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1927-2027

**Ascension
of Our Lord**
Here for good.

The Ascension of Our Lord parish has reached a historic milestone, its 100th anniversary, 1927-2027.

This significant moment is a testimony to the enduring faith, deeply rooted religious heritage, and untold blessings from God that has shaped our parish and the steadfast presence of the English-speaking Catholic community of Westmount.

We are honoured to commemorate the centennial observance of our parish, which has its foundation stone, Jesus Christ.

It was because of His love that our forebears, priests and the faithful gathered as a Catholic community 100 years ago, under the competent leadership and stewardship of Monsignor Wilfrid E. McDonagh, to build this enduring temple of the Lord.

Countless individuals, inspired by their unwavering commitment to Christ, have played pivotal roles in the growth and development of our worshipping community. We celebrate the faithfulness of God's people through the ages, and we ask for His continued favour and gracious provisions as we are sent forth as stewards filled with hope and holiness for generations to come.

— Father Lawrence Mac Eachen, Pastor

We wish to thank our pastors:

Msgr. Wilfrid E. McDonagh, 1926–1954

Msgr. Edward J. Lapointe, 1955–1970

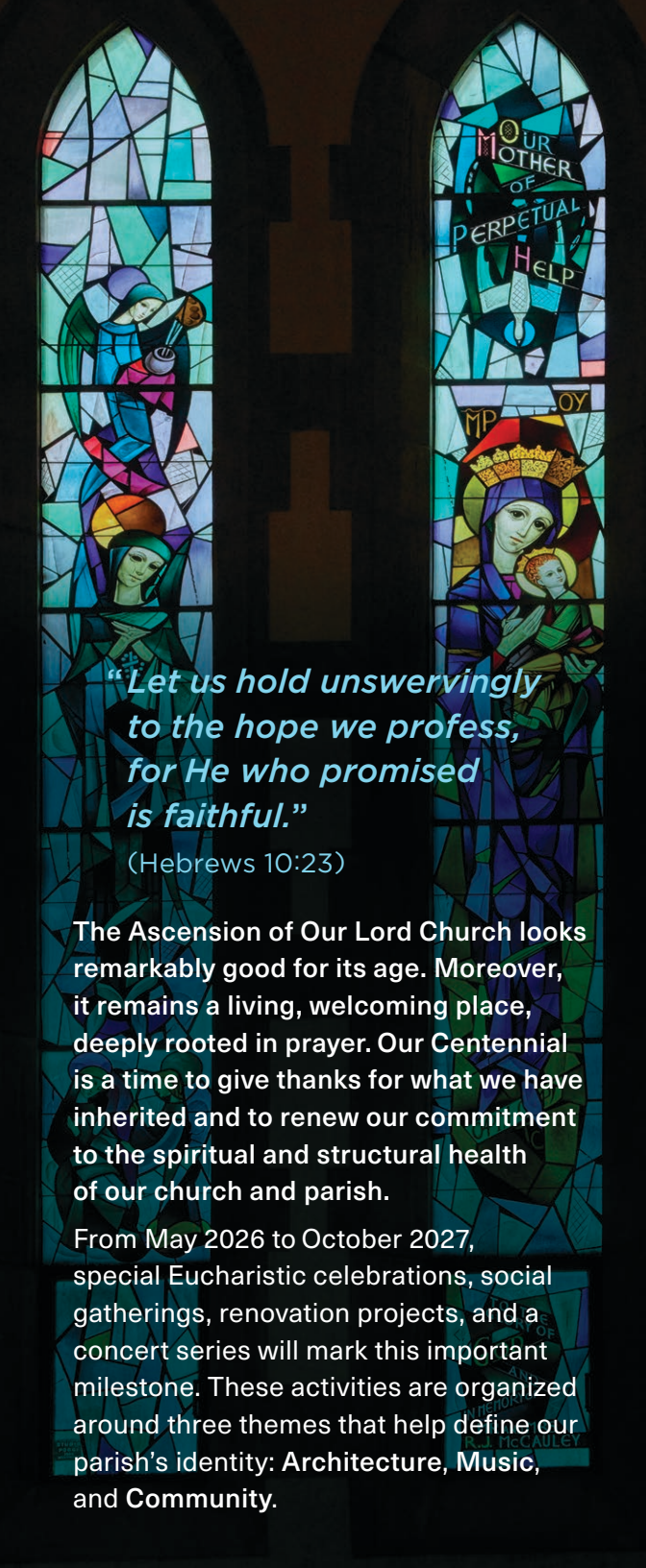
Fr. Richard A. Griffin, 1970–2002

Fr. Peter Laviolette, 2002–2009

Msgr. Sean Harty & Fr. Pat Donnelly,
2009–2015

Fr. Lawrence Mac Eachen, since 2015

Nous remercions nos curés.



*“Let us hold unwaveringly
to the hope we profess,
for He who promised
is faithful.”*

(Hebrews 10:23)

The Ascension of Our Lord Church looks remarkably good for its age. Moreover, it remains a living, welcoming place, deeply rooted in prayer. Our Centennial is a time to give thanks for what we have inherited and to renew our commitment to the spiritual and structural health of our church and parish.

From May 2026 to October 2027, special Eucharistic celebrations, social gatherings, renovation projects, and a concert series will mark this important milestone. These activities are organized around three themes that help define our parish's identity: Architecture, Music, and Community.



Architecture

From its slate roof and artisan-crafted masonry to its gracious entrance and distinctive stone walkways, our church requires constant care. Ascension parishioners have always risen to that responsibility — one reason the church looks so wonderful at 100. Now it's our turn to ensure its beauty endures for generations.



Music

The restoration of the Casavant Opus 1334 organ and the integration of voice students from McGill University's Schulich School of Music into our Ascension choir have greatly enriched our liturgies. As such, an endowed fund will help sustain this vital initiative.



Community

Our parish serves individuals and families, newcomers and long-standing parishioners, as well as organizations caring for those in need. All this is made possible by the continued generosity of our congregation. Service, for all, and for always.

For more information on how
you can participate in our
Centennial Celebrations, visit:
www.ascensionofourlord.ca



*Thank you for contributing to the
success of the parish's next 100 years!*

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*“Ascension parish is a special
family in good times and bad.
It is a place of peace and
comfort. It is our home and has
been our parish for 76 years.”*

— Janet & Dick Macklem