrated at Holy Rosary: Mr. Francis Xavier Schaupp marries Miss Magdallena Leisinger.

Nov., 1891 The first Parish Fair is held. Through the years it is recorded under various names; Bazaar, Carnival, Auction, etc. This fête was the largest effort to finance the Parish and continued for at least a century.

Dec. 27, 1891 The foundation is laid for the new schoolhouse. The building costs the Parish \$2,000.00. Construction takes until September to complete, and the School is ready for occupancy when the next school year begins.



The First Wedding at Holy Rosary: Mr. Francis Xavier Schaupp and Miss Magdallena Leisinger, October 29, 1891

Feb. 7, 1892 Charles Borromeo Hack is baptized at Holy Rosary. In 1935 he becomes Fifth Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish.

Feb. 13, 1892 The Altar Society collects enough money to purchase the first monstrance for the Parish. During the Easter rites, Father announces that the Easter collection would go towards the purchase of a Parish house. This is accomplished later in the year when additional property is purchased for the School. Father, meanwhile, is now living in a house rented from Mr. H. Hopfensitz on South D and 23rd Streets. This house serves as the Parish House until the end of the year when additional Parish property is purchased.

Mar. 2, 1892 Saint Joseph's Verein is organized.

May 10, 1892 Another new Catholic Parish, Saints Peter and Paul, is established. Father Eversmann serves this Parish as a mission of Holy Rosary.

June 5, 1892 The First Communion Celebration Records indicate the following people are the first

First Communicants of Holy Rosary: Francis Cronin, James Desenville, John Yost, Anthony Herman, George Handly, Christine Awjada, Frances Taporge, Anna Wiedman, Anna Mischo, Mary O'Neil, Anna Leuer, and Joseph Franzen.

June 19, 1892 The First Confirmands at Holy Rosary consist of 11 boys, 11 girls, and one adult, Mrs. Joanna Brasille. Bishop Junger celebrates the Confirmations.

July 10, 1892 There is a sizable increase in the Parish members, and meetings are called to discuss collecting monies from these new members for the maintenance of the Church and School. A "Pew Rent System" is initiated. However, only twenty members sign up. The number increases in later years.

Aug. 14, 1892 Rev. Wolfgang Steinkogler O.S.B., is appointed as Assistant Pastor at Holy Rosary. The boundaries of the Parish include everything southward up to Mount Rainier. Several other missions



A Nineteenth Century First Communion Class



*The First Three Benedictine Sisters at Holy Rosary (left to right):
Sister Alphonsa O'Donnell, Sister Perpetua Pick, and Sister Rosina Loecken*

besides Saints Peter and Paul Parish were attached to the Church, including The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in South Tacoma, which later becomes Visitation Parish founded by Father Steinkogler, and missions in Spanaway, Shelton, and Steilacoom. Father Steinkogler serves these Missions of Holy Rosary once a month.

In addition to these duties, Father was instructed by Abbot Locnikar to investigate the local lands with the idea of locating a spot in Washington State on which to build a Benedictine Abbey.

Father Steinkogler sets up residence in the house being used as a rectory at South "D" and 23rd Streets.

Sept. 5, 1892 Three Benedictine Sisters arrive from Saint Benedict's Academy in Saint Joseph, Minnesota, to staff the expanding School: Sister Alphonsa O'Donnell, Superior and Teacher; Sister Perpetua Pick, Teacher; and Sister Rosina Loecken, Cook. Their first home is an old two-room house located nearby.

Sept. 7, 1892 The new School building opens using crude home-made benches. The walls are covered with pictures from old almanacs and pasted-on crepe paper. There are eighty pupils enrolled for the new school year. The students are instructed by the Sisters and Mr. Stellbrink.

End of 1892 Saint John's Abbey in Minnesota purchases some additional property on 30th Street. This property includes a house which would serve as the Parish Rectory until 1907, when a new rectory is built on the site.

Because of the rainy weather, it becomes impossible for the Sisters to live in their two-roomed house. They move into the new school building and occupy the first floor as their residence. The second floor is used for teaching and the third floor is the headquarters for the various societies of the Parish.

The Parish Housekeeper is Louise Pfeferle, who held this position for the next twenty five years.



*The First Holy Rosary Choir.
The gentleman with the baton is Mr. John Stellbrink.*



Interior of the Original Wooden Church

The Parish grows rapidly, and by the close of the year it has many new members and more students for the School. The financial obligations of the Parish become a burden and Father Steinkoglar has the enormous task of relaying this information to his congregation.

Jan. 16, 1893 Father Eversmann advises the Parish that it is necessary to secure a loan to pay the Parish debts. He stresses to everyone to look to the need of increasing their financial commitment. The Sisters in the School work tirelessly. They receive no remuneration for their work. Education is free to all who enroll.

Feb. 5, 1893 The Saint Joseph's Verein has been collecting funds for a church bell. The bell, manufactured in Saint Louis, Missouri by the H.Y. Stucksted Company, is ceremonially installed in the Church. The bell is inscribed with the Latin words *Regina Sacratissimi Rosarii Ora Pro Nobis* (Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us).

The bell was moved into the new Church when it was dedicated in 1921.

March, 1893 Sister Carmella Finske, O.S.B. arrives at the School to teach music. The School now has 104 students enrolled.

Sept. 22, 1893 Father Steinkogler finally locates a site for the building of the Benedictine College in Lacey. He spent much time on this project, as did Father Eversmann. Father Eversmann is instructed to conduct a sale agreement on behalf of Saint John's Abbey in Minnesota.

Father Eversmann is put in charge of the building operations at the site in Lacey, making it necessary for Father Steinkogler to take up residence there to supervise the project. Father Eversmann commutes back and forth overseeing the project. His pastoral duties at Holy Rosary continued to grow. Father Steinkogler services the Missions from his residence in Lacey.

1894 The Parish and School continue to grow. There are 140 students enrolled at the School.

Jan. 4, 1894 Mr. Henry Crosby and Miss Catherine Harrigan are married at Holy Rosary. They are the future parents of "Bing" Crosby.

March, 1895 Sister Seraphine Koener, O.S.B. arrives to teach at the School.

April 12, 1895 With the direction of the building plans and the pastoral duties at Holy Rosary, Father Eversmann needs assistance. Rev. Demetrius Juene-mann, O.S.B. is appointed temporary Pastor at Holy Rosary until Father Eversmann can resume his duties on a full time basis. Over the next few months he conducts business on behalf of Father Eversmann.



Sister Carmella Finske, O.S.B. (1893-1908)

Sept. 8, 1895 The college building in Lacey is underway and in order, which enables Father Eversmann to return to Holy Rosary as Pastor. Father Juene-mann returns to the monastery in Lacey.

July, 1896 The Parish, now six years old, continues to grow. An epidemic of scarlet fever causes great concern at the School.

Dec. 20, 1896 A grand celebration takes place at

Holy Rosary when Bishop Edward J. O'Dea Con-firms sixty one members of the Catholic Faith.

1897 Continued growth for the Parish and School as the City of Tacoma continues to prosper during the discovery of gold in Alaska.

1899 Sisters Theodosia Griebler, Clarissa Kurth, and Augustine Terhaar arrive from Minne-sota to teach at Holy Rosary School.

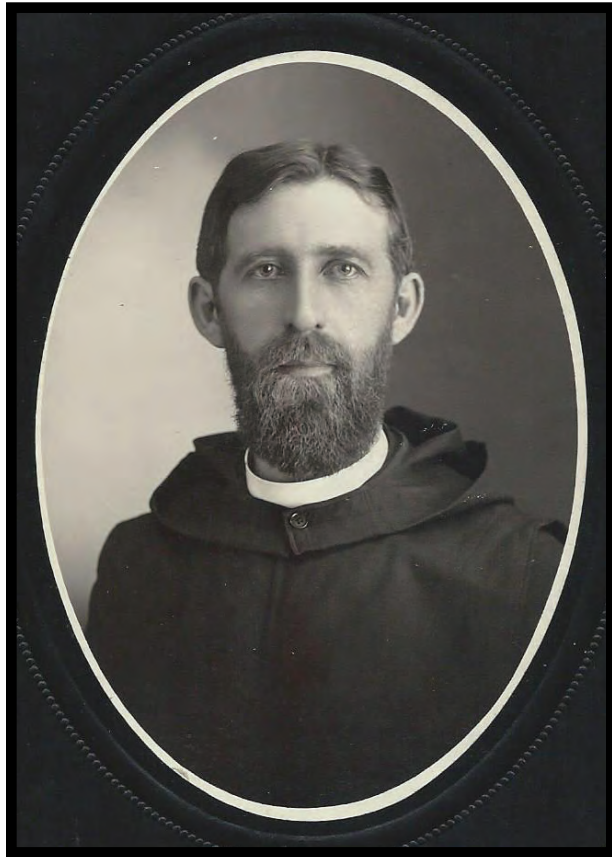
Jan. 27, 1899 Father Eversmann writes to the new Abbot, Rt. Rev. Peter Engell O.S.B., telling him that the people of the Parish are asking for a hall to be built. Father Eversmann requests that the hall be built on the "monastery property" adjacent to the School. Father also reports to the Abbot that the School building can no longer be used as a Parish Hall. The Parish must have a hall for the various societies to raise money for the Parish. Permission is granted to erect a Parish Hall on the property.

A new Parish Hall is built on the site where the current School stands for the princely sum of \$551.00. The Saint Joseph's Verein donates \$250.00, and the balance is raised by the people of the Parish. This building is used as the Parish Social Center for the next ten years.

Oct. 8, 1899 On this date a special meeting is called by Father Eversmann. He announces that the Parish has serious financial problems and stresses that all parishioners should be involved in paying the Parish bills. The Parish responds enthusiastically, and the first fund raiser is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, when a luncheon is served.

Dec. 10, 1899 The Parish learns that Father Evers-mann will be leaving Holy Rosary Parish due to ill health. All are saddened at this news, but con-tentment grows when the Parish learns that Father Demetrius Juene-mann would be returning as Pastor. Father Eversmann returns to Minnesota.

**Rev. Demetrius Juenemann,
O.S.B. (1899–1904)**



Dec. 25, 1899 Rev. Demetrius Juenemann O.S.B. takes over as Second Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish during the Christmas liturgies. A combination farewell / welcome luncheon is well-attended and includes all of the students from the School, which now has an enrollment of 174.

July 4, 1900 A streetcar filled with patrons falls into the gully at 26th and C Streets not far from the Church. Several Parish members help in the rescue attempts. This accident prompts an investigation regarding the safety of the streetcars on steep hills, and many parishioners are affected by the decision to discontinue the run.

1900 Assistant Pastor Rev. Wolfgang Steinkogler returns to Saint Martin's as Director of the School. The Missions of Holy Rosary are now to be served directly from the Priory.

Both the Blessed Virgin Altar Society and the Saint Aloysius Mens' Society at Holy Rosary Parish are organized during this year.

June 24, 1901 Rev. Mark Wiechmann O.S.B. and Rev. Mathew Britt O.S.B. are ordained to the holy Priesthood at Holy Rosary. Father Wiechmann later becomes Pastor at Holy Rosary in 1914 and directs the construction of the current Church building.

July 1, 1901 Father Mathew Britt returns to Holy Rosary to say his first High Mass.

At the School, the student population totals 250, and more teachers are desperately needed. Members of the Parish are delighted to learn that more Sisters from Minnesota are on their way to teach.

Electric lights were installed in the School building.

1902 There are now twelve Sisters at the School, which has more than 250 students. More teaching rooms are necessary, and many meetings are held to discuss the problem. It is decided that a convent must be built.



Sister Theodosia Griebler, O.S.B. (1899-1902)



On October 19, 1941, Holy Rosary celebrates its Golden Jubilee. The altar boys lead an outdoor procession to the church. The cross bearer is Daniel Jacques, and at his right and left are acolytes Robert Beaudean and George Bader. Following are James McGiffin and Joseph Zajac, Thomas Brady and Patrick Shugrue, Gerald Hendrickson and John Harbottle, Keith McGoffin and Neil Snarski, Roy Serrin and John Quinn, Rev. Demetrius Juenemann and Rev. Luke O'Donnell, the Very Rev. Msgr. D.A. Hanly and Rt. Rev. Abbot Lambert Burton.

The altar boys and priests are followed by the party surrounding Most Rev. Gerald Shaughnessy, Bishop of Seattle.



Golden Jubilee Solemn High Mass

11:00 A. M.

Most Rev. Gerald Shaughnessy, S. M., S. T. D. Presiding
 Rev. Mark Wiechmann, O. S. B. Celebrant
 Rev. Anthony Hack, O. S. B. Deacon
 Rev. Anselm Lenslinger, O. S. B. Sub-deacon
 Rev. Jerome Toner, O. S. B. Master of Ceremonies
 Rev. Christopher Sloane Master of Ceremonies
 Rev. James Piotrkowski, O. S. B. 1st Chaplain
 Rev. Sigismund Toenig, O. S. B. 2nd Chaplain
 Rt. Rev. Abbot Lambert Burton, O. S. B. Sermon

Holy Rosary Church History

Holy Rosary Parish was established in 1891 with the late Rev. Wm. Evermann, O. S. B., as pastor. In 1900 the Rev. Demetrius Jueneman, O. S. B., was named pastor and from 1905 to 1914, the parish had as pastor the late Rev. Oswald Baran, O. S. B., who later became Abbot of St. Martins. The Rev. Mark Wiechmann, O. S. B., was the beloved pastor from August 15, 1914, to July 28, 1935, when the Rev. Anthony Hack, O. S. B., came from Visitation, South Tacoma, to direct the activities of Holy Rosary Parish.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE



PROGRAM



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH
TACOMA, WASHINGTON



SUNDAY
OCTOBER NINETEENTH

Golden Jubilee Banquet

Menu

Tomato Cocktail		
Roast Turkey	Dressing	
Cranberry Sauce		
Irish Potatoes	Giblet Gravy	
Candied Sweet Potatoes		
Asparagus Style String Beans		
Jellied Sunset Salad		
Celery	Dill Pickles	
Bread and Butter		
Cake	Ice Cream	Coffee

Music by
ST. MARTINS ORCHESTRA
Directed by
Rev. Sebastian Ruth, O. S. B.

Golden Jubilee Banquet

Toastmaster Emil Bader

Guests of Honor

The Most Reverend Gerald Shaughnessy,
S. M., S. T. D., Bishop of Seattle

The Right Reverend Lambert Burton, O. S. B.,
Abbot of St. Martins

The Honorable Harry P. Cain,
Mayor of the City of Tacoma

The Honorable W. A. Richmond

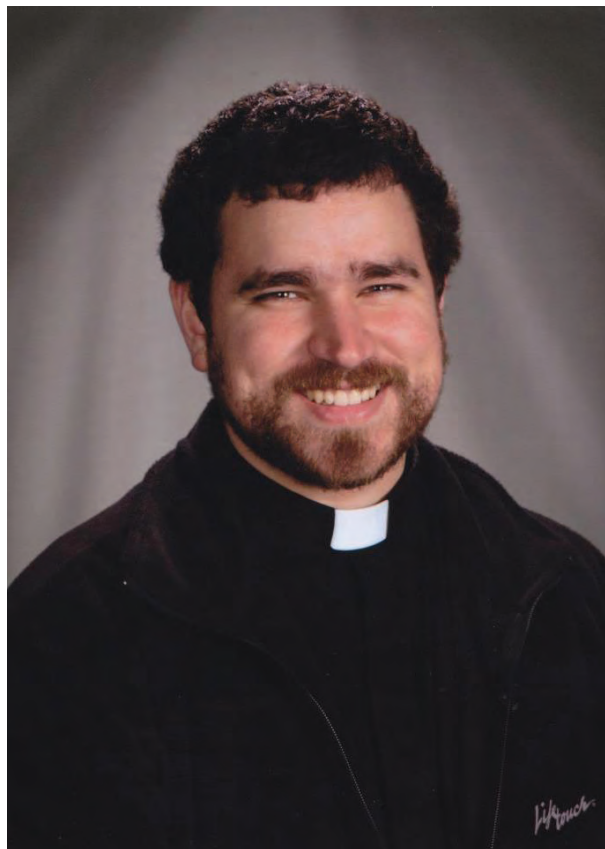
Right Rev. Msgr. D. A. Hanly, P. A.

Right Rev. Msgr. W. J. Noonan

Rev. Father Demetrius Jueneman, O. S. B.

Rev. Father Mark Wiechmann, O. S. B.

Rev. Jacob Maurer (2011–2015)



July, 2011 Holy Rosary and Saint Joseph Parishes are detached from the Regional Parish Cluster, and Rev. Jacob Maurer is appointed Priest Administrator of Holy Rosary and Saint Joseph.

Sr. Hanh Kim Nguyen, L.H.C. becomes full time sacristan at Holy Rosary.

April 15, 2013 Rev. John Koehler, former Parochial Vicar at Holy Rosary, passes to God.

June 2, 2013 Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle, celebrates the Noon Corpus Christi Mass at Holy Rosary. Rev. Jacob Maurer and Rev. TK concelebrate. Rev. Mr. Mark Kiszelewski is the Deacon of the Mass.

The Mass is followed by a Eucharistic Procession from Holy Rosary to Saint Joseph and back, with Benediction offered at both churches. In future years, this procession becomes an annual tradition.



Corpus Christi Procession

Nov. 2, 2013 Father Maurer offers the third Mass for All Souls, Day on the high Altar, *ad Orientem*.

July 1, 2014 Rev. Jacob Maurer is appointed Twelfth Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish and Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish.



Rev. Jacob M. Maurer, appointed Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Tacoma and St. Joseph Parish in Tacoma.

Feb. 22, 2015 Starting today, Adoration followed by chanted Vespers is offered during the Sundays of Lent. It may be the first time this has been offered at Holy Rosary since the Benedictines left in 1998.

April 1, 2015 Chanted Tenebræ is celebrated on Wednesday of Holy Week. Later in the week, Lauds is chanted on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

April 8, 2015 Rev. Thaddaeus Arledge O.S.B., former Assistant Pastor and Knight Director of the Knights of the Altar at Holy Rosary, passes to God.

June 7, 2015 The Corpus Christi Masses this weekend are all offered *ad Orientem*. This becomes a tradition at Holy Rosary. In addition, the tradition of a Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession from Holy Rosary to Saint Joseph and back continues.



The Architecture of Holy Rosary Church

Holy Rosary Church has long stood as a symbol of Catholicism in the city of Tacoma. This Neo-Gothic church, whose 216-foot-high steeple has long been an unofficial landmark for the citizens of Tacoma, was proclaimed by the city an “Architectural Monument of Tacoma” in 1975. The Neo-Gothic, or Gothic Revival style, became popular in the late 19th century. The original Gothic style on which it is based developed in the late 12th century and flourished throughout the High Middle Ages. The church was designed by architect C. Frank Mahon of the firm of Lundberg & Mahon.



The cornerstone of the present Holy Rosary Church was laid on May 30, 1920 by Bishop Joseph McGrath of Baker City, Oregon, and the church was formally dedicated on Thanksgiving Day, November 13, 1921 by Bishop Edward O’Dea of Seattle. This church replaced a much smaller frame building constructed in early 1891, mostly by volunteer labor, for the German-speaking people of Tacoma and dedicated on August 9, 1891 by Bishop Ægidius Junger of Nesqually.

The present church is in the form of a Latin cross with a bell tower, rising 216 feet from the ground, on the northwest corner of the church. The church is 175 feet long and 92 feet wide and was designed to seat 800 parishioners. After various renovations throughout the twentieth century, the current capacity is closer to 600. The original cross topping the steeple was made of plate glass underlaid with gold leaf. It fell to the ground during an earthquake in 1965. The current steeple cross, designed by Floyd Olsen and welded together by students from the Tacoma Vocational Institute (now Bates Technical College), was hoisted into place on August 7, 1966.

The Altars

Holy Rosary has four altars, all of which remain in use. While most Masses are celebrated on the Main (or Low) altar, Mass is celebrated on the High altar on a number of holy days throughout the year, most especially on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The side altars of the Blessed Virgin and Saint Joseph have been used in recent years for daily Masses in honor of Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day respectively.



Mass Celebrated at the High Altar, Corpus Christi 2016

The High Altar

The High Altar dates back to the original construction of the church building in 1920. It was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Costello and completed just in time for the dedication of the church. The High Altar was completely restored in 2007 by Sr. Marie-Emmanuel Lyon, O.C.D. Sister is also responsible for the restoration of the side altars and several of the statues found throughout the church.

The Main (or Low) Altar

The Main Altar dates to a renovation of the church in 1966. In 1967 it was briefly moved to the center of the church, but the parishioners objected, and it was moved back into the sanctuary.

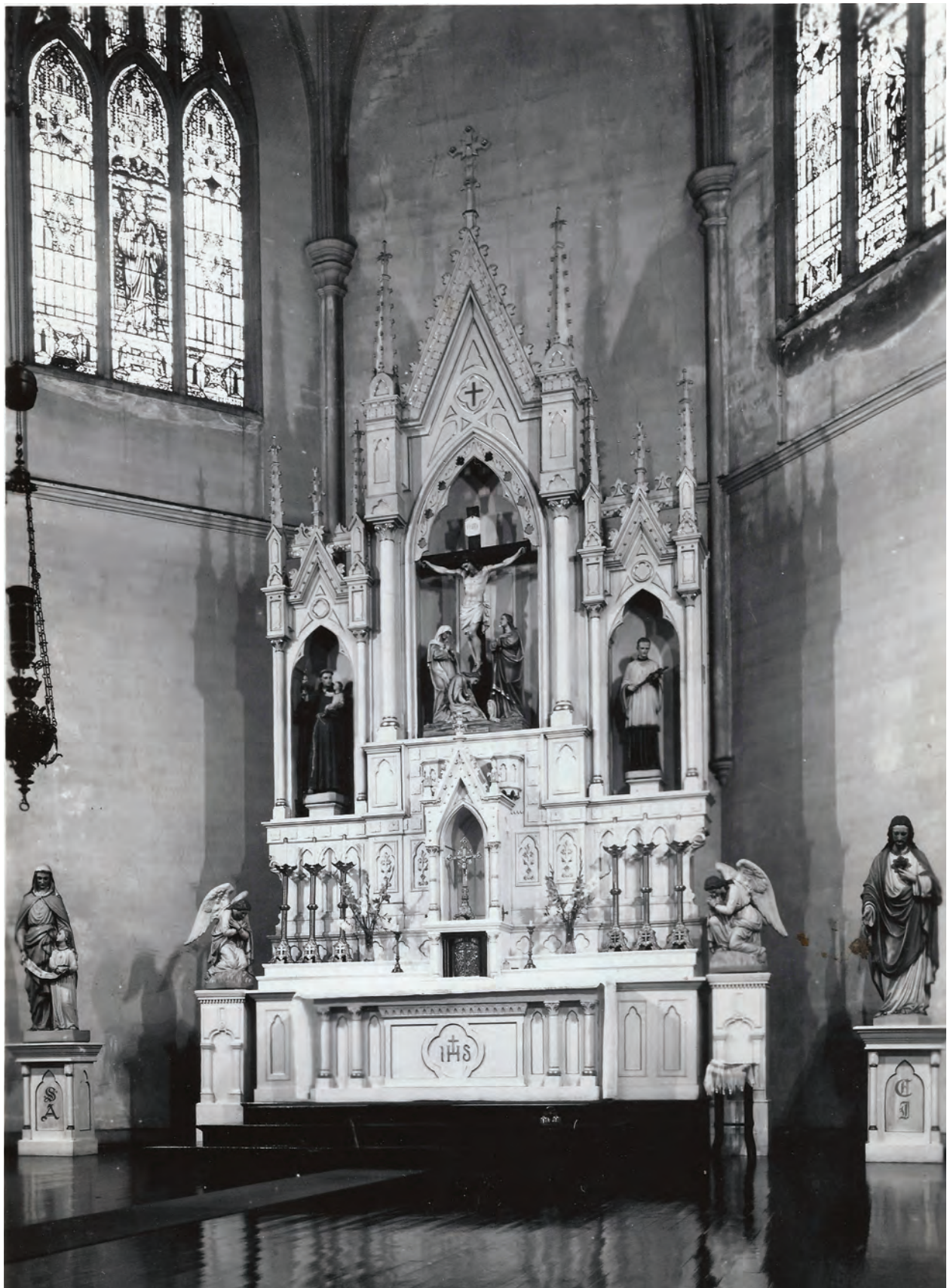
The Blessed Virgin Mary Altar

This altar includes a panel which may be removed to reveal a life-sized statue of Christ laying in the tomb. The panel is traditionally opened on Good Friday for the veneration of the faithful.

The statue of *Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary*, dates back to the foundation of the parish. Careful examination of the existing photographs of the interior of the original wooden church reveals that this statue was once ensconced atop the old High Altar.

The Saint Joseph Altar

The statue on this altar was originally installed on the Saint Joseph altar of the original church between 1891 and 1894.



High Altar and Sanctuary, 1948

The Statues

Many of Holy Rosary's beautiful statues are in desperate need of restoration work. Some date back to the original wooden church and can be seen on photos dating to between 1891 and 1894. They were restored in 1919 and cleaned in 1984. A number were restored in 2007 by Sr. Marie-Emmanuel Lyon, O.C.D., but there is much work yet to be done.

Some of the historical statues of the church are now missing, including two Angel statues and statues of Saint John the Evangelist, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Queen of the Holy Rosary, which was a gift from a friend of Father Eversmann, the First Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish. We would dearly love to see them returned to their home.

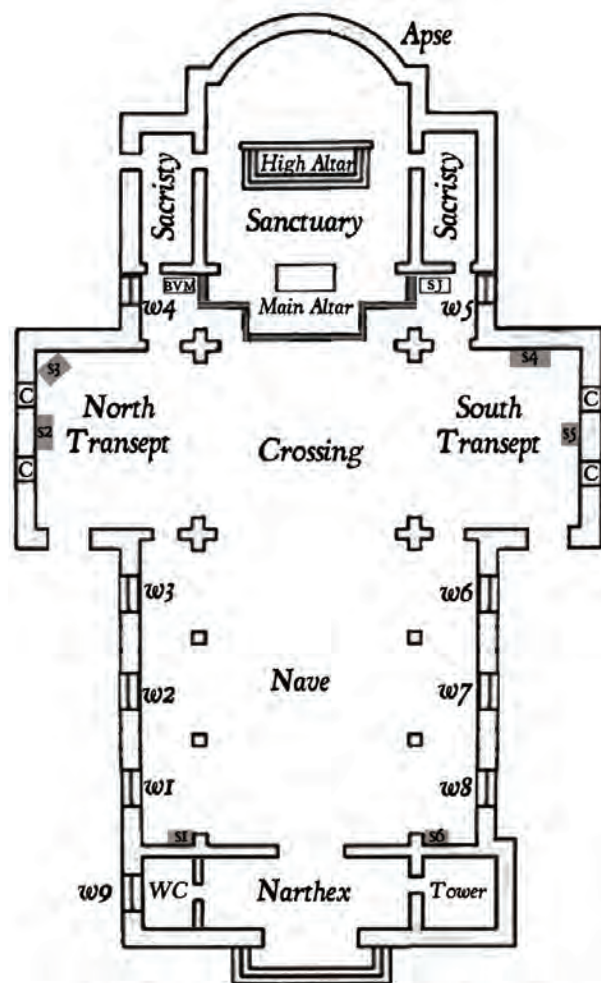
S1*Saint Anthony of Padua* (1195–1231). Saint and Doctor of the Church. He was a Portuguese priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. Famous as a preacher, he even preached at the Papal Court, where it was said his preaching was a “jewel case of the Bible”. Patron saint of the elderly, pregnant women, and seekers of lost articles. (June 13)

S2*Pietà*. The Blessed Virgin Mary cradling the dead body of Jesus, which has just been removed from the cross..

S3*Saint Thérèse of Lisieux* (1873–1897). Saint and Doctor of the Church. She was a French Discalced Carmelite nun. She is popularly known as “The Little Flower of Jesus” or simply, “The Little Flower.” Thérèse is known for the simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life. Patron saint of Missionaries; France; Russia; HIV/AIDS sufferers; florists and gardeners. (October 1)

This statue is mentioned in the short *History of Holy Rosary* written by Rev. Albert Erkens, O.S.B. in 1929: “One notable feature in the devotional life of Holy Rosary is the erection of an official shrine in honor of the Little Flower.” On older photos of the church interior, the shrine can be seen to the left of the High Altar, just outside the communion rail.

S4 *The Crucifixion*.

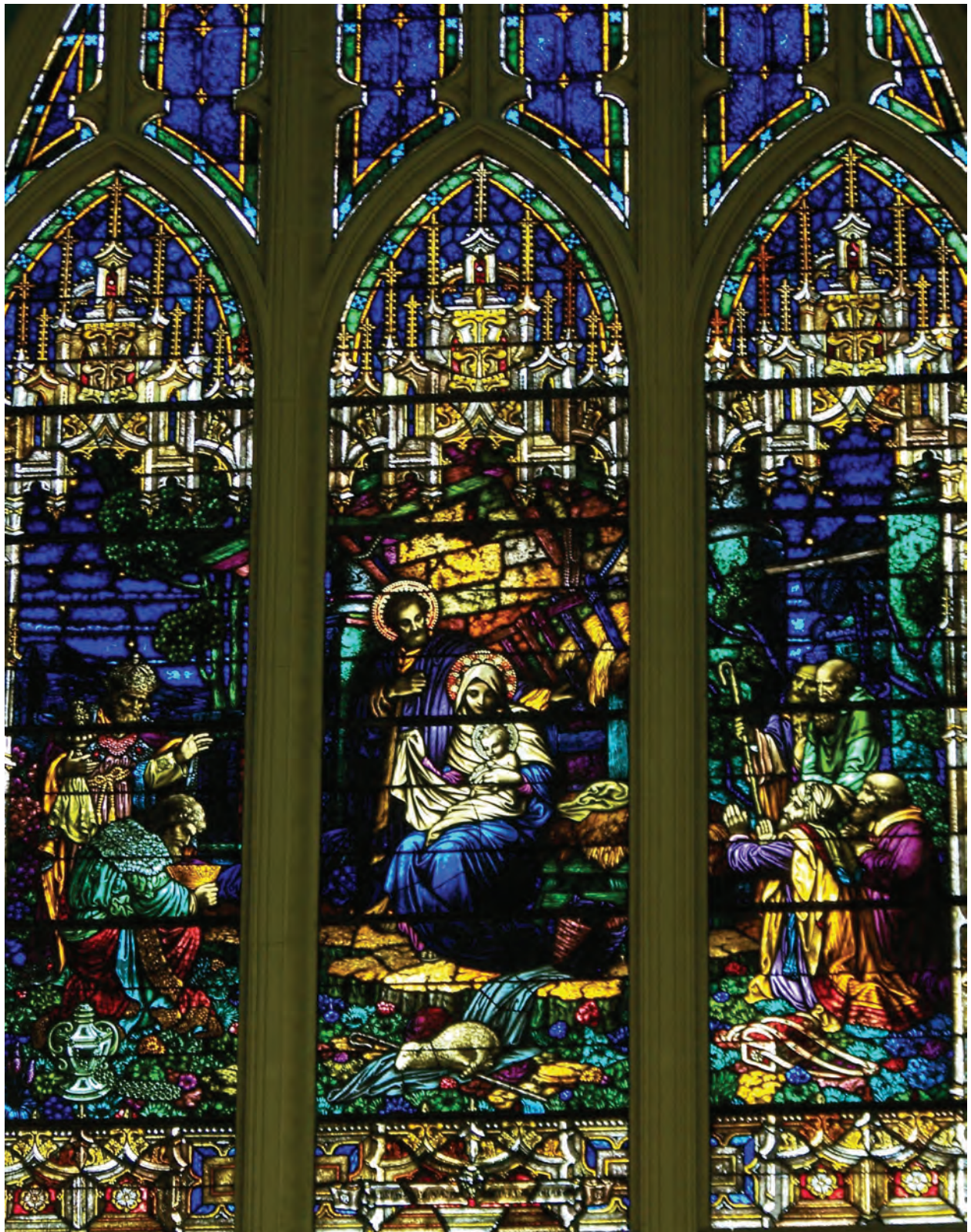


*Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church
Ground Floor Plan*



U4..... *The Nativity of Christ*. Jesus is born to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Bethlehem.

Donated by the Blessed Virgin Altar Society. According to their minutes, they purchased the window for \$300.



U18.....*Saint Dominic* (1170–1221) *receiving the Holy Rosary from the Blessed Virgin Mary*. Saint Dominic was a Spanish priest and founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). Tradition holds that the Rosary was given to Saint Dominic in 1214 by the Blessed Virgin Mary. When the Albigensian heresy raged in southern France, Saint Dominic earnestly besought the help of Our Lady and was instructed by her, so tradition asserts, to preach the Rosary among the people as an antidote to heresy and sin. From that time forward this manner of prayer was “most wonderfully published abroad and developed by Saint Dominic whom different Supreme Pontiffs have in various past ages of their apostolic letters declared to be the institutor and author of the same devotion”.¹ (Saint Dominic: August 8; Our Lady of the Rosary: October 7)

Donated by the Knights of Columbus, 809.

1 *Roman Breviary*, “Feast of the Holy Rosary”.



Stories of Holy Rosary Parish

Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

(1 Peter 2:4–5 RSV-CE2)

The story of Holy Rosary is more than just dates and facts. It's the story of the people who have worshiped here, from their Baptisms to their Requiem Masses. History is built from people and from memories.

First Letter Home, 1892

Sister Alphonsa O'Donnell, O.S.B.,
Superior of the Holy Rosary Benedictine Sisters
This is the oldest surviving letter from the Holy Rosary Mission in Tacoma to the Abbot of Saint John's in Minnesota.

October 29, 1892

Dear Father Abbot:

No doubt you must think it very unkind of us not to have written sooner. Hope you will pardon us for this time and we will try to do better for the future.

We enjoyed our long journey very much, this scenery was very beautiful, we never tired of looking at it; was always sorry when night came on.

Our cooking and dining rooms are the little shanty in Rev. Father's back yard and we sleep in one of the school rooms.

We have about ninety pupils in our school. Professor Stellbrink teaches thirty four of the boys. The children are the best that I have ever met with; they are polite, kind and obedient. Most of them do not know how to make the sign of the cross.

The people here are very friendly and kind to us. Many of the ladies from Saint Leo's parish called to see us, also the Franciscan and Visitation Sisters.

We like this climate very much, it agrees with us very well. The weather has been pleasant most all the time, and so far we have had but very little rain.

We did not open that store which your Reverence spoke of. We had various reasons for not doing so. There is a store in town which sells all kinds of crosses, medals, pictures, wax candles and prayer books.

We saw his Lordship, the Bishop. He was very pleasant. He encouraged us to keep up and not get homesick, and how much good could do here in the school.

We have often felt bad, but were never homesick. We hear quite often from the Sisters and Ven. Mother. It gives us new courage to hear from home.

The Sisters join in sending you our love and best wishes, Please remember us in your pious devotion to our Blessed Lady.

With filial love, I remain yours in Christ,

Sister Alphonsa, O.S.B.

Christmas, 1896

Lawrence R. Turnbull
Published in the *Holy Rosary Bulletin*,
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It was a bright sunny morning when my sister and I crossed the road from our house to the school, fitting weather for the day before Christmas and the last day before the holiday vacation. As a matter of fact, it was not really a school day at all, for it was to last only till noon, and there were to be no classes even during the forenoon.

The school was a four story frame building, the Sisters' big kitchen-living room and their dormitory room occupying most of the lower floor and large, high ceiling classrooms the other floors. Each classroom was heated by a big sheet-metal "Air Tight" heater, which when going full blast was somewhat more than adequate for supplying warmth to those pupils on one side of the room, but left much to be desired in cold weather for those pupils on the far side of the room.

The desks were crude, home-made pieces of "furnitures" each accommodating two pupils. Each

desk had shelf space in which to keep our slates, copy book, reader, arithmetic, spelling book and, of course, our bottle of ink and a pencil holder, in which we kept our slate pencil, lead pencil, and pen. Each classroom had more than one grade, and when a particular class was to recite, the pupils of that class would leave their desks and take their places on plain wooden benches in the front of the room.

But on this special day when we entered the classroom we saw a big Christmas tree in one corner. Sister Seraphine, who taught the third and fourth grades, first led us in prayers and then we sang a number of the familiar Christmas hymns. Then, in her soft-spoken manner, she told us the story of the first Christmas, of the crowded inn, of the make-shift quarters in the stable, of the music the shepherds heard, of how they somewhat fearfully approached the stable, and of the wonderful event that was happening.

Then, seated at our desks, we made decorations of colored paper chains to adorn the tree, while some of the bigger pupils fastened red and green Christmas tree candles on the tree. Another song, and Sister Seraphine, using a long handled candle lighter, lit all the little candles. Then came the big surprise. The door opened and Sister Alphonsa, the Sister Superior, came in carrying a big candy pail filled with little mesh bags, one for each pupil, each containing several pieces of the large old fashioned hard candy; and school was dismissed.

As usual on the day preceding an event such as Christmas time seemed slow in passing although all day our kitchen was filled with delightful smells, fruit cake baking, and preparation of plum pudding which the following day would be steamed in one of the cast iron pots on the back of the cook-stove. But considerable time was taken up in splitting wood to fill the big wood-box in the back of the stove, and in making kindling which was kept under the stove to be used in the morning to start the fire.

Also it was necessary to make a couple of trips down to the spring, a considerable distance away. For laundry we used water collected in a rain barrel, but for cooking and drinking we used the spring water. It was several years later before our house was connect-

ed with a water main installed in front of our house.

Finally night came, the kitchen's wall-bracketed lamp with tin reflector was lit, and my mother suggested I put on my coat and cap and go out to the corner of the fence and watch for my father coming home. He left work at six o'clock (after the customary ten-hour workday), and it took him about a half hour to walk home.

Our house was a block beyond the end of the graded street but a path led up past our place and over the hill – now the location of a freeway. The hillside had a few years before been logged off but the stumps were still standing, and there was a scattering of small brush.

On a sudden impulse I decided to go a short distance up the hill, following the path that would go around the stumps. It was a beautiful quiet evening with thousands of stars showing. Standing there, and thinking of the story the Sister had told us, my imagination began working and soon the stumps were no longer just stumps but were the dim outline of shepherds, the bushes here and there were small groups of sheep, the kerosene lamp shining in our kitchen window was the light of a lantern in a stable outside the inn, and the slight wind was bearing the sound of music.

Such was the day before Christmas for me in Tacoma in 1896.



Mother Augustine, Sister Seraphine, Sister Nothburga, Sister Rosamund, Sister Rosetta, Sister Alfreda, and Sister Theophila after a snowstorm in 1923

The invitation to “Come and See” and to enter into that door was for us an invitation from God and our Lady to “come home”. What a Revelation... What an Encounter... What a gift... it’s Heaven on earth!



Athea Leija's Quinceañera, 2015

There is an undeniable Presence in our Church, a Presence Who calls and invites each one of us to “*Come and See*”. For my family and me, when we responded to that invitation and entered into that door, we encountered Jesus, The Lamb of God shining ever so brightly right before our very eyes! Fully relying and trusting in God’s grace, our journey continues to this day; we are hoping and praying that hand and hand with Our Lady, she will continue to lead us to her Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Rose Family

by Gary Rose

Judy Rose is the eighth of nine children to Guadalupe Tagumpay and Arnulfo Templo. She is the second youngest of two older brothers and six sisters. She and her siblings were raised on Panay Island of the Western Philippines known as the Visayas, in the small town of Tangalan, Aklan Philippines. Her mother died when she was only eight years old, and she has very fond memories of her and her strong Catholic faith. She remembers growing up without electricity in a small hut made of bamboo and a palm branch roof located on a dirt road and rice fields. Her parents would wake up at three or four o’clock in the morning to walk the family over a mile away every day to the church for Mass. Although living in the extremely poor conditions, they all had a very happy and faith filled life. Judy speaks three languages: Tagalog, Visayan, and English.

Her dad eventually migrated to Southern California in 1980 and worked in the fields as a farmer. After several years, he was eventually able to petition seven of his children including Judy to the United States. In 1992 most all of the family had migrated and were living together in the Tacoma area not far from Holy Rosary Church, which eventually became their home Parish. Judy’s dad passed away in May 2008.

Gary, who is the oldest of two siblings born to Bob and Lona Rose, grew up in the Willamette Valley area of Oregon. He was raised in a non-practicing Baptist family. He grew up on a farm and went to mostly secular schools and eventually graduated from Oregon State University with an Industrial Engineering degree. Upon graduating, he was hired at Hewlett-Packard and worked at several other manufacturing companies, including Intel and the Boeing Company, for 15 years.

One day, Judy’s best friend decided to try and set up Judy and Gary on a blind date. Both Judy and Gary were not really seeking a relationship at the time but decided to go along with it. Needless to say, it was love at first sight. After dating for several months, the two decided to get engaged. Gary at the time was not

Catholic, so in the year 1997–98 he went through the RCIA program at Holy Rosary and was baptized and confirmed at Saint Charles Borromeo Church in Tacoma on April 11, 1998 by Archbishop Alexander Brunett. Gary and Judy were married at Holy Rosary later that year on September 26th, 1998 by Rev. John Koehler. Gary and Judy bought a small home in Puyallup, and they still live there to this day.



Both Gary and Judy were very eager to have children and start a family. However, they were unable to conceive for the first year and a half of marriage. One day in January of the year 2000, an article appeared in the Tacoma News Tribune regarding the relics of Saint Therese of Lisieux being on worldwide tour and coming to Saint Theresa Parish in Federal Way.

Judy has a devotion to Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, so they decided to submit their petition prayers directly to Saint Thérèse and her reliquary. They remember standing in line for hours waiting for the relics to arrive, and eventually they were able to pray over them and submitted their petition to have a child. A month later, Judy was pregnant and gave birth nine months later to a baby girl on November 17, 2000. They aptly named her after the great Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to fulfill the promise they made to her. Rev. John Wilkie baptized Theresa Marie Rose on December 27th, 2000.



Theresa Marie Rose turned out to be a very special blessing indeed for Gary and Judy. On the first day she was born, Gary and Judy could tell that they were going to have their hands full and immediately knew that she was different from the rest. Although a very happy baby, she was often in her own interior world. The way in which she perceived the world was just different. Her temperaments, sensory, and reactions to sound inputs were far inflated compared to other children. At the age of three, she was officially diagnosed with autism. At that time, all Gary and Judy knew was that there was no cure for autism and Theresa's future would be very uncertain.

Through prayers, patience and trust in God, they were able to overcome many trials. Theresa has turned out to be a very bright and talented young teenager who is able to participate in many High School activities and church activities and ministries including that of Altar Server. She serves along with her dad at the Sunday Noon Mass as well as the Annual Inclusion Mass for those with Special Needs at Saint James Cathedral with the Archbishop. She enjoys swimming, drawing, and singing, and is currently involved in the Confirmation Youth Group scheduled for Confirmation in May of 2017.

Pastor Biographies

And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

(Jeremiah 3:15 RSV-CE2)

Holy Rosary's pastors are a diverse group of men, but there are some surprising similarities. For more than a century they were Benedictine monks, first from Saint John's in Collegeville, Minnesota, and then from Saint Martin's in Lacey. Many of those monks were immigrants, and the tale of immigrant pastors doesn't end with the Benedictines. Of Holy Rosary's thirteen Pastors, only seven were born in the United States, the others coming from various European states – many of which no longer exist as countries – and even Viet Nam. Two of our pastors were even ordained at the same Mass by Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy.

Rev. William Eversmann, O.S.B.

First Pastor (1891–1899)

Wilhelm Eversmann was born on May 26, 1846 to Ferdinand and Bernadina Eversmann in the town of Ascheberg, in Westphalia in the Kingdom of Prussia and was Baptized two days later at Saint Lambertus Church. As a teenager, he immigrated to the United States with his older brother Ernst, arriving in New York on New Year's Eve of 1863.

He attended Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, where he was awarded his bachelor's degree in 1873. He entered the monastery at Saint John's and was ordained to Minor Orders on August 5, 1875. After his ordination to the Holy Priesthood, he became Abbot Bernard Locnikar's right-hand man for all things administrative. The Abbot sent him to a new agricultural foundation named Saint Alexis and appointed him Prior there. Father Eversmann was Prior of Saint Alexis from 1880 to 1891, soon also becoming pastor of the growing German Catholic community of Saint Boniface Parish in nearby Melrose.

In 1891, the Abbot sent Father Eversmann out west to a new foundation: Holy Rosary in Tacoma.

He was briefly hospitalized later that year, but made a full recovery. He is responsible for the construction of the first wooden school at Holy Rosary, as well as the purchase of the first rectory. Just a year later, Saints Peter and Paul was established as a mission of Holy Rosary.

In 1893, Father Eversmann was put in charge of the building operations at the site of the future Saint Martin's Abbey in Lacey. He commuted back and forth from Tacoma to Lacey overseeing the project.



Rev. William Eversmann, O.S.B.

After nearly nine years as Holy Rosary's first pastor, Father Eversmann returned to Saint John's Abbey in Minnesota in 1899. There, he continued in his administrative work. From 1904 to 1908, he was a member of the Board of Consultors to the Bishop of Saint Cloud, Minnesota, as well as serving as Dean, and a member of the Diocesan School Board. From 1907 to 1909 he was Pastor of Immaculate Conception parish in New Munich, Minnesota.

Father Eversmann died on Sept. 6, 1935 and is buried at Saint John's Abbey Cemetery.

Rev. Demetrius Juenemann, O.S.B.

Second Pastor (1899–1904)

Louis Juenemann was born on March 2, 1866, in Saint Cloud, Minnesota to Nikolaus and Angela Juenemann. He had six brothers and two sisters. He entered the monastery of Saint John and was given the name Demetrius in 1887.

He became a Professor at Saint John's University, where he taught Latin, English, and Mathematics and was Director of the Saint Benedict's Altar Boys' Association.



*The young Rev. Demetrius Juenemann, O.S.B.,
with his brothers Henry and Peter Juenemann*

Abbot Peter Locnikar, O.S.B. sent him to out west to the new State of Washington in March of 1895 to help supervise the construction of the first frame building at Saint Martin's and later serve as temporary "acting Pastor" of Holy Rosary for several months while Father Eversmann was busy getting the school in Lacey up and running.

In 1899, he became Pastor of Holy Rosary. During his pastorate, the first Convent was built.

On March 9, 1904, Father Juenemann was elected the first canonical prior of Saint Martin's. Four years later, the Rt. Rev. Demetrius Juenemann, O.S.B., resigned as Prior and was succeeded by the Rt. Rev. Justin Welz, O.S.B. on February 15, 1909.

He continued to serve the church in Western Washington, becoming Pastor of Visitation Church in Tacoma in 1924. It was he who built Visitation School, becoming its first Principal in 1925.

Father Juenemann died on November 29, 1948 and is buried at Saint Martin's Abbey.

Rev. Oswald Baran, O.S.B.

Third Pastor (1904–1914)

Josef Johann Baran was born on March 3, 1866, in the village of Zarnowitz in the Kingdom of Prussia, the child of Josef Franz and Barbara Baran. The family immigrated to the United States, arriving in New York on May 13, 1873, when young Josef was just seven years old. They moved to Collegeville, Minnesota, which had a thriving German community and a large Benedictine Abbey.

He entered the monastery on April 4, 1884 and was given the name Oswald. He served as the tenth Headmaster of Saint John's Preparatory School – the oldest secondary school in Minnesota – from 1885 to 1890.



Rev. Oswald Baran, O.S.B. at his Ordination



Sr. James Marie (Catherine) Cushing, O.S.B.

Sister Catherine died on February 17, 1986 and is buried in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

**Sr. Othmar (Margaret Mary) Dickson,
O.S.B.**

*Teacher (1930–1932, 1948–1950, 1952–1957,
1983–1990)*

Margaret Mary Dickson was born March 10, 1910 in Tacoma. Her family were members of Holy Rosary parish. She traveled to Saint Benedict's Convent at Saint Joseph, Minnesota on June 16, 1929 to begin her formation as a Benedictine Sister. She entered the novitiate on June 16, 1929 and made Monastic Profession on July 11, 1930. She was given the religious name of Sister Othmar.

Sister Othmar returned to Holy Rosary School in 1930 to teach the first grade. While also teaching she attended Saint Paul Diocesan Teachers College, Holy Names College and Seattle University to earn her Bachelor of Arts and Teaching Certifications. She went on to earn her Principals certificate at Seattle University.

Sister Othmar taught primary grades at Holy Rosary School and Visitation School as well as Saint Anne's School in Minneapolis, and Saint Joseph's School in Saint Joseph, both in Minnesota, and All Saints School in Puyallup, Washington. Her

career as a church organist and music teacher began in 1950 and spanned forty years. While she was a dedicated educator, her primary passion remained music, especially teaching piano. She loved her music students and spent hours and hours helping them with the piano.



Sr. Othmar (Margaret Mary) Dickson, O.S.B.

One of the founding thirty-five members of Saint Placid Priory, Sister Othmar returned to Holy Rosary in 1952. In the early 1960s she returned to using her baptismal name and became known as Sister Margaret Mary. In 1990, while at Holy Rosary School teaching music, she suffered a debilitating stroke. She spent the last eight years of her life in a nursing home, enduring both pain and confinement with courage.


Sister Margaret Mary is remembered as a quiet, single-hearted person. She was peaceful and even-tempered, grateful to everyone for anything. She was approachable, warm, and affectionate, but also steadfast and committed. She loved to cook and work in the garden. She loved flowers.

Sister Margaret Mary's spirituality was best expressed in her love of music. She was faithful to the *Liturgy of the Hours* with a special devotion to the Eucharist. Praying the rosary was also important to her. Her faith was often expressed in the ways she gave of herself to others.

Sister Margaret Mary died peacefully at Providence Mother Joseph Care Center on August 21, 1998. She is buried at Saint Placid Priory.

Sr. Placidia Haehn, O.S.B.

*Teacher (1930–1952), Principal (1940–1947),
Superior of the Holy Rosary community (1947–1952),
First Prioress of St. Placid (1952–1964, 1970–1978)*

 livia Haehn was born on June 3, 1909 in Holdingford, Minnesota, the first of two children born to Matthew and Johanna (Zwack) Haehn. She entered the Scholasticate in 1925 at Saint Benedict's Convent in Saint Joseph, Minnesota, and the Novitiate on June 16, 1929. She arrived at Holy Rosary School in August of 1930, shortly after making her First Profession as a Benedictine nun and taking the name Placidia.



Sr. Placidia Haehn, O.S.B.

While teaching in the primary grades, Sister Placidia spent the next twenty summers earning her B.A. in Education, finally graduating in 1945 from Holy Names College, Spokane. Sister then earned her Principal's credentials in 1950, again

while continuing her teaching ministry and serving as Principal at Holy Rosary School. Sister is remembered as a gifted educator with a deep love for her students. Many became lifelong friends.

In 1947 Sister Placidia was also named Superior of the Holy Rosary community and began the assiduous work toward their longstanding dream of an independent Benedictine monastery in the Pacific Northwest. Through these challenging endeavors, she forged a deep and lifelong friendship with Seattle Archbishop Thomas Connolly. Their dream was realized on June 28, 1952 when Saint Placid Priory was formally established. On July 8, 1952 Sister was elected the first prioress of Saint Placid Priory in (then) Olympia, Washington.

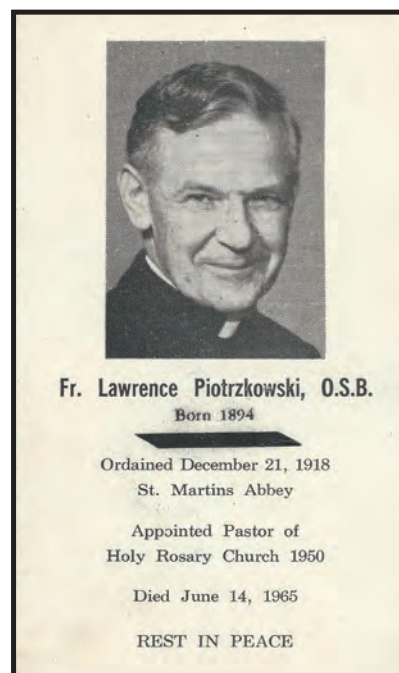
Sister Placidia is remembered for her deep faith and trust in God. She was a woman of great dignity and simplicity. She embraced the challenge and opportunity for reform with the Second Vatican Council, able to let go gracefully when her original dreams for the community died. Always open to new ideas and possibilities, she endeavored to make the community's new dreams a reality. In the face of personal and community challenges, she would remind her sisters: "God has always taken care of us and will see us through this, too!"

Sister Placidia loved the Benedictine monastic life. Hers was a liturgical spirituality, rooted in the prayer of the Church. She was faithful to the *Liturgy of the Hours* and Eucharistic Adoration. She loved the liturgical seasons of the Church: her living and workspace would be decorated to honor whatever season we were in. She is remembered as a deeply faithful friend to many. A tender and light sense of humor marked her presence to all.

Sister Placidia Haehn died May 30, 2002 and is buried at Saint Placid Priory.

Pastors and Administrators of Holy Rosary Parish

1. Rev. William Eversmann, O.S.B. 1891–1899..... (†1935)
Rev. Demetrius Juenemann, O.S.B. 1895 (Acting Pastor)
2. Rev. Demetrius Juenemann, O.S.B..... 1899–1904..... (later Prior of Saint Martin's; †1948)
3. Rev. Oswald Baran, O.S.B. 1904–1914..... (later Abbot of Saint Martin's; †1928)
4. Rev. Mark Wiechmann, O.S.B..... 1914–1935..... (†1973)
5. Rev. Anthony Hack, O.S.B..... 1935–1951 (†1951)
Rev. Daniel Regimbal, O.S.B..... 1949, 1951..... (Parish Administrator; †1988)
Rev. Lawrence Piotrkowski, O.S.B..... 1949–1950..... (Interim Pastor)
6. Rev. Lawrence Piotrkowski, O.S.B. 1951–1965..... (†1965)
Rev. Paul Kucera, O.S.B..... 1965 (Parish Administrator; †1974)
7. Rev. William Maat, O.S.B. 1965–1968..... (†2005)
8. Rev. Felix Wirth, O.S.B..... 1968–1981 (†1984)
Rev. Damian Glenn, O.S.B. 1984 (Parish Administrator; †1986)
9. Rev. Richard Cebula, O.S.B..... 1981–1998..... (†2004)
Rev. William Heric 1998 (Named Pastor, but never arrived to take up the post)
10. Rev. John Wilkie 1998–2009
11. Rev. Tuan Nguyen 2009–2011 (Regional Pastor for South Tacoma Cluster)
Rev. Jacob Maurer..... 2009–2010..... (assigned Parochial Vicar for Holy Rosary)
Rev. Leonardo Pestaño..... 2010–2011 (assigned Parochial Vicar for Holy Rosary)
12. Rev. Jacob Maurer..... 2011–2015 (Priest Administrator until 2014)
13. Rev. Nicholas Wichert 2015+



Principals of Holy Rosary School

Mr. John Stellbrink 1891
 Sr. Alphonsa O'Donnell, O.S.B. 1892–1901
 Sr. Seraphine Koener, O.S.B. 1901–?

Rev. Mark Wiechmann 1922–1924

Sr. Dorothy Bretz, O.S.B. 1933
 Sr. Alcuin Braun, O.S.B. 1936–1937
 Sr. Elicia Koenig, O.S.B. 1937–1940
 Sr. Placidia Haehn, O.S.B. 1940–1947
 Sr. Mary Elizabeth Weber, O.S.B. ?
 Sr. Cecilia (Stanisia) Przbylski, O.S.B. 1957–1958
 Sr. Stephanie Saint Martin, O.S.B. 1958–1959
 Sr. Pernel Tennyson, O.S.B. 1960–1966
 Sr. Roger Hommerding, O.S.B. 1967–1968

Sr. Roswitha Lenhart, O.S.B. 1970–1972
 Sr. Claude Rieland, O.S.B. 1972–1975
 Rev. Terence Wager, O.S.B. 1975–1976
 Mrs. Faye Johnson 1976–1978
 Sr. Margaret Ann Rohling, O.S.B. 1978–1985
 Mrs. Susan Espinoza 1985–1990
 Sr. Margaret Ann Rohling, O.S.B. 1990–1991
 Ms. Leslie Gilsdorf 1992–1994
 Ms. Cathy Lendosky 1994–2002
 Mr. Michael Hart 2002–2005?
 Mr. Rudy Navarro 2006?–2010
 Dr. Timothy Uhl 2010–2014
 Ms. Stephanie J. Margetts 2014–2015
 Ms. Katie Dempsey 2015+

Executive Director, Holy Rosary Regional School / Visitation Stem Academy

Ms. Stephanie J. Margetts 2015



Sister Alphonsa O'Donnell, O.S.B. in 1890



Sister Margaret Ann Rohling, O.S.B. in 2011



Holy Rosary School Play, 1927



The Silver Jubilee of Father Anthony Hack, O.S.B., 1939



First Communion Class, 1946 / 1947



First Communion Class, sometime in the 1950s

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Rev. Demetrius Juenemann, O.S.B.
Second Pastor of Holy Rosary

Ut In Omnibus Glorificetur Dei