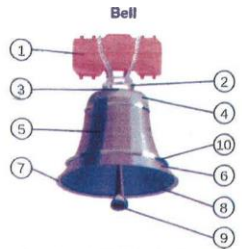
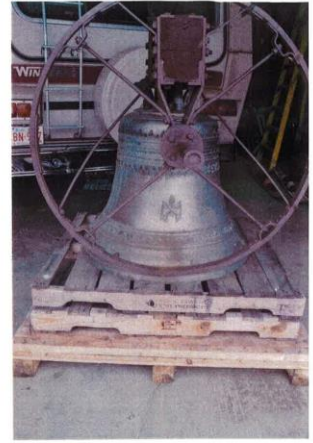
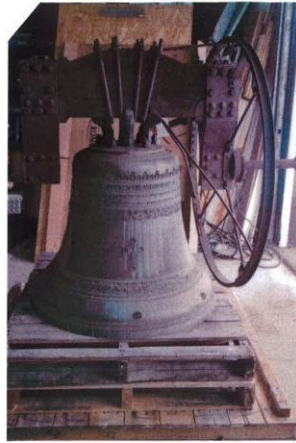
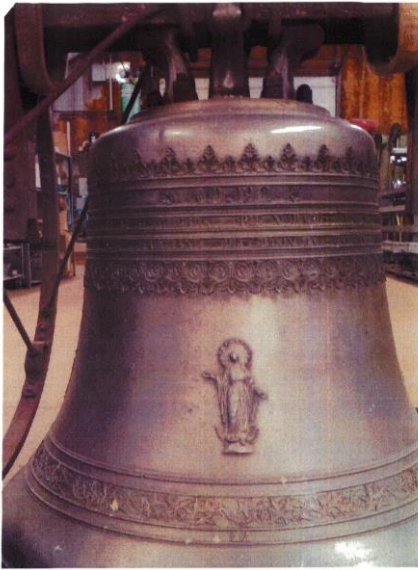


Our Church Bell

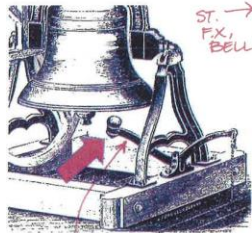
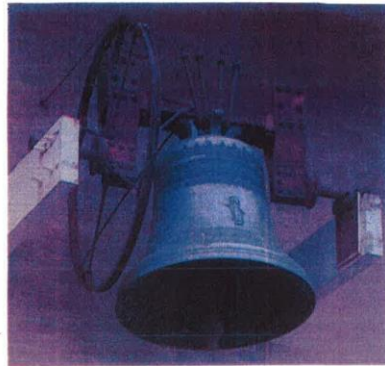
The following pictures depict the St. Francis Xavier Church bell which is made of bronze. It was taken down on 27th October 2016 on the same day it was installed and blessed by Archbishop Emile Legal in 1912. Many parishioners were present from Duhamel and Wetaskiwin. Roman Catholics at that time had no church and priest so they travelled by horses and wagons to celebrate Mass at Duhamel. Father Hypolyte Bellevaire was the pastor at Duhamel and built a church there in 1883 and called it St. Thomas.

The first Mass was celebrated in Camrose in 1906 (then called Sparling) by Father Hypolyte Bellevaire in a home of a Catholic family. The first Roman Catholic church was built in Camrose in 1909 and became a mission of Wetaskiwin. It was served by the Pastor of Wetaskiwin, namely, Father F. Van Wett. The church was blessed by Archbishop Emile Legal on 12th of December 1909. Thus, when the bell was installed and blessed in 1912, many parishioners were present for the celebration from Wetaskiwin and Duhamel. This bell had a home in the next two Catholic churches in Camrose, the second one built in 1927 and the third in 1963. This bell will be used in the new St. Francis Xavier Parish Centre at the entrance to the church.

The bell weighs approximately 2000 pounds. It was made in Le Mans, France by the Amedee Boulee Foundry. Please view the pictures of this beautiful bell. More details will be shared about the features and meaning of the many symbols on the bell. I will present a brochure at a later date.



Parts of a typical bell: 1. yoke, 2. crown, 3. head, 4. shoulder, 5. waist, 6. sound rim, 7. lip, 8. mouth, 9. clapper, 10. bead line



A CLAPPER SIMILAR TO THIS IS BEING USED HERE TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL

THIS IS NOT THE ST. FX BELL. PHOTO USED TO ILLUSTRATE THE CROWN

