

WATERTON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

“Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church”
211 Fountain Avenue

#17 on the History Walking Tour



This lovely rustic church was a labour of love for the nearby towns after the first Catholic church, built in 1929 of green logs, was condemned in 1947. After money was raised from donations, material and labour came from Pincher Creek, Cardston, Twin Butte and some of the Waterton cabin owners. The church changed the original name of “Precious Blood” to “Our Lady of Mount Carmel” to reflect its mountain setting, and the first mass was held July 1, 1951.

BUILT: 1950-1951

BUILDERS: Ole Olson, George Hole, H.Scott, G. Smith and numerous Waterton cabin owners, most notably the Bonertz family.

OF NOTE: Services were held in the Lions Hall and the school until the new church was finished.



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Our Lady of the Precious Blood, located where the Aspen-Windflower Motel is presently situated.