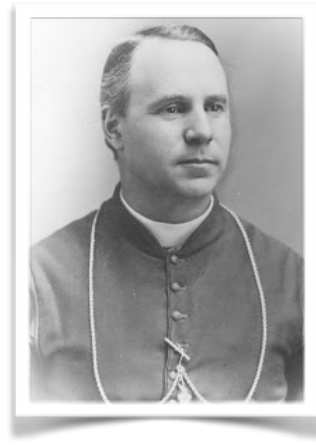


St. Emile Feast Day

May 22nd is our Patron Saint, Saint Emile's Feast Day!

Archbishop Emile Legal

Emile Joseph Legal, OMI, was born in France in 1849. He was a man of remarkable creative talent and missionary zeal. Five years after his ordination he joined the Oblates and arrived in the St. Albert Diocese in 1881. In 1902 he succeeded Bishop Vital Grandin as the second bishop of Saint Albert.



On November 30, 1912 he was appointed the first Archbishop of Edmonton. He wrote, The History of the Catholic Church in Central Alberta and authored several important manuscripts relating to the Blackfoot people and their language. He designed and constructed numerous church and school buildings. He was an avid amateur photographer and was known as a forthright communicator. To develop more lay leaders he encouraged the establishment of the Knights of Columbus in 1907 and the Catholic Women's League in 1912.

As Bishop of St. Albert and later Archbishop of Edmonton, he travelled extensively to remote missions across the region and opened new parishes in nearly every year of his episcopate. In putting his stamp on the Diocese, he gained a reputation as, "The Organizer."

St. Emile Parish in Legal was named after Father Emile Joseph Legal and his namesake, Saint Emile. Saint Emile died in the year 250 after being tortured for being a Christian. His courage and martyrdom has lived on through his Sainthood and we celebrate his Feast Day on May 22nd.



In honour of St. Emile's Feast Day

We would like you to make a "God's Eye" weave. You can use the video link below for directions. It's super easy to make!

[How to Make a God's Eye Craft](#)

