

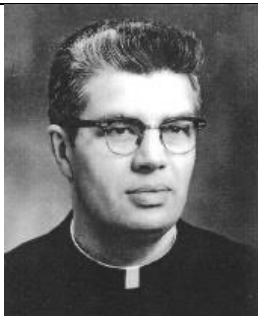











## History of St. Theresa Parish in Breynat, Alberta








 <small>Archbishop</small> Most Rev. Archbishop Gabriel Breynat	1901 - 1943	The hamlet of Breynat was founded and was named after Bishop Gabriel Breynat. The first Catholic church was built in 1934 and was named St. Thérèse of the Child of Jesus Parish. To assist Bishop Gabriel Breynat in his vast territory, Bishop Pierre Talaize was appointed coadjutor in 1932.
Rev. Fr. Ernest Lacombe	1932 - 1935	The first priest to give spiritual comfort to the Breynat community on March 10, 1932. Mass was held once a month at Mrs. Bouque's home, less than half a mile from the actual church site.
Rev. Fr. J. Bidoulb	1934	
Rev. Fr. S. Boshammie	1934	
Rev. E. Tashier	1934 - 1935	
Rev. Fr. Jaslier O.M.I.	March 1934	Fr. Jaslier was the first residential priest in Breynat. Together with Fr. Jules Bidault O.M.I., and the help of the good and devoted Brother Kael, St. Thérèse church was constructed.
Rev. Fr. Joseph Portier	1935 - 1936	
Rev. Fr. Ed. Rhéaume	1936 - 1937	
Rev. Fr. B.E. Godbout	1937 - 1938	
Rev. Fr. Oulette	1938 - 1947	The rectory was built in 1938 by Willy St. Jean as head carpenter along with the help of devoted parishioners.
Rev. Fr. D. Dubuc O.M.I.	1947 - 1951	
Rev. Fr. Léo Bossé	1952	

Rev. Fr. Thomas Pelletier	1952 - 1963	In 1956, originally J.E. Primeau's house, it was later used as a nun's residence; Five nuns of the congregation "Les Soeurs de Notre Dame de la Croix" from Saskatchewan, established when the separate school was opened. They taught school here in Breynat from the time of our separate school opened in 1956 to the time the school was closed in 1967. Both the nun's residence and school closed in 1967.
 Rev. Fr. Edmond Douziech	1963 - 1970	A chapter of Catholic Women's League in Breynat was established in 1972. Rev. Fr. Edmond Douziech was instrumental in the planning of the new Breynat Hall.
 Rev. Fr. Rosario Grondin	1970 - 1972	
 Rev. Fr. Hervé Tanguay	1972 - 1974	

 <p>Rev. Fr. Claude de Champlain</p>	1974 - 1982	
<p>Rev. Bishop Raymond Roy</p>	1979 - 1997	In 1979, part of the MacKenzie Diocese parishes including St. Thérèse, Breynat was transferred to the St. Paul Diocese with Bishop Raymond Roy as our spiritual leader.
 <p>Rev. Fr. Victor Bureau</p>	1982 - 1983	Sister Alice Rivard supplied religious correspondence courses for 13 years to our parishioners and would pay a visit twice a year to help in anyway possible.
 <p>Rev. Fr. Roger Sicotte</p>	1983 - 1988	
 <p>Rev. Fr. John Joseph</p>	1988	

 <p>Rev. Fr. Jean Paul Gagné</p>	<p>1991 - 1993</p>	<p>Celebrated the first mass in our new church on March 29, 1992.</p>
 <p>Rev. Fr. John Adamyk</p>	<p>1993 - 1997</p>	<p>New renovated church was completed in 1993. In May 1998 a new corpus and statues of the blessed Virgin Mary and St. John were purchased and installed in our St. Thérèse Parish cemetery, which were donated by Jeanette Hèbert in memory of Marcel Hèbert. Information provided by Philip Hèbert.</p>
 <p>Rev. Fr. Hong Nguyen</p>	<p>1997 - 2007</p>	
 <p>Rev. Fr. Hippolytus Njoku</p>	<p>2007 – 2008</p>	

 Rev. Fr. Vitus Ikeme smmmm	2008 - 2010	
 Rev. Fr. Polycarp Chukwu	2010 – 2012	
 Rev. Fr. Casmir Muobike smmm	2012 - 2017	
 Rev. Fr. Michael Phuc Ngo	2017 - 2019	
 Rev. Fr. Jestoni Porras	2019 – Present	<p>Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the church was closed and no in-person masses took place from March 16, 2020 until July 12, 2020. Bishop Paul offered livestream masses every Sunday via the Diocesan website during this time. The Breynat CWL folded their chapter in 2020, due to dwindling registrations and aging of members.</p>

