

First church was a wooden shack

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 fathers and their ways were well-established in the parish. The last Capuchin appointed to the parish was Father Oger Devent, who served Holy Cross for 20 years, ministering with the help of several assistant priests. He is now with St. Felix Friary in Weston.

considered a mission church and was served by Rev. Vincent Morgan, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Acton. The end of his term as pastor saw the Catholic population in Georgetown quadrupled, necessitating an independent full-fledged parish by 1956.

The earliest Catholic masses in Georgetown were conducted by Jesuit fathers from Guelph, who would come on horseback to deliver their Christian messages in private homes back in the 1850s.

As membership grew, the Catholic community was able to afford a proper church building in 1883, putting up a stone structure on Guelph Street for \$4,000. The church, which now serves French-Canadian Catholics as Sacre Coeur near the corner of Guelph and Mill Streets, was the first Holy Cross.

It is said that the stones of the first Catholic church on Main Street were used in the foundation of this new church and that a John Gibbons transported them over to Guelph Street with the aid of many non-Catholic friends.

Work began in 1964 to erect the new buildings and concluded in March, 1965. Inside the Maple Avenue church, with its stucco modern arches sweeping 60 feet above the floor, are colorful panels depicting the symbolism of baptism by local artist Marjorie Nazar.



PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The universal week of prayer for unity among Christians was celebrated last Wednesday evening at Holy Cross Parish on Georgetown's Maple Avenue. About 100 people turned up to pray together and listen to speaker Rev. Jim Boyle of St. George's Anglican Church in Georgetown. The theme of the event was "At home in the family of God."

(Herald photo)

Former 'radical' now Catholic priest

A man with a liking for cigars when he's feeling pensive, Father Dave Cote of Holy Cross Parish was ordained in 1968 at the age of 28.

finishing high school. By the end of that year, 1959, he decided to pursue his interest in philosophy at the University of Waterloo, where he received a bachelor of arts degree three years later.

studies for the next four years, Father Dave said he studied at schools in Regina, Edmonton and London, Ontario, changing schools when he found himself disagreeing with his seminary teachers. He calls himself a "radical" in those days.

After seven years of schooling, Father Dave took a year off to pray and reflect about making the decision promising celibacy required of priests by the Catholic Church.

Following ordination, he was stationed in a Catholic church in Brantford for six years, then spent five years in a Kitchener church until becoming associate pastor for 14 months at Oakville's St. Dominic's Parish.

From Oakville he was appointed pastor to the Holy Cross Parish in 1980. Coming to Holy Cross was not only hard for Father Dave but also for the parish. They had to get used to the style of a new man after having had the same priest, Father Oger Devent, for 20 years.

"We've gone through a decline in the priesthood in the diocese that seems to be changing now, with increasing numbers joining," Father Dave said.

Seven new priests will be ordained in the spring, as compared to the usual two or three in recent years, he said.

Father Dave attributes the rising number of young priests to the fact that people are becoming more concerned about the real issues of life.

"There are a certain number of young people who are assessing their values and want to live their life more positively in terms of spiritual values," he said.



Sunlight streams over Father Dave Cote's shoulder as he sits by the window of his rectory office. With the Holy Cross parish since September, 1980, Father Dave has an assistant pastor and a full-time lay assistant to help him care for the needs of the church's 1,200 families.

(Herald photo)

Jacob Two-Two Club

What's happening with the Jacob Two-Two Club these days? Find out what the youngsters nine years old and up are doing starting Feb. 2 at the Halton Hills public libraries. That's 4 p.m., and don't forget your books to read.

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