



ST. JOSEPH

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The Rev. Juan Zavala, O.P., is reported to have taken charge of the Sacred Heart Church in 1931, and at once instituted the movement for the creation of a new parish.

Mrs. Alice Smith, remembered as a devout and charitable lady, donated another church building for the new parish and its organization as St. Joseph's Parish.

The blessing of the new church building took place on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity in the year 1932, with the Most Rev. E.B. Ledvina, as Bishop, and Rev. Zavala, officiating.

Thus was born what is now St. Joseph's Parish. But the large and predominantly Catholic community, soon outgrew its facilities.

Foreseeing the need for expansion, the Rev. Angel Alvarez, a provident and devoted pastor, arranged for the purchase of two lots at the east end of the Parish, at the intersection of South Texas Boulevard and St. Mary Streets.

The St. Joseph Parochial Hall building was then removed to the site for the purpose of holding additional masses to accommodate the increasing number of parishioners.

The building was remodeled, named "The Sacred Heart Church" and blessed in the year 1952 by the Most Rev. M.S. Garriga, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi, as a mission of St. Joseph's Church.

Temporary relief was thus afforded the ever increasing membership of St. Joseph's Parish, but it soon became evident once more that, with the rapid pace of growth, a long-term development plan was indispensable.

Under the auspice of Rev. Alvarez, a construction program was initiated. Rev. Angel Vizcarra, his successor, with Fr. Man-

church building and rectory were completed.

On the 18th day of October, 1953, with the Rev. Garriga, Bishop, officiating, the new St. Joseph's Church building and rectory were blessed.

The long-term building program was fervently followed by the active parishioners, culminating in the construction of the new St. Joseph's Parish Elementary School in the year 1962 to accomplish a plan designated for a new and larger church, rectory, convent, school building with modern cafeteria, and a youth center building.

The youth center was much

needed for the participation and fulfillment of the social needs of the younger generation of Catholics, all to better serve St. Joseph Parish.

St. Joseph Catholic Church and Sacred Heart Mission are under the direction of Rev. Roger R. Smith, pastor.

St. Joseph Catholic Church conducts mass daily, on Sundays, and on special holy days. Sacred Heart Mission conducts mass on Sunday, Friday, and on special holy days.

Other clergy include the Revs. Roberto Trevino, Associate Pastor, and Pedro Martinez, S.J., Associate Pastor.