Saint Viateur de Limoges Parish
Historical chronology of South Indian and Limoges

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1881 Arrived of Canada Atlantic Railway
1881-1882 Construction of the first residential church in South Indian
1888 The Mission is given to the curate in Casselman. Beginning of the parish registers. These were destroyed in the great fire of 1897.
1892 Census of the 160 Catholic families, of which 30 are Irish.
1893 On November 16, blessing of the new larger chapel measuring 80 by 30 ft. at a cost of $2,500.
1897 On October 5, the fire destroyed the chapel and the entire town except for five houses.
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| 1898 | Blessing of the new church measuring 80 by 40 ft. By Monsignor Duhamel.  
      | The architect was Zéphirin Gauthier from Montréal. Cost $3,600.         |
| 1901 | In October, nomination of Auguste Desjardins, curate in Casselman as the first reverend of South Indian. Ceremony by Monsignor Duhamel. |
| 1908 | Parishioners obtain permission to build stables for their horses and carriage near the church. |
| 1912 | Opening of Saint-Viateur school.                                       |
| 1913 | Reverend Alphonse Desjardins visited South Indian to establish one on the many credit unions. The manager was reverend Desjardins himself. |
| 1916 | Arrival of three Sisters of Charity of Ottawa for the management of the school. |
| 1917 | A machine to produce electricity for the church and the school was installed at a cost of $808.90. As the church was too small, it was recommended that the rood loft be enlarged. |
| 1918 | A house for the parish assistant was purchased at a cost of $700.        |
| 1920 | Sacerdotal ordination in Limoges of Raoul Guibord by Monsignor Gauthier. |
| 1921 | The parish had 174 French Canadian families.                            |
| 1924 | On May 26, there is a fire that destroyed the church, rectory and several neighbouring houses. The blessing of the cornerstone for the new church was celebrated by Monsignor Campeau on September 28. |
| 1926 | On December 1st 1926, South Indian is renamed Limoges in honour of curate Honré Limoges who served the parish from 1913 to 1921. |
| 1928 | Construction of the new church hall.                                   |
| 1938 | Construction of a grotto at the convent, dedicated to Notre-Dame de Lourdes.  
      | Each family supplies a stone.                                           |
      | Electricity is installed in Limoges.                                    |
| 1942 | The Caisse populaire receives its charter on October 16, 1942.           |
| 1947 | Blessing of the 1,045 pound bell by Monsignor Onésime Lalonde.          |
1951 Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the parish foundation. 
Mass and sermon by Monsignor Brunet, curate from Embrun. 
Monsignor Vachon and several dignitaries attended the mass and the following lunch. 
Celebration organized by curate Alfred Boyer. Nearly 1,400 attended the evening concert presented by the Rockland marching band. 
The comedian Ovila Légaré, entertained parishioners with songs and histories. 
The pedal harmonium is replaced by a Willis electric organ.

1962 Celebration of Saint-Jean Baptiste in Limoges.
Silver jubilee of reverend Réogène Lacasse, curate of Limoges.

1967 Renovation et expansion of the church hall.

1973 Creation of the Club de l’Age d’Or de Limoges.

1974 Curate Gaston Turcotte departs for a mission in Brazil. 
Reverend Raymond Fortier is appointed curate for Saint-Guillaume de Vars and Saint-Viateur de Limoges, with residence in Limoges.

1976 Creation of a Fire Department.

1978 Sacerdotal ordination of Pierre Dazé at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Pierre was born in Limoges on February 8, 1951, was deceased on April 27, 1978 and was buried in Limoges.
The Josaphat Dazé family donated reverend Pierre Dazé’s chalice to the parish.

The convent is sold and moved.

1982 The Virgin Mary grotto is rebuilt near the church.

1984 Michel Pierre Pommainville was ordained to the priesthood at St Joseph d’Orléans. He was born in Limoges.

1985 First children’s liturgy at the church basement, initiative of two parishioners.

1988 Construction of the war memorial to honour Limoges veterans.

1989 New location for the Caisse populaire.

1990 The Caisse populaire celebrates 50 years of service. 
40th anniversary of the Limoges Bazaar.

1992 The Club de l’Age d’Or launched a new lottery to renovate the church exterior.

1993 Departure of curate Luc Ricard and arrival of reverend Broni Puchala.

1994 The Pastoral Committee celebrates its seniors.
Creation of an Organization Committee for the Centennial celebrations of 2001.
1995  On December 16, opening of the new Saint-Viateur School, Community Centre and Municipal Library located on Limoges Road. The Bazaar is replaced by the Festival du Parapluie. Renovation of the church facing.

1996  Limoges celebrates its volunteer firemen, 20th anniversary of the Fire Department.


1999  Creation of a lottery to finance the Centennial celebrations. Start of project for the installation of the water and sewer system. Installation of natural gas. The Optimist Club created the “Funky” Club for teens.

2000  Creation of a second lottery for the parish. Major renovations at the Caisse populaire.