

First Sod To Be Turned Sunday For New Church

The first sod for the new Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Watt and Munroe, will be turned Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Mayor J. Les. Bodie.

Officiating at the ceremony will be Rev. I. G. Shpytkovsky, parish priest. He will be assisted by other clergy.

Blessing of the site of the new church will commence at 8.30 a.m. with Low Mass in the old church at Watt and Montrose. At 10.30 a.m. High Mass will be followed by a procession to the four altars and the blessing of water.

At 2.30 p.m. a procession will bear the cross from the old church to set it in the new site for the blessing ceremony. The whole congregation and guests will form the procession.

Actual work on the building will start on Monday at 8 p.m. with the excavation of the basement.

The present church was built in 1919 at a cost of \$6,000. The church was blessed by Bishop Nykyta Budka on Oct. 26, 1919. The first parish priest was Rev. Michael Pelech.

At present the parish consists of 235 members; 125 children with an average attendance of 60 at catechism and 30 at Ukrainian school.

The new church will be built of brick, 116 feet long, 36 feet wide and 56 feet wide at the cross section. Seating capacity will be 400.

On the site of the old church the parish plans to erect a large brick parish hall for the use of parishioners and the organizations affiliated with the parish. The hall in the basement of the new church will be used exclusively for Ukrainian school, cultural and educational work.

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