

Cupar

St. Patrick Parish

(Associate parish of Southey)

One hundred years ago, in 1910, a small frame church was built and dedicated to St. Patrick, the venerated patron of Ireland, since most of the parishioners then were of Irish descent.

In 1929, St. Patrick's became an Associate parish of St. John the Baptist Parish in Dysart. By the late 50's, St. Patrick's congregation was growing and needed a larger church. With the building of a new church and rectory, St. Pat's became a parish with a resident priest.

1985 was a special year for St. Patrick's when we celebrated our 75th Anniversary, along with the Archdiocese. That same fall, parishioners attended the Archdiocesan 75th Celebration in the Agridome in Regina, a day of spiritual renewal, reflection and joy.



In 1985, Fr. Bob MacKenzie, a Benedictine from Scotland became our resident priest. During this time, Fr. Bob became a Canadian citizen and made Cupar his permanent home. In 2001, he celebrated his 45th Anniversary of ordination, a very special day, which included a dinner, at which he was "piped in" as is the Scottish custom.

In 2002, when St. Patrick's became an Associate parish of the Southey/ Strasbourg Pastoral Region, Fr. Gary Lindenbach became our pastor. Fr. Mackenzie, semi-retired, remained in our parish and continued to say Sunday masses, preside at funerals and do works of mercy in the community.

In the early 2000's, the population of Catholics was dwindling. Our church was in dire need of repair and our financial position was precarious. It was definitely a time for renewal in our parish involvement. After several years of absence, the parish fall supper was revived. Not only did it provide some of the monetary relief for the church but it also provided a time for parishioners to work together in harmony.

Gradually, other parish organizations have taken on new visions of faith. Volunteers contribute their time to teaching religion classes to our beloved children; parish council gathers to improve our church; lectors and extraordinary ministers have taken special training to become more devout in their ministry; and our CWL has become more active.

In 2009 our CWL celebrated their 45th Anniversary with mass, an award ceremony and a luncheon. With the church's movement for renewal in the millennium, our parish asks for the grace of God to continue in our Christian development.

In 2010, St. Patrick's Parish celebrates its 100th Anniversary, a very special time for us all.