

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Grotto



Lourdes

Newfoundland
Labrador

West Coast
Port au Port Peninsula
Route 463

The
French
Ancestors Route

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish A Brief History

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish includes the communities of Mainland, Three Rock Cove, Black Duck Brook, and part of West Bay. While the parish itself dates back to 1912, the history of its people goes well beyond that date.

The earliest settlers in the area came from Brittany, France. Later, people moved to the area from Stephenville. They were Acadians, originally from the Margaree area of Nova Scotia. Also, people of Scottish descent moved here from the Highlands.

In the early 1930's, under a program sponsored by the Newfoundland Commission of Government, a number of families were relocated from the South Coast to this parish.

The first parish priest of Lourdes was Rev. Pierre Pineault. It appears that he changed the name of the community from Clam Bank Cove to Lourdes shortly after his arrival. He named the parish Our Lady of Lourdes in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes in France.

Over the years the parish and its people have maintained a strong devotion to Our Lady. The Grotto located on the parish grounds is testimony to this devotion.

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto was built in 1987 and blessed on July 17th of that year to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.



On Site

Beautiful flower gardens
The Stations of the Cross
A Memory Walk
A Church bell, blessed and dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in 1954

