

**The Parish of  
Saint-Antoine-  
de-Padoue  
and the  
Township of Opatatika  
2026**

**A double  
historical  
anniversary not  
to be missed!**



From 31 July to 2 August 2026, the community of Opatatika invites you to a major celebration: the 100th anniversary of the parish of *Saint-Antoine-de-Padoue* and the 50th anniversary of the Municipality of Opatatika Township. This double jubilee is a unique opportunity to celebrate a century of faith and fifty years of municipal life in the spirit of brotherhood.

Such a celebration is vital for our parish and our village. It marks the passage of time and strengthens the roots that

for our future.

The programme has been designed to bring together all ages. After the official opening, the festivities will be in full swing with a comedy show, fireworks, dancing and musical groups. Families will be able to compete in a friendly family ball tournament, enjoy activities for children, or discover local talent at the craft market. A CKGN bingo and a traditional brunch will round out the festivities.

A solemn mass will be presided over by our bishop, Mgr Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, OMI, on Sunday, August 2, 2026, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. It will be a special moment of reflection to give thanks for the past and bless our future projects.

Everything is ready to welcome you! Visit the Opatatika municipal website at

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unite us, whether spiritual or civic. For our parish, it is a testimony of faith and tenacity; for our municipality, it is a testament to pride and resilience. Together, we form a large family where mutual aid and a sense of belonging are the pillars of our daily lives.

At the heart of these festivities, we pay a vibrant tribute to the pioneers of Opatatika. These visionary builders sacrificed everything to transform a boreal forest into a place where it is good to live and pray. They braved the isolation and harshness of the territory, offering their labour and determination to build our church and structure our township. Celebrating in 2026 is a way of saying thank you to those who cleared the way

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to see the full schedule of activities, purchase your admission pass, and even order a souvenir sweater or T-shirt.

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We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate a century of courage, faith and community pride. Come celebrate with us and be part of the history of Saint-Antoine-de-Padoue Parish and Opatatika!

**Jean Beausoleil**  
*Permanent Deacon  
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