

# The Old Catholic Church of BC

*"Now from Coast to Coast"*



Left:  
Bishop Jürgen  
with the  
newlywed  
couple, Mr. &  
Mrs. Leonard  
and Rebecca  
Parentau

## Métis Wedding At St. Raphael's

On July 21, 2007 we celebrated the wedding of Mr. Leonard Parenteau and Ms. Rebecca McNabb – both Métis – at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church. They are both Metis and long time members of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church.

### Who are the Métis?

The Métis people emerged out of the relations of Indian women and European men; they are a distinct Aboriginal people, and have fundamentally shaped Canada's expansion westward through their on-going assertion of their collective identity and rights.

*(for more information see:  
[www.metisnation.ca](http://www.metisnation.ca))*

**20% of the members of St. Raphael's are of Métis heritage.**



Left: Bishop Jürgen with the couple and their family and friends outside St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church after the ceremony.

## International Baptism at St. Raphael's

On July 29<sup>th</sup> 2007 we had the baptism of Kian Zachariah Williams at our Church, a truly international affair: The Father Jeff is from the USA – appropriately little Kian was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – the mother is from Singapore, Debbie's Brother Clive and his family attended coming from Brazil, and the Godparents are originally from Poland.



Above left: left to right: Mr. Jeff & Mrs. Debbie Williams (parents); Bishop Jürgen with little Kian, Deacon Michael, Mrs. & Mr. Zuzanna and Grzegorz Ciacma; above right: During the baptism