

Parish of St. Paul the Apostle

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Smithville, Texas

Pastor - Rev. H. J. Baker

CATHOLIC ARCHIVES
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1. — Parish of St. Paul the Apostle.
2. — Located in Smithville, Bastrop Co. Tex.
3. — Was established in 1896, as shown by the Baptism Register.
4. — The first priest whose name appears in the Church Records, is Rev. H. J. Baker, who is supposed to have established said parish.
5. — The first settlers were Bohemians and Americans. A store-keeper, Mr. Smith, gave his name to new settlement "Smithville".
6. — The first missionaries to visit the locality were priests of the Diocese. Their names will be found hereafter, number 17 of the questionnaire.
7. — They came from S. Antonio, San Marcos, Lockhart and other places not mentioned in the Church Records much less known by the parishioners.
8. — They used to come once a month and were holding services in a little church, resembling a barn.
9. — The first Catholics were R. R. employees, most of them Irishmen.
10. — My parishioners were unable to give any information about this question. All of them are the new generation; the old ones, dead or moved away, being R. R. men.
11. — Church Records are kept in the Rectory, and go back to Oct. 26 - 1896.
12. — Rev. H. J. Baker administered the first Baptism to Maria Bernardi, October 26 - 1896.
13. — Rev. H. J. Baker blessed the first wedding, December 4th 1896. The couple: Joseph Beck and Anna Kraussner.

First Communion in the Church Records.

15. — The first burial registered took place in Febr. 10 - 1897.

16. — The present church building of armed concrete was erected in 1912 by the Rev. Charles O'Gallagher. The approximate cost was \$11,000.

17. — List of the priests who have been pastors in the parish:

Rev. H. J. Baker (Oct. 26th 1896 — Feb. 8th 1898)

Rev. Clement Klingel, O.S.B. (April 1st 1898 — June 12 - 1898)

Rev. J. C. Eliseus. (July 30 - 1899 — Oct. 28 - 1900)

Rev. A. Heuchemer (January 1901 — Febr. 1901)

Rev. A. Matthis. (March 3^d 1901 — Jan. 12. 1902)

Rev. J. Cunningham (May 11 - 1902 — Nov. 2. 1902)

Rev. J. Colling (Jan. 11. 1903 — May 1 - 1904)

Rev. B. Held, O.S.B. (May 29. 1904 —)

Rev. W. G. Henderson (June 1904)

Rev. J. B. Schmitt (Sept. 4 - 1904 — July 1. 1906)

Rev. Eugene Supranes C. M. F. (Dec. 18. 1906 — March 17 - 1907)

Rev. Jos. Maulin (April 14 - 1907 — March 14. 1911)

Rev. Chas. O'Gallagher (Nov. 9. 1912 — Aug. 4. 1917)

Rev. M. Brualda. C. M. F. (Oct. 21. 1917 — Feb. 2. 1919)

Rev. Wm Koerner (Febr. 15. 1919 — June 14 - 1919)

Rev. J. B. Karnowski (Nov. 16. 1919 — Sept. 1923)

Rev. P. J. Flanagan (Oct. 7 - 1923 — Feb. 3. 1924)

Rev. H. Keil. (Apr. 12 - 1924 — May 25. 1924)

Rev. Placidus Sandler (Sept. 2 - 1924 — Feb. 14. 1925)

Rev. J. W. Smier (Mch. 7 - 1925 — ^{Sept} Aug. 1st 1925)

D. D. P. ... (Sept 2 1925 —)

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18. ^{19 & 20.} We have no parochial school.
21. — We have no catholic cemetery.
22. — Nothing on the tombstones but the name of the dead and date of his death.
23. — There are no missions or stations.
24. — In the Rectory there is nothing of historical interest but the Ch. Records.
25. — The few catholics who could give any information dont know anything which could be helpful to church history.
26. — The Pastor will gladly help the Historical Commission with any information within my reach.
27. — Rev. R. Planchet, arrived from France in San Antonio, Sept. 8-1888) ordained by Rt. R. C. Heraz May 1889. Left for Mexico Nov, 1894 - Professor in the Seminary of ⁱⁿ Caxaca in 1895, in the Seminary of Mexico City during the years 1896 and 1897. Wrote while in Mexico a Moral Theology in spanish. Returned to the Diocese in Oct, 1901. Published a Life of Martin Juevaz and other booklets, and had three of his books placed on the Index.
28. — Rev. Father Chas. O'fallagher built the actual church, and Father Karmowski the Rectory at a cost of some \$4,000, in the year 1920.

R. Planchet

Smithville, Tex.

Nov. 6-1931